



December 1, 2013

The Honorable Sean T. Connaughton
Chairman, Commonwealth Transportation Board
1111 E. Broad St.
Richmond, VA 23219

495L-13-0031

Dear Secretary Connaughton:

The Amended and Restated Comprehensive Agreement (the "ARCA") for the 495 Express Lanes project ("the Project") created a Project Enhancement Account ("Account") with the objective of funding the costs of programs or projects reasonably related to or benefitting users of the Express Lanes. While the Account was funded by private equity as part of the 495 Express Lanes Project, Section 5.03 of the ARCA requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board ("CTB") approve any use of these funds.

Capital Beltway Express LLC ("CBE") would like to submit a formal request to the CTB to utilize Project funds from the Account to support key operations programs that benefit users by promoting safe travel for customers on the Express Lanes. Specifically, the funds will support delivery of incident response services by the Express Assist vehicles, traffic control room services and a portion of road maintenance services. These functions directly benefit Express Lanes customers and are consistent with the original intent of the Account.

The requested use of Project funding will support the cost of these services incurred by the Project between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2018, as outlined in the table below.

COST (\$'000)	CY 2013	CY 2014	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018
Incident Response Services	695	716	737	759	782	806
Road Maintenance Services (30%)	645	664	684	705	726	748
Traffic Control Room Services*	1,026	1,058	544	561	577	595

One year into operations, the 495 Express Lanes has delivered new travel choices and significant congestion relief to the Beltway corridor. An October 2013 survey found that a majority of Beltway travelers believe the project has benefited the region. Travel conditions have improved in the regular lanes, particularly at busy interchanges such as I-66 and the Beltway. Localities have commenced new transit service. Traffic continues to increase on the lanes and a majority of Express Lanes customers report they have had a positive experience on the new lanes and intend to use them again.

We appreciate your ongoing support of the Express Lanes and look forward to continuing our partnership with VDOT.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Aument
President, Capital Beltway Express

* Traffic control room services costs are expected to be shared equally with the I-95 Project from January 2015.