

1933, ch. 425, sec. 7A.

7A. The "One and One-half Cent Lateral, County and Municipal Road Gasoline Tax Fund," created by Section 212B of Article 56, of the 1929 Supplement of Bagby's Annotated Code of Maryland, shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer monthly (less such sum to be retained by the Comptroller, as in the judgment of the Comptroller, shall be sufficient to enable him to pay promptly all claims for refunds), as follows: three-tenths thereof, less refund exemptions provided by Section 212C of said Article 56, to be credited to the account of the State Roads Commission of Maryland, and to be paid by the State Roads Commission to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in quarterly installments for use by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for any purpose in connection with the construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repair, or any improvement or service connected therewith, of the street and highway system of the City of Baltimore, or any debt service, that is to say, interest, sinking fund or maturity requirements with respect to bonds or other evidences of debt issued by the City of Baltimore for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or repair of streets and highways in the City of Baltimore, or any improvement or service incidental thereto. The balance shall be credited to the account of the State Roads Commission of Maryland, to be paid out of the Treasury of the State, only upon the warrant of the Comptroller, and shall be allocated by the State Roads Commission of Maryland to the counties of the State, in the proportion which the public road mileage of the several counties bears to the entire public road mileage in the counties of the State, for the following uses and purposes:

(a) For the construction of Lateral Roads as a part of the State Roads system. The State Roads Commission is hereby authorized and directed to ask for bids and enter into contracts in the usual form for the construction of such Lateral Roads as the said Commission, after receiving recommendations from the County Commissioners or proper road authorities of the several counties, may from time to time, under the provisions hereof, determine to construct, said contracts to be made in the name of the State Roads Commission, and to contain and be subject to the same provisions now required by law for contracts for the construction of public roads. The term "Lateral Roads," as used herein shall include bridges, and authority is hereby given to the State Roads Commission to build such bridges as it may decide to be a proper part of the Lateral Roads System; such bridges to be charged against the counties in which same are located, in the same manner as are Lateral Roads.

(b) For the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of county roads or the streets of incorporated towns, municipalities or special taxing areas located in the respective counties of the State, and in connection therewith to build and/or maintain any bridges on such roads or streets.

(c) For debt service, that is to say, interest, sinking fund or maturity requirements with respect to bonds or other evidences of debt issued by the several counties, municipalities, or special taxing areas, the proceeds of which have been used for road or street improvement, provided such