

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) Resolution on New I-66 Tolls
December 7, 2017

WHEREAS, The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) is the recipient of revenue from the new tolls from the "Transform 66 - Inside the Beltway" project for funding to improve transit in the corridor, and

WHEREAS, NVTC includes jurisdictions which commute on I-66, including Loudoun, Fairfax, and Arlington Counties and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, and

WHEREAS, the "Transform 66 - Inside the Beltway" project has been conceived, implemented, and managed by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), not NVTC; NVTC has no authority over the toll rates or management of this facility, and

WHEREAS, working Virginians cannot afford tolls more than \$35, \$20, or even \$10 dollars each way every day, and

WHEREAS, due to the new hours of operation associated with the "Transform 66 - Inside the Beltway" project, many working Virginians who previously utilized the roadway are now significantly impacted in their daily efforts to get to and from work;

- Prior to December 4th, these Virginians could utilize I-66 eastbound without restriction during the 5:30 – 6:30 AM time frames and westbound from 3 – 4 pm., and
- Prior to December 4th, these Virginians could utilize I-66 eastbound free of tolls, dynamic or otherwise, from 9 – 9:30 AM eastbound and 6:30 to 7 pm westbound., and

WHEREAS, \$35 tolls each way for every workday of the year would add up to more than \$18,000, and

WHEREAS, some working Virginians are willing to pay for new access to I-66 previously not allowed during rush hour under the HOV restrictions, but all Virginians expect tolls to be reasonable, appropriate and affordable, and

WHEREAS, no tolling revenue from this project will be used to widen I-66, and

WHEREAS, representatives from VDOT or the Office of the Governor never told the public or this Commission about this extremely high level of tolling before implementation, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NVTC calls on the Commonwealth to take immediate action regarding "Transform 66 - Inside the Beltway" to lower tolling costs, which could include reconfiguring the system and/or capping tolls. If a solution cannot be immediately implemented, than VDOT should suspend the program.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event that the program continues, NVTC calls for a modification of the hours of operation for the tolling system to reflect the prior restricted access time periods.

Draft prepared by Supervisor Ron Meyer, Loudoun County.