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### **Delaware Memorial Bridge Toll Rates Increase on July 1, 2011** *Additional Revenue to Fund Agency's Capital Improvement Program*

(New Castle, DE) On July 1, 2011 at 12:00 midnight, tolls will increase for all vehicle classifications using the Delaware Memorial Bridge. At 11:55 p.m., southbound traffic into Delaware may experience a minor delay as the new toll rates are programmed and uploaded into the toll collection system. The new toll schedule, which is expected to generate about \$22 million in additional revenue to fund the agency's Capital Improvement Program, sets the rate for passenger cars and small trucks at \$4.00 and commercial vehicles at \$5.00 per axle. The Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) Commission approved a new Delaware Memorial Bridge toll schedule (see below) at its May 17, 2011 Board Meeting.

	<b>Toll Rate Schedule</b>	
	Current Toll	Toll on July 1
<b>Non-Commercial</b>		
Passenger Car, Small Truck	\$3.00	\$4.00
Passenger Car w/ 1 Axle Trailer	\$4.50	\$6.00
Passenger Car w/ 2 Axle Trailer	\$6.00	\$8.00
Passenger Car w/ 3 Axle Trailer	\$7.50	\$10.00
<b>Passenger Car Discount Traffic</b>		
Commuters	\$0.75	\$1.00
Frequent Travelers	\$1.00	\$1.25
<b>Commercial Vehicles</b>		
2 Axle Vehicle	\$8.00	\$10.00
3 Axle Vehicle	\$12.00	\$15.00
4 Axle Vehicle	\$16.00	\$20.00
5 Axle Vehicle	\$20.00	\$25.00
6 Axle Vehicle	\$24.00	\$30.00

The agency's discount programs, commuter and frequent traveler, were adjusted for the first time in more than 24 years. Tolls for 88% of Delaware Memorial Bridge customers have not increased for 11 years or more. Approximately 34 million vehicles annually travel across the Twin Spans.

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The following are some of the major capital projects planned at Delaware Memorial Bridge and Cape May – Lewes Ferry during the next several years: Phase IV of the I-295 Highway Improvements (\$29 million); Painting and Structural Improvements on DMB (\$28 million); Electronic Toll Collection Upgrades (\$10 million); DMB Cable and Suspender Rope Inspection Program (\$9 million); DMB Traffic Management System Replacement (\$4.3 million); Dock Work and Replacement of Passenger Loader Tubes at the Cape May – Lewes Ferry (\$15 million); and Roadway Rehabilitation and Safety Improvements (\$5.5 million).

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, the Three Forts Ferry Crossing and the Salem Business Centre in Carney's Point Twp., NJ. The DRBA also manages corporate and aviation properties through its economic development powers - two airports in New Jersey (Millville Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (New Castle Airport, Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities.

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