

to further this object there shall be advance planning, including preparation of detailed construction plans, of public works by the construction agencies and the board.

(b) Each head of a department or independent establishment having jurisdiction over one or more construction agencies shall direct each such construction agency to prepare a six-year advance plan with estimates showing projects allotted to each year. Such estimates shall show separately the estimated cost of land, the estimated cost of new construction, and the estimated annual cost of operation and of repairs and alterations.

(c) Each construction agency shall also prepare a program for prompt commencement and carrying out of an expanded program at any time. This program shall include organization plans. It shall also include the plans for the acquisition of sites and the preparation of advance detailed construction plans for not less than one year in advance, except where in the judgment of the board this would not be practicable.

(d) Such programs, plans, and estimates for the six-year period shall be submitted to the board and to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget. The Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall report to the President from time to time consolidated plans and estimates.

(e) Each construction agency shall keep its six-year plan up-to-date by an annual revision of the plans and estimates for the unexpired years and by annually extending the plan and estimates for an additional year.

(f) The President is requested each year, before recommending the amount of construction appropriations for the next fiscal year to take into consideration the volume of construction in the United States, the state of employment, and the activity of general business.

(g) The board shall collect information concerning advance construction plans and estimates by States, municipalities, and other public and private agencies which may indicate the probable volume of construction within the United States or which may aid the construction agencies in formulating their advance plans.

Approved, February 10, 1931.

Preparation of plans.

Six year advance plan and estimates by each construction agency to be made.

Details to be included.

Emergency program to be prepared.

Organization plans.

Acquisition of sites, advance construction, etc.

Plans, etc., to be submitted.

Revision and extension of plans.

Recommendations of the President.

Volumes of work to be considered.

Information as to advance plans to be collected, etc.

CHAP. 118.—An Act Relating to the naturalization of certain aliens.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no alien shall be debarred from becoming a citizen of the United States on the ground that he withdrew his intention to become a citizen of the United States in order to secure discharge from the military service, if such withdrawal (and the application therefor) and discharge took place after November 11, 1918.

Approved, February 11, 1931.

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[H. R. 5627.]

[Public, No. 617.]

Naturalization. Alien not debarred from, if application for, withdrawn since November 11, 1918, to secure military discharge.

Vol. 40, p. 885, amended.

CHAP. 119.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the elimination of the Michigan Avenue grade crossing in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1927.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the elimination of the Michigan Avenue grade crossing in the District of Columbia, and for other

February 12, 1931.

[S. 4211.]

[Public, No. 618.]

District of Columbia. Provision for eliminating Michigan grade crossing modified.

Vol. 44, p. 1351, amended.

purposes," approved March 3, 1927, be, and it is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Location of viaduct, etc., changed.

"That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to construct a viaduct and approaches to eliminate the present crossing at grade of Michigan Avenue and the tracks and right of way of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, said viaduct to be constructed north of the present line of Michigan Avenue as may be determined by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia in accordance with plans and profiles of said works to be approved by the said commissioners: *Provided*, That one-half of the total cost of constructing the said viaduct and approaches shall be borne and paid by the said railroad company, its successors and assigns, to the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia to the credit of the District of Columbia, and the same shall be a valid and subsisting lien against the franchises and property of the said railroad company and shall constitute a legal indebtedness of said company in favor of the District of Columbia, and the said lien may be enforced in the name of the District of Columbia by a bill in equity brought by the said commissioners in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, or by any other lawful proceeding against the said railroad company.

Proviso. Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to pay one-half cost.

Enforcement.

Payment by street railroad for use of viaduct.

SEC. 2. That no street railway company shall use the said viaduct or any approaches thereto herein authorized for its tracks until the said company shall have paid to the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia a sum equal to one-fourth of the cost of said viaduct and approaches, which sum shall be deposited to the credit of the District of Columbia.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 3. That for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing provisions the sum of \$500,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated, payable in like manner as other appropriations for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia; and the said commissioners are authorized to expend such sum as may be necessary for personal services, engineering, and incidental expenses, including the cost of relocating sewers and water mains. The said commissioners are further authorized to acquire, out of the appropriation herein authorized, the necessary land to carry out the provisions of this Act, by purchase at such price or prices as in their judgment they may deem reasonable and fair, or, in the discretion of the commissioners, by condemnation in accordance with chapter 15 of the Code of Law of the District of Columbia, as amended.

Personal services, etc.

Acquisition of necessary land.

Condemnation. Vol. 34, p. 151.

Grading closed.

SEC. 4. That from and after the completion of the said viaduct and approaches the highway grade crossing over the tracks and right of way of the said Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company at Michigan Avenue shall be forever closed against further traffic of any kind.

Approved, February 12, 1931.

February 12, 1931.

[S. 4551.]

[Public, No. 619.]

CHAP. 120.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a Code of Law for the District of Columbia," approved March 3, 1901, and the Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

District of Columbia Code, amendments. Vol. 31, p. 1288, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act to establish a Code of Law for the District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901, and the Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, constituting the Code of Law for the District of Columbia, be, and the same are hereby, amended by adding three additional sections, as follows: