

**PUBLIC NOTICE
HEARINGS AND COMMENT PERIOD**

**PROPOSED TOLL RATE ADJUSTMENTS
FOR DRJTBC TOLL BRIDGES**

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission (DRJTBC) of Yardley, PA is initiating a public comment process on a series of proposed toll adjustments to take effect in 2021 and 2024. The major proposed changes to the agency's toll-rate schedules are summarized as follows:

1. Provide a uniform toll schedule for the DRJTBC's eight toll bridges at: Milford-Montague (Route 206), Delaware Water Gap (I-80), Portland-Columbia (Routes 611, 46 and 94), Easton-Phillipsburg (Route 22), I-78, New Hope-Lambertville (Route 202), Scudder Falls (I-295) and Trenton-Morrisville (Route 1).
2. Establish a two-tier toll adjustment for Class 1 passenger vehicles on or after April 3, 2021; to \$1.25 for E-ZPass, \$3 for cash, and \$3 for TOLL BY PLATE (Scudder Falls).
3. Set the added toll for Class 1 passenger vehicles with bumper-hitch trailers in tow at \$2 on or after April 3, 2021.
4. Authorize the Class 1 E-ZPass passenger vehicle toll to be \$1.50 on or after January 6, 2024.
5. Maintain a frequency-based Class 1 E-ZPass commuter discount for 2021 through 2023 at 20 percent (applied retroactively on 16 or more trips across DRJTBC toll bridges in a calendar month with a Commission-affiliated E-ZPass tag) on or after April 3, 2021.
6. Eliminate the Class 1 E-ZPass commuter discount in its entirety on or after January 6, 2024.
7. Establish a uniform commercial vehicle rate table (Class 2 and above) and set new two-tier rates for trucks, buses and other commercial vehicles (defined as any vehicle with two or more axles and eight-feet or above in height) at \$4.50 per-axle for E-ZPass, \$5 per-axle for cash, and \$5 per-axle for TOLL BY PLATE (Scudder Falls) on or after April 3, 2021.
8. Eliminate the off-peak E-ZPass discount for commercial vehicles on or after April 3, 2021.

The proposed adjusted rate schedules for the DRJTBC's toll bridges in 2021 and 2024 are posted at: www.drjtbc.org/newtolls.

A 26-day comment period now commences for the proposed toll actions. Three remote/virtual hearings will be held as part of this process, pursuant to the Commission's Toll Adjustment Public Hearing and Comment Policy as revised for the COVID-19 Pandemic (FIN-01-21).

The virtual public hearings will be conducted through the Zoom online public platform and by teleconferencing. Pre-registration is required to speak at a public hearing. The three virtual public hearings are as follows:

- February 17, 2021 – 10 a.m. to noon
- February 17, 2021 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- February 18, 2021 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Zoom access links and teleconferencing numbers and codes for the online hearings will be posted Feb. 10 on the webpage the Commission is publishing for this toll adjustment comment process -- www.drjtbc.org/tollcomments. Individuals interested only in watching the live-stream Zoom broadcast will need to provide, at a minimum, a name and e-mail address. Teleconferencing will be the only means for individuals to listen to the hearings without providing any identifying information.

Members of the public who wish to provide verbal comment at a virtual hearing through Zoom or via teleconferencing must register ahead of the meeting dates. Registrations will be accepted online at a portal on www.drjtbc.org/tollcomments or by phone at 1-855-721-0444 from Feb. 10 to 4 p.m. Feb. 16. Further instructions for registering online or by phone will be published on www.drjtbc.org/tollcomments by Feb. 10. Online commenters will need to provide their first name and last name, municipality and state of residence, and an email address (for confirmation purposes). Individuals planning to speak by phone through a teleconference phone number must provide their first name and last name, municipality and state of residence, and the last four digits of the phone number they will use to call into a selected hearing. Individuals are limited to providing comment for up to three minutes at one hearing only. Registration is first-come, first-served until all available slots at each respective hearing are filled.

Under Commission policy, additional comment methods are available for the public:

- Online: Go to the toll-comment form portal posted at www.drjtbc.org/tollcomments
- US Mail: address to Director of Community Affairs Jodee Incho, DRJTBC Administration Building, 1199 Woodside Road, Yardley, PA. 19067 (Must be postmarked by Feb. 26 to be part of the official record.)
- Phone (comment and pre-registration line): 1-855-721-0444

The webpage www.drjtbc.org/tollcomments provides additional guidance and links on the proposed toll adjustment. The page has a link for downloading Zoom onto a computer or mobile phone, an explanation of the toll hearing/comment process, key dates, frequently asked questions, and other information related to the proposed toll adjustments.

The public comment period officially begins Feb. 1, 2021 and shall end 4 p.m. Feb. 26, 2021. Comments received after the deadline will not be accepted. Anonymous comments will not be accepted. Eligible commenters' names and municipalities/states of residence will be included with their respective comments as part of the public record for this proposed toll adjustment. All eligible comments will be presented to DRJTBC Commissioners prior to taking action (approve, modify-approve, or reject) on the proposed toll adjustments at the Commission's monthly virtual meeting scheduled for 10:30 a.m. March 29, 2021.