

Transportation Toll Facility Advisory Committee
June 3, 2010

1. Call to Order: James Roy called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

2. Roll Call: Committee members in attendance.

Committee Members in Attendance

W. Scott Davis
Angel Guzman
James Roy
Larry Zoeller

Ex-officio Members in Attendance

Eric Martin
Kelly Pereira
Amar Dwarkanath

Non-Committee Members in Attendance

Terry Herbert
Christel Lyons
Michael Johnson
Belinda Malone

3. Meeting Discussion:

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

Old Business:

EZ-Pass:

Mr. Herbert informed the committee that the EZ Pass transponders were returned on April 29th. Mrs. Malone informed the committee that since receiving the transponders, the Expressway has issued 85 transponders and handled over 657 phone calls. Terry will draft a letter on behalf of the TTFAC to the Legislators to provide an update on the transponders and give the current statistics.

Expressway:

Traffic so far is over 2.38% than last year, due to inclement weather we did not meet the 3% increase as in previous years. The Outer Banks business bureau is indicating that the occupancy level is very high but not quite 100%.

The Renewal & Replacement work for 2008 is finished and 2009 has started. A panel that includes Mr. Herbert and Ms. Pereria are viewing presentations to select a new engineer for 2010. Mr. Martin stated that the results from the last study showed the amount of work required and the cost were quite significant. Mr. Herbert is currently working on incorporating the work needed into a multi-year plan. Mr. Herbert will ensure that all National Bridge requirements are met. Mr. Dwarkanath and Mr. Martin both agreed that the quality work for toll road will be maintained at a higher standard.

In regards to the budget, the Expressway currently has 8.33% left for the fiscal year, having spent 68.81%. The gap difference goes toward the principal payment. General expenses were 87% and payroll 75%. There was a cutback of hiring, utilizing temporary workers.

Dominion Bridge:

A letter addressed to City Council last week about the Dominion Blvd Project was handed out. The design plan is at 70% and should be at 100% by December 2010. Funding is driving the whole schedule of the project. The City sent a contingent to go talk to Greg Whirley, who is the acting Commissioner of VDOT and the Secretary of the Cabinet for the Department of Transportation, to get funding for the roadway and for the completion of the land acquisitions necessary. Currently there is partial funding. The meeting was productive, VDOT agreed to put in 11 million in their upcoming 6 year plan for Dominion Blvd (that was previously taken to put towards other roadways).

The City is still working through its funding on the financing program. The investment grade Traffic & Revenue Study should be completed by September and wrapped up by November. There has been a submission to the Federal TIGER 2 program, the TIFIA loan application (mentioned previously), and another TIGER application for the assistance of credit for the TIFIA as an ARA round 2 funded project. VDOT has indicated that the remainder of Total Takes will be submitted to Federal Highways for approval in the next 3 weeks.

Jordon Bridge:

FIGG has hired Lane Construction Group to do their construction of the Jordan Bridge. They are well underway with the demolition of the old bridge on schedule. The geotechnical work started in May. Active construction will probably go in to works late summer, finishing late next year and having cars on bridge by early 2012. An animated presentation of was shown by Mr. Martin, which is also on the City of Chesapeake's website. The community wanted to memorialize the old Jordan Bridge, so the City retained the top 25 feet of the east tower and the sheave from FIGG for future re-usage.

The public meeting will probably be held once the towers start to go up, possibly within a year's time.

Toll increase:

The Committee voiced that they have been hesitant to increase the toll due to the relatively unknown future. After hearing the Renewal & Replacement and Moody's Outlook reports, the committee agreed to leave this topic open for discussion. Mr. Herbert will provide a recap of the last Fiscal year for the committee.

New Business:

Terry informed that the TransCore upgrades started, putting in new servers and lane controllers. The upgrades are behind; it will possibly take another 4 weeks to complete. Major software work or cutovers are limited to being done at night to eliminate interruptions during the heavier daytime traffic.

Annual Hurricane Preparedness was held in North Carolina in May. A key point was to not look at the number of hurricanes, but to be prepared for any that may come. Mr. Martin spoke about the Regional leaders' roundtable for evacuation measures, and everything is up to speed for this year's hurricane season.

Mr. Johnson presented a slideshow showing Moody's Investors Service (cost \$5000) who provides an analyst's overview of the industry's outlook for US governed toll roads. A handout was given to all in attendance.

Mr. Roy and Mr. Zoeller were nominated again for appointment on the TTFAC. Mr. Roy has been sworn in and Mr. Zoeller will schedule an appointment to be sworn in this coming week.

The July 1, 2010 meeting will be cancelled, but will resume August. Any updates will be emailed to members; however if an immediate issue needs to be address a meeting will be scheduled.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 pm. The next meeting will be held 11:30 a.m., August 5, 2010.