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Bridges & Tunnels IMMEDIATE

E-ZPass Is The Way To Go When Tolls Increase at MTA Bridges and Tunnels At 2 AM Thurs., Dec. 30th

Tolls on MTA's seven bridges and two tunnels will go up at ***2 AM on Thurs., Dec. 30th*** , increasing to $6.50 at most crossings for cash customers and increasing 23–cents to $4.80 at most crossings for E–ZPass customers.

The difference between the cash and E–ZPass tolls encourages the use of E–ZPass, which is good for customers, is good for the environment and helps keep traffic moving. Approximately 75 percent of all customers currently use E–ZPass at MTA crossings.

Customers looking for the best value can open an account with the New York E–ZPass Customer Service Center by calling 1–800 333–TOLL or visiting the website at www.ezpassny.com. Anyone can open an account with the New York E–ZPass Customer Service Center (NYCSC).

With a NYCSC tag, the difference between cash and E–ZPass tolls ranges from $1.45 to $1.80 depending on the crossing. For a complete list of car and truck crossing charges, please visit www.mta.info. The toll changes will be displayed on electronic message signs at MTA toll plazas. Customers can also request toll rate cards at cash booths.

Customers also have the option of purchasing a pre–paid, ready to use E–ZPass On–the–Go tag (a great holiday gift idea) at one of 365 locations throughout New York City and Long Island. For a list of retailers who sell On–the–Go tags visit www.ezpassny.com.

On–the–Go tags are sold for $30. Once purchased, $20 can be used immediately for tolls and $10 is a tag deposit. If linked for replenishment to a credit card, the $10 deposit also becomes available to pay tolls. After first use, customers have 48 hours to register the tag. Since the program began in 2008, some 75,000 MTA On–the–Go tags have been sold.

In addition to the changes in crossing charges, beginning Dec. 30th tokens will no longer be accepted at the Henry Hudson toll plaza. The number of customers who still use tokens at the Henry Hudson averages about 100 a month. Token refund kits can be requested by going to www.mta.info and clicking on the "contact us" section.

MTA Bridge and Tunnel crossings include the Throgs Neck, Bronx–Whitestone, Henry Hudson, Verrazano–Narrows, Robert F. Kennedy, Cross Bay Veterans Memorial and Marine Parkway–Gil Hodges Bridges, as well as the Queens Midtown and Brooklyn–Battery Tunnels.

New crossing charges go into effect at all MTA Bridges and Tunnels crossings Dec. 30th. Remember: E-ZPass is the best value.