

mission is hereby authorized and empowered, subject to the provisions of this sub-title:

(a) To construct, operate and maintain bridges over and tunnels under rivers and navigable waters which are wholly or partly within the State;

(b) To construct, operate and maintain, wholly within the State, tunnels through hills and mountains; and

(c) To issue revenue bonds of the State, payable solely from earnings, to pay the cost of such bridges and tunnels.

But no bridge or tunnel shall be constructed under the provisions of this sub-title unless the cost of the project, as estimated by the State Roads Commission, shall exceed the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, nor unless the construction of such bridge or tunnel shall be included in the above-mentioned plan filed with the Secretary of the State Roads Commission and approved by a majority of the members of the Bridge Supervisory Committee, or, if the construction of such bridge or tunnel shall not be included in such plan or if such plan shall not theretofore have been filed, unless such construction shall be approved by said Bridge Supervisory Committee.

The cost of such construction shall be paid solely from the proceeds of such revenue bonds and from any grant from the Federal Government or any agency thereof.

107. CREDIT OF STATE NOT PLEDGED. Revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this sub-title shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the State of Maryland or a pledge of the faith and credit of the State, but such bonds shall be payable exclusively from the fund hereinafter provided therefor from tolls and revenues. All such bonds shall contain a statement on their face that the State of Maryland is not obligated to pay the same or the interest thereon except from revenues of the project or projects for which they are issued and that the faith and credit of the State is not pledged to the payment of the principal or interest of such bonds. The issuance of revenue bonds under the provisions of this sub-title shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the State to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever therefor or to make any appropriation for their payment.

108. PRELIMINARY EXPENSES. The State Roads Commission is hereby authorized to expend out of its current funds such moneys as may be necessary for the study of any contemplated bridge or tunnel which the Commission after preliminary investigation believes to be of such probable benefit to the public as to entitle the project to further investigation and study, and the Commission is hereby authorized to use its engineering and other forces for the purpose of making such