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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 820
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “Notice” in line 2 down through “Comment” in line 3 and substitute “Required Procedures”; in line 4, strike “certain staff of”; strike beginning with “provide” in line 5 down through “proposal” in line 9 and substitute “provide an opportunity for public review and comment on a proposal to increase tolls, fees, or other charges on any part of a transportation facilities project in a certain manner before the Authority adopts the proposal; requiring the Authority to provide to the public certain information and studies in a certain manner; requiring the Authority to provide the public with an opportunity to submit certain written comments for a certain period of time; requiring the Authority to provide to the public in a certain manner a summary and analysis of certain public comments; requiring the Authority, before voting on a certain proposal, to provide certain information to the public and to each member of the Authority, provide an opportunity for public review and comment on the recommendation of the Authority, and provide and make available to the public a certain summary and analysis of certain public comments; requiring the Authority, at a certain meeting, to provide the public a reasonable amount of time to comment on a certain recommendation before the Authority votes on the recommendation; requiring the Authority to follow certain procedures required by regulations in effect as of a certain date”; strike beginning with “notice” in line 9 down through “by” in line 11; and in line 11, after “Authority” insert “and required procedures regarding proposals to increase tolls, fees, or other charges”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike beginning with “**(I)**” in line 27 on page 2 down through “**PROPOSAL**” in line 8 on page 3 and substitute:

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“(I) BEFORE THE AUTHORITY ADOPTS AN INCREASE IN TOLLS, FEES, OR OTHER CHARGES ON ANY PART OF A TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECT, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED INCREASE AT ONE OR MORE MEETINGS HELD AT A TIME AND PLACE OF CONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC IN EACH JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE INCREASE IS PROPOSED TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

“(II) AT LEAST 10 WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE FIRST MEETING UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE AUTHORITY’S OFFICIAL WEB SITE INFORMATION AND STUDIES USED IN ITS ANALYSIS TO JUSTIFY THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN TOLLS, FEES, OR OTHER CHARGES.

“(III) FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 10 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE LAST SCHEDULED MEETING FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL.

“(IV) WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE TO THE PUBLIC ON ITS OFFICIAL WEB SITE AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY A SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF THE COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE PROPOSAL.

“(4) BEFORE THE AUTHORITY VOTES ON ANY PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TOLLS, FEES, OR OTHER CHARGES ON ANY PART OF A TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECT, THE AUTHORITY SHALL:

(I) PROVIDE IN WRITING TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY AND, ON REQUEST, TO THE PUBLIC ANY RECOMMENDATION OF THE AUTHORITY REGARDING THE PROPOSAL;

(II) FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 10 WORKING DAYS AFTER MAKING ANY RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROPOSAL, PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE RECOMMENDATION;

(III) PROVIDE ON ITS OFFICIAL WEB SITE AND IN ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC RELATING TO THE PROPOSAL:

1. ANY RECOMMENDATION OF THE AUTHORITY REGARDING THE PROPOSAL; AND

2. THE TIME, PLACE, AND DATE OF THE MEETING AT WHICH THE AUTHORITY WILL VOTE ON THE PROPOSAL; AND

(IV) PROVIDE TO EACH MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC A SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED UNDER ITEM (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY THE AUTHORITY REGARDING THE AUTHORITY'S RECOMMENDATION.

(5) AT ANY MEETING IN WHICH A RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE TOLLS, FEES, OR OTHER CHARGES IS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE THE PUBLIC A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO COMMENT ON THE RECOMMENDATION BEFORE THE AUTHORITY VOTES ON THE RECOMMENDATION.

(6) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE AUTHORITY SHALL FOLLOW ANY PROCEDURES REQUIRED BY REGULATION IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2012, FOR A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE ANY TOLLS, FEES, OR OTHER CHARGES ON A TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECT’.