



# Airport Connector Update

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## AIRPORT CONNECTOR FACTS

### Project Characteristics

- Links Pocahontas 895 with Charles City Road and Airport Drive at Richmond International Airport
- 1.6 miles long with four lanes – two lanes in each direction
- Combination of cash (automatic coin collection) and fully electronic open road tolling

### Project milestones

- **June 2006:** Transurban agrees to build the Airport Connector subject to receiving a federal loan.
- **July 2007:** Federal Highway Administration approves TIFIA loan (Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act).
- **Sept. 2008:** Contract awarded for design and construction of the Airport Connector.

### Construction information and schedule

- American Infrastructure is the design-build contractor for the new road
- Design-build contract cost: \$39.5 million
- The project is estimated to be complete in early 2011

### Key project benefits

- Saving time – up to 10 minutes on trips to the airport using Pocahontas 895
- Saving gas and hassles taking a shorter, more direct route to the Airport
- Reducing congestion on surrounding local roads
- Complementing other improvements to improve safety and movement of airport traffic
- Stimulating and protecting economic growth in eastern Henrico County and the airport area by increasing commuter and freight efficiency
- Creating local economic benefits through the creation of jobs during construction



## Tolling and the Airport Connector

- Only drivers traveling to and from Interstate 295 will pay a toll. Customers who pass through the main toll plaza on Pocahontas 895 will not pay again to use the new shortcut.
- The toll will be in line with the public schedule of maximum toll caps negotiated between Transurban and the Virginia Department of Transportation. The maximum toll under the schedule when the road is due to open in 2011 is \$1.25.
- For details, see the toll price schedule at [www.Pocahontas895.com](http://www.Pocahontas895.com).

## Public-private partnership and project financing

- VDOT will own and oversee the Airport Connector
- Transurban will build, operate and maintain the Airport Connector
- The Federal Highway Administration provided Transurban with a TIFIA loan (Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act).

