



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who decided the mileage rate ranges for the ICC (MD 200)? How are the tolls set or changed? How often will that happen?

The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Board proposed a set of tolling parameters that were the guidelines to be used for setting the actual toll rates. There was a 60-day public-comment period (September 23 - November 23, 2009) during which comments on the tolling parameters were accepted. The MDTA Board considered the public comments, modified the tolling parameters, and adopted the revised parameters on December 17, 2009.

The MDTA Executive Secretary will set the actual toll schedule (rates) within the approved parameters and may change the toll rates periodically based on traffic volumes in the daily peak, off-peak and overnight periods. The MDTA will provide at least 10 days notice of any change to the toll schedule that is within the approved tolling parameters. Any change to the tolling parameters requires a 60-day public-comment period.

2. What is a mileage rate range? How is it set? What are the other tolling parameters?

The mileage rate range sets the limits within which actual per-mile toll rates may be established. The range is based on models that indicate the impact of various toll rates on traffic volumes and on the resulting revenues. Actual toll rates will be set within the adopted range to manage congestion and provide revenue to help operate and maintain the facility.

The tolling parameters will be reviewed at least every two years. The tolling parameters include the mileage rate range, peak and off-peak times (pricing periods) as well as some basic toll-setting rules - the rules for rounding (i.e. rounding up to the nearest nickel, etc.) and minimum toll rates.

3. What will the tolls be on the ICC?

Based on the approved tolling parameters, the cost for a trip on the ICC starting fall 2010 will range between \$0.25 to \$0.35 per mile during the peak period, from \$0.20 to \$0.30 per mile during the off-peak period, and from \$0.10 and \$0.30 per mile during the overnight period. The minimum toll for any trip will be 2 miles or \$0.40, whichever is greater.

As such, using the approved tolling parameters, the highest cost for a trip on the first segment of the ICC (I-370 to MD 97, which is 5.65 tolled miles) will be \$2.00 for a two-axle vehicle in the peak period. The actual mileage rate will be set by the MDTA Executive Secretary prior to opening the facility to vehicular traffic.

4. What is different about the ICC that will keep it from getting congested a few years after it opens? How does tolling work to manage traffic congestion?

The ICC is different from other toll facilities in Maryland because it is a variably priced congestion-managed toll highway. Tolls will vary by time of day (peak, off-peak, and overnight periods) and day of the week to help manage congestion - a key purpose of the highway. Generally, raising the toll rate during a particular period reduces the number of vehicles using the highway. Traffic patterns will be continuously monitored and reviewed quarterly to help determine if the toll rates need to be adjusted.

5. Will the tolling parameters you are setting for the first segment of the highway (from I-370 to MD 97) apply when the full facility opens?

Yes, once the Board approves the tolling parameters, the approved mileage rate range, peak periods, rounding rule and minimum toll will apply to the full length of the ICC when it opens. It is expected that the rate range and peak periods will be re-evaluated periodically as part of the MDTA's system-wide review of rates.

6. Will I have to pay tolls on I-370 (between I-270 and the Shady Grove Road/Metro Access Road interchange)?

No, you will not be charged a toll on that portion of the roadway. The actual 17.5 tolled miles of the highway begin after the Shady Grove Road/Metro Access Road interchange.

7. Can I pay my ICC toll with cash?

Since there will be no toll plazas on the ICC, tolls cannot be paid in cash. The ICC is the first all-electronic toll facility in the State. Tolls will be paid electronically at highway speeds using E-ZPass® as vehicles pass underneath overhead gantry structures. All-electronic tolling helps to maintain free-flowing traffic conditions.

8. How do I obtain an E-ZPass®?

To get an E-ZPass® you can log onto www.ezpassmd.com to enroll online or get a list of E-ZPass® "On the Go" retail locations. You may also visit one of our Stop-in Centers located at most Maryland toll facilities and at the Motor Vehicle Administration in Glen Burnie.

9. How much is an E-ZPass®?

The cost to purchase an E-ZPass® transponder is \$21.00. Effective July 1, 2009, a monthly account maintenance fee of \$1.50 will be deducted from all E-ZPass® Maryland accounts. (Note: this fee is per account, not per transponder.)





