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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 (Interstate 695).

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 as the William Preston Lane, Jr., Memorial Bridge (Joint Resolution 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 95 near Elkridge. On June 28, 1973, the parallel Bay Bridge was opened to traffic. Also named the William Preston Lane, Jr., Memorial Bridge, this parallel bridge now is referred to as the westbound span, while the original bridge is the eastbound span.

Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge, formerly 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. Opened to traffic on August 28, 1940, the Bridge is 1.4 miles long.

Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge across the Potomac River in Charles County was opened to traffic in December 1940. It links U.S. 301 between Maryland and Virginia. Originally called the Potomac River Toll Bridge, the 1.7 mile structure received its present name in 1967 from the State Roads Commission.

TUNNELS

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The office of Tunnels Administrator was created in 1970 when the Transportation Authority was established. The Administrator of Tunnels provides executive direction and manages the collection, safeguarding and disposition of tolls, control and movement of traffic, and the physical maintenance of toll tunnels and approaches under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

Baltimore Harbor Tunnel and its eighteen-mile thruway opened to traffic on November 30, 1957. Designated Interstate 895, the Tunnel provides a major north-south bypass of Baltimore City.

Fort McHenry Tunnel is the world's only eight-lane underwater tunnel for vehicular traffic. It is located just south of Fort McHenry between Locust Point and Canton, crossing Baltimore's harbor under the Patapsco River. As part of Interstate 95, the Tunnel links the southern and eastern areas of Baltimore City. The Tunnel opened to traffic on November 24, 1985.

TURNPIKES

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Created in 1970, the Turnpikes Administrator is responsible for the State's only toll road, the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway. The Administrator manages the collection, safeguarding, and disposition of tolls; and the control and movement of traffic. The Administrator also oversees the maintenance of roads, structures, and facilities of toll turnpikes under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority, and the operation of service areas, their restaurants and service stations.

John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway, formerly Northeastern Expressway, was constructed with revenue bond proceeds authorized in 1956 (Chapter 1, Acts of the Special Session of 1956). This toll road, a part of Interstate 95, opened to traffic on November 14, 1963. Its fifty miles extend from Delaware south to the northern limits of Baltimore City. Administrative offices of the Kennedy Memorial Highway are located at the Perryville Plaza Barrier, where tolls for through traffic are collected.

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE

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The Maryland Transportation Authority Police originated as the Toll Facilities Police, established in 1970 as part of the Maryland Transportation Authority. The Police received their present name in 1993 (Chapter 626, Acts of 1993). The Police enforce laws and control traffic at turnpike, toll bridge and tunnel facilities.

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING

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Created in 1970, the Division of Engineering provides all engineering services required for Transportation Authority facilities.