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Greetings Ashburn District,

As my constituents, I wanted to make sure you saw that the State Corporation Commission (SCC) is looking for public input on Trip II's proposed price increase to users of the Dulles Greenway (267). [Loudoun County is opposed to Trip II's proposed rate increase](#). Below you will find more information about how much this rate increase will cost you over the next five years and information on how to participate in the [SCC's public hearing on June 30th](#). Please consider voicing your opposition as it will impact hard working families in Northern Virginia who are trying to financially recover from the economic affects of COVID19.

Because this issue is so critical to Loudoun County, I'm sending it separately so it doesn't get lost among the other news stories coming out in my regular newsletter tomorrow.

Stay Safe,

Mike Turner
Ashburn District Supervisor

Public Hearing on Greenway Toll Rate Increase

On January 23, 2020, Toll Road Investors Partnership II, L.P. (“TRIP II”) filed an application with the Virginia State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) for an increase in the maximum level of tolls on the Dulles Greenway (“Greenway”). In its application, TRIP II requests year-over-year increases in the maximum allowable toll rates for the next five years, beginning in 2021. As demonstrated in the following chart, TRIP II wants to raise rates between 6% - 7%, for each of the next five years.

	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2024	January 1, 2025
Maximum two-axel toll for all off-peak traffic	\$5.00	\$5.25	\$5.55	\$5.85	\$6.15
<i>Implied % increase</i>	5.3%	5.0%	5.7%	5.4%	5.1%
Maximum two-axel toll for peak traffic (weekday traffic in peak	\$6.15	\$6.55	\$6.95	\$7.40	\$7.90

The SCC Hearing Examiner has scheduled a telephonic public hearing to begin at **10:00 AM on June 30, 2020**. Each person wishing to comment will have up to five minutes to speak. This is a great opportunity to provide your comments about the Greenway tolls publicly and directly to the SCC.

As of today, this is the only scheduled public hearing and it is not known whether another hearing is planned. If you would like to publically comment at this hearing, you will need to provide the SCC with your name and the telephone number that you wish the SCC to call during the hearing. This information **must be provided to the SCC by 5:00 PM on June 26, 2020** by (i) filling out a form on the Commission’s website at <https://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting>; (ii) sending an email to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) calling [804-371-9141](tel:804-371-9141) during normal business hours.

Should you desire to make a public comment at the public hearing, the following is a list of points you may want to consider.

- TRIP II’s request for a rate increase on the Greenway toll road amounts to over 30% over a five-year period.
- Northern Virginia is an important engine for the Virginia economy. This is the wrong time to increase costs for already struggling workers who will just be getting back to work after the COVID crisis.

- TRIP II's rate increase request is based on projections that cannot be relied upon today, much less looking forward for five years, because they do not take into account changes in people's travel habits due to COVID.
- TRIP II's high rates already unreasonably discourage travel on the toll road. The Northern Virginia population has steadily increased while traffic on the toll road has steadily decreased.
- While traffic on the toll road has decreased, traffic on the surrounding roads has increased dramatically as drivers who cannot afford the high rates of the toll road use alternate secondary routes. These drivers have determined that any benefits offered by the Greenway are not worth the high tolls.
- Increasing traffic on nearby roads creates a burden on the surrounding communities and VDOT, as maintenance costs for these roads must be passed on to the taxpayers of Northern Virginia.

Please consider making your thoughts about the proposed increase of Greenway tolls known to the SCC. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Clark Lewis, clark.lewis@troutman.com, 804.307.8237 or Jennifer Walle, jennifer.walle@troutman.com, 804.852.7057.

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Because your voice plays such a vital role in the decision-making process, a critical role for me as your county representative is to provide you with the necessary facts to keep you informed about any and all issues affecting you or your family's quality of life. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly or my staff.

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