

he may deem necessary, and [it] he is authorized to establish such departments within the Commission as [it] he deems necessary to perform properly the objectives and duties of said Commission. [It] The Chairman shall annually compile and publish maps and statistics relating to the public roads of the State and showing the progress and status of the work done or entered upon by it and separately for the several counties. All maps, plans and statistics made, collected and compiled under [its] the Chairman's direction shall be preserved in [its] the Commission's office and shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of the State. All contracts, agreements, grants, licenses, made or entered into by the Chairman on behalf of the Commission shall be recorded in books kept for that purpose, which shall always be open to the inspection of the public.

(b) Subject to the ~~Authority~~ AUTHORITY of the Secretary of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority as set forth in Articles 41 and 94A of this Code or elsewhere in the laws of Maryland, the Chairman of the State Roads Commission shall exercise and perform all power, authority, duties and functions vested in the State Roads Commission by the provisions of this Article or by other laws of this State except for the authority and function vested in the State Roads Commission by Article III, Section 40B of the Maryland Constitution and except for the function of giving advice and recommendations to the Chairman and to the Secretary of Transportation.

(c) The Secretary of Transportation, and the Maryland Transportation Authority with respect to matters within the Authority's jurisdiction, may by regulations or directives require that the exercise by the Chairman of the State Roads Commission of any particular power, duty, or function vested in the Chairman of the provisions of this Article, be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Transportation ~~and~~ OR the Maryland Transportation Authority.

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(e) If [the Commission] he shall approve the sale, the Chairman-Director of the Commission is authorized to sign a deed conveying the interest of the Commission to the purchaser.

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The Director of Highways shall have exclusive jurisdiction and control over the location, construction, geometrics, design and maintenance of the highways that embrace the interstate system of highways and the highways that embrace the primary system of highways, as the primary system is hereinafter defined. He shall have authority to consult, confer, negotiate and conclude 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 and after [the policy] receiving advice from the