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December 5, 2017

The Honorable Terry McAuliffe
Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Governor McAuliffe,

This letter is regarding the Interstate 66 inside the Beltway tolls. On behalf of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors, I reiterate the Board's strong opposition to the tolling of I-66 inside the Beltway, and request the suspension of the tolls until protection measures such as caps are in place.

In 2015, the BOCS unanimously approved Resolution Number 15-666 (enclosed), opposing tolling inside the Beltway without any major capacity enhancing improvements.

Tolling began on this section of I-66 on Monday, December 4th. Public expectation was that the tolls would be in the \$17 range for a round trip. Tolls have surpassed \$40 one-way at 8:09 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, as reported by WTOP. The Board believes this rate is frankly unsustainable for the commuters and citizens of Prince William County.

Prince William County has historically opposed tolling of existing facilities without capacity improvements, and the Board calls upon VDOT to suspend the tolling of this facility immediately.

Regards,

Corey A. Stewart
Chairman

Enclosure

Cc: Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne
Governor-elect Ralph S. Northam
Members, Prince William General Assembly Delegation
Members, Board of County Supervisors

MOTION: CANDLAND

**October 13, 2015
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 15-666**

SECOND: MAY

RE: OPPOSE TOLLING I-66 INSIDE THE BELTWAY THROUGH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S I-66 INSIDE THE BELTWAY MULTIMODAL PROJECT

ACTION: APPROVED

WHEREAS, the tolling of I-66 inside the Beltway is proposed without any major road capacity enhancing improvements; and

WHEREAS, the tolling of I-66 inside the Beltway will be administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the tolling of I-66 inside the Beltway will toll an existing free facility with no improvements; and

WHEREAS, the excess toll revenues from this facility are being managed and allocated by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, with no representation from Prince William County, the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the current High Occupancy Vehicle-2 (HOV-2) restriction is being changed to HOV-3 and high fuel economy/low emissions Clean Fuel Vehicles will not be allowed on the facility for free once tolls are imposed; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors has historically opposed tolling of existing facilities with no capacity improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby oppose tolling I-66 inside the Beltway through the Virginia Department of Transportation's I-66 inside the Beltway Multimodal Project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby oppose the repeal of the Clean Fuel Vehicle Program, the tolling of reverse commuters, and to the conversion of HOV-2 to HOV-3 in any proposed plan to toll I-66.

Votes:

Ayes: Caddigan, Candland, Jenkins, Lawson, May, Nohe, Stewart

Nays: None

Absent from Vote: Principi

Absent from Meeting: None

ATTEST: _____


Clerk to the Board