

# Proposed Toll Rate Schedule for the Central Business District Tolling Program (CBDTP)

The Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority (TBTA), doing business as MTA Bridges and Tunnels, will hold hybrid public hearings to solicit comments on the proposed toll rate schedule for the Central Business District Tolling Program (CBDTP). The hearings will be held in a hybrid format with options to participate in-person as well as virtually via Zoom's online platform and conference call feature, with a livestream available on the MTA YouTube channel.

Under the MTA Reform and Traffic Mobility Act of 2019 (the "Act"), TBTA will establish the CBDTP and collect tolls from vehicles entering the Manhattan Central Business District, an area defined by statute as south of and inclusive of 60th Street but excluding the FDR Drive, New York State Route 9A (including the Battery Park Underpass), and any surface roadway portion of the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel connecting to West Street. The purpose of the Program is to reduce traffic congestion and generate revenue to fund \$15 billion in improvements to subway, bus, and commuter rail systems under MTA's 2020-2024 Capital Plan and successor plans.

The Act established a Traffic Mobility Review Board and tasked it with issuing recommendations for a toll rate schedule within the parameters of the Act, including toll amounts and any credits, discounts, and/or exemptions. These recommendations were published on November 30, 2023. On December 6, 2023, the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority Board voted to proceed with the administrative procedure required to establish and adopt a toll rate schedule.

Accordingly, a public comment period is underway and hybrid public hearings will be held in order for TBTA to receive feedback on the proposed toll rate schedule. The public comment period began December 27, 2023 and will continue through March 11, 2024. The proposed toll rate schedule can be viewed at: <https://new.mta.info/document/129191>. The proposal in summary includes the following:

- Passenger vehicles and passenger-type vehicles with commercial license plates would be charged a \$15 peak period E-ZPass toll for entering the CBD, no more than once per day.
- Trucks would be charged a \$24 or \$36 peak period E-ZPass toll for entering the CBD, depending on their size.
- Buses providing transit or commuter services would be exempted from the toll. Other buses would be charged a \$24 or \$36 peak period E-ZPass toll for entering the CBD, depending on their type.
- Motorcycles would be charged half the respective passenger vehicle toll, no more than once per day.
- Toll rates would be charged to vehicles only as they enter the CBD – not if they remain in or leave the zone.
- Peak period toll rates would apply during the most congested times of the day – from 5am to 9pm on weekdays, and from 9am to 9pm on weekends. Toll rates would be 75% lower in the overnight period.
- A tunnel credit against a portion of the peak period CBD toll rate would be provided to vehicles with E-ZPass entering through the four tolled entries that lead directly into the CBD: the Queens-Midtown, Hugh L. Carey, Holland, and Lincoln Tunnels. No crossing credits would be in effect in the overnight period, when CBD toll rates are already 75% lower than in the peak period.
- NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) taxis, green cabs, and for-hire vehicles (FHVs) would be exempted from the daily system toll on vehicles. Instead, a per-trip CBD toll would be added to each paid passenger trip fare for trips made to, from, or within the CBD at the toll rate of \$1.25 per-trip for taxis, green cabs and FHVs, and \$2.50 per-trip for FHVs on trips dispatched by a high-volume for-hire service (HVFS).
- Specialized government vehicles would be exempted from the CBD toll (in addition to qualifying authorized emergency vehicles and qualifying vehicles transporting persons with disabilities, as required by the Act).
- Low-income vehicle owners who qualify and register with TBTA for the Low-Income Discount Plan would receive a peak period E-ZPass toll rate that is 50% less than the passenger vehicle peak period E-ZPass toll rate, on their eligible vehicle's 11th trip and trips thereafter in a calendar month.
- Generally, CBD toll rates for vehicles using fare media other than E-ZPass, commonly referred to as Tolls by Mail, would be 50% higher than that of E-ZPass customers.

Complete details of the proposed toll rate schedule can be found at <https://new.mta.info/document/129191>.

## DATES AND TIMES OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS

### Central Business District Tolling Program (CBDTP) Public Hearings

Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Friday, March 1, 2024, at 10:00 AM

Monday, March 4, 2024, at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Hybrid public hearings will include both in-person and virtual platforms.

### Location of the Hearings (In-Person)

The hearings will be held at MTA Headquarters, 2 Broadway, 20th Floor – William J. Ronan Board Room, New York, NY 10004.

### Joining the Public Hearing (Virtually)

If you are registered to speak, you may join in person, online, or by phone by following these instructions:

**Join Zoom Webinar Online:** To access the Zoom webinar online, go to <https://mta.zoom.us/j/82624594335>

**Join Zoom Webinar by Telephone:** To access the Zoom webinar by telephone, please call (929) 436-2866 (local) or (833) 548-0282 (US toll free). Then enter Webinar ID 826 2459 4335, followed by the pound (#) sign.

### Public Hearing Format

This will be a hybrid hearing format with in-person participation as well as via Zoom's online platform and conference call feature, with a livestream available on the MTA YouTube site. Those interested in speaking must register to speak at the public hearing. Each registered speaker will have two (2) minutes to speak. Public comments will be limited to a total of 240 minutes per hearing, or approximately 120 speakers. Speakers who have not already spoken at a CBDTP toll rate schedule hearing will be given priority over those who have previously spoken at a hearing. All comments will be transcribed and made part of the permanent record for these hearings.

### Registering for the Public Hearing

To register, please go to: <https://new.mta.info/agency/bridges-and-tunnels/cbd-tolling-hearing>, or call the Public Hearing Hotline at (646) 252-6777. Telephone agents are available daily from 6 AM to 10 PM. Registration will begin one week in advance of each hearing, and will close 30 minutes following the start of each hearing.

### To Submit Comments

You may submit comments online at <https://new.mta.info/project/CBDTP>, by e-mail to [cbdtpp.feedback@mtabt.org](mailto:cbdtpp.feedback@mtabt.org), or by postal mail to **Central Business District Tolling Program, 2 Broadway, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10004**. You may also call the CBDTP comment line at 646-252-7440.

All comments must be received no later than 11:59 PM on March 11, 2024. Comments received after that date and time will not be considered.

### Accessibility and Language Assistance Services

American Sign Language and CART Captioning Services will be available. Members of the public who are deaf or hard of hearing can use their preferred relay service or the free 711 relay service, and then ask to be connected to the Public Hearing Hotline at (646) 252-6777 to speak with an agent.



Members of the public who do not have access to a computer or who do not have access to the Internet can listen to each of the hearings by calling the Zoom meeting at (929) 436-2866 (local) or (833) 548-0282 (US toll free). Then enter Meeting ID 826 2459 4335, followed by the pound (#) sign.

If language assistance or any other accommodations are required, please submit a request at least five (5) business days before the scheduled hearing date in one of the following ways: by e-mail to [cbdtpp.feedback@mtabt.org](mailto:cbdtpp.feedback@mtabt.org), by telephone by calling the Public Hearing Hotline at (646) 252-6777, or send a letter via postal mail to MTA Government & Community Relations, Attn: Central Business District Tolling Program Hearings, 2 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10004.

