

RESOLUTION 22-31

Amending the Metropolitan Washington Airports Regulations Which Establish Toll Rates for the Dulles Toll Road

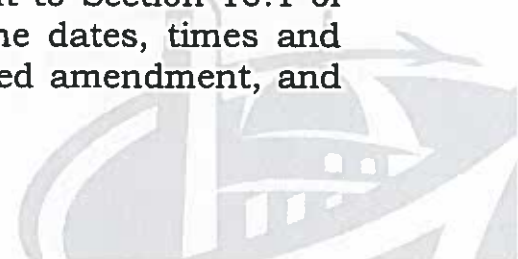
WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Airports Authority) operates the Dulles Toll Road (DTR) pursuant to a Permit and Operating Agreement (POA), dated as of December 29, 2006, with the Virginia Department of Transportation;

WHEREAS, The POA obligates the Airports Authority to finance and construct the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project (Project), an extension of the Washington, D.C., regional Metrorail system running from the West Falls Church Metrorail station on Interstate 66 in Fairfax County, along the Dulles Connector Road and the Dulles Airport Access Highway, through the Tysons Corner area of Fairfax County, to and through Washington Dulles International Airport (Dulles Airport), to a western terminus at Route 772/Ashburn in Loudoun County;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to a plan for financing the Project and capital improvements to the DTR, and its authority to set tolls and fees for the use of the DTR, the Airports Authority published a projected toll rate schedule for the DTR in 2009 which included a potential toll rate increase in 2023;

WHEREAS, Consistent with the projected toll rate increase anticipated in 2009, staff presented a set of potential new DTR toll rates, to become effective on January 1, 2023, to the Joint Dulles Corridor and Finance Committee (Joint Committee), at its June 2022 meeting, along with a recommendation that the Joint Committee authorize staff to initiate the process for amending Section 10.1 of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Regulations (Regulations), which establishes toll rates for the DTR, and the Joint Committee provided the authorization;

WHEREAS, On June 29, 2022, notice was published in *The Washington Post* of (i) the proposed amendment to Section 10.1 of the Regulations, the proposed toll rates, (ii) the dates, times and locations of two public hearings on the proposed amendment, and



(iii) the opportunities available to members of the public to submit comments on the proposed amendment during a 30-day comment period. The notice also stated two specific questions regarding environmental sustainability initiatives and customer incentives for the DTR (Questions), and invited the public to comment on them;

WHEREAS, Public hearings on the proposed amendment were conducted virtually on July 12, 2022, and in person at the Washington Dulles Airport Marriott on July 18, 2022;

WHEREAS, During the public comment period, 94 individuals and one organization commented, providing 206 views on the proposed amendment and the Questions;

WHEREAS, At the September 21, 2023, meeting, staff provided the Committees with a written report summarizing the public comments (as well as containing the comments themselves) (Report);

WHEREAS, On September 22, 2022, staff presented a summary of the public comments to the Dulles Corridor Advisory Committee (DCAC), as well as a copy of the Report;

WHEREAS, At the October 19, 2022, meeting, the Joint Committee discussed the Report, the public comments, and DCAC's input; concluded that it is necessary and appropriate to increase DTR toll rates; and voted to recommend to the Board of Directors (Board) that it adopt the proposed amendment to Section 10.1 of the Regulations to implement the recommended toll rates effective January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, After considering the staff recommendation, the public comments, the recommendations and views of the DCAC, and the recommendations of the Joint Committee, the Board has determined that it is necessary and appropriate and in the best interests of the Airports Authority to authorize and take the following actions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Part 10 (Dulles Toll Road) of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Regulations shall be and is hereby amended, effective January 1, 2023, to read as follows:

PART 10 - DULLES TOLL ROAD

§ 10.1. (Effective January 1, 2023) Tolls for Use of the Dulles Toll Road.

(1) The tolls applicable to the Dulles Toll Road (also known as the Omer L. Hirst-Adelard L. Brault Expressway) shall be as follows:

Vehicle Class	Tolls	
	Main Line Plaza	Ramps
2-axle	\$4.00	\$2.00
3-axle	\$8.00	\$4.00
4-axle	\$9.25	\$4.50
5-axle	\$10.50	\$5.00
6 or more axles	\$11.75	\$5.50

(2) Except for persons permitted free use of toll facilities under Section 33.2-613 of the Code of Virginia, it shall be unlawful for any person operating a vehicle to use the Dulles Toll Road without payment of the tolls set forth in this Section.

2. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted: November 16, 2022



Monica R. Hargrove, Secretary