

authorized by law to acquire such property or property rights in connection with highways and streets within Baltimore City. All property rights and interests acquired under the provisions of this Act shall be in fee simple except where the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may deem other interests sufficient. In connection with the acquisition of property or property rights for any controlled-access facility or portion thereof, or service road in connection therewith, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may acquire an entire lot, block, or tract of land, if, by so doing, the interests of the public will be best served, even though said entire lot, block or tract is not immediately needed for the right-of-way proper.

6. (Preference of Condemnation Cases.) Court proceedings necessary to acquire property or property rights for purposes of this Act shall take precedence over all other causes not involving the public interest in all courts, to the end that the provision of controlled-access facilities may be expedited.

7. (New and Existing Facilities; Grade-Crossing Eliminations.) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may designate and establish controlled-access highways as new and additional facilities or may designate and establish an existing street or highway as included within a controlled-access facility. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have authority to provide for the elimination of intersections at grade of controlled-access facilities with existing streets, by grade separation or service road, or by closing off such roads and streets at the right-of-way boundary line of such controlled-access facility; and after the establishment of any controlled-access facility, no highway or street which is not part of said facility shall intersect the same at grade. No city, street, or other public way shall be opened into or connected with any such controlled-access facility without the consent and previous approval of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. Such consent and approval shall be given only if the public interest shall be served thereby.

8. (Authority of Local Units to Consent.) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is authorized to enter into agreements with the Federal Government, and/or with the State of Maryland respecting the financing, planning, establishment, improvement, maintenance, use, regulation or vacation of controlled-access facilities or other public ways in Baltimore City to facilitate the purposes of this Act.

9. (Local Service Roads.) In connection with the development of any controlled-access facility, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is authorized to plan, designate, establish, use, regulate, alter, improve, maintain, and vacate local