

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 expenditure shall be made only after seeking recommendations from the County Commissioners or other duly constituted road or street authorities and action with respect thereto as hereinafter provided.

Prior to the time each year when the annual tax levy is made in each county, and upon the second Monday of each year, and thereafter from time to time, the State Roads Commission shall seek the recommendations of the County Commissioners or other duly constituted public authorities of the several counties having jurisdiction over roads and streets thereof with respect to the following matters, to wit: