

1935, ch. 330, sec. 77.

87. The Authority shall have the following powers in addition to others herein granted:

(a) To sue and be sued.
(b) To have a seal and alter the same at pleasure.
(c) To acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property for its corporate purposes.

(d) To acquire by condemnation in the manner provided by Sections 203 and 204, or by Sections 331 to 336, inclusive, of Article 23 or by Article 33A, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland and any acts in amendment thereof, supplementary thereto or in substitution therefor, any real property, including lands, lands under water, fixtures and improvements, easements, franchises and incorporeal hereditaments, necessary or convenient for its corporate purposes. Any such property may be acquired by condemnation whether or not the same is owned or held for public use by corporations, associations or persons having the power of eminent domain or otherwise held or used for public purposes.

(e) To make by-laws for the management and regulation of its affairs, and subject to agreements with bondholders, for the regulation and use of the project hereinbefore defined and establishment and collection of tolls thereon.

(f) To appoint officers, including a treasurer, agents, employees and legal counsel and fix their compensation.

(g) To make contracts and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient.

(h) To acquire the bridge franchises of The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Company, and subject to the rights of The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Company under its existing franchises, but without any limitations as to the time of commencement and completion, to construct a bridge over the Chesapeake Bay from a point in Baltimore County, over and across Hart and Miller's Islands, to a point near Tolchester, Kent County, Maryland, together with such incidental bridges and structures as shall be necessary or convenient in order to give access from the bridge to both of said islands, and together with the approaches to said bridge.

(i) To acquire the assets and franchises of the Claiborne-Annapolis Ferry Company.

(j) To maintain, reconstruct and operate the projects.

(k) To charge tolls for the use of the Bridge and the Ferry, subject to and in accordance with such agreements with bondholders as may be made as hereinafter provided.

(l) To construct and maintain, over, under, along or across the Bridge and Approaches, telephone, telegraph or electric wires and cables, gas mains, water mains and other mechanical equipment not inconsistent with the appropriate use of the Bridge and Approaches; to contract for such construction and to lease the right to construct and/or use such equipment on such terms and for such consideration as it shall determine, provided,