

**Transportation Toll Facility Advisory Committee**  
**March 4, 2010**

**1. Call to Order:** James Roy called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

**2. Roll Call:** Committee members in attendance.

**Committee Members in Attendance**

W. Scott Davis  
Angel Guzman  
James Roy  
Katherine Hodges  
Larry Zoeller

**Ex-officio Members in Attendance**

Eric Martin  
Kelly Pereira

**Non-Committee Members in Attendance**

Jill Mergen  
Terry Herbert  
Belinda Malone  
Michael Johnson  
Christel Lyons

**3. Meeting Discussion:**

A motion was made by Mr. Guzman to approve the minutes from the last meeting; there was a second by Mr. Zoeller and the motion carried unanimously.

*Old Business:*

Mr. Roy wanted to discuss updates: on the contract with EZ-Pass, the Dominion Bridge and Jordan Bridge situations, and to revisit briefly about raising the toll rate on the Chesapeake Expressway.

EZ-Pass:

Mr. Herbert reported that there was no change in status of the Expressway being able to issue transponders. Mr. Martin said that the local legislators were in agreement with our concerns. The City and VDOT have met to review a draft service center agreement and we are awaiting VDOT's response.

Dominion Bridge:

Mr. Martin said that the design is 60% complete, PPTA interests are still out there – running parallel to the city's design activity. Mr. Martin stated that the City applied for a TIGER grant which was not approved. The City has submitted a letter of interest for TIFIA loan, but will not hear of results for approximately one year. Mr. Guzman gave a short description of the procedure concerning the design process.

Jordan Bridge:

A copy of a letter from FIGG was distributed to the committee; the letter gave an update on the current status of the project. The completion of the new Jordan Bridge is estimated to be fall 2011. The committee would like for FIGG to give them a suggested date for the toll rate public hearing.

Expressway Toll increase:

The committee asked for toll industry benchmarks to determine the steps needed to evaluate an increase in tolls. Mr. Roy would like to receive some type of common thread or percentage to compare. Mr. Martin discussed various scenarios of possible toll rates for the Expressway. Mr. Herbert stated that there is not one formula for determining when and how to increase tolls, because all toll facilities are different.

*New Business:*

Mr. Herbert stated that VDOT approved the budget that was submitted to them. Also, he gave an overview to the committee of the budget; keying in on most services flat lined, some position cut backs and two frozen. Mr. Zoeller questioned the upkeep & maintenance, such as when it snowed. Mr. Herbert explained that the Streets Division provides snow removal services. The current cost relating to the recent snow events have not been determined.

The 2008 Replacement & Renewal is almost complete. The 2009 bid has gone out and it is closed. The 2010 inspection has begun and should be submitted by the end of April 2010.

Mr. Davis asked about the article that was in the March 4, 2010 newspaper, in regards to VDOT funding of road projects. Mr. Martin stated that there will be no city/state funds after the completion of the current projects. There is a plan for the Regional Transportation Committee to meet in response to the announcement from VDOT.

The April 1, 2010 and May 6, 2010 meetings will be cancelled, but will resume in June. Any updates will be emailed to members; however if an immediate issue needs to be addressed a meeting will be scheduled.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm. The next meeting will be held 11:30 a.m., June 3, 2010.