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Virginia Port Authority

Item 456 (Not set out)	First Year - FY2013	Second Year - FY2014
Port Facilities Planning, Maintenance, Acquisition, and Construction (62600)	**$68,344,059**	**$68,344,059**
Maintenance and Operations of Ports and Facilities (62601)	$7,250,000	$7,250,000
Port Facilities Planning (62606)	$1,191,574	$1,191,574
Debt Service for Port Facilities (62607)	$59,902,485	$59,902,485
Fund Sources:		
Special	$33,991,035	$33,987,640
Commonwealth Transportation	$31,353,024	$31,356,419
Federal Trust	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

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 refunded bonds issued 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 debt service on the 2006 refunding bonds is estimated to be $3,116,625 the first year and $3,119,175 the second year and all or a portion of such 2006 refunding bonds may be refunded by the authority pursuant to § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia.

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 $10,206,293 the first year, and $10,203,333 the second year, and all or a portion of such bonds may be refunded by the Authority pursuant to § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia.

3. It is hereby acknowledged that, in accordance with § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority issued Commonwealth Port Fund bonds on April 14, 2005, in the amount of $60,000,000, for the purpose of regrading and reconstruction of Norfolk International Terminals (South), Phase III, land acquisition, and other improvements, Capital Project 407-16644. The debt service on bonds referenced in this paragraph is estimated to be $4,280,106 the first year and $4,282,606 the second year, and all or a portion of such bonds may be refunded by the Authority pursuant to § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia.

4. It is hereby acknowledged that, in accordance with § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority may issue Commonwealth Port Fund bonds up to the amount of $125,000,000, for the purpose of developing the Craney Island Marine Terminal and creating road and rail access to such terminal, capital project 407-17513. Such bonds

may also be used for the purpose of constructing warehouses at a facility owned by the Virginia Port Authority. All or a portion of such bonds may be refunded by the authority pursuant to § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia. The debt service on the bonds referenced in this paragraph is estimated to be $9,500,000 the first year and $9,500,000 the second year.

It is hereby acknowledged that the Virginia Port Authority issued $57,370,000 of such Commonwealth Port Fund bonds noted in the paragraph above in July 2011 for the purpose of developing the Craney Island Marine Terminal and creating road and rail access to such terminal, capital project 407-17513. The debt service on bonds referenced in this paragraph is estimated to be $2,868,500 the first year and $2,868,500 the second year, and all or a portion of such bonds may be refunded by the Authority pursuant to § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia.

5. 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 authorized by paragraphs A 1, A 2, A 3, and A 4; 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, A 3, and A 4 is estimated at $27,105,574 the first year and $27,106,419 the second year.

6. 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 $420,000,000.

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. In accordance with § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority refunded certain maturities of the bonds in 2007. The debt service on the 2007 refunding bonds is estimated at $6,343,750 the first year and $6,351,250 the second year from special funds and all or a portion of such bonds may be refunded by the authority pursuant to § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia. 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 $3,485,700 the first year and $3,483,300 the second year from special funds, and all or a portion of such bonds may be refunded by the authority pursuant to § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia.

3. It is hereby acknowledged that, in accordance with § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority may issue additional bonds, in an amount of up to $90,000,000, for the purposes of the reconstruction and expansion of Norfolk International Terminals, and other improvements to port facilities (capital outlay project 407-17252). The debt service on these bonds, estimated to be $4,482,019 the first year and $4,478,419 the second year, will be paid from special funds, and all or a portion of such bonds may be refunded by the authority pursuant to § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia.

4. Prior to the 2006-2008 biennium, the Virginia Port Authority purchased, through their master equipment lease program, equipment at a total cost of $60,163,170 (capital outlay projects 407-16962 and 407-16989). Total debt service on the equipment leases referenced in this paragraph is estimated at $6,546,189 the first year and $6,546,189 the second year from special funds, and such lease purchases may be refunded by the authority.

5. It is hereby acknowledged that, in accordance with § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority is

authorized to purchase, through a purchase agreement (master equipment lease program), terminal operating equipment at a total cost of $41,493,035 (capital outlay project 407-16962). Total debt service referenced in this paragraph, including any interim financing issued in anticipation of such program, is estimated at $4,848,458 the first year and $4,848,458 the second year from special funds, and such lease purchases may be refunded by the authority.

6. It is hereby acknowledged that, in accordance with § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority on April 21, 2010, issued Port Facilities Revenue Refunding bonds in an amount of $68,630,000, for the purposes of the reconstruction and expansion of Norfolk International Terminals (NIT), reconstruction and expansion of Portsmouth Marine Terminal (PMT), land acquisitions adjacent to NIT and PMT, and other improvements to port facilities (capital outlay project 407-16644). The debt service on these bonds, estimated to be $3,308,319 the first year and $3,308,319 the second year, will be paid from special funds, and all or a portion of such bonds may be refunded by the authority pursuant to § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia.

7. It is hereby acknowledged that, in accordance with § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia, the Virginia Port Authority may issue short-term debt on a revolving basis as interim or anticipation financing in order to cover costs of planning, design, and construction pending the receipt of bond or master equipment lease program proceeds authorized in paragraphs A 4, B 5, and B 6 in an amount not to exceed the authorized amount for the projects. In the aggregate, the short-term debt shall not exceed $200,000,000 at any point in time and all or a portion of such debt may be refunded by the Authority pursuant to § 62.1-140, Code of Virginia. The debt service, including associated fees, on the short-term debt may be paid, as recommended by the authority and approved by the Board, from the bond or master equipment lease proceeds, special funds, or other revenues or proceeds.

8. Total debt service paid from special funds for all bonds, lease agreements, and short-term debt noted herein shall not exceed $42,000,000 the first year and $42,000,000 the second year.

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.

D. The Virginia Port Authority is directed to further analyze the necessary improvements identified in the study undertaken under contract by the Virginia Port Authority in 2010 regarding the Commonwealth Rail Line Safety Relocation Initiative in the City of Suffolk. Such study shall focus on the improvements needed to implement the aforementioned study and is intended to help address the impacts of port-related rail traffic in the City of Suffolk. The Virginia Port Authority shall work with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to identify the respective share of project costs that should be borne by each entity, recognizing that the rail project seeks to address adverse highway delays caused by rail traffic emanating from the Virginia Port Authority operated facilities. Such review shall assess the availability of Rail Enhancement Funding, Rail Preservation Funding, Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing, Transportation Innovation and Finance funding, Highway Safety Improvement Funding, Rail Industrial Access grants and Virginia Port Authority funding available to finance the critical improvements. The Authority shall submit a report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Transportation Committees and the Senate Finance and Transportation Committees by November 15, 2013 outlining the potential funding sources and a proposed schedule of completion for the detailed study.