



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Department of Transportation
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	24 VAC 30-620-10
Regulation title	Rules, Regulations, And Rates Concerning Toll and Bridge Facilities
Action title	Increase in toll rate structure for the George P. Coleman Bridge
Final agency action date	June 16, 2005
Document preparation date	June 17, 2005

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The George P. Coleman Bridge was reconstructed and reopened on August 3, 1996, and has been operating as a toll facility since that date. The funding for the bridge reconstruction included monies from the Toll Facilities Revolving Account and through the issuance of Commonwealth Transportation Facilities Revenue Bonds. Under a Memorandum of Understanding between the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and the Commonwealth Treasury Board, the CTB covenanted to set toll rates that will at all times, without state aid, produce net revenue sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and provide contributions to a maintenance and replacement fund. Revenue collections at the George P. Coleman Bridge have been insufficient to fully fund ordinary maintenance and operations or make payments of debt service obligations without other sources of state monies. Revenue collections have also been insufficient to make deposits into a maintenance and replacement fund.

The toll rate schedule for this facility is being increased to provide a level of tolls to adequately cover ordinary maintenance and operations and to make payments of debt service obligations and deposits into a maintenance and replacement fund without using other sources of state monies.

Specific changes are discussed below:

Page 5, 24 VAC 30-620-30: Replace current George P. Coleman Bridge Toll Rate Structure with the new one.

Page 6, 24 VAC 30-620-30: Incorporate the new toll rate into the second footnote, and spell out abbreviations for “electronic toll collection” and “automatic vehicle identification” as shown.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

The Virginia Department of Transportation’s Commonwealth Transportation Board, on June 16, 2005, approved changes to 24 VAC 30-620-10, Rules, Regulations and Rates Concerning Toll and Bridge Facilities, specifically the George P. Coleman Bridge’s Toll Rate Schedule, to increase tolls, effective August 20, 2005.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is no impact on the institution of the family or on family stability as a result of this regulatory action.