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EXCERPT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STATE ROADS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1946

MD 251

Present: Mr. Robert M. Reindollar, Chairman, Messrs. P. Watson Webb and Russell H. McCain.

During the year 1942 the Commission, by agreement with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, eliminated the railroad grade crossing on the Berwyn Road upon completion of the new Branchville overhead grade elimination structure, and subsequently the residents of Berwyn requested that a connecting link be constructed between Routes Nos. 434 and 430 and it was decided by the Engineering Department that 58th Street, in Berwyn Heights, would be the most logical place to make this connection. This location met with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners of Prince George's County. However, since the county funds were somewhat limited at that time, the State Roads Commission undertook this improvement, and subsequently in 1945, out of the "Reconstruction Fund", graded, graveled and surface treated this 58th Street connection between the two aforesaid routes, which is a distance of 0.42 mile, and has since maintained this section as a part of the state Roads System without formal action on the part of the Commission.

Chief Engineer Wilson T. Ballard, under date of October 10, addressed a letter to the State Roads Commission, calling attention to this matter and requesting "formal action of the Commission in accepting the highway into the State system." He states in part:

"This connection was built at the request of the local residents, primarily because of closing the Branchville grade crossing over the B. & O. railroad.

District Engineer Chaney advises that a 40' dedication of right of way has been recorded in the land records of Prince George's County. The highway has been given Route No. 251, its construction was paid for from reconstruction funds and its maintenance has been charged to State maintenance since its completion."

In view of the facts as above submitted, and based on the recommendation of Chief Engineer Ballard, the Commission, upon motion duly made and seconded, voted its approval for the inclusion of 58th Street between Routes Nos. 434 and 430, for a distance of 0.42 mile, in the State Highway System, to be maintained as a part of the said system.

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