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Toll Rates Changing on Mobility Authority Corridors

(Austin, Texas) — The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority) announced at the October 2024 Board meeting the new rates on 183A Toll, 290 Toll, 71 Toll Lane, 45SW Toll, 183 Toll, and the MoPac Express Lane will take effect January 1, 2025. The majority of tolling points on Mobility Authority roads will see a 2.44 percent increase, consistent with the Consumer Price Index (CPI), equating to rates approximately \$0.01 – \$0.05 greater than the current rates at each toll gantry for customers with electronic tags driving two-axle vehicles. Consistent with the 2021 Traffic and Revenue Study, three tolling points on 183A Toll will adjust for an increase slightly above the CPI: the Crystal Falls ramp, Crystal Falls Mainline Plaza, and Lakeline Mainline Plaza will increase by \$0.09. Additionally, the base minimum rate on the MoPac Express Lane will increase by \$0.08 cents.

As a partner in in the Central United States Interoperability hub, the Mobility Authority accepts any of the following tags on its toll roads as payment: North Texas Tollway Authority's TollTag, Harris County Toll Road Authority's EZ-TAG, Kansas Turnpike Authority's K-TAG, Oklahoma Turnpike Authority's PIKEPASS, Florida Turnpike Enterprise's SunPass, Colorado's ExpressToll, Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority's Fuego Tag, and Bancpass. An electronic tag account from any of these tag providers is the most cost-effective way to travel on Mobility Authority toll roads. Pay By Mail customers, or customers who drive on toll roads without an electronic tag, pay rates that are 50 percent higher than rates paid by tag holders plus a \$1 processing fee.

There is also an option for customers who wish to pay discounted toll rates without getting an electronic tag: Mobility Authority Prepaid Registered Accounts. This payment method allows customers without an electronic tag to have their tolls paid automatically rather than waiting to receive a toll bill in the mail. Customers can opt in online or over the phone, add \$25 to their registered account, and begin driving Mobility Authority-operated toll roads hassle-free. Registered account holders receive a 25 percent savings on Pay By Mail toll rates