

Attachment 4

Modification to Cross Bay Resident Rebate Program

The resident rebate program currently in effect uses MTA funds to rebate the tolls of registered Rockaway E-ZPass customers who reside in Broad Channel and the Rockaway Peninsula for passage over the Cross-Bay Veteran's Memorial Bridge. Under the revised program MTA funds would be used to provide registered residents with toll rebates after two resident E-ZPass tolls have been charged against a resident E-ZPass tag in a calendar day. MTA funds would be used to credit that account for all subsequent tolls on the bridge that same day that are associated with the same resident E-ZPass tag.

The current cost of the resident rebate program to the MTA is approximately \$4.1 million per year and it is estimated that the revisions to the program would cut the program's cost to roughly \$600,000 per year, for an annualized savings of \$3.5 million in funds available to the MTA for other transit uses. The revised program will still limit the impact of tolls on the Cross Bay Bridge for those residents of the Rockaways and Broad Channel Island who must make frequent intra-borough trips across the bridge to access community facilities.