

(2) The Administration shall maintain the county roads in Charles and Calvert counties.

(b) The cost of the Administration's work under this section for any county, including related overhead expenses of the Administration, shall be paid by the county out of:

(1) Its share of highway user revenues;

(2) The proceeds of county transportation bonds or other bonds issued by or for the county or a municipal corporation in the county for this purpose; or

(3) Any other funds available to the county for this purpose.

(c) (1) The government or road authority of each county to which this section applies shall recommend to the Administration the roads to be constructed or reconstructed and the amount to be spent on maintenance.

(2) The Administration shall consider these recommendations and determine which roads to construct or reconstruct and what amount to spend on maintenance so that the work will be reasonably appropriate to an integrated secondary highway system.

(d) The Administration shall construct and reconstruct county roads in accordance with standards set by the county and approved by the Administration. These standards may include low cost county road standards.

(e) (1) If any county to which this section applies desires to do its own construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of its county roads, the county government shall make a written request to the Administration at least 90 days before the beginning of the State fiscal year in which the request is desired to take effect.

(2) The Administration shall grant the request and transfer these functions to the county if the Administration finds that the county has or is likely to have:

(i) Adequate facilities for constructing, reconstructing, and maintaining its roads; and

(ii) The services of a roads engineer who has either a degree in civil engineering and experience in constructing roads or at least 10 years practical experience in constructing roads in a supervisory and executive capacity.

(3) The transfer of functions shall become effective on the first day of the next State fiscal year following the request by the county.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved April 10, 1990.