

with the terms, conditions and provisions of the Act of Congress approved December 20, 1944, entitled "Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944," together with any amendments thereto and regulations promulgated in connection therewith

(2) To effectuate the foregoing, the counties, City of Baltimore, the cities, municipalities, towns, special taxing areas and the other agencies and subdivisions of government in the State of Maryland, and their duly elected or appointed officers are hereby authorized and empowered to raise funds by issuing bonds, interim certificates, and other evidences of debt and by taxation; and such power and authority shall be in addition to the powers conferred by any other law. Bonds may be issued under this subtitle, notwithstanding any debt or other limitation prescribed by any other law. It is the purpose of this subtitle to enable the State Roads Commission of Maryland, the counties, the City of Baltimore, the cities, municipalities, towns, special taxing areas and the other state and local agencies and subdivisions of government in the State of Maryland to equalize and secure the benefits of any federal funds made available to the State of Maryland under the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944, or under any amendments or regulations pertaining thereto, such funds to be used in a program of construction and reconstruction of roads, bridges, streets, tunnels and other highway underground structures, highways and appurtenant road projects, and to thereby assist in the national recovery and for the purpose of promoting the general welfare.

(3) The State Roads Commission of Maryland is hereby authorized and empowered to accept any federal funds which will be made available to the State of Maryland, for its use or for the use of any of its political subdivisions herein mentioned, under the provisions of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944, and any amendments and regulations thereto. The State Roads Commission of Maryland is further authorized and empowered to allocate and apportion these federal funds to the respective counties, the City of Baltimore, the cities, municipalities, towns, special taxing areas, and the other agencies and subdivisions of government in the State of Maryland, pursuant to the provisions of the aforesaid federal law.

(4) In the event that the counties, the City of Baltimore, the cities, municipalities, towns, special taxing areas, and the other agencies and subdivisions of government in the State of Maryland do not provide funds to equalize and secure the benefits of the said federal funds and allot-