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GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES NEWBURGH-BEACON BRIDGE TO IMPLEMENT CASHLESS TOLLING ON JULY 7, 2021

State-of-the-Art Sensors and Cameras that Read E-ZPass to Enable Non-Stop Travel

New York State Bridge Authority Encourages Motorists to Make Switch to E-ZPass and Take Advantage of Savings and Convenience with Toll Payments

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that cashless tolling will be fully implemented at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge effective midnight on the morning of Wednesday, July 7, 2021. Motorists will experience non-stop travel under gantries with state-of-the-art sensors and cameras that read E-ZPass tags and take license plate images. Vehicles with E-ZPass tags are automatically charged and vehicles without E-ZPass tags will have their license plate image captured and a toll bill mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle via Tolls by Mail NY.

"A modernized, high-tech transportation system is essential to keeping our economy competitive in the twenty-first century, and we are utilizing the most up-to-date technology to make this happen," **Governor Cuomo said.** "With the installation of cashless tolling at Newburgh-Beacon Bridge, we are making travel across the Hudson River more seamless and tolling more cost-effective for all."

Motorists should expect delays around 11:50 p.m. on the night of July 6, as traffic will need to be temporarily stopped on the bridge in order to allow for the clearance of the toll plaza before the midnight implementation. Once the toll plaza is cleared, traffic will then be directed to proceed ahead through a new traffic pattern.

After the switch to cashless tolling is made on July 7, vehicles will be routed through the right lanes of the current toll plaza until the demolition of the toll booths can be completed. During that interim period, motorists are advised to continue moving ahead and proceed through the work zone with caution. The rehabilitation of the toll plaza is expected to be completed in August.

All drivers are highly encouraged to make the switch to E-ZPass to take advantage of

savings and convenience with their toll payments. Tags can be ordered at <u>www.e-</u><u>zpassny.com</u> or picked up at a number of retailers across the state.

More information on cashless tolling can be found on the Bridge Authority's website and its social media pages. Learn more at <u>www.nysba.ny.gov</u>. The New York State Bridge Authority can be found on <u>Facebook</u> and on <u>Twitter</u>.

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