

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

I-95 EXPRESS TOLL LANESSM (ETL) TOLLING PLAN

On September 19, 2013, the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA), the State agency that owns, finances, operates and maintains Maryland's eight toll facilities, proposed the tolling plan shown below for the **I-95 Express Toll LanesSM** (the eight miles of I-95 from the I-895 interchange in Baltimore City to north of MD 43 in White Marsh). The two new ETL will run adjacent to the four existing general-purpose (non-tolled) lanes in each direction of I-95 and are scheduled to open in late 2014. The opening date is subject to change. Tolls will be collected via *E-ZPass* and Video Tolling only.

Public Hearings:

Three **public hearings** will be held by the MDTA Board to receive public and private testimony about the proposed tolling plan. The meetings will be held from 6 - 9 p.m. Sign-in and displays will occur from 6 - 7 p.m., and a formal presentation and testimony will begin at 7 p.m. The public may arrive any time between 6 and 8:30 p.m., as registration for public testimony will close at 8:30 p.m.

October 7, 2013

Patterson High School
100 Kane Street
Baltimore, MD 21224

October 10, 2013

Perry Hall Middle School
4300 Ebenezer Road
Baltimore, MD 21236

October 15, 2013

Patterson Mill High School
85 Patterson Mill Road
Bel Air, MD 21015

Public hearing sites will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require auxiliary aids should contact the MDTA at 410.537.1017 (711 for MD Relay) no later than three business days before the date of the hearing they wish to attend.

Public Comments:

Members of the public may submit comments for the official record on the I-95 Express Toll Lanes tolling plan by 5 p.m. on November 4, 2013, by visiting mdta.maryland.gov; by writing to MDTA I-95 Express Toll Lanes Toll Comment, 2310 Broening Highway, Baltimore MD, 21224; or by providing testimony at a public hearing.

The MDTA Board plans to consider the matter for final action in a public meeting on December 12, 2013. The meeting details, proposed plan for final action and approved tolling plan will be posted to mdta.maryland.gov.

Proposed Tolling Plan Southbound and Northbound (Fall 2014)

E-ZPass Mileage Rate Ranges:					
	2-axle/ motorcycle Per mile	3-axle Per mile	4-axle Per mile	5-axle Per mile	6-axle+ Per mile
Peak¹	\$0.25 - \$0.35	\$0.75 - \$1.05	\$1.13 - \$1.58	\$1.50 - \$2.10	\$1.88 - \$2.63
Off-Peak³	\$0.20 - \$0.30	\$0.60 - \$0.90	\$0.90 - \$1.35	\$1.20 - \$1.80	\$1.50 - \$2.25
Overnight²	\$0.10 - \$0.30	\$0.30 - \$0.90	\$0.45 - \$1.35	\$0.60 - \$1.80	\$0.75 - \$2.25

1 Peak Pricing Periods:

Southbound:

Monday - Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Northbound:

Monday - Friday, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

2 Overnight Pricing Periods:

Southbound and Northbound:

Monday - Sunday, 9:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.

3 Off-Peak Pricing Periods: all other times

ADDITIONAL TOLLING PARAMETERS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

- On certain holidays and the days immediately before and after, the MDTA will apply the pricing period for the day of the week that most closely resembles the travel patterns during the holiday period. The MDTA Executive Secretary will announce the affected dates and pricing periods that apply for the new year at the December MDTA Board Meeting prior to the start of the new year.

NOTES:

- The tolling length is seven miles.
- Video Toll Rate ranges are 150% of the *E-ZPass* mileage rate ranges. There is a minimum video surcharge of \$1 and a maximum of \$15.
- The *E-ZPass* Maryland 10% discount for two-axle vehicles does not apply to the toll on the ETL.
- The MDTA Executive Secretary is authorized to make changes within the approved toll rate ranges with at least 10 days notice to the public.
- The MDTA Executive Secretary is authorized to adjust the start and end of pricing periods by up to 60 minutes based on observed traffic patterns.
- Changes to the overall tolling plan once approved by the MDTA Board require public hearings and a public-comment period.



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