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Change to Rockaway Resident Toll Rebate Program Begins Fri., July 23

Beginning Friday, July 23, the Rockaway toll rebate program will be modified and residents within the six valid zip codes in the Rockaway/Broad Channel districts will pay a \$1.13 toll for each of the first two trips across the Cross Bay Veterans Memorial Bridge. All subsequent trips taken in the same day on the same E-ZPass tag will continue to be rebated on the account under the Cross Bay Resident Rebate program.

The MTA Board approved this service change in March in order to help the MTA close a nearly \$800 million budget deficit. The board had voted to eliminate the program in December 2008. After a series of public hearings in March, the Board voted to modify the Rockaway resident toll rebate program, instead of eliminate it.

Under the modified plan, residents will be charged \$1.13 per trip for the first two trips made across the bridge within a 24-hour period that will run from 12:01 AM to midnight. Trips will be charged on each E-ZPass tag. Account holders can have up to four E-ZPass tags per account. Rockaway residents should make sure that they have enough funds in their account to cover toll charges. To learn more about replenishment methods, customers can call 1-800-333-8655 or go to www.ezpassny.com.

In order to participate in the program, vehicles must be registered to a valid resident address in the following zip codes: 11691, 11692, 11693, 11694, 11695, and 11697. Residents in the program pay \$1.13 per trip as compared to \$2.75 for cash customers and \$1.71 for non-resident E-ZPass customers. In addition, Rockaway residents may also purchase tokens, which cost \$1.54 per trip.

The rebate plan is only valid at the Cross Bay Veterans Memorial Bridge for passenger vehicles. It does not apply to commercial trucks, motorcycles, taxis, buses or limousines.

In 2009, 3.6 million trips were taken by residents participating in the Cross Bay Resident Rebate program.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels' facilities, which connect the five boroughs of New York City, are the Robert F. Kennedy, 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.