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The Transportation Authority operates and maintains four toll bridges, the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (under Baltimore's harbor), and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway. These facilities were constructed with proceeds from the sale of revenue bonds authorized under the Revenue Bond Act of 1937 (Code 1957, Article 89B, secs. 163-181), and by Chapter 1, Acts of the Special Session of 1956 (Code 1957, Article 89B, secs. 141-162A). The Authority will also operate the I-95 Fort McHenry Tunnel, scheduled to open at the end of 1985.

The Maryland Transportation Authority is the public body that governs and sets policy for the State's toll projects. The Authority was created by Chapter 526, Acts of 1970. It consists of the Secretary as chairperson and six public members appointed for three-year terms by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate (Code Transportation Article, secs. 4-201 through 4-404).

Day-to-day management, operation, maintenance, and capital improvements of the toll facilities are carried out by the Authority's staff and employees. The administrative offices, central supply depot, and maintenance activities of these facilities are centralized at the Francis Scott Key Bridge over Baltimore's outer harbor. The Francis Scott Key Bridge was opened to traffic in March of

1977 and connects Sollers Point in Baltimore County with Hawkins Point in Baltimore City. It also is the final link in the 52-mile Baltimore Beltway (Route 695).

The William Preston Lane, Jr., Memorial Bridge is one of the longest over-water steel structures in the world. It spans 4.35 miles of the Chesapeake Bay between Sandy Point on the Western Shore to a point near Stevensville on the Eastern Shore. Traffic lanes between the suspension towers are 2,922-1/2 feet in length and 198-1/2 feet above the Bay. The Bridge rises to a total height of 354 feet. This span was opened to traffic on July 30, 1952. At the request of the General Assembly, the State Roads Commission in 1967 renamed the Chesapeake Bay Toll Bridge the William Preston Lane, Jr., Memorial Bridge (Res. No. 21, Acts of 1967).

In 1968, Bridge and Tunnel Revenue Bonds were issued to construct a parallel bridge across the Chesapeake Bay, a crossing of the Patapsco River (Baltimore Outer Harbor) from Hawkins Point to Sparrows Point, and a connection on the Harbor Tunnel Thruway between U.S. Route 1 and Interstate Route 95 near Elkridge. On June 28, 1973, the parallel Bay Bridge was opened to traffic.

The Susquehanna River Toll Bridge spans the Susquehanna River from a point near Perryville, Cecil County, to a point near Havre de Grace, Harford County. It is 1.4 miles and was opened to traffic on August 28, 1940.

The Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge across the Potomac River in Charles County was opened to traffic in December of 1940. It is on U.S. 301 between Maryland and Virginia. Originally named the Potomac River Toll Bridge, the 1.7 mile structure was renamed the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge in 1967 by the State Roads Commission.

The Baltimore Harbor Tunnel and its eighteen-mile thruway opened to traffic on November 30, 1957. It provides a major north-south bypass of Baltimore City, and is designated I-895.

The John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway (formerly Northeastern Expressway) was constructed with revenue bond proceeds authorized by Chapter 1, Acts of the Special Session of 1956 (Code 1957, Article 89B, secs. 141-162A). This toll road, a part of Interstate Route 95, was opened to traffic on November 14, 1963. Its forty-two miles extend from the Delaware State line to White Marsh Boulevard, north of Baltimore. Administrative offices of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway