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Airports Authority Drafts Highway Noise Policy for Dulles Toll Road

Public Workshop Set for June 10 Public Comments Accepted from June 1 to June 30

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, which operates and maintains the Dulles Toll Road, will soon accept public input regarding its draft highway noise policy for the Toll Road. A draft of this policy is now posted on the Authority's website at <u>www.mwaa.com/tollroad</u>.

A public workshop on the draft highway noise policy will be held on Thursday, June 10 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Langston Hughes Middle School, 11401 Ridge Heights Road, Reston, VA 20191. At the workshop, all materials regarding the draft highway noise policy will be available for review. Staff will also be onsite to answer questions. The public may preview workshop materials at <u>www.mwaa.com/tollroad</u> beginning June 1. Persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency who require special assistance at the workshop may call (703) 934-4639 no later than June 7.

Public comments are an integral element in the Airports Authority's consideration of a new highway noise policy. Online comments will be accepted from June 1 through June 30 from the "Highway Noise Policy" link at <u>www.mwaa.com/tollroad</u>. Written comments will also be accepted in person at the workshop, or via U.S. Mail to: Draft Dulles Toll Road Highway Noise Policy, 3900 Jermantown Road, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030. All public comments received during the commenting period will be submitted to the Airports Authority Board of Directors for consideration.

After the comment period, the draft highway noise policy will be finalized and presented to the Airports Authority Board for action.

The Airports Authority is also preparing to conduct a study of highway noise in the Dulles Toll Road corridor and will use the study's results to support implementing the highway noise policy. This study will provide the framework for future Airports Authority decisions regarding the construction of new highway sound walls and maintaining existing sound walls along the Dulles Toll Road.

The Airports Authority, which took over the operation of the Dulles Toll Road in 2008, developed this new policy in order to address highway traffic noise concerns from communities along the Dulles Toll Road and Dulles Airport Access Highway.

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