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### Easy Access to Truck Customer Info on MTA Website

Truckers can now go to a special online page at MTA Bridges and Tunnels' Internet home to access all the information they need about using the agency's nine crossings in New York City, including weight and size restrictions, hazardous materials rules, facility contacts for special permits, and toll rates.

The *Trucker Information* page can be found by going to [mta.info](#) under MTA Bridges and Tunnels. The page is designed to better serve trucking and commercial vehicle operator customers.

"Well-informed truck customers are important to overall safe operations at our facilities, which is our highest priority" said James Fortunato, Chief of Special Operations for the agency.

The *Trucker Information* page is a convenient feature that provides commercial operators with information about using the authority's seven bridges and two tunnels: the Bronx-Whitestone, Throgs Neck, Verrazano-Narrows, Robert F. Kennedy (formerly Triborough), Henry Hudson, Cross Bay Veterans Memorial, Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial Bridges, and the Queens Midtown and Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel.

Trucks and commercial vehicles make up 6% of traffic at the agency's crossings. About 85% of these vehicles use E-ZPass, which offers a discounted toll rate, reduces overall congestion and saves gas. Among the bridges with the most truck customers are the Verrazano-Narrows, Throgs Neck, Bronx-Whitestone and the Robert F. Kennedy.

Commercial vehicles using the agency's facilities must comply with the New York State bridge formula and MTA Bridges and Tunnels regulations, or follow special handling instructions as noted via the website page. There is also a direct link to the [NYS DOT's Overweight Vehicle Information](#) section, which provides further specifics on the bridge formula (a reckoning of number and spacing of axles relative to load carried).

Bridge and Tunnel Officers at all agency facilities that allow trucks consistently perform routine permit, manifest and weight checks on trucks, in addition to enforcement by the truck unit from the Special Operations Division. There is a designated "check point" area where trucks are inspected, to avoid interference with toll plaza traffic flow. The officers are trained to recognize safety violations and overweight indicators to ensure that the structural integrity of the facilities and public safety are protected.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels' nine facilities connect the five boroughs of New York City and serve more than 830,000 daily customers.

**Photo caption: Truck check point at one of MTA Bridges and Tunnels' facilities. For information about trucks and commercial vehicles at B&T's crossings, go to the agency's page at [mta.info](#) and click on the "Trucker Information" section.**



