

treasury, and not until then, the improvement petitioned for and determined upon shall be made.

351. Whenever any owner of property in Baltimore county shall have opened, laid out or graded any avenue or road for the public convenience, and is willing to dedicate the same to public uses, by a good and sufficient deed duly recorded, the Highways Commission is authorized to accept the same, if in its opinion the same be necessary and convenient for public use, and upon such acceptance, which shall be endorsed upon and recorded with the deed, said avenue or road shall be kept in good order and repair as other county roads; provided, that previous to such acceptance said road shall not be less than thirty feet in width, and duly and properly graded in the judgment of the Highways Commission; and provided further, that a plat of the road so dedicated shall be furnished with and made a part of said deed and recorded therewith, and a duplicate plat shall be furnished for preservation among the records of the Highways Commission.

352. Whenever any road shall have been in use by the public for twenty years, though the same may never have been condemned or granted as a public highway, the Highways Commission, if it deems public necessity requires the adoption of the same as such, shall declare the said road to be a public highway, with full power to relocate and straighten the same, in its discretion, and shall publish a notice to that effect once a week for two successive weeks in one or more newspapers published in Baltimore county; provided, said road shall not be less than thirty feet in width; and said Highways Commission shall cause a description and plat of said road to be made and recorded or filed among its records, and thereafter such road so declared to be a public highway shall be kept in good order and repair as other county roads.

353. Whenever any doubt exists as to the proper location or width of a county road, the Highways Commission may cause the same to be surveyed by the County Surveyor, and a description and plat made thereof and recorded or filed among its records, which said description and plat shall be deemed official and prima facie correct by said Highways Commission and in the courts of this State until and unless the contrary is proven. Whenever possible, such description shall be made by reference to the original description of said road when the same was acquired by grant or condemnation, if such description can be found, but if the same cannot be found then such description and plat shall be made of said road as actually laid out and existing.