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Notice of Public Hearings

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is seeking the public's comments on toll and fare increases on the bridge, tunnel and Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH) rail system components of the Port Authority's Interstate Transportation Network.

Toll Proposal:

George Washington Bridge, Lincoln Tunnel, Holland Tunnel, Goethals Bridge, Outerbridge Crossing, Bayonne Bridge

Tolls are collected entering New York. No tolls are collected entering New Jersey.

Current peak hours: Weekdays 6-9 a.m., 4-7 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 12 noon - 6 p.m. Proposed peak hours: Weekdays 6-10 a.m., 4-8 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Current off-peak hours: All other times and six holidays. Proposed off-peak hours: All other times.

Current weekday overnight hours for trucks: 12 Midnight - 6 a.m. weekdays. Proposed weekday overnight hours for trucks: Sunday - Thursday beginning at 10 p.m. - 6 a.m.

Class 1 vehicles - two axles, single rear wheels: E-ZPass off-peak will increase from \$6.00 to \$10.00 in 2011 and to \$12.00 in 2014; E-ZPass peak will increase from \$8.00 to \$12.00 in 2011 and to \$14.00 in 2014; and cash tolls at all times will increase from \$8.00 to \$15.00 in 2011 and to \$17.00 in 2014.

Class 2 vehicles - two axles, dual rear wheels: E-ZPass off-peak will increase from \$14.00 to \$26.00 in 2011 and to \$30.00 in 2014; E-ZPass peak will increase from \$16.00 to \$28.00 in 2011 and to \$32.00 in 2014; E-ZPass weekday overnight for trucks will remain at \$11.00 in 2011 and increase to \$15.00 in 2014; and cash tolls at all times will increase from \$16.00 to \$34.00 in 2011 and to \$38.00 in 2014.

Class 3 vehicles - three axles: E-ZPass off-peak will increase from \$21.00 to \$39.00 in 2011 and to \$45.00 in 2014; E-ZPass peak will increase from \$24.00 to \$42.00 in 2011 and to \$48.00 in 2014; E-ZPass weekday overnight for trucks will remain at \$16.50 in 2011 and increase to \$22.50 in 2014; and cash tolls at all times will increase from \$24.00 to \$51.00 in 2011 and to \$57.00 in 2014.

Class 4 vehicles - four axles: E-ZPass off-peak will increase from \$28.00 to \$52.00 in 2011 and to \$60.00 in 2014; E-ZPass peak will increase from \$32.00 to \$56.00 in 2011 and to \$64.00 in 2014; E-ZPass weekday overnight for trucks will remain at \$22.00 in 2011 and increase to \$30.00 in 2014; and cash tolls at all times will increase from \$32.00 to \$68.00 in 2011 and to \$76.00 in 2014.

Class 5 vehicles - five axles: E-ZPass off-peak will increase from \$35.00 to \$65.00 in 2011 and to \$75.00 in 2014; E-ZPass peak will increase from \$40.00 to \$70.00 in 2011 and to \$80.00 in 2014; E-ZPass weekday overnight for trucks will remain at \$27.50 in 2011 and increase to \$37.50 in 2014; and cash tolls at all times will increase from \$40.00 to \$85.00 in 2011 and to \$95.00 in 2014.

Class 6 vehicles - six axles or more, or combination of vehicles totaling at least six axles: E-ZPass off-peak will increase from \$42.00 to \$78.00 in 2011 and to \$90.00 in 2014, with \$13.00 additional for each axle over six in 2011 and \$15.00 in 2014; up from \$7.00; E-ZPass peak will increase from \$48.00 to \$84.00 in 2011 and to \$96.00 in 2014, with \$14.00 additional for each axle over six in 2011 and \$16.00

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in 2014; up from \$8.00; E-ZPass weekday overnight for trucks will remain at \$33.00 in 2011 and increase to \$45.00 in 2014, with each additional axle over six remaining at \$5.00 in 2011 and increasing to \$7.50 in 2014; and cash tolls at all times will increase from \$48.00 to \$102.00 in 2011 and to \$114.00 in 2014, with \$17.00 additional for each axle over six in 2011 and \$19.00 in 2014, up from \$8.00.

Class 7 vehicles - recreational vehicles and Class 1 and 11 vehicles with trailers: E-ZPass off-peak will increase from \$11.00 to \$21.00 in 2011 and to \$25.00 in 2014, with \$11.00 additional for each axle over three in 2011 and \$13.00 in 2014, up from \$5.00; E-ZPass peak will increase from \$13.00 to \$23.00 in 2011 and to \$27.00 in 2014, with \$11.00 additional for each axle over three in 2011 and \$13.00 in 2014, up from \$5.00; and cash tolls at all times will increase from \$13.00 to \$29.00 in 2011 and to \$33.00 in 2014, with \$14.00 additional for each axle over three in 2011 and \$16.00 in 2014, up from \$5.00.

