§ 1267-a. Acquisition and disposition of real property by department of transportation. If funds are made available by the authority for the payment of the cost and expense of the acquisition thereof, the commissioner of transportation of the state of New York, when requested by the authority, may acquire such real property in the name of the state as may be determined from time to time by the authority as being necessary, convenient or desirable to effectuate the purposes of this title, may remove the owner or occupant thereof where necessary and obtain possession and, when requested by the authority, may dispose of any real property so acquired, all according to the procedure provided in section thirty of the highway law. The authority shall have the right to possess and use for its corporate purposes all such real property so acquired. Claims for the value of the property appropriated and for legal damages caused by any such appropriation shall be adjusted and determined by such commissioner with the approval of the authority or by the court of claims as provided in section thirty of the highway law. When a claim has been filed with the court of claims, the claimant shall cause a copy of such claim to be served upon the authority and the authority shall have the right to be represented and heard before such court. All awards and judgments arising from such claims shall be paid out of moneys of the authority. No real property may be acquired pursuant to the provisions of this section for purposes other than a transportation facility unless the governing body of the city, village or town in which such real property is located shall first consent to such acquisition. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to the acquisition or disposition of real property required for the construction of the two highway bridges crossing Long Island sound referred to in section twelve hundred sixty-six of this chapter. The authority shall be empowered to lease for such other purposes as the authority may determine any part or parts of Republic airport not needed for transportation purposes.