



**PAMAHALAANG LUNGSOD NG MUNTINLUPA
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RESOLUTION NO. 10-004A

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING STRONG OBJECTION TO THE EXCESSIVE AND ABRUPT INCREASES IN TOLL FEES IMPOSED BY THE SOUTH LUZON TOLLWAYS CORPORATION (SLTC) AND URGING HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT BENIGNO C. AQUINO, III TO STOP THE TOLL REGULATORY BOARD (TRB) AND THE SOUTH LUZON TOLLWAYS CORPORATION (SLTC) FROM IMPLEMENTING THE INCREASED FEES FOR BEING UNCONSTITUTIONAL, ANTI-POOR, WILL INCREASE THE TRANSPORTATION FARE AND BASIC COMMODITIES.

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WHEREAS, the South Luzon Tollways Corporation (SLTC), with the approval of the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), is set to implement an average 250% in toll fee increases covering the 27.3 – kilometer Alabang-Calamba portion of the South Luzon Tollways on August 16, 2010;

WHEREAS, the specific increase in rates, cost per kilometer and class of vehicles covered are as follows:

CLASS OF VEHICLES	OLD RATE	NEW RATE	COST PER KILOMETER
1. CLASS 1 (cars, jeepneys, pick up, vans)	Php 22.00	Php77.00	From .75 cents To Php2.73 per Kilometer
2. CLASS 2 (Light Trucks, Tourist/School/Public Utility Busses)	43.00	155.00	From Php 1.51 To Php 5.46 per Kilometer
3. CLASS 3 (Heavy Multi-AXLED/ Trucks/ Trailers)	165.00	232.00	From Php 2.27 To Php 8.19 per Kilometer

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WHEREAS, the increases are excessive and abrupt as it collectively represents a whopping 250% average increase in toll fees;

WHEREAS, the excessive and abrupt increases in toll fees is based on a construction cost of Php8,500,000,000.00 (Php8.5B) which was later increased to about Php12,000,000,000.00 (Php12B) for the rehabilitation and widening of the 1.2 kilometers Alabang Viaduct and the widening of the 27.3 kilometers Alabang to Calamba stretch of the South Luzon Tollways;

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WHEREAS, from an estimated income of Eight Million Pesos (Php8,000,000.00) per day (based on an estimated 160,000 to 180,000 vehicles using the South Luzon Tollways daily) or Two Hundred Forty Million Pesos (Php240,000,000.00) per month or Three Billion Pesos (Php3,000,000,000.00) per year, the total cost of investment amounting to Twelve Billion Pesos (Php12,000,000,000.00) can be recovered in less than five years, less maintenance costs;

WHEREAS, there is no question that toll fee increases can be made due to the improvements of the said tollways but the same must be reasonable, fair and just and spread over a longer period;

WHEREAS, more toll fee increases will be made in the succeeding years using a "built-in automatic toll rate adjustment formula" based on the Supplemental Toll Operators Agreement.

WHEREAS, the practice of the Toll Regulatory Board in granting "provisional toll fee increases" without first conducting a thorough and wide-ranging public hearings among the different sectors directly affected by such increases in particular, the people of Muntinlupa City, is deplorable as it constitutes a grave abuse of discretion on its part in the exercise of its regulatory powers;

WHEREAS, such excessive and abrupt toll fee increases is considered unconstitutional, as it did not undergo the required public hearings and consultations and is therefore tantamount to deprivation of property without due process of law;

WHEREAS, such excessive and abrupt toll fee increases will have serious consequences on hundreds of thousands of motorist and businesses plying the South Luzon Tollways who are already burdened by the high cost of gasoline and maintenance of their motor vehicles and the payment of other taxes, fees and charges, including the plan to impose 12% EVAT on toll fees;

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WHEREAS, in sum, such excessive and abrupt toll fee increases are unreasonable and anti-poor as they will result in the increase of transportation fares and prices of basic goods, other commodities and agricultural products;

WHEREAS, in view of the new rounds of toll fee increases, the South Luzon Tollways, including the Skyway, has become a road only for those who can afford, thereby restricting its use to poor motorists and travelers who constitute the bulk of our population.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the 6th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa, expressing strong objection to the excessive increase in Toll Fees imposed by the South Luzon Tollways Corporation (SLTC) and urging His Excellency, President Benigno C. Aquino, III to stop the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) and the South Luzon Tollways Corporation (SLTC) from implementing the increased fees for being unconstitutional, anti-poor will increased the transportation fare and basic commodities.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be immediately furnished His Excellency, President Benigno C. Aquino III, Hon. Secretary Jose De Jesus of the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC), Hon. Secretary Rodolfo Singson of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Hon. Speaker Sonny Belmonte of the House of Representatives, and House Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile of the Senate of the Philippines, Hon. Francis Tolentino of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and all concerned sectors of Muntinlupa City.

APPROVED, by the 6th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 16th day of August 2010, on its 6th Regular Session.

CONCURRED:

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Member

COUN. ATTY. PATRICIO L. BONCAYAO, JR.
Member

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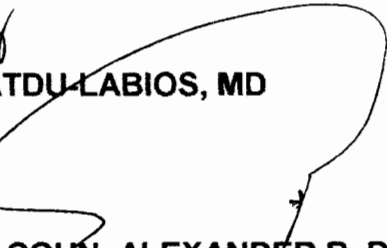
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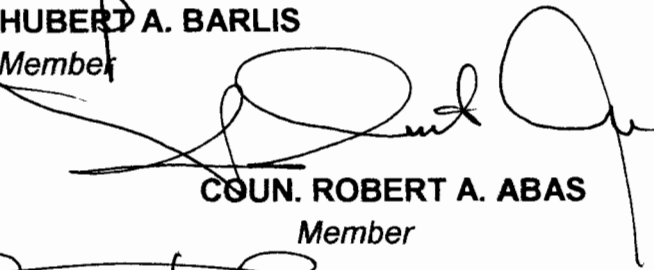

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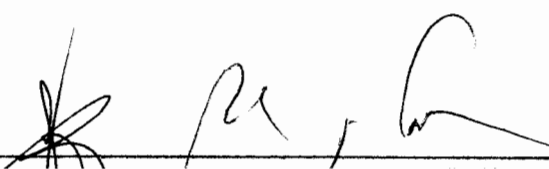

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

CECILIA C. LAZARTE
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED:

ARTEMIO A. SIMUNDAC
Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ALDRIN L. SAN PEDRO
City Mayor

Date: Aug 16, 2010

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