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December 12, 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 Manassas Park Governing Body, I would like to express our Council's opposition to the tolling as it is being conducted.

Tolling began on this portion of I-66 on Monday, December 4th. Public expectations were that the tolling range would be approximately \$17 for a round trip. As reported by the media, tolls surpassed \$40 one-way at 8:09 AM on Tuesday, December 5th. Our City Council believes these rates are synonymous with price gouging.

Consideration must be given to the fact that this is an extreme burden to residents of the area. Likewise, a corollary issue to this is the extent to which traffic will flow onto the side streets and feeder roads, bringing them to gridlock.

Manassas Park expresses its opposition to the tolling structure currently in place, and respectfully requests that tolling be stopped immediately until adequate safeguards are in place to prevent price gouging.

Regards,

Jeanette Rishell
Mayor, City of Manassas Park

Enclosure

Cc: Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne
Governor-elect Ralph S. Northam
Members, Manassas Park General Assembly Delegation

RESOLUTION
OPPOSING TOLLING ON INTERSTATE 66 INSIDE THE BELTWAY
THROUGH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S
I-66 INSIDE THE BELTWAY MULTIMODEL PROJECT

MOTION: SECOND:
Date of Meeting:

WHEREAS, the tolling of I-66 was proposed and implemented without any significant road capacity enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the Manassas Park Governing Body previously passed a similar resolution of opposition on November 4, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the tolling of I-66 Inside the Beltway has exceeded cost projections by at least twice, and has placed a burden on residents and businesses in our region; and

WHEREAS, the tolling of I-66 Inside the Beltway will be administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT); and

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

WHEREAS, there have been historical and legitimate concerns across Northern Virginia about tolling any facility that was previously free to the public, and constructed with the use of public funding;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manassas Park Governing Body does hereby oppose tolling I-66 Inside the Beltway through the Virginia Department of Transportation's I-66 Inside the Beltway Multimodal Project.

Approved: