

ment and contracts; fair practices; public affairs; operating services; and personnel services; as well as the Department's Functional Data Center. The Assistant Secretary also provides administrative services for the staff of the Secretary of Transportation and other Department units.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, FINANCE

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The office of Assistant Secretary for Finance was established in July 1989. The Assistant Secretary of Finance is responsible for divisions concerned with cash and debt management, financial planning and analysis, budget management, and accounting management.

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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Created in 1970, the State Highway Administration constructs and maintains State roads (Chapter 526, Acts of 1970; Code Transportation Article, secs. 8-101 through 8-812). Prior to 1970, State highway programs had been administered by the State Roads Commission.

Under the State Highway Administration are the State Roads Commission, the District Engineers, the Chief Engineer, and four offices: Administration; Finance and Program Management; Real Estate; and Planning and Preliminary Engineering.

The Administration's main offices are located in Baltimore. For operational purposes, however, the State is divided into seven engineering districts where right-of-way and legal offices are maintained.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

Chairperson: Hal Kassoff, State Highway Administrator

Regional Commissioners appointed by Secretary of Transportation with Governor's approval: Jack Luskin, 1992; Thomas N. Marudas, 1992; C. Robert Morrison, 1992; Thomas G. Barton, 1993; Garner W. Duvall, 1993; W. Earl Griffin, 1993; Werner L. Gruber, Jr., 1993.

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Origins of the State Roads Commission date to 1904 when highway survey functions were assigned to the Maryland Geological and Economic Survey. In 1908, the State Roads Commission assumed those duties and additional responsibilities as well (Chapter 141, Acts of 1908). The Chairperson of the State Roads Commission was the Director of Highways. In 1970, the State Roads Commission became part of the Department of Transportation (Chapter 526, Acts of 1970). At that time, most Commission duties were assumed by the State Highway Administration, and the Director became State Highway Administrator.

The State Roads Commission, by condemnation proceedings, acquires property needed for highway purposes (Code Transportation Article, secs. 8-210 through 8-339; Constitution, Art. III, sec. 40B).

The Commission consists of eight members appointed to four-year terms by the Secretary of Transportation with the Governor's approval. Seven members serve part-time. They are Regional Commissioners appointed from seven geographic areas: the Eastern Shore; Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, or St. Mary's County; Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, or Washington County; Montgomery County; Prince George's County; Baltimore, Harford, or Howard County; and Baltimore City. At least two members must belong to a leading political party in the State which is not the party of the Governor. The chairperson, who is also the State Highway Administrator, is appointed by the Secretary of Transportation with the Governor's approval (Code Transportation Article, secs. 8-210 through 8-218).

DISTRICT ENGINEERS

District Engineers work to provide the traveling public with safe roads. Within their geographic areas, District Engineers administer and implement all programs and policies of the State Highway Administration and Department of Transportation. They oversee construction and maintenance programs; develop and manage district budgets; and investigate, study, and recommend improvements for traffic operations. District Engineers represent the State Highway Administration at the district level in all public matters. They also make recommendations to and coordinate their work with representatives of the Federal Highway Administration, the Department of Transportation, other State agencies, local government, and the public.

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER

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The Office of Chief Engineer began in 1908 with the creation of the State Roads Commission. The