

DMB Proposed Toll Increase

Goals and Objectives

October 2024

Delaware River and Bay Authority Staff

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- **Ceil Smith, Deputy Executive Director**
- **Vince Meconi, Chief Operating Officer**
- **Victor Ferzetti, Chief Financial Officer**

Agenda

- **DRBA Overview and Responsibilities**
- **Capital Investments – Current and Future**
- **Delaware Memorial Bridge Toll Structure**
 - Phase I
 - Phase II
- **Timeline**
- **Questions**



The Delaware River and Bay Authority

- **Bi-state agency established in 1962**
- **Provides Crossings between Delaware and New Jersey**
- **Responsible for the operation and maintenance of:**
 - **Delaware Memorial Bridge**
 - **Cape May-Lewes Ferry**
 - **Forts Ferry Crossing**
 - **Five Regional Airports**

Capital Investment Cost Drivers

- **Aging Infrastructure**
 - Bridge spans built in 1951 & 1968
 - I-295 constructed 1950s
 - Ferry vessels launched 1974-1981
 - Airports are of World War II vintage
- **Large Transportation Network To Maintain**
 - \$800 million dollar book value
 - Replacement value multi-billions
- **Construction Inflation Exceeds Consumer Price Index Inflation Every Year**

Promises Kept: Completed Projects

- **DMB Infrastructure Investment Highlights since last Toll Increase**
 - Northbound deck overlay with UHPC - \$72.4 million
 - Annual bridge painting - \$44.8 million
 - Replace 346 of 552 suspender ropes - \$11.8 million
 - Other steelwork repair - \$9.7 million
 - Replace pin & link mechanisms at towers - \$8.4 million
 - Ship Collision Protection System - \$93 million
(under construction; completion 2025)

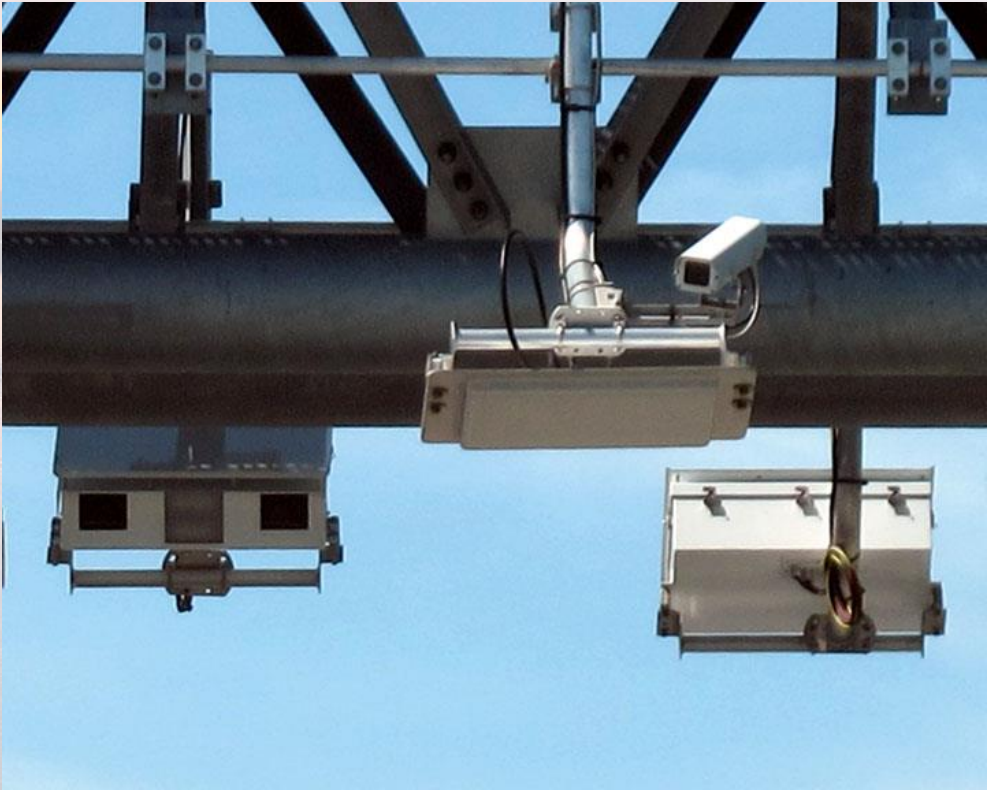
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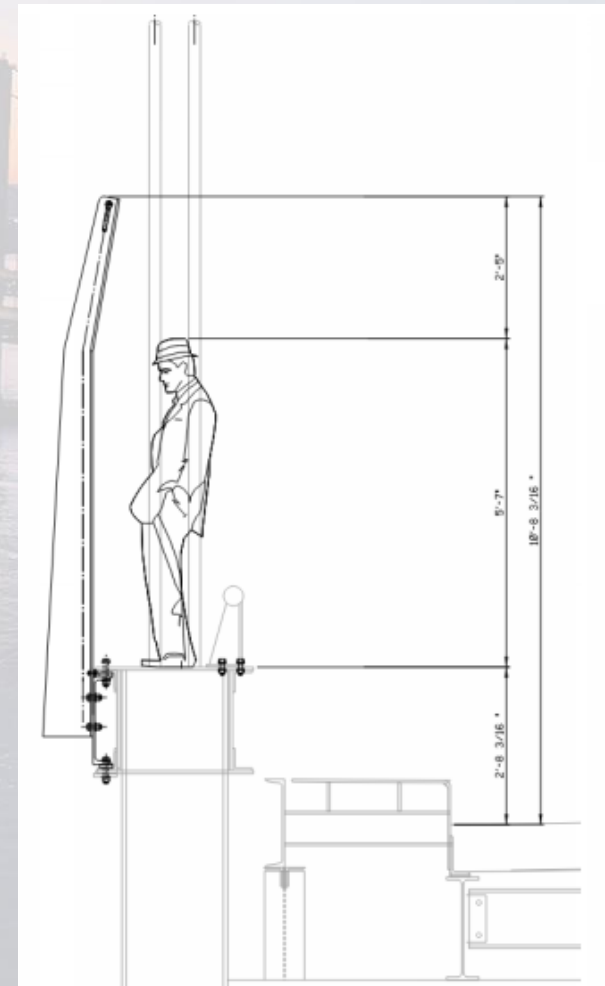
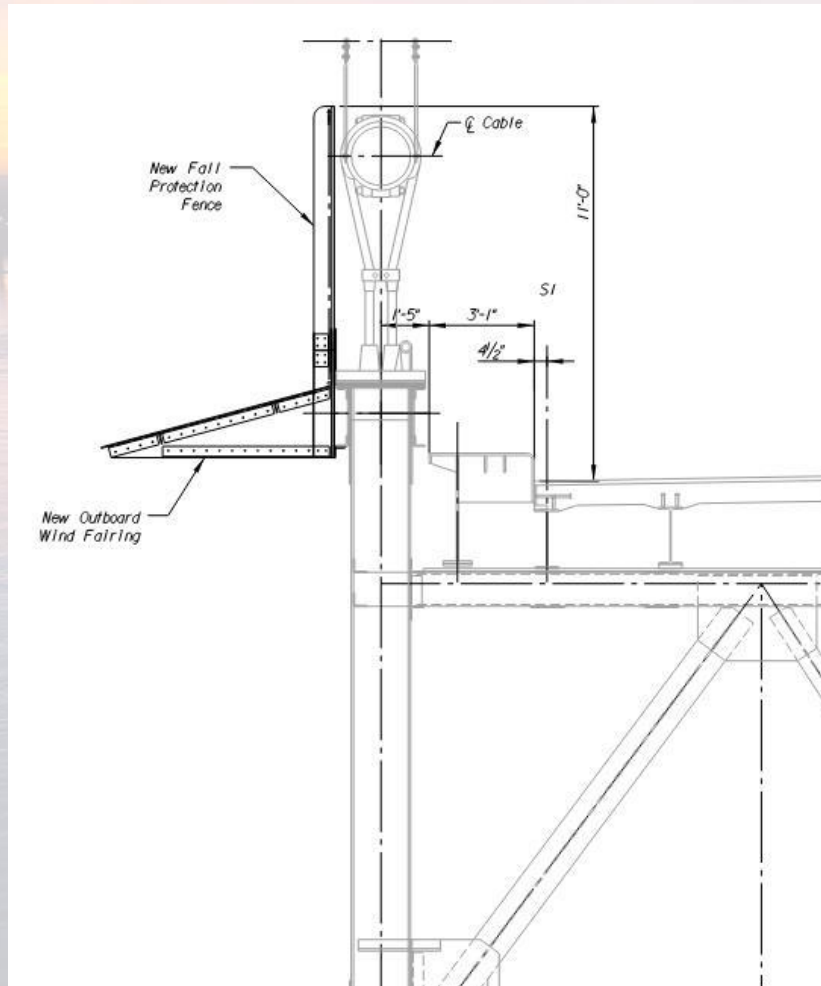


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Wind Stabilization Enhancement/Fall Prevention Fencing



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I-295 Northbound/Bridge 1 Widening

