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### Cashless Tolling At The Henry Hudson Bridge Begins In November

Cashless tolling is coming to the Henry Hudson Bridge toll plaza in early November as the second phase of the all-electronic tolling pilot gets underway, the MTA announced Monday.

Motorists will be able to use any lane to drive through the toll plaza without stopping. The switch to cashless tolling will take place beginning **11 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10 th**.

"All-electronic tolling is another example of the innovative ways the MTA is using technology to make travel easier and more convenient for customers," said MTA Chairman and CEO Joseph Lhota. "By upgrading to 21 st century technology, the MTA is catching up with the best tolling practices used by other agencies around the world."

"We are excited about this project," said MTA Bridges and Tunnels President Jim Ferrara. "It's good for the MTA because it's the most efficient way to collect tolls; good for drivers because it provides for seamless travel, and good for the environment because it reduces vehicle emissions."

Customers who prefer paying for tolls with cash can still enjoy the ease of E-ZPass and save money as well by buying a prepaid MTA E-ZPass at hundreds of retail locations throughout the city or in the cash lane at any other MTA crossing, then requesting an MTA Cash Reload Card when registering it.

The Cash Reload Card does not require a bank account, credit card or debit card and can be filled at *thousands* of VisaReadyLink or MoneyGram store locations throughout the city. To see how easy it is to use the MTA Cash Reload Card click [here](#).

Drivers who use an E-ZPass issued by the New York E-ZPass Customer Service Center, including MTA customers with the Cash Reload Card, will be charged the discounted E-ZPass toll of \$2.20 instead of the higher cash price of \$4.

"If you have an E-ZPass, you'll continue to use it as you always have," said Ferrara. "If you don't, a photograph will be taken of your license plate and the registered driver will get a bill in the mail."

Drivers using the Tolls by Mail method are charged at the higher cash rate of \$4. Tolls by Mail bills can be paid using credit/debit cards, cash or checks via Internet, mail, at

E-ZPass walk-in centers and select retail stores. Unpaid tolls will be subject to late fees and violation charges.

The all-electronic pilot began in January, 2011 when gates were removed in E-ZPass lanes, resulting in a 25 percent increase in the number of vehicles that passed through the toll lanes during peak periods.

In June 2011, Bridges and Tunnels also began selling E-ZPass *On-the-Go* tags in cash lanes at the Henry Hudson Bridge. The program was expanded to all Bridges and Tunnels crossings by April 2012. Since the program began, nearly 110,000 *On-the-Go* tags have been sold in cash lanes at the nine MTA crossings.

The cashless phase of the project will last about a year. A decision on whether to expand all-electronic tolling to other MTA crossings will be made after all of the data from the pilot is analyzed and an environmental impact study is completed.

The Henry Hudson Bridge was chosen for the pilot because of its already high E-ZPass market share (87.5 percent through August), it does not carry trucks, and it has no entrance or exit ramps near the toll plaza.

For more information about E-ZPass and the Reload Card visit [www.ezpassny.com](http://www.ezpassny.com); [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) or call 1-800 333-8655.