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***E-ZPass*[®] coming to the Ohio Turnpike in October**

Berea, Ohio – The Ohio Turnpike Commission (OTC) is making daily progress on the massive installation of a new toll collection system, which will include electronic tolling (*E-ZPass*[®]) as an added customer convenience. The OTC anticipates that the new system and *E-ZPass*[®] will be available to motorists on October 1, 2009.

At the same time the *E-ZPass*[®] technology is implemented, several other changes will occur, which include the following:

- a new vehicle classification system will be implemented that will classify vehicles based on the number of axles and the height of the vehicle over the first two axles;
- new toll rates, previously approved by Ohio Turnpike Commissioners in March 2009, will take effect providing an incentive for customers who use *E-ZPass*[®] (*E-ZPass*[®] customers will pay a lower rate than customers who use a staffed lane and pay with cash or credit card); and,
- new permit rates for overweight and overdimensional vehicles will also take effect, with reduced rates for customers who obtain permits in advance of travel using the OTC's website.








Customers are encouraged to visit the OTC's website at www.ohioturnpike.org for more information about the OTC's toll collection system project including: cost comparisons using a toll

calculator between *E-ZPass*[®] and non-*E-ZPass*[®] rates; how to open an *E-ZPass*[®] account via an online application; and how to obtain an overweight and/or overdimensional vehicle permit online.

Quote attributed to the OTC’s Executive Director L. George Distel:

“The OTC is committed to maintaining the highest level of services and amenities for the traveling public who choose to use the Ohio Turnpike. The OTC staff continues to work diligently to ensure the smooth and timely implementation of *E-ZPass*[®], a long-requested customer service, by October 1, 2009.”

**OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION
COST OF A ONE-WAY FULL LENGTH TRIP ACROSS THE OHIO TURNPIKE
AXLE BASED TOLLS EFFECTIVE WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF E-ZPASS**

Class	Description	Example	October 1, 2009	
			E-ZPASS	NON E-ZPASS
1	Low 2-axle vehicles and all motorcycles (including motorcycles pulling trailers).		\$ 10.25	\$ 15.00
2	Low 3-axle vehicles and high 2-axle vehicles.		\$ 18.00	\$ 25.00
3	Low 4-axle vehicles and high 3-axle vehicles.		\$ 22.00	\$ 30.00
4	Low 5-axle vehicles and high 4-axle vehicles.		\$ 27.00	\$ 35.00
5	Low 6-axle vehicles and high 5-axle vehicles.		\$ 32.00	\$ 40.00
6	High 6-axle vehicles.		\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00
7	All vehicles with 7 or more axles.		\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00

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