

# Introduction

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The Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) is an agency created by a Congressionally sanctioned interstate compact between the States of New Jersey and Delaware and enacted pursuant to 53 Laws of Delaware, Chapter 145 (17 Del. C.S. 1701) and P.L. 1961, C.66 (C.32:11E-1 et. seq. of the Pamphlet Laws of New Jersey). The Mission of the DRBA is to provide safe, efficient and modern terminals, crossings, vessels and related transportation while participating in controlled economic development opportunities supported by a technically proficient and professionally motivated workforce dedicated to providing high quality customer service.

The DRBA has an extensive network of structures and facilities designed to provide the public with safe and efficient means of transportation as well as providing economic development and opportunities in the region. This transportation network includes the Delaware Memorial Bridge (DMB), the Cape May-Lewes Ferry (CMLF), and the Forts Ferry (FF). The Authority also operates and maintains through the auspices of long-term leases with a municipality, county or the state, five (5) Airport facilities in Delaware and New Jersey. These facilities include New Castle Airport, Delaware Airpark and Civil Air Terminal in Delaware and Millville and Cape May Airports in New Jersey.

The DRBA has developed five goals in support of its mission against which Capital projects are evaluated. These goals include:

- Asset Preservation – The responsible stewardship of critical regional infrastructure through the preservation of the asset. Preservation of the asset is necessary to retain its existing value and maximize its useful life.
- Efficient and Sustainable - Increase operating efficiencies through the construction of sustainable infrastructure utilizing best available technologies and management practices.
- Safety - Maintain or enhance safe and reliable infrastructure for our customers.
- Security - Enhance the security of critical regional infrastructure in coordination with regional security agencies.
- Economic Development - Support revenue producing growth through controlled investment in economic development opportunities.

Capital improvement projects generally occur in phases over multiple years. This Strategic Plan serves as a planning tool for directing resources to address the goals over the next five years to consistently maintain and enhance the Authority's facilities and address the increasing demands associated with an aging infrastructure. Implementation of this Strategic Plan will assure the public continues to enjoy quality transportation services in a safe and efficient manner as well as intelligently maintain and enhance facilities as necessary.

Included in the following pages are the identified multi-year capital improvement projects organized by asset class (DMB, CMLF, FF and each of the five Airports). Within each asset class, individual projects are further organized into the following classifications:

- Continuing Projects – Projects which were previously authorized in the Capital Improvement Program, which are scheduled to continue in 2016.
- Annual – Projects which require yearly authorization to continue.
- New Projects – Projects which have not been authorized in a prior Capital Improvement Program and are seeking authorization in 2016.
- Out Year Projects – Projects which will be seeking authorization in a future Capital Improvement program.

Airport projects which are contributed to by the Federal Aviation Administration are subject to grant approval and funding allocation.

This information, provided in tabular format, identifies the financial resources for each project. Descriptions for each project follow the tables and are keyed to the table by the project's rank number (projects are ranked in order of priority by the Authority, with a total of 117 projects). The Capital Improvement Program budget for 2017 is shown as the highlighted column within the table.