

*authority to consult, confer, negotiate and conclude ~~agreement~~ AGREEMENTS with the Bureau of Public Roads and other agencies of the United States government, representatives of other States, and other agencies within this State, on all questions relating to all highways on the Interstate system and all highways on the Primary system of highways. The Director shall also have complete jurisdiction and authority over the engineering and right-of-way departments of the Commission and the entire administrative organization of the Commission itself. It shall be his duty to carry out and cause to be performed the construction and maintenance of highways on the Secondary system after the policy relating to construction and maintenance has been formulated by the Commission. He shall have the sole authority to select all consulting engineers to be employed by the Commission. Once general policy is established in any field where such authority is vested in the Commission, it shall be the duty of the Director to perform and fulfill such policy. The Director may, from time to time, call upon the other members of the Commission individually or jointly for counsel and advice.*

*The Commission meeting jointly shall formulate matters of policy relating to location, type, design, construction and maintenance of the Secondary system of highways. It shall be the duty of the member of the Commission from the area where the secondary road under consideration is located to inform the other members of the Commission of local conditions which would affect the location, design, construction and maintenance of such secondary highway. The Commission shall recommend any overall highway improvement program to the Executive and Legislative branches of the State. The Commission meeting jointly should also make recommendations, from time to time, to the Governor and the Legislature relating to highway financing. The Commission shall determine to what extent consulting engineers will be employed on the entire State Highway System. The Commission shall also determine the general working conditions and salary recommendations relating to the Commission's employees. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to deprive the Commission of any of its powers and duties conferred elsewhere in this Article except as specifically set forth in this section, provided, however, when the Commission has acted pursuant to authority vested in it by this Article, the Director of Highways is hereby authorized to perform and to bring to conclusion the Commission action, including the execution of contracts, agreements and other documents duly authorized by the Commission.*

*7B. The State highway system shall, in addition, to the Interstate system of highways, be divided into primary highways and secondary highways. The official State highway map published by the State Roads Commission shall be used as the basis for distinguishing primary highways from secondary highways. The highways shown in red on such map generally designate the highways of the Primary system, and the highways shown in black generally designate the Secondary system. However, the Director shall have final authority to determine which highways shall be considered primary highways and which highways shall be secondary highways, after seeking the advice and counsel of the Commission. The Director in determining which ~~highway~~ HIGHWAYS shall be designated primary and which secondary also shall consider the present and future traffic volumes which shall use said highways as well as*