

(c) The word "bridge" or "tunnel" shall be deemed to include not only the bridge or tunnel and the structures connected therewith and the approaches thereto, but also all property, rights, easements and franchises relating thereto and deemed necessary or convenient for the construction or the operation thereof, and may include elevated or depressed highways connecting such bridge or tunnel with a state road.

(d) The word "project" shall include any bridge or tunnel, the construction of which is authorized under the provisions of this sub-title.

(e) The term "cost of project", as applied to a bridge or to a tunnel, shall embrace the cost of construction, the cost of all lands, properties, rights, easements and franchises acquired, the cost of all machinery and equipment, financing charges, interest prior to and during construction and for one year after completion of construction, cost of traffic estimates and of engineering and of legal expenses, plans, specifications, surveys, estimates of cost and of revenues, other expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of the enterprise, administrative expense, and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the financing herein authorized, the construction of the bridge or tunnel, the placing of the same in operation, and the condemnation of property necessary for such construction and operation. Any obligation or expense heretofore incurred by any public corporation, board or authority for traffic surveys, borings, preparation of plans and specifications, and other engineering services which may be utilized in the construction of any bridge or incurred for legal expenses in connection with the construction or the financing of any such bridge, the construction of which has heretofore been authorized by the General Assembly of Maryland, may be regarded as a part of the cost of such bridge.

121. ALTERNATIVE METHOD. The foregoing sections of this sub-title shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative method for the doing of the things authorized thereby and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred by other laws, and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any powers now existing. Such sections, being necessary for the welfare of the State and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof.

122. CONSTITUTIONAL CONSTRUCTION. The provisions of this sub-title are severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.