

## **Summary of Bridge and Tunnel Toll Alternatives (for MTA Board action on October 27, 2010)**

To meet MTA Bridges & Tunnel's financial goals, an increase in cash tolls of 25¢ – 50¢ (\$1.00 at Verrazano-Narrows Bridge where tolls are collected in only one direction), as well as 10% increases in tolls for NY Service Center E-Z Pass users has been proposed, with retention of discounts for residents of Staten Island and the Rockaways.

During Board and public discussion an alternative was put forth to add an additional \$1.00 to the proposed increase in the cash toll (this would apply at the major crossings; the increase would be 50 cents at the minor crossings) and to leave EZ-Pass tolls unchanged. The rationale of this alternative proposal is to recognize that cash transactions are less efficient and more expensive than E-Z Pass transactions; and that the more time consuming cash transactions contribute to vehicle congestion at plazas. The higher cash price would provide a further incentive for cash customers to use the more convenient, price-competitive EZ-Pass.

These two alternatives are summarized below.

### **For MTA Bridges and Tunnels Crossings Passenger Vehicle Tolls**

<b>Crossing</b>	<b>Current Toll</b>	<b>Proposal 1</b>	<b>Proposal 2</b>
<b>Major Crossings</b>			
- Cash	\$5.50	\$6.00	\$7.00
- E-ZPass*	\$4.57	\$5.04	\$4.57
<b>Verrazano-Narrows Bridge</b>			
- Cash	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$14.00
- E-ZPass*	\$9.14	\$10.08	\$9.14
- Staten Island Resident E-ZPass Discount	\$5.48	\$6.04	\$5.48
- Staten Island Carpool Discount	\$2.56	\$2.82	\$2.56
<b>Henry-Hudson Bridge</b>			
- Cash	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$4.00
- E-ZPass*	\$2.09	\$2.30	\$2.09
<b>Minor Crossings</b>			
- Cash	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$3.50
- E-ZPass*	\$1.71	\$1.88	\$1.71
- Rockaway Resident E-ZPass Discount	\$1.13	\$1.24	\$1.13

\*Applicable to NYC Service Center E-ZPass Accounts