RESOLUTION 24-54 - ADOPTS A REVISED TOLL SCHEDULE FOR THE DELAWARE MEMORIAL BRIDGE

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the "Authority") has evaluated scenarios, alternatives and projections related to the future of cashless tolling in the region, as well as the future revenues and toll requirements of the Authority for the period 2025 through 2029; and

WHEREAS, the national trend has been to migrate away from barrier tolling toward cashless open highways for environmental and congestion benefits; and

WHEREAS, various regional toll agencies have transitioned, or announced the future transition, to Cashless Tolling; and

WHEREAS, the Authority recognizes the need to prepare for the impact of such trends and transition plans at the Delaware Memorial Bridge (the "DMB") toll plaza; and

WHEREAS, based upon the review of projected toll crossings and corresponding revenue receipts, the Authority has additionally identified that present toll schedules will be insufficient to generate revenues necessary to fund or finance ongoing maintenance, repair and replacement of the Authority's facilities and assets for the continued safe and efficient needs of the traveling public between the States of Delaware and New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, the Authority has developed a multiphase tolling plan and rate schedule, which includes, as Phase I thereof, voluntary transition of bridge users to E-ZPass prior to an adjustment in cash toll rates on April 1, 2025 (such Phase I tolling rate schedule is referred to as the "Phase I Toll Rate Schedule" a copy of which is included herein); and

WHEREAS, Phase II of the multi-phase tolling plan and rate schedule establishes a maximum rate schedule for all toll classes for E-ZPass and Cash/Video tolls to commence on January 1, 2027 (such Phase II tolling rate schedule is referred to as the "Phase II Maximum Toll Rate Schedule" a copy of which is included herein), which Phase II Maximum Toll Rate Schedule may be modified and/or maintained to a rate(s) less than those identified therein as maximum toll rates via the annual adoption of a temporary rate schedule prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, based on the funding needs established by the Authority's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has concluded that the revised toll schedules as attached hereto are necessary to encourage cashless payments for tolling and to meet the financial needs of the Authority necessary to provide revenue to fund or finance future capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has conducted three (3) public meetings to present and discuss the proposed multi-phase rate changes as described herein and, having evaluated comparable rates offered along the I-95 Northeast Corridor, has concluded that it is reasonable and appropriate to prepare for the transition to cashless open highways, to establish future maximum commercial, non-commercial and discount rates offered at the DMB and to provide for necessary revenues to fund and finance the Authority's maintenance, repair and replacement of its facilities and assets for the continued safe and efficient needs of the traveling public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Phase I Toll Rate Schedule attached set forth below, be approved and placed into operation effective April 1, 2025, with respect to DMB tolls; and

DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY DELAWARE MEMORIAL BRIDGE TOLL RATE SCHEDULE Phase I-April 1, 2025

N0. OF AXLES	E-ZPass	CASH ¹
PASSENGER CARS (DE-NJ E-ZPass)	\$4.75	N/A
PASSENGER CARS (Other E-ZPass and Cash)2 Including: All Four Tire and less Types (excludes Oversize Tires): SUV, Vans, Pickups & Motorcycles	\$5.00	\$6.00
COMMUTATION DISCOUNT	\$1.25	N/A
FREQUENT TRAVELER DISCOUNT	\$2.25	N/A
PASSENGER CAR WITH ONE AXLE TRAILER	\$7.50	\$9.00
PASSENGER CAR WITH TWO AXLE TRAILER 4	\$10.00	\$12.00

PASSENGER CAR WITH THREE AXLE

TRAILER	5	\$12.50	\$15.00
TWO AXLE TRUCKS	2	\$12.00	\$14.00
THREE AXLES TRUCKS OR COMBINATION	3	\$21.00	\$24.00
FOUR AXLE TRUCKS OR COMBINATION	4	\$28.00	\$32.00
FIVE AXLE TRUCKS OR COMBINATION	5	\$35.00	\$40.00
SIX AXLE TRUCKS OR COMBINATION 6 Any combination of axles amounting to six axles	5	\$42.00	\$48.00
SPECIAL PERMIT	N/A	\$85.00	\$95.00
SPECIALS	per axle	\$7.00	\$8.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Phase II Maximum Toll Rate Schedule set forth below, be approved and placed into effect on January 1, 2027, or such later date as may be approved by the Board of Commissioners prior to such date and in each subsequent fiscal year thereafter, which Phase II Maximum Toll Rate Schedule may be modified and/or maintained to a rate(s) less than those identified herein as maximum toll rates via the annual adoption of a temporary rate schedule prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, based on the funding needs established by the Board of Commissioners:

DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY DELAWARE MEMORIAL BRIDGE TOLL RATE SCHEDULE Phase II- January 1, 2027

	N0. OF AXLES	Maximum E-ZPass	Maximum CASH ¹
TWO AXLE VEHICLES (DE-NJ E-ZPass Including: All passenger vehicles, SUV, Vans Pickups, Motorcycles, Trucks & Utili		\$5.75	N/A
TWO AXLE VEHICLES (Other E-ZPass Including: All passenger vehicles, SUV, Vans Pickups, Motorcycles, Trucks & Utili		\$6.00	\$7.00
COMMUTATION DISCOUNT ² \$33.00 for 22 trips, valid for 30 days Issued only to passenger cars, SUV, W Pickups & Motorcycles		\$1.50	N/A
FREQUENT TRAVELER DISCOUNT ² \$55.00 for 20 trips, valid for 90 days Issued only to passenger cars, SUV, W Pickups & Motorcycles		\$2.75	N/A
THREE AXLES COMBINATION Any combination of axles amounting to three axles	3	\$27.00	\$30.00
FOUR AXLE COMBINATION Any combination of axles amounting to four axles	4	\$36.00	\$40.00
FIVE AXLE COMBINATION Any combination of axles amounting to five axles	5	\$45.00	\$50.00
SIX AXLE COMBINATION Any combination of axles amounting six axles		\$54.00	\$60.00
SPECIAL PERMIT Any over width vehicle	N/A	\$95.00	\$105.00

SPECIALS	per axle	\$9.00	\$10.00
Any combination of axles over	-		
six axles			

Notes: ¹ All Video tolls are charged at the cash rate. ²Actual rate <u>not</u> subject to temporary modification.

Resolution 24-54 - Executive Summary Sheet

Resolution: Resolution 24-XX Adopts Phase I and Phase II revised toll schedule for the Delaware Memorial Bridge

Committee:	Budget & Finance
Committee Date:	November 19, 2024
Board Date:	November 19, 2024

Purpose of Resolution:

Establishes multi-phased tolling rates at the DMB in anticipation of transition to cashless tolling and for generating sufficient revenues, debt service coverages and cash to finance capital improvements from 2025-2029.

Background for Resolution:

The Authority in consideration of its public purposes, including but not limited to, preparing for the transition to alternative tolling methods and practices and the need to finance the ongoing maintenance, repair and replacement of its facilities and assets for the continued safe and efficient needs of the traveling public, evaluated rates charged by other similar facilities on the I-95 travel corridor, considered the feedback offered during public hearings and comment, contemplated scenarios, alternatives and forecasted in establishing rates determined to be reasonable and in the best interest of the traveling public and the regions served by the Authority.