

### MASTER TOLLING AGREEMENT UPDATE HAMPTON ROADS EXPRESS LANE NETWORK

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#### **Master Tolling Agreement Development**

# Through the HRBT Project Administration and Funding Agreement (PAFA) VDOT committed to work collaboratively with HRTPO and HRTAC to:

- Find best operational solutions
- Define appropriate tolling policies
- Investigate financial mechanisms available to CTB and HRTAC

## While PAFA required Master Tolling Agreement (MTA) with HRTAC by Oct. 31, 2019

- Operations Study finalized in late fall 2019
- Discussion on entity to issue debt extended
  - HB1438 (2020 GA Session) provides authority to HRTAC to impose and collect tolls



#### **Master Tolling Agreement Update**

- CTB authorized the execution of HRBT PAFA between HRTAC and VDOT in March 2019
  - Whereby requiring Master Tolling Agreement (MTA)
- MTA execution prior to HRBT full notice to proceed (NTP) issued per HRTAC request
  - Earliest full NTP mid-July 2020
- VDOT and HRTAC have collaboratively developed draft MTA
  - Majority of broad terms agreed to
  - Continue to collaborate on outstanding items
- MTA requires execution from CTB, VDOT and HRTAC



#### I-64 Hampton Roads Express Lane (HREL) Network

- Defines the initial HREL
  - I-64 and Jefferson Avenue to I-64/I-264/I-664 Bowers Hill
- Sequencing and implementation
  - Goal is to create a contiguous and continuous network
- Sequencing based on project schedules and operations
- Allows for mutually agreed additions to initial HREL



#### **Procurement and Completion of HREL**

- VDOT responsible for design, right-of-way and construction
- HRTAC participates in procurement
- Continued collaboration on traffic and revenue studies
- Funding of HREL
  - HRTAC funding plan
  - VDOT assistance with TIFIA and other financing
- VDOT continue to own the HREL



#### **Tolling Operations and Maintenance**

- Operations and maintenance performed initially by VDOT then transitioned to HRTAC
  - Earliest transition High Rise Bridge segment toll day one
  - Latest transition HRBT toll day one
  - HRTAC may enter into mutually agreeable contract with VDOT to provide tolling O&M
- VDOT responsible for roadway operations and maintenance
  - Includes snow, ice and debris



#### **Tolling Policy and Procedure**

- Designation of the initial HREL as HOT Lanes
- Agree to have HRTAC exercise its tolling authority for HREL
- HRTAC has right and responsibility to set initial tolling policy
  - Hours of operation
  - Toll points
  - Comply with federal + state laws/regulations
- Allow for safe operations between HOT and adjacent GP lanes
- Prohibit use of toll booths (Electronic tolling only)
- Toll policy modifications to require review by Toll Policy Committee
  - 6 members (3 HRTAC and 3 Secretary of Transportation appointed)
- Toll rate to be set dynamically based on congestion
- Toll enforcement will be the responsibility of the operator
- Criteria established for Commissioner to suspend tolling
- Express agreement to provide free means of travel along corridor



- Toll Revenues and Toll Backed Debt
  - Establishes priority use of debt proceeds and toll revenues
  - HRTAC to regularly submit financial models
  - Parties agree to cooperate to maximize the proceeds from TIFIA
    - Minimum of \$345M debt proceeds applied to HRBT, as stipulated in PAFA
- Naming rights
  - Hampton Roads Express Lanes
- Compensation event
- Dispute resolution process



- Outstanding Issues to be Resolved
  - Toll Policy Committee dispute resolution
  - Compensation Event