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10. Can I use the ICC without an E-ZPass®?

Although E-ZPass® is the most convenient and easiest way to pay for your toll, you can pay the toll after your trip. Upon entering the ICC, a photo of your license plate will be taken to allow us to look up the name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle with the Motor Vehicle Administration. A statement will be sent to that address for the amount of the toll plus a \$3.00 Notice of Toll Due Fee per transaction.

11. Why is there an additional \$3.00 charge if I don't have an E-ZPass®?

The cost to the MDTA to collect these tolls is significantly higher than the cost to collect tolls via E-ZPass® transponders. This fee helps recover those costs. The \$3.00 Notice of Toll Due fee is charged at all toll facilities in Maryland anytime someone goes through an all-electronic toll lane without a valid E-ZPass® account. This fee helps offset the cost of looking up the information, printing and mailing the statement, and any subsequent actions needed to recover the toll.

12. Can I use an E-ZPass® from another state on the ICC and will there be any additional charge for that?

The MDTA accepts any valid E-ZPass® account issued by any state for payment of tolls on the ICC and at all Maryland toll facilities. Only the toll amount is charged to the E-ZPass® account holder.

13. Will ICC revenues be used to pay for other projects?

Toll revenues from all Maryland Transportation Authority facilities, including the ICC, are consolidated to pay the expenses of all MDTA facilities. This practice helps keep the MDTA's credit rating high and reduces the cost to borrow money for big projects like the ICC. During initial years of operation, we anticipate that ICC revenues will not be sufficient to pay for the highway's operations and debt service.

14. When will the ICC open?

The first segment, from I-370 to MD 97 (Georgia Avenue), is expected to open in fall 2010. The portion from MD 97 to I-95 is expected to open in late 2011 or early 2012.

15. Why are there no discount programs for special groups of users?

A reduced toll is offered to all users of the ICC during the off-peak and overnight periods. A typical discount package, similar to those at existing Maryland toll facilities, would not help in managing congestion - one of the purposes for tolling the ICC.

16. What are the approved tolling parameters for the ICC?

Vehicle Class	2 Axle Rate	3 Axle Rate	4 Axle Rate	5 Axle Rate	6+ Axle Rate	Motorcycle Rate
Peak Period	\$0.25 to \$0.35	\$0.75 to \$1.05	\$1.13 to \$1.58	\$1.50 to \$2.10	\$1.88 to \$2.63	\$0.25 to \$0.35
Off-Peak Period	\$0.20 to \$0.30	\$0.60 to \$0.90	\$0.90 to \$1.35	\$1.20 to \$1.80	\$1.50 to \$2.25	\$0.20 to \$0.30
Overnight Period	\$0.10 to \$0.30	\$0.30 to \$0.90	\$0.45 to \$1.35	\$0.60 to \$1.80	\$0.75 to \$2.25	\$0.10 to \$0.30

Peak Period (6AM - 9AM and 4PM - 7PM, Monday - Friday); Overnight Period: 11PM - 5AM nightly; Off-Peak Period: All Other Times

17. How is the approved plan different from what was originally proposed?

In response to the suggestions received by the public, local elected officials, and other stakeholders during the comment period, the following changes were made to the original tolling parameters:

- A new overnight pricing period was added
- The minimum toll was reduced
- A new motorcycle vehicle class was added

18. What is the overnight pricing period?

The overnight period will begin at 11:00pm and end at 5:00am, nightly. As with the peak and off-peak periods, the overnight period may be varied by up to 60 minutes earlier or later than posted in this schedule. This additional period was added to the pricing periods in response to comments received during the public comment period.

19. Why is there a need for a motorcycle vehicle class?

The MDTA added a motorcycle class in order to maintain a consistent pricing structure as on other MDTA facilities.

20. What is the minimum toll for the ICC?

The minimum toll has been reduced from 3.0 miles to 2.0 miles multiplied by the applicable mileage rate or \$0.40, whichever is greater. This reduction was made in response to many of the comments received by residents of Prince George's County, where the ability to make shorter trips on the ICC is increased.

