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REMINDER ON NEW TOLL RATES FOR NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2023

Final Phase of Multi-Year Toll Revision, Rates Take Effect Midnight on May 1, 2023

Tolls Remain Among the Lowest in the Nation and Deliver Support for Infrastructure Improvements

E-ZPass Encouraged for Convenience and Cost-Effectiveness

Highland, N.Y. – The New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) is reminding Hudson Valley drivers of new toll rates set to take effect at midnight on May 1, 2023. These rates are the final phase of the Authority's four-year toll revision that was initiated in 2020. Tolls are collected while traveling eastbound on the Authority's five toll crossings: the Bear Mountain, Newburgh-Beacon, Mid-Hudson, Kingston-Rhinecliff, and Rip Van Winkle Bridges. All tolls are paid through E-ZPass or Tolls by Mail NY and are reinvested back into the Authority's capital projects.

The following rates will be effective starting May 1, 2023:

Vehicle Description	E:ZPass	TOLLS BY MAIL
Class 1 (Cars, Pick-ups & Motorcycles) 2 axles, Less than 7'6"	\$1.65	\$2.15
(Passenger vehicles only, minimum of 17 trips each month)	\$1.40	N/A
<u>Class 2</u> 2 axles, more than 7'6"	\$6.10	\$8.00
Commercial Vehicles		
2 axles	\$6.10	\$8.00
3 axles	\$9.15	\$12.00
4 axles	\$12.20	\$16.00
5 axles	\$15.25	\$20.00
6 axles	\$18.30	\$24.00
Other_		
Extra axle (w/class 1)	\$1.30	\$1.70
Extra axle (w/classes 2-6)	\$3.05	\$4.00

The new rates are the fourth and final phase of a four-year, phased-in toll revision on the spans operated by the Bridge Authority. Starting in 2020, the Bridge Authority began an incremental increase in toll rates on May 1 of each year, with the final phase taking effect on May 1, 2023. Passenger cars with E-ZPass, which make up the majority of customers, have seen an increase of \$0.10 each year during the toll revision. The toll rate schedule was approved in early 2020 after a lengthy public review and regulatory process.

Toll Dollars at Work

The Authority receives no operating funding through state or federal tax dollars, with nearly all of its revenue coming through tolls. Tolls are reinvested back into capital improvements on the Authority's spans, ensuring these critical pieces of infrastructure can continue serving the Hudson Valley for decades to come. Most notable among these projects in recent years has been the replacement of the deck on the north span (carrying westbound traffic) of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge. That project reached substantial completion in September 2022, nine months ahead of its original schedule, and is expected to be fully completed by June 2023.

In March 2022, the Authority completed its transition to cashless tolling, with motorists now passing under tolling gantries at each bridge. <u>E-ZPass</u> users have their tag read by sensors; all other vehicles have a photo taken of their license plate and a <u>Tolls by Mail NY</u> invoice is sent to the registered vehicle owner's mailing address. Tolls can also be paid through the award-winning <u>Tolls NY</u> mobile app.

Savings and Convenience through E-ZPass

The Bridge Authority continues to encourage the traveling public to sign up for E-ZPass to take advantage of convenience, lower toll rates, and seamless travel throughout the eastern United States. E-ZPass tags can be procured online at <u>www.e-zpassny.com</u> or at select retail locations around the state. E-ZPass users are able to sign up for <u>special discount programs</u>, including the NYSBA Commuter Plan. Payments are accepted through credit and debit cards, checking accounts, and now <u>cash payments</u> through Vanilla Direct locations.

Information on the toll revision and the conversion to cashless tolling is available on the Authority's website at <u>www.nysba.ny.gov</u>.

The New York State Bridge Authority

The New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) operates the Bear Mountain, Newburgh-Beacon, Mid-Hudson, Kingston-Rhinecliff and Rip Van Winkle Bridges. It also owns and maintains the structure of the Walkway Over the Hudson pedestrian bridge. The Authority receives no operating funding through state or federal tax dollars, with nearly all of its revenue coming through tolls. Tolls are reinvested back into capital improvements on the Authority's spans, ensuring these critical pieces of infrastructure can continue serving the Hudson Valley for decades to come. Learn more at www.nysba.ny.gov.