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Virginia Port Authority

Item 497	First Year - FY2005	Second Year - FY2006
Port and Port Facility Management (62600)	\$49,798,029	\$54,332,460
Maintenance of Ports and Facilities (62601)	\$3,618,849	\$3,814,343
Port Facilities Acquisition (62602)	\$39,700,088	\$43,943,607
Security Services (62603)	\$4,634,092	\$4,679,510
Terminal Administration (62604)	\$1,265,000	\$1,315,000
Financial Assistance to Local Ports (62605)	\$580,000	\$580,000
Fund Sources:		
Special	\$18,577,242	\$20,619,973
Commonwealth Transportation	\$31,220,787	\$33,712,487

Authority: Title 62.1, Chapter 10; Title 33.1, Chapter 1, Code of Virginia.

A.1. It is hereby acknowledged that, in accordance with § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority issued bonds on October 22, 1996, in the amount of \$38,300,000 for the purposes of completing the Phase II Expansion at Norfolk International Terminals and replacing and improving equipment at other port facilities. The Director of the Department of Planning and Budget is authorized to adjust the fund sources for Capital Project 407-14271 for the cited bonds, provided that the total appropriations for the project does not exceed the \$75,482,880 previously authorized. It is also hereby acknowledged that, in accordance with § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority issued bonds on April 2, 1998, in the amount of \$71,015,000 for the purposes of refunding the outstanding series 1988 Bonds.

2. It is hereby acknowledged that, in accordance with § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority issued Commonwealth Port Fund bonds on July 11, 2002, in the amount of \$135,000,000 to reconstruct the Norfolk International Terminal (South), Capital Project 407-16644, Phase I. The project also includes the replacement of equipment, the purchase of the Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System, and other equipment required to enhance the security and protection of the port properties. Debt service on bonds referenced in this paragraph is estimated to be \$8,707,818 the first year, and \$9,178,618 the second year.

3.a. It is hereby acknowledged that, in accordance with § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority may issue additional Commonwealth Port Fund bonds in an amount up to \$60,000,000, for the purpose of completing the regrading and reconstruction of Norfolk International Terminals (South), Capital Project 407-16644, Phase III, and other improvements. The debt service on these bonds, estimated to be \$2,650,000 the first year and \$3,250,000 the second year, will be paid from the Commonwealth Port Fund.

b. Prior to the issuance of these bonds, the Governor shall provide approval based on the most recent estimates of transportation revenues, debt capacity analyses, and project timelines.

4. In the event revenues of the Commonwealth Port Fund are insufficient to provide for the debt service on the Virginia Port Authority Commonwealth Port Fund Revenue Bonds; Series 1996, Series 2002, or refunding Series 1998; bonds authorized by paragraphs A 2 and A 3; or any bonds payable from the revenues of the Commonwealth Port Fund, there is hereby appropriated a sum sufficient first from the legally available moneys in the Transportation Trust Fund and then from the general fund to provide for this debt service. Total debt service on the bonds referenced in paragraphs A 1, A 2 and A3 is estimated at \$25,335,610 the first year and \$26,408,860 the second year.

5. Notwithstanding § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the aggregate principal amount of Commonwealth Port Fund bonds, and including any other long-term commitment that utilizes the Commonwealth Port Fund, shall not exceed \$265,000,000.

B.1. In accordance with § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority has issued Port Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 1997, in the amount of \$98,065,000 to finance the cost of capital projects for the Virginia Port Authority marine and intermodal terminals. Total debt service on the bonds referenced in this paragraph is estimated at \$6,856,456 the first year and \$6,857,956 the second year from special funds. The Virginia Port Authority is authorized to transfer to the Virginia International Terminals Inc. (VIT), from the revenues of the Authority's port facilities, funds that are available for the purpose under the Authority's applicable Bond Resolution.

2. In accordance with § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority on June 18, 2003, issued additional Port Facilities Revenue bonds in the amount of \$55,155,000 to regrade and reconstruct the Norfolk International Terminal (South) backlands (Phase II, capital outlay project 407-16644), and to construct security related facilities at Norfolk International Terminals (North) and Portsmouth Marine Terminal (capital outlay project 407-16961). Total debt service on these bonds referenced in this paragraph is estimated at \$3,484,413 the first year and \$3,483,150 the second year from special funds.

3. The Virginia Port Authority has purchased, through their master equipment lease program, straddle carriers at a total cost of \$6,600,000 (capital outlay project 407-16962). Total debt service on the equipment lease referenced in this paragraph is estimated at \$1,150,000 each year from special funds.

4. The Virginia Port Authority is authorized to purchase, through a purchase agreement (master equipment lease program), container cranes for its Portsmouth Marine Terminal at a total estimated cost of \$11,000,000 (capital outlay project 407-16989). Total debt service referenced in this paragraph is estimated at \$925,000 each year from special funds.

5. The Virginia Port Authority is authorized to purchase, through a purchase agreement (master equipment lease program), straddle carriers at a total estimated cost of \$25,200,000 (capital outlay project 407-16962). Total debt service referenced in this paragraph is estimated at \$1,050,000 the first year and \$3,150,000 the second year from special funds.

C. In order to remain consistent with the grant of authority as provided in Chapter 10, § 62.1-128 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority is authorized to maintain independent payroll and nonpayroll disbursement systems and, in connection with such systems, to open and maintain an appropriate account with a qualified public depository. As implementation occurs, these systems and related procedures shall be subject to review and approval by the State Comptroller. The Virginia Port Authority shall continue to provide nonpayroll transaction detail to the State Comptroller through the Commonwealth Accounting and Reporting System.