

# NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA), the State agency that owns, finances, operates and maintains Maryland's toll facilities, proposed on June 2, 2011, increasing toll rates for its toll facilities. The proposed toll rates would be phased in as follows:

Facility	Passenger Cars/Light Trucks (Two-axle Vehicles)			
	Effective	Commuters <sup>1,2</sup>	E-ZPass MD <sup>1</sup>	Cash/Base <sup>3</sup>
Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (I-895) Fort McHenry Tunnel (I-95, I-395) Francis Scott Key Bridge (I-695) (Two-way toll collection)	Current Toll	\$0.40	\$2.00	\$2.00
	10/1/2011	\$0.90	\$2.70	\$3.00
	7/1/2013	\$1.40	\$3.60	\$4.00
John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway (I-95) Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge (US 40) (One-way toll collection)	Current Toll	\$0.80	\$5.00	\$5.00
	10/1/2011	\$1.80	\$5.40	\$6.00
	7/1/2013	\$2.80	\$7.20	\$8.00
William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial (Bay) Bridge (US 50/301) (One-way toll collection)	Current Toll	\$1.00	\$2.50	\$2.50
	10/1/2011	\$1.50	\$4.50	\$5.00
	7/1/2013	\$2.80	\$7.20	\$8.00
Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge (US 301) (One-way toll collection)	Current Toll	\$0.60	\$3.00	\$3.00
	10/1/2011	\$1.50	\$4.50	\$5.00
	7/1/2013	\$2.80	\$7.20	\$8.00

## Other Components of Proposal Effective Oct. 1, 2011:

- Provide a 10% discount off the two-axle Cash/Base rate to *E-ZPass* Maryland customers.<sup>1</sup>
- Replace the \$3 Notice of Toll Due fee with a Video Toll rate<sup>5</sup> that is 25% above the Cash/Base rate.
- Replace the \$3 Notice of Toll Due fee with Video Toll rate<sup>5</sup> ranges that are 25% above the current rate ranges for the Intercounty Connector (ICC)/ MD 200.
- Eliminate the Shoppers Program at the Bay Bridge.
- Eliminate the ticket programs at the Hatem Bridge.
- Replace the \$10 AVI Decal at the Hatem Bridge with an *E-ZPass* Discount Plan that provides unlimited trips for \$36 per year (effective 10/1/2011) and \$72 per year (effective 7/1/2013).<sup>6</sup>
- Effective 1/1/2012, reduce post-usage discounts for *E-ZPass* Maryland business accounts to 10%, 15% and 20%.

Facility	Effective	Vehicles with Three or More Axles			
		3-axle	4-axle	5-axle	6+-axle
		Cash/E-ZPass <sup>4</sup>	Cash/E-ZPass <sup>4</sup>	Cash/E-ZPass <sup>4</sup>	Cash/E-ZPass <sup>4</sup>
Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (I-895) Fort McHenry Tunnel (I-95, I-395) Francis Scott Key Bridge (I-695) (Two-way toll collection)	Current Toll	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$15.00
	1/1/2012	\$9.00	\$14.00	\$18.00	\$23.00
	7/1/2013	\$12.00	\$18.00	\$24.00	\$30.00
John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway (I-95) Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge (US 40) (One-way toll collection)	Current Toll	\$15.00	\$23.00	\$30.00	\$38.00
	1/1/2012	\$18.00	\$27.00	\$36.00	\$45.00
	7/1/2013	\$24.00	\$36.00	\$48.00	\$60.00
William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial (Bay) Bridge (US 50/301) (One-way toll collection)	Current Toll	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$18.00
	1/1/2012	\$15.00	\$23.00	\$30.00	\$38.00
	7/1/2013	\$24.00	\$36.00	\$48.00	\$60.00
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	1/1/2012	\$15.00	\$23.00	\$30.00	\$38.00
	7/1/2013	\$24.00	\$36.00	\$48.00	\$60.00

<sup>1</sup> *E-ZPass* Maryland accounts with properly mounted transponder only.

<sup>2</sup> Uniform 70% discount off the two-axle cash/base rate.

<sup>3</sup> Cash tolls are the base rate for each vehicle/axle class.

<sup>4</sup> Cash/*E-ZPass* tolls for vehicles with three or more axles are based on the two-axle base rate times the appropriate multiplier rounded up to the nearest dollar.

<sup>5</sup> A Video Toll rate is assessed when a driver travels through a toll plaza without a valid *E-ZPass* or cash payment or travels the ICC without a valid *E-ZPass*.

<sup>6</sup> *E-ZPass* monthly account fee and transponder cost would apply.

For more information visit [www.mdta.maryland.gov](http://www.mdta.maryland.gov).

## Public Hearings:

Nine public hearings will be held by the MDTA Board to receive public and private testimony for the proposed toll increases. The hearings will be held from 5:30 - 8 p.m. on the following dates (5:30 - 6 p.m. sign-in and displays; 6 p.m. formal presentation and testimony begin. The public is encouraged to arrive promptly at 5:30 p.m. Registration for public comment will close at 7:45 p.m.):

### June 9, 2011

Shady Grove Middle School  
8100 Midcounty Hwy., Gaithersburg, MD

### June 13, 2011

Digital Harbor High School  
1100 Covington St., Baltimore, MD

### June 14, 2011

High Point High School  
3601 Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville, MD

### June 15, 2011

Kent Island High School  
900 Love Point Rd., Stevensville, MD

### June 16, 2011

Perryville High School  
1696 Perryville Rd., Perryville, MD

### June 20, 2011

Severn River Middle School  
241 Peninsula Farm Rd., Arnold, MD

### June 21, 2011

Dundalk Middle School  
7400 Dunmanway, Baltimore, MD

### June 22, 2011

Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary School  
12872 Rock Point Rd., Newburg, MD

### June 27, 2011

Havre de Grace Activity Center  
351 Lewis Ln., Havre de Grace, MD

## Public Comments:

Members of the public may submit comments for the official record by 5 p.m. on August 1, 2011, by visiting [www.mdta.maryland.gov](http://www.mdta.maryland.gov); writing to MDTA Toll Comment, 2310 Broening Highway, Baltimore, MD, 21224; or attending a public hearing.



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The MDTA Board plans to consider the matter for final action in a public meeting later this summer. The meeting details and approved tolling plan will be posted to [www.mdta.maryland.gov](http://www.mdta.maryland.gov).

Public hearing sites will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign-language interpreters, real-time captioning and assistive listening devices can be provided upon request. Individuals who require these accommodations or auxiliary aids should contact the MDTA's Division of Communications at 410.537.1017 (711 for MD Relay) no later than three business days before the date of the hearing they wish to attend.

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