

Tolling Framework and Pricing

The Transportation Investment Corporation (TI Corp) is a public crown corporation established by the Province of British Columbia under the Transportation Investment Act to deliver and operate the Port Mann/ Highway 1 Project. In addition to overseeing construction of the new Port Mann Bridge and related Highway 1 improvements, TI Corp is responsible for developing the tolling system that will be used to pay for the project.

Consultation and Toll System Framework

The tolling framework was developed following an extensive public consultation process undertaken by the province in 2006. The majority of the consultation participants, over 56 per cent, supported a proposed toll on the Port Mann Bridge. Support increased to 70 per cent and higher for a toll combined with options that provide reduced tolls for HOV users, variable tolls for off-peak periods, and other traffic management tools.

In accordance with these results, a tolling framework was developed to promote HOV use and to encourage heavy trucks and large commercial vehicles to travel outside of peak times. The framework was developed based on the principles of ease of use, superior customer service, convenience and fairness, and to allow all users to pay the lowest possible (base) toll rate.

Pricing and Discounts

To reduce congestion, a discount of up to 25% will be offered during peak periods for registered carpools with two or more passengers and an overnight discount of up to 50% will be offered for large commercial vehicles. Additionally, some vehicles such as van pools and transit buses can register for toll exemptions.

Tolling will not take effect until the new bridge is operational and highway users begin realizing the benefit of travel time savings, increased reliability and safety. **On opening day, the base toll rates will be approximately:**

- Cars - \$3
- Light trucks - twice the car rate
- Heavy trucks - three times the car rate
- Motorcycles - half the car rate

Ease of Use and Customer Service

The design of the tolling system will make bridge use and payment of tolls as simple and straightforward as possible. The rate structure and payment system are designed to be fair and to encourage off-peak travel and prompt payment of tolls.

The tolling system will not use toll booths, but will instead use what is known as Open Road Tolling, which means that exhaust emissions from idling cars at toll booths are eliminated and bridge users don't need to worry about exact change or delays. Instead, users will be able to pay by using an electronic device affixed to their vehicle and linked to an account that will automatically calculate their usage. This will be the most efficient and cost-effective method for regular users.

Occasional users may pay using a variety of methods, such as online, before or after using the bridge. All bridge users will qualify for the base rate if they have an electronic device or if they pay within 48 hours of using the bridge. Users who pay after 48 hours will pay a slightly higher rate (ie about \$5 for cars). In addition, advanced video technology has proven effective at capturing vehicle licence plates on other toll bridges, allowing those who have not paid to be invoiced. This ensures that all users contribute to recovering the costs of bridge construction.

A comprehensive tolling information package will be available to bridge users well in advance of bridge opening. In the meantime, if you are interested in receiving updates on tolling please email info@pmh1project.com and indicate your interest in tolling.

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