Class 8 vehicles - two-axle buses and mini-buses: E-ZPass off-peak will increase from \$4.00 to \$10.00 in 2011 and to \$12.00 in 2014; E-ZPass peak will increase from \$4.00 to \$10.00 in 2011 and to \$12.00 in 2014; and cash tolls at all times will increase from \$6.00 to \$20.00 in 2011 and to \$22.00 in 2014.

Class 9 vehicles - three-axle buses and mini-buses: E-ZPass off-peak will increase from \$4.00 to \$10.00 in 2011 and to \$12.00 in 2014; E-ZPass peak will increase from \$4.00 to \$10.00 in 2011 and to \$12.00 in 2014; and cash tolls at all times will increase from \$6.00 to \$20.00 in 2011 and to \$22.00 in 2014.

Class 11 vehicles - motorcycles: E-ZPass off-peak will increase from \$5.00 to \$9.00 in 2011 and to \$11.00 in 2014; E-ZPass peak will increase from \$7.00 to \$11.00 in 2011 and to \$13.00 in 2014; and cash tolls at all times will increase from \$7.00 to \$14.00 in 2011 and to \$16.00 in 2014.

Carpool Plan - Class 1 or 11 vehicles with three or more people: E-ZPass off-peak will increase from \$2.00 to \$6.00 in 2011 and to \$8.00 in 2014; and E-ZPass peak will increase from \$2.00 to \$6.00 in 2011 and to \$8.00 in 2014.

GREENPass - eligible low-emission Class 1 vehicles: E-ZPass off-peak will remain at \$4.00 in 2011 and increase to \$6.00 in 2014; and E-ZPass peak will increase from \$8.00 to \$12.00 in 2011 and to \$14.00 in 2014.

The Port Authority Staten Island Bridges Plan - The plan will increase from \$80 to \$120 for 20 trips in a 35-day period at the Goethals Bridge, Outerbridge Crossing and Bayonne Bridge in 2011; and the plan will increase to \$140 for 20 trips in a 35-day period in 2014.

PATH Fare Proposal

The basic PATH fare will increase from \$1.75 per trip to \$2.75 in 2011. The fare for 10-, 20- and 40-trip SmartLink cards will increase from \$1.50 per trip to \$2.10 in 2011. The 1-day pass will increase from \$6.00 to \$8.25 in 2011. The 7-day pass will increase from \$18.00 to \$29.00 in 2011. The 30-day pass will increase from \$54.00 to \$89.00 in 2011. The senior fare will remain \$1.00.

The toll and fare increase in 2011 is expected to result in approximately \$720 million of additional annual revenue and the toll and fare increase in 2014 is expected to result in approximately \$290 million of additional annual revenue.

The Port Authority will conduct nine public hearings to provide more information and give the public the opportunity to comment on the toll and fare increases on August 16, 2011, at the following locations:

Newark Liberty International Airport
1 Conrad Road
Building 157, Bay 3
Newark, NJ 07114
973-961-6161
8 a.m.

Port Authority Technical Center
241 Erie Street, Room 212
Jersey City, NJ 07310
201-216-2700
8 a.m.

Port Ivory/Howland Hook
40 Western Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10303
718-330-2950
8 a.m.

Port Authority Bus Terminal
625 8th Avenue
Times Square Conference Room - 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10018
212-502-2240
8 a.m.

George Washington Bridge Administration Building
220 Bruce Reynolds Way
Conference Room
Fort Lee, NJ 07024
201-346-4005
6 p.m.

Holland Tunnel Administration Building,
13th Street & Provost Street
Conference Room
Jersey City, NJ 07310
201-360-5021
6 p.m.

George Washington Bridge Bus Station
4211 Broadway
Lower Level Conference Room
New York, NY 10033
201-346-4005
6 p.m.

John F. Kennedy International Airport
Port Authority Administration
Building 14, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Jamaica, NY 11430
718-244-3501
6 p.m.

Online Hearing, 2 p.m. www.panynj.gov

Those wishing to speak at one or more of the public hearings are encouraged to pre-register online at www.panynj.gov or by telephone at 212-435-6916. Prospective speakers may also register at the hearing location, and will be scheduled to speak after the pre-registered speakers have completed their statements. Deadline to register is 30 minutes after the start of each hearing. Comments will be limited to three minutes. Please refer to the Port Authority Web site, www.panynj.gov, for more information.

Written comments may be mailed to:
Public Hearing Comments
225 Park Avenue South, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10003

Comments submitted online will be accepted through 6 p.m., August 16, 2011, via the web site www.panynj.gov