

CHAPTER 346.

(Senate Bill 438)

AN ACT to authorize the State Roads Commission of Maryland to expend a sum not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the continuation and completion of the work of the Maryland State-wide Highway Planning Survey, and to charge the cost of same against the Maintenance and Reconstruction Fund of the State Roads Commission; and to provide that this Act shall be passed as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS the State Roads Commission of Maryland entered into a certain project agreement with the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States with the approval of the Bureau of Public Roads concerning the Maryland State Highway Planning Project No. 1, and

WHEREAS the Federal Government, under the terms of said agreement and subsequent modification thereof, entered into between the said Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture, the said Bureau of Public Roads has agreed to pay unto the State Roads Commission of Maryland for the purposes herein set forth, the sum of One Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Eight Dollars and Thirty Two Cents (\$152,238.32), and

WHEREAS the State Roads Commission of Maryland undertook, pursuant to the provisions of said project agreement and with the funds made available thereby, to make a state-wide survey and to determine the present state of the public roads of Maryland, the volume, kind and distribution of traffic, the adequacy of the existing highways and bridges, the annual cost of maintaining adequate highways, the extent of use of the various systems by motor vehicle owners in different categories, and the sources and uses of available highway funds, all to the end that a justifiable program for future highway improvement may be developed, and

WHEREAS in connection with this survey, the State has expended from its Reconstruction and Maintenance Funds the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$223,807.00), and

WHEREAS the said Maryland State-wide Highway Planning Survey has made partial studies including a survey