

mation as it may require for its work. The commission, its members, officials and employees in the performance of their functions, may enter upon any land and make examinations and surveys and place and maintain necessary monuments and marks thereon. In general, the commission shall have such powers as may be necessary to enable it to fulfill its functions, promote state planning, or carry out the purposes of this act.

Every state department, commission, board or official, before requesting a legislative or executive approval of a plan or the authorization of an appropriation for a major public improvement related to or affected by any general plan or plans prepared under authority of this act, or before requesting a change of use or disposition of real property owned by the state or in which the state has an interest, shall make a written request to such planning commission for its recommendations, and shall give such commission a reasonable opportunity to study and make its recommendations thereon.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, the State Planning Commission shall prepare and submit to the General Assembly for adoption plans for a system of existing and proposed state highways and parkways, together with regulations essential to promote an appropriate, orderly and co-ordinated development of lands along or adjacent to such highways and parkways. Such plans and regulations shall be designed to promote health, safety and the general welfare; to facilitate the movement of through traffic; to provide for the accommodation of local traffic, cross traffic and traffic to and from the abutting frontages; to establish front yard or setback lines along abutting frontages; to regulate the location of filling stations, garages, lunch stands, outdoor advertising signs and other uses of property along the adjacent frontages; to regulate the subdivision of land along or adjacent to such highways and parkways; and to conserve scenic and historic places and the natural beauty of the countryside. Such plans and regulations may be adjusted to the varying conditions throughout the state and to the character of existing official plans and regulations in force in any county or municipality. Before approving of such plans and regulations for submission to the General Assembly the Planning Commission shall hold public hearings thereon. Such plans and regulations when approved by the General Assembly shall be known as the official state highway plan.