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Transurban Launches I-95 Corridor Community Grant Program

Operator of 95 Express Lanes encourages community investment alongside Fredericksburg Extension project

Alexandria, VA (February 4, 2019). – Today Transurban announced the launch of the 95 Express Lanes -Fredericksburg Extension (Fred Ex) Community Grant Program to provide organizations with up to \$3,000 for projects that improve the community or environment in the greater Fredericksburg region. Transurban is the operator of the 95, 495 and 395 Express Lanes in partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The quarterly grant program supports the needs of direct-impact communities in the greater Fredericksburg area during the project's construction phase. It provides organizations with grant awards to implement projects that sustain, enhance or protect residents, the community, and/or the environment along the project corridor.

"Extending the 95 Express Lanes to Fredericksburg is a critical step in addressing one of the worst congestion hot spots in the nation. Fred Ex will give residents, commuters and all travellers a new travel option to get to their jobs and families faster and more safely," said Jennifer Aument, President, Transurban North America. "But investing in physical infrastructure alone is not enough. We are committed to the long-term success of the I-95 Corridor and that means investing side-by-side with the community to improve neighborhoods and support residents."

Since 2008, Transurban has been an active member of the local community through the Express Lanes Community Grant Programs. To date, more than \$845,000 has been awarded to more than 200 organizations in Northern Virginia supporting initiatives like tree plantings, medical facilities in homeless shelters, meals on wheels, bicycle safety programs and other community initiatives. To learn more about the grant program, visit https://expresslanes.com/about#community-grant-programs.

The program accepts applications and distributes grant awards each quarter. The first application deadline for the grant program is March 31, 2019. Interested organizations and community members can learn more and apply online at <u>https://expresslanes.com/grant-application</u>.

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About the 95 Express Lanes – Fredericksburg Extension (Fred Ex) project:

The Fredericksburg Extension (Fred Ex) project will extend the existing 95 Express Lanes south 10 miles along the I-95 median. The extension will span from the current end of the Lanes, just past Route 610 in Stafford County, to the vicinity of Route 17. The project will include new access points to the existing 95 Express Lanes, construction of new ramps for access to Quantico and Old Courthouse Road, and the addition of seven new bridges. When completed, the extension will operate together with the future 395 Express Lanes as a single, fully-integrated Express Lanes corridor between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring of 2019 and the extension is slated to open to travellers in late 2022. Visit <u>expresslanes.com</u> to learn more.

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