

Hi. My name is Patrice Davis. I live in Rockville Maryland. I am here representing myself.

This is a public private partnership. A corporation's mission is to bring in more MONEY. Their goal is NOT bring us less congestion, NOT to worry about what working families can afford, and NOT to worry about the environment. These FOR-PROFIT HOT lanes have a REVERSE incentive. If there is MORE traffic on the rest of the highway, they can CHARGE MORE for their toll lanes. And don't forget, LESS TRAFFIC IS what we were trying to achieve. The tolls revenue will go to a private company and not to the government or to fund other transportation options.

I do not support any plan that allows wealthier people to bypass traffic, while low wealth people are subjected to more traffic. This is a short sighted plan and a tax on the poor and middle class, for not being able to afford to live close to their jobs or public transit.

PROJECTED COST of tolls have been posted different in different places. I feel like I am being intentionally mislead. Posted on the MDOT website is this slick advertisement [hold up a copy of the graphic on the MDOT website with a map showing how much time people will save] which touts that a plumber going from Tyson's Corner to National Cancer Institute in Shady Grove would pay \$3.72 in tolls. It is 11 miles from the American Legion Bridge. If the "SOFT Cap" is \$1.50 per mile and the Maximum is \$3.75 per mile...don't ask me what a soft cap is except not the maximum. If you pay \$1.50 x 11 miles is \$16.50 and if it is the Maximum \$3.75 x 11 miles=\$40.70 one way for this plumber to get to the job. That doesn't take into the account the tolls they may be paying on the Virginia side or for the Bridge. Are there additional tolls on the bridge?

In the MDOT hearing on June 29th Ms. Sharpless stated in a slide the "Weekday average tolls would be \$4.42 northbound per trip and \$3.44

Southbound per trip". Bethesda Magazine reported the average toll would be \$11.18 northbound and \$6.82 Southbound. Neither of which reported how they came up with these numbers. Both said Average Virginians pay less than \$20 per MONTH in tolls, which I find that hard to believe since I recently paid over \$35 one way South in Virginia on a non-holiday Friday afternoon.

If you can pay that, I ask you to step out of your bubble for a moment.

This is about making sure ALL OF MARYLAND has protection against highway robbery and to make sure P3 is actually a partnership. I don't understand how ANY OF YOU can be against that.