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MTA Bridges and Tunnels E-ZPass Makes for Easy Weekend Getaways

If the mode of travel is by car this summer, E-ZPass beats cash every time—whether the road leads to the shore, the country, north, south, east, or west.

Signing up for the electronic toll collection system known as E-ZPass saves time, money and gas for even the most occasional traveler, not only during summer but all year round. Applications are available upon request at any cash lane of MTA Bridges and Tunnels' nine crossings that link the five boroughs of New York City. Another option that enables motorists to get a tag even faster is "E-ZPass-on-the-Go," a \$30 pre-paid tag on sale at 132 select retail locations in Manhattan, the Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn and Long Island, including all 100 Pay-O-Matic check-cashing stores, select 7-Elevens, gas stations and pharmacies. The customer can use up to \$20 to pay tolls immediately; \$10 is a deposit on the tag. For further information visit: www.ezpassny.com

"About 75% of our customers already reap the benefits of E-ZPass, and we want everyone to know that travel is more efficient and economical with a tag, even if trips are special occasion-only," said the agency's Acting President David Moretti. "E-ZPass speeds the flow of traffic at our bridges and tunnels, which is also better for the environment," Moretti added.

The savings add up: E-ZPass costs \$4.15—vs. \$5.00 when paying with cash—for one-way crossing at the Triborough, Throgs Neck and Bronx-Whitestone Bridges and Brooklyn-Battery and Queens Midtown Tunnels. The roundtrip toll on the Verrazano-Narrows (collected Staten Island-bound only) drops to \$8.30 for E-ZPass tag-holders from \$10.00 for cash payers; one-way on the Henry Hudson Bridge costs \$1.90 with E-ZPass and \$2.75 with cash; and \$1.55 is the toll for one-way to the Rockaways via the Marine Parkway and Cross Bay Bridges, compared to \$2.50 with cash.

E-ZPass is good at 22 agencies across the eastern United States, from New York to Illinois and Maine to Virginia. For general information about E-ZPass, visit the website at: www.ezpassny.com or call 1-800-333-TOLL.

If planning to use the MTA's bridges and tunnels during heavily trafficked summer weekends, here are a few tips for smart travel:

- Avoid delays in the toll lanes by mounting your E-ZPass on the windshield after you buckle up and before you drive away from the curb.
- Customers should look for signs directing them to **E-ZPass** or **Cash Only** lanes as needed.
- Leave as early as possible for your destination and check weather forecasts that may affect roadway conditions. Specific information on bridges and tunnels, as well as public mass transit, is available at: www.mta.info

MTA Bridges and Tunnels' facilities, which connect the five boroughs of New York City, are the Triborough, Throgs Neck, Bronx-Whitestone, Henry Hudson, Verrazano-Narrows, Cross Bay Veterans Memorial and Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Bridges, and the Queens Midtown and Brooklyn-Battery Tunnels.

Photo caption: Busy Cash-only lanes contrast with clear E-ZPass lanes at Throgs Neck Bridge toll plaza.



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