

## **POLICY FOR ADOPTING TOLL SCHEDULES AND ADJUSTMENTS TO TOLL SCHEDULES**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority is authorized to fix, revise, charge and collect tolls and fees for the use of turnpike projects pursuant to G.S. § 136-89.183(5);

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Authority hereby adopts the following policy to guide the Authority in adopting toll schedules and adjustment to toll schedules as follows:

(a) Prior to the time the Authority issues bonds to finance a turnpike project, the Authority will retain the services of a Traffic and Revenue Consultant (a "Traffic Consultant") to forecast the projected traffic for the turnpike project and the toll revenues to be generated from such traffic (a "Final Traffic and Revenue Study"). Such Final Traffic and Revenue Study shall be prepared based upon, among other things, assumptions the Traffic Consultant determines to be reasonable regarding the toll schedule to be used in collecting tolls for use of the turnpike project, together with anticipated increases in such tolls.

(b) On or prior to the date a turnpike project open for service, the Authority will adopt the toll rate schedule for the use of the turnpike project. Such toll schedule may provide for toll rates based upon the factors the Authority determines appropriate, including, but not limited to, the location of the turnpike project for which the toll is collected, the type of vehicles anticipated to use the turnpike project, the method of collection of the toll (electronic, video, cash or other method) and other factors. At the time the initial toll rate schedule for a turnpike project is adopted, the Authority shall file with the Trustee a report of a Traffic Consultant to the effect that, based upon the tolls forecasted to be collected using the toll schedule adopted, the forecasted revenues of such turnpike project are forecasted to be at least at the same levels as those set forth in the Final Traffic and Revenue Study, or if such levels cannot be achieved, that the tolls are established at rates that maximize forecasted revenues..

(c) After a toll rate schedule is adopted, the tolls set forth in the toll rate schedule adopted shall be increased on each January 1 by the same percentage amounts for each year as the toll increases in the assumptions of the Traffic Consultant used in preparing the Final Traffic and Revenue Study.

(d) Notwithstanding the preceding subsection, the Authority may determine that a toll increase otherwise required to go into effect pursuant to (c) shall not go into effect as scheduled if the Authority delivers to the Trustee, prior to the January 1 when the toll increase otherwise would go into effect:

(i) a resolution of the Board, directing that the tolls shall not be increased at all or shall be increased by a lesser amount than assumed in the Final Traffic and Revenue Study;

(ii) an Officer's Certificate certifying that the Authority was in compliance with all the applicable rate covenants set forth in the bond documents for the bonds that financed the turnpike project for the most recent fiscal year; and

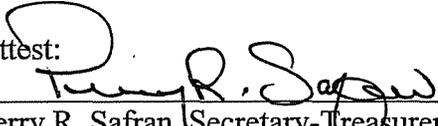
(iii) a report of a Traffic Consultant showing that for each succeeding fiscal year through the final maturity date of all debt incurred for the turnpike project, the forecasted revenues in each such fiscal year would be such that \$1 of additional senior lien indebtedness could be issued by the Authority in compliance with the requirements of the additional debt limitations set forth in the bond documents for such bonds issued to finance the turnpike project.

Adopted this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Signed:

  
Lyndo Tippett, Chairman  
North Carolina Turnpike Authority

Attest:

  
Perry R. Safran, Secretary-Treasurer  
North Carolina Turnpike Authority Board