

for debt service of State Highway Construction Bonds; any remainder of such revenues, together with Federal appropriations, contributions from the counties, and proceeds from the sale of State Highway Construction Bonds, is available for the construction of highways and bridges, exclusive of toll projects. Under certain conditions a sum not in excess of \$2,000,000 may be transferred in any fiscal year from the Construction Fund to the Maintenance Fund, such funds to be used for the maintenance and operation of the State Highway System.

The State Roads Commission also receives a fifty percent share of the Motor Vehicle Revenue Fund distributions for paying such expenses as are not allocable to projects, for maintenance and operation of the State Highway System, and for other maintenance (Code 1951, Art. 66½, sec. 28; Art. 89B, sec. 26).

#### **Toll Facilities Department**

Louis J. O'Donnell, Chief Administrative Officer  
William A. Jordan, Chief Maintenance Officer

The State Roads Commission, through the Toll Facilities Department, operates four toll bridges. The administrative offices and accounting section of the department are located in Baltimore. The department supervises the operation and maintenance of the four projects, which produce an annual revenue in excess of \$6,000,000. The four toll facilities are:

#### **Chesapeake Bay Bridge**

George W. Phillips, Superintendent  
Sandy Point

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge is the third longest bridge in the world. It is composed of 123 spans and crosses 4.35 miles of open water, between Sandy Point on the Western Shore of Maryland, and a point near Stevensville on the Eastern Shore of the State. The overall length of the projects, including roadway approaches, is 7.11 miles. The main channel suspension span is 2,922½ feet in length. The suspension towers rise 354 feet above the bay. The roadway over the suspension span is 198½ feet above the water. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge was opened to traffic on July 30, 1952. In its first twelve months of operation, tolls amounted to \$4,230,941 for the passage of 1,986,368 vehicles.

#### **Susquehanna River Bridge**

Paul R. Harrison, Superintendent  
Perryville

The Susquehanna River Bridge crosses the river of that name from a point near Perryville, in Cecil County, to a point near Havre de Grace, in Harford County. It is 7,613 feet in length and was opened to traffic on August 28, 1940. The 50 millionth vehicle crossed the structure in September, 1952. For the twelve months ended September 30, 1952, a total of 8,024,307 vehicles crossed the Susquehanna River Bridge, producing toll income of \$1,594,640.13.

#### **Potomac River Bridge**

Elwood E. Schafer, Superintendent  
Newburg

The Potomac River Bridge crosses the river of that name from a point near Newburg, in Charles County, to a point near Dahlgren,