

of such Lateral and Farm to Market 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 State roads. Before the construction funds provided in this sub-section are assigned to any particular road or route, the State Roads Commission shall first consider the recommendations made by the Board of County Commissioners or road authority referred to in this sub-section. The term "Lateral and Farm to Market 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 and Farm to Market Roads System; such bridges to be charged against the counties in which same are located in the same manner as are Lateral and Farm to Market Roads.

(b) An amount not to exceed 50% of the annual allocation to each County 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, and/or 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 counties, municipalities, or special taxing areas, the proceeds of which have been used for road or street improvements, provided such expenditures shall be made only after seeking recommendation from the County Commissioners or other duly constituted road or street authorities and action with respect thereto as hereinbefore provided.

(c) Authority is hereby given to the State Roads Commission of Maryland, and the State Roads Commission is hereby directed to maintain the county roads or streets of incorporated towns, municipalities or special taxing areas as provided in sub-section (b) hereof in Allegany, Carroll County, Caroline County, Calvert County, Charles County, Dorchester County, Garrett County, Kent County, Queen Anne's County, Saint Mary's County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Wicomico County and Worcester County; provided however, that 50% of the Lateral Gasoline Tax Fund allocated to such counties respectively, shall be expended by said State Roads Commission of Maryland therein for the construction and/or re-construction of