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Public Comment Period is Now Open on Dulles Toll Road Proposed Toll Rate Increases

Three Public Hearings Scheduled; Information Posted and Comments Also Accepted Online

The formal public comment period for comments about the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's proposed toll rate increases on the Dulles Toll Road begins today, August 14 and ends September 14. The public is invited to visit www.mwaa.com/tollroad to learn more about this proposal and submit written comments online. Written comments must be received no later than September 14, 2009 to be assured of consideration by the Airports Authority.

Three public hearings in an open house format are also being hosted by the Airports Authority to inform, and solicit comments from the community about proposed toll rate increases to support the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project and Dulles Toll Road improvements.

At these sessions, there will be informational exhibits about the Metrorail Project, the cost and financing of the Metrorail Project, the Dulles Toll Road and potential improvements that may be made to the Toll Road; the revenue anticipated to be raised as a result of the proposed toll increases, and how this additional revenue will be spent. Representatives from the Airports Authority will be present to discuss these items.

The Airports Authority is proposing a toll rate increase of 25 cents at the Main Toll Plaza and 25 cents at the ramps of the Dulles Toll Road to take effect in 2010 if approved by the Airports Authority Board of Directors later this year. This proposal also includes an additional increase of 25 cents at the Main Toll Plaza in 2011 and another 25 cent increase at the Main Toll Plaza in 2012. There would not be increases at the ramp areas in 2011 and 2012. The schedule follows:

Monday, August 24 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Ashburn Elementary School
44062 Fincastle Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147

Thursday, September 3 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
McLean High School
1633 Davidson Road, McLean, VA 22101

Wednesday, September 9 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
South Lakes High School
11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston, VA 20191

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For individuals unable to attend a public hearing, the information on the exhibits is provided on the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority website at: www.mwaa.com/tollroad. Written comments may also be submitted via the website from August 14 to September 14.

The Airports Authority has assumed responsibility for the construction of the Metrorail through the Dulles Corridor. As part of this program, the Commonwealth of Virginia has transferred the operation of the Dulles Toll Road to the Airports Authority under a 50-year permit to operate and improve the Toll Road and to use the revenues from the tolls to help finance the rail construction and other improvements to the Toll Road and the Dulles Corridor. For more information about the Dulles Rail Project and the Dulles Toll Road, please visit the website at www.mwaa.com

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