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Rockaway Residents In Toll Rebate Program Getting Automatic Rebates Once Again

With software and back office modifications completed, Rockaway residents who participate in the toll rebate program are once again receiving automatic rebates on their E-ZPass accounts.

The automatic rebates began on June 15th for qualified participants and any trips taken since April 1st will be credited retroactively to their account by the end of this month. The program was reinstated thanks to \$4 million in funding provided to the MTA in the State budget, which went into effect on April 1st.

"While we continue to make every effort to streamline our budget, we are thankful to Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature that we can restore this vital community service for Rockaway and Broad Channel residents without impacting our bottom line," said MTA Chairman and Chief Executive Joseph Lhota.

The Rockaway resident rebate program was modified in July 2010 as part of the MTA efforts to close a large budget deficit. Under the modified plan, residents paid the discounted resident E-ZPass rate of a \$1.19 for each of the first two trips across the bridge. All subsequent trips taken in the same day on the same E-ZPass tag were rebated by the MTA. With the \$4 million provided by the State to the MTA all trips will be rebated.

The rebate plan is only valid at the Cross Bay Veterans Memorial Bridge for passenger vehicles using E-ZPass. Residents must live in one of six valid zip codes (11691, 11692, 11693, 11694, 11695, and 11697). The rebate plan does not apply to commercial trucks, taxis, buses or limousines.

In 2011, 3.2 million trips were taken by residents participating in the Cross Bay Resident Rebate program.