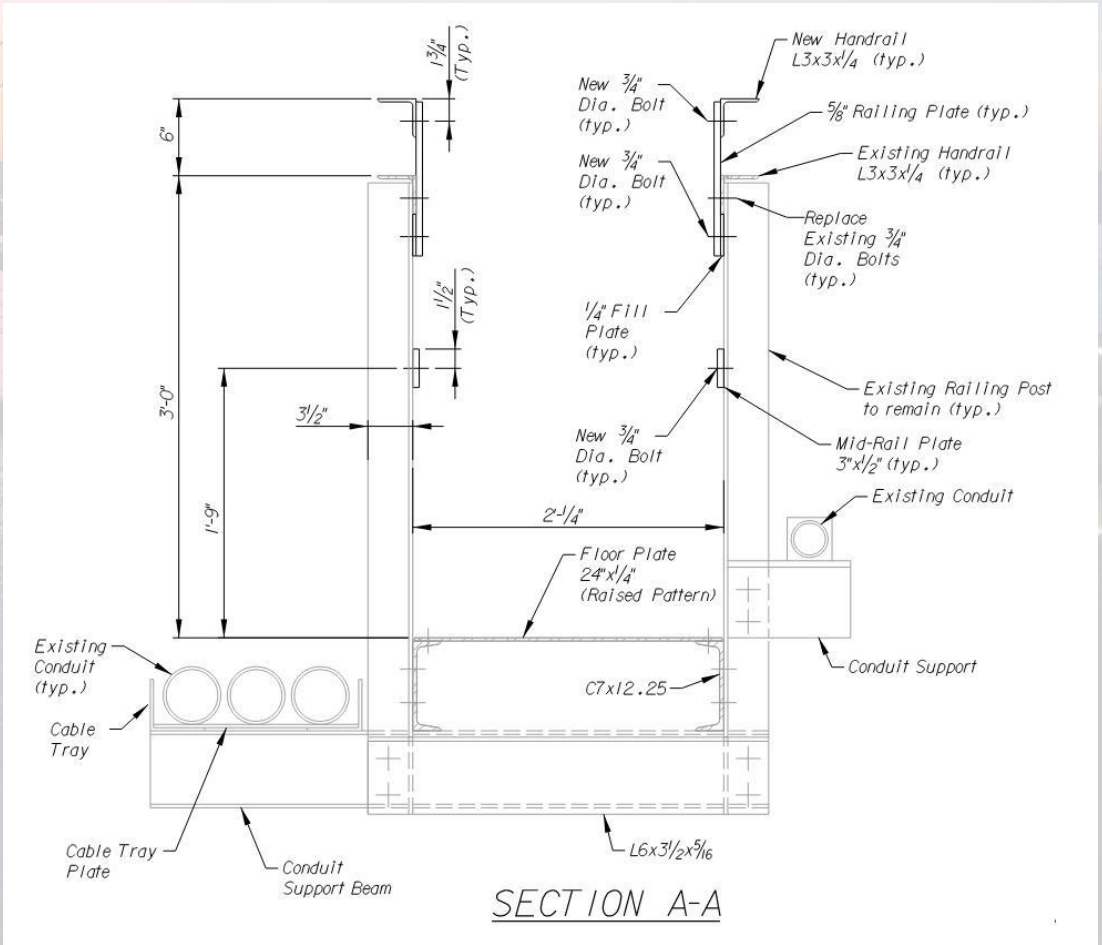


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■ Annual/Maintenance Projects	
■ Bridge Painting	\$37.0 M
■ Major Steelwork Repair	\$31.1 M
■ Replace Remaining Suspender Ropes	\$11.5 M
■ Replace Main Power Cables, Both Spans	\$ 3.0 M
■ Ferry Projects	
■ Replace Ferry Vessel	\$51.5 M
■ Cape May Approach Road Resurfacing	\$ 9.4 M
■ Total Capital Investment over the Next 5 Years	\$ 467 M

DRBA Tolls Among the Lowest in the Region

	Passenger Car (E-ZPass)	Passenger Car (CASH/Video Toll)	5-Axle Commercial	Commuter	Frequent Traveler
DRBA ¹	\$4.75	\$5.00	\$35.00	\$1.25	\$2.25
DRPA	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$45.00	\$5.00	Not Offered
GW Bridge ² (PANY&NJ)	\$13.38	\$17.63	\$99.25	Not Offered	Not Offered
Ft. McHenry ³ (MDTA)	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$48.00	\$2.80	Not Offered

¹ E-ZPass Rate is for NJ/DE E-ZPass Only

² Off Peak Rates for NY/NJ E-ZPass Only

³ Round Trip Rates – E-ZPass rates are for MDTA E-ZPass Only

Neighboring Toll Agencies Going Cashless

- All New York Toll Agencies, Pennsylvania Turnpike Authority, and Maryland Transportation Authority are all cashless
- Delaware newest facility, US 301, opened all cashless
- Atlantic City Expressway expected to go live with cashless tolling in May 2025
- Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike are planning transition

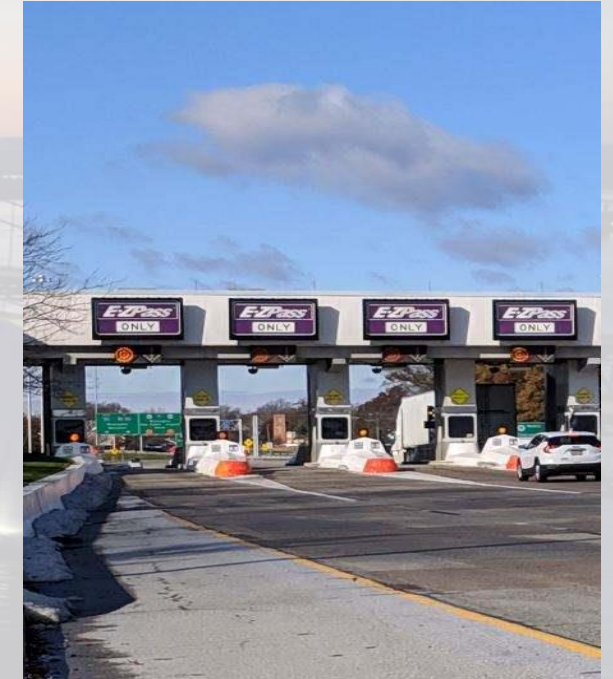


PHASE I – Transition Plan

- **DMB E-ZPass Participation**
 - Industry standard is to be at 90% market penetration prior to going cashless
 - DMB currently about 79% E-ZPass
 - Increase tolls for cash transactions only to encourage transition to E-ZPass

PHASE I – April 1, 2025 – Toll Structure

- **Only Cash Transactions Increase**
- **E-ZPass Transaction Rates - Unchanged**
- **Discount Plan Rates – Unchanged**



No Increase to 79% of Users and those who Convert

PHASE I – April 1, 2025 – Toll Structure

Proposed Cash Transaction Toll Structure

	Current Rate	Proposed Cash Rate
Passenger Car	\$5.00	\$6.00
Car + 1-Axle Trailer	\$7.50	\$9.00
Car + 2-Axle Trailer	\$9.00	\$12.00
Car + 3-Axle Trailer	\$12.50	\$15.00
Class 2	\$12.00	\$14.00
Class 3	\$21.00	\$24.00
Class 4	\$28.00	\$32.00
Class 5	\$35.00	\$40.00
Class 6	\$42.00	\$48.00
Special (Over 6 axles)	\$7/axle	\$8/axle
Wide Load	\$85.00	\$95.00

PHASE II – 2027 or Later

- **Establish future rates to fund outyear CIP Needs**
- **Consider transition to All Electronic Tolling (cashless)**
- **Evaluate other toll methodologies**

PHASE II – Toll Structure

Effective **NO EARLIER THAN** January 1, 2027

- **2-Axle Vehicles:**
 - **DE & NJ E-ZPass – maximum rate: \$5.75**
 - **Other E-ZPass – maximum rate: \$6.00**
 - **Passenger Car – Cash maximum rate: \$7.00**
- **Greater than 2-Axle Vehicles:**
 - **E-ZPass – maximum rate: \$9.00/axle**
 - **Cash – maximum rate: \$10.00/axle**

PHASE II – Toll Structure – Commuter

Effective **NO EARLIER THAN** January 1, 2027

- **Commuter Plan**
 - **22 Trips in 30 Days**
 - **Price Per Trip**
 - **Current - \$1.25**
 - **Proposed - \$1.50**
 - **Maintains 75% Discount**

PHASE II – Toll Structure – Frequent Traveler

Effective **NO EARLIER THAN** January 1, 2027

- **Frequent Traveler Plan**
 - **20 Trips in 90 Days**
 - **Price Per Trip**
 - **Current - \$2.25**
 - **Proposed - \$2.75**
 - **Maintains 55% Discount**

Good Financial Stewards

- **Nominal Budget Growth Since 2019**
 - **CPI Growth = 22.5% (Avg. = 4.5%)**
 - **Budget Growth = 8.3% (Avg. = 1.66%)**
- **Maintaining our Credit Rating**
 - **Moody's – A1- stable**
 - **S&P – A+**
- **Timing Consistent with Past Toll Increases**
 - **2011 and 2019 (8 years)**

What Does this Proposal Accomplish?

- **Creates a path forward**
For a smooth transition to a cashless/electronic tolling system in the future.
- **While providing funding to make**
\$467 million worth of necessary capital improvements.
- **And having “No Impact” on E-ZPass customers**
Until at least 2027.

The Public Process

- **Public Hearings**
 - Delaware – Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30pm
 - New Jersey – Thursday, October 10 at 6:30pm
- **Board Consideration of Proposed Toll Increase –**
 - November 19, 2024
- **Implementation of New Toll Structure –**
 - April 1, 2025
- **For more Information – www.drba.net**
- **To provide comments – Contact_us@drba.net**



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Questions?

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