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Airports Authority to Hold Public Hearings on Proposed Toll Increases

Today the Finance and Dulles Toll Road Committees of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board of Directors authorized the public hearing process to begin for a proposed toll rate increase of 25 cents at the Main Toll Plaza and 25 cents at the ramps of the Dulles Toll Road. The proposed toll increase would take effect in 2010 if approved by the full Board later this year.

Additionally, under this proposal, in 2011, the toll at the Main Plaza would increase by 25 cents and there would be another 25 cent increase at the Main Plaza in 2012. There would not be increases at the ramp areas during those years.

The Airports Authority will hold public hearings to enable members of the public to learn about the proposed toll rate increases, the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, Dulles Toll Road improvements, and why the increases are needed.

Three public hearings will be held in the Dulles Corridor on the proposed toll rate increases. These hearings will take place on the following dates at these locations:

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

At the 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 in the future; 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.

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

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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