

the project, the financing of such construction and the placing of the project in operation. Any obligation or expense heretofore or hereafter incurred by the Commission for traffic surveys, borings, preparation of plans and specifications, and other engineering services in connection with the construction of a project shall be regarded as a part of the cost of such project and shall be reimbursed to the Commission out of the proceeds of revenue bonds hereinafter authorized. Any obligation or contract heretofore entered into by the Commission under the provisions of ARTICLE 89B, §§ 163 to 181, inclusive, of [this article] THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION, AS AMENDED), in connection with any project financed under the provisions of this subheading shall be treated as having been entered into under the provisions of this subheading.

(g) The word "owner" shall include all individuals, copartnerships, associations or corporations having title or interest in any property, rights, easements and interests authorized to be acquired by this subheading.

(h) The word "crossing" shall mean a bridge or a tunnel or a combination of a bridge and a tunnel.

§8. [§ 123.] General grant of powers.

The Commission is hereby authorized and empowered:

(a) Construction, maintenance, repair and operation.— To construct, maintain, repair and operate bridges over and tunnels under rivers and navigable waters which are wholly or partly within the State, and motorways at such locations within the State as may be determined by the Commission and improvements thereto;

(b) Issuance of revenue bonds.— To issue revenue bonds of the State, payable solely from revenues, for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of any one or more projects;

(c) Tolls.— To fix and revise from time to time tolls for transit over or through each project constructed by it;

(d) Acquisition and disposal of personal property.— To acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under this subheading;

(e) Acquisition of public and private lands.— To acquire in the name of the State by purchase or otherwise, on such terms and conditions and in such manner as it may deem proper, or by the exercise of the right of condemnation in the manner hereinafter provided or referred to, such public or private lands, including public parks, playgrounds or reservations, cemeteries, or parts thereof or rights therein, rights-of-way, property, rights, franchises, easements and interests, as it may deem necessary for carrying out the provisions of this subheading; provided, however, that no compensation shall be paid for public lands, playgrounds, parks, parkways or reservations owned by the State of Maryland so taken, and that all public property damaged in carrying out the powers granted by this subheading shall be restored or