

commissioners of the State of Maryland, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, are hereby authorized and empowered to lease, lend, grant or convey to the Commission at its request upon such terms and conditions as the proper authorities of such counties, cities, villages, townships, other political subdivisions or public agencies and commissions of the State may deem reasonable and fair and without the necessity of any advertisement, order of court or other action or formality, other than the regular and formal action of the authorities concerned, any real property or tangible or intangible personal property, which may be necessary or convenient to the effectuation of the authorized purposes of the Commission, including public roads and other real property and tangible or intangible personal property already devoted to public use.

§16. [§ 156.] Cessation of tolls.

When all bonds issued under the provisions of this subheading and the interest thereon shall have been paid or a sufficient amount for the payment of all such bonds and the interest thereon to the maturity thereof shall have been set aside in trust for the benefit of the bondholders, the Expressway, if then in good condition and repair, shall become part of the State highway system and shall thereafter be maintained by the Commission free of tolls, except as may be otherwise provided by the supplemental agreement which the Commission is authorized to enter into by the provisions of [§ 141] §1 of this subheading. Provided, however, that the Commission may thereafter charge tolls for the use of the Expressway in order to provide funds for reimbursing to the Commission, in whole or in part, any sum theretofore expended in paying a part of the cost of maintaining, repairing and operating the Expressway, and such tolls may be continued until such sum shall have been reimbursed to the Commission.

§17. [§ 157.] Preliminary expenses.

The Commission is hereby authorized to expend out of any funds available for the purpose such moneys as may be necessary for the study of the Expressway and to use its engineering and other forces, and the services of consulting engineers and traffic engineers, for the purpose of effecting such study and to pay for such additional engineering and traffic and other expert studies as it may deem expedient, and all such expenses incurred by the Commission prior to the issuance of revenue bonds under the provisions of this subheading shall be paid by the Commission and charged to the Expressway, and the Commission shall keep proper records and accounts showing each amount so charged. Upon the sale of revenue bonds for the Expressway, the funds so expended by the Commission in connection with the Expressway shall be reimbursed to the Commission from the proceeds of such bonds.