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DRBA Implements New Cash Toll Rate on Delaware Memorial Bridge *Effective April 1, 2025; Encourage Customers to Convert to E-ZPass Usage*

NEW CASTLE, Del. – Effective April 1, 2025, the Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) will implement a new cash toll rate for all vehicle classes at the Delaware Memorial Bridge. This first phase of a two-phased toll structure plan establishes a cash toll rate of \$6.00 for passenger vehicles and an additional \$1 per axle for commercial vehicles. The DRBA Commission approved Resolution 24-54 at its November 2024 monthly meeting, which set into motion the two-phased plan for bridge toll rates.

“This first phase affects only cash paying customers at the Delaware Memorial Bridge,” said DRBA Executive Director Thomas J. Cook. “Because all E-ZPass rates – including commuter and discount plans - are unchanged, approximately 79% of our customers will not be impacted with this new toll rate. The goal of this initial phase is to encourage Delaware Memorial Bridge users to transition to E-ZPass.”

Cook noted that neighboring toll agencies are expected to proceed with cashless tolling operations soon and that the Authority needs to be prepared for that eventuality. DRBA Executive Director Thomas J. Cook. “Our first goal is to increase E-ZPass penetration among Delaware Memorial Bridge customers at or greater than 90%, with the second objective of setting toll rates sufficient to fund an aggressive capital improvement program for our crossing facilities in subsequent years” Cook added. “Significant investment in our infrastructure, which is dictated by its age, condition, operating environment and heavy volume of usage, continues to be our top priority.”

All New York Toll Agencies, Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority, and Maryland Transportation Authority are all cashless while Delaware’s newest toll facility, US 301, opened all cashless. The Atlantic City Expressway is expected to go live with cashless tolling next year.

The second phase of the toll structure plan will be effective no earlier than January 1, 2027, and would affect all toll classifications.

DELAWARE MEMORIAL BRIDGE TOLL RATE SCHEDULE
Phase I -- April 1, 2025

	N0. OF AXLES	E-ZPass	CASH ¹
PASSENGER CARS (DE-NJ E-ZPass) Including: All Four Tire and less Types (excludes Oversize Tires): SUV, Vans, Pickups & Motorcycles	2	\$4.75	N/A
PASSENGER CARS (Other E-ZPass and Cash) Including: All Four Tire and less Types (excludes Oversize Tires): SUV, Vans, Pickups & Motorcycles	2	\$5.00	\$6.00
COMMUTATION DISCOUNT \$27.50 for 22 trips, valid for 30 days Issued only to Passenger Cars	2	\$1.25	N/A
FREQUENT TRAVELER DISCOUNT \$45.00 for 20 trips, valid for 90 days Issued only to Passenger Cars	2	\$2.25	N/A
PASSENGER CAR W/ ONE AXLE TRAILER	3	\$7.50	\$9.00
PASSENGER CAR W/ TWO AXLE TRAILER	4	\$10.00	\$12.00
PASSENGER CAR W/ THREE AXLE TRAILER	5	\$12.50	\$15.00
TWO AXLE TRUCKS Including: All Six and Oversize Tire Types, Buses & Tractors	2	\$12.00	\$14.00
THREE AXLES TRUCKS OR COMBINATION Including: Tractors of Combination Tractor & Trailer Buses (All Three Axle Types)	3	\$21.00	\$24.00
FOUR AXLE TRUCKS OR COMBINATION Including: Tractor or Combination Tractor & Trailer	4	\$28.00	\$32.00
FIVE AXLE TRUCKS OR COMBINATION Any combination of axles amounting to five axles	5	\$35.00	\$40.00
SIX AXLE TRUCKS OR COMBINATION Any combination of axles amounting to six axles	6	\$42.00	\$48.00
SPECIAL PERMIT Any over width vehicle	N/A	\$85.00	\$95.00
SPECIALS Any combination of axles over six axles	per axle	\$7.00	\$8.00

The DRBA held two in-person public hearings and one virtual public hearing to inform bridge stakeholders concerning the goals and objectives of a two-phase toll increase plan at the Delaware Memorial Bridge, detail vital capital infrastructure investments at the Authority's aging and heavily utilized crossing facilities, provide information on the proposed new rate structure, and solicit public comment. The events were sparsely attended.

In future years, revenue projections will be insufficient to provide borrowing capacity or cash revenue to fund necessary infrastructure investment projects, which are expected to cost more than \$550 million over the next five years. The following are some of the major capital projects planned at Delaware Memorial Bridge and Cape May – Lewes Ferry during the next several years: Bridge Paint Removal and Recoating (\$37.1 million); Suspension Rope Replacement (\$11.5 million); Bridge Steelwork Repairs (\$52.7 million); Worker Safety/Fall Protection (\$11 million) Ship Collision Protection System (\$30 million); Cashless Tolling (\$21 million); Route 295 Bridge 1 Widening (\$11.5 million); and New Vessel Program at the Cape May – Lewes Ferry (\$60 million).

About the Delaware River and Bay Authority

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, and the Forts Ferry Crossing. The DRBA also manages two airports in New Jersey (Millville Executive Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (Wilmington Airport, Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities. For more information, visit www.drba.net.