

## **SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

### **NOTICE OF REMOTE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR A TOLL ADJUSTMENT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:25A-19 and -20, Executive Order No. 107 (“EO 107”),<sup>i</sup> guidance issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”),<sup>ii</sup> and newly signed A3850/S2294, P.L.2020, c.11, the South Jersey Transportation Authority (the "Authority") will conduct the originally scheduled in-person public toll hearings for a proposed adjustment to existing tolls remotely via Internet broadcast at the following times:

**Wednesday, April 1, 2020 —12:00 p.m. to 2:00 pm**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2020 — 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm**

**Thursday, April 2, 2020 — 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**PURSUANT TO EO 107, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO GATHER AND ATTEND THE REMOTE PUBLIC HEARINGS IN-PERSON.**

**IF YOU PREVIOUSLY INTENDED TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARINGS IN-PERSON, PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO VIEW AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC HEARINGS REMOTELY AS PERMITTED BY A3850/S2294, P.L.2020, C.11.**

Each of the above remote public hearings will be broadcast live on the Internet at the following address: <https://www.sjta.com> and can be viewed on most smart phones, computers, and Internet-capable devices. Recordings of the hearings will also be posted on the Authority’s website at <https://www.sjta.com> and available for viewing after the hearings are completed.

Representatives of the Authority will be available at each hearing to discuss the proposed capital plan. The public hearings are open to all person(s) wishing to remotely view, comment, or be heard with respect to the proposed adjustment to existing tolls, capital plan, and associated funding requirements.

In accordance with DCA guidance and best social-distancing practices as recommended by the State of New Jersey, the Authority will accept public comment before, during, and after the remote public hearings in the following ways:

#### **DURING THE HEARINGS:**

- (1) Individuals may call in during the public portion of the Authority’s toll hearings at the following number: **(888) 747-5272**, Conference Entry Code: **493192**. Individuals calling in during the hearing will have the opportunity to speak with representatives of the Authority live during the public hearings.

## BEFORE/AFTER THE HEARINGS:

- (1) Individuals may submit comment via e-mail to the following address:  
[publiccomment@sjta.com](mailto:publiccomment@sjta.com).
- (2) Individuals may call the following number: **(609) 965-6060 ext. 277**. Authority representatives will be available at the above number from **9 AM to 5 PM, Monday to Friday** to take public comments.
- (3) Individuals may mail comments, via U.S. Mail, hand delivery or courier, to the attention of the Executive Director, South Jersey Transportation Authority, Farley Service Plaza, P. O. Box 351, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037.

All comments received through any of the above mediums will become part of the public record. The public record will remain open until **April 20, 2020 5:00 pm**. Comments received after **April 20, 2020 5:00 pm** will not be considered.

The proposal under consideration by the Authority is:

- (1) Proposed Actions on the Atlantic City Expressway (the “Expressway”) and the Atlantic City International Airport (the “Airport”):

To adopt capital design and construction projects, as shown on Exhibit A, attached, and to adjust the calendar year 2020 toll schedule such that an average trip for a passenger vehicle would increase by no more than \$0.57.

- (2) In the case of the Expressway:

- A. Pro rata increases, similar to the proposal for passenger vehicles on the Expressway, will be applied to other classes of vehicles.
- B. Beginning in calendar year 2022, tolls are proposed to be indexed at an amount to be determined, but in no case more than three per cent (3%) annually.

In advance of the hearings, additional information may be posted on the Authority's web site, [www.sjta.com](http://www.sjta.com), from time to time.

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<sup>i</sup> Pursuant to the requirements of Executive Order No. 107 (2020), all individuals in New Jersey are required to “stay at home”, gatherings of individuals are cancelled, and all persons, entities, and agencies in the State of New Jersey must fully cooperate with the mandates of the order to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the State of New Jersey. The full text of EO 107 can be read here: <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-107.pdf>.

<sup>ii</sup> The DCA has strongly encouraged that all public meetings be held remotely, without a physical location provided, for public participation and comment. The full DCA guidance can be accessed here: <https://nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/pdf/GovConnectNotice-NewRemotePublicMeetingsGuidance.pdf>.

## EXHIBIT A

### Capital Design and Construction Projects on the Atlantic City Expressway and at the Atlantic City International Airport

No.	Project Name
1	Expressway Resurfacing
2	Interchange Lighting Improvements
3	Pleasantville Maintenance Yard Garage Replacement
4	ACE Connector, Route 30, Route 87, Route 187, AC Corridor Resurfacing
5	ACE Connector & Tunnel LED Lighting Upgrades
6	Expressway Fleet Replacement
7	All Electronic Tolling & ITS Upgrades
8	3rd Lane Widening (MP 31 to MP 44)
9	Expressway Interchange 7 Improvements
10	Expressway / ACY Direct Connector
11	Glassboro Camden Light Rail (Design Support)
12	Upgrades to Atlantic City Rail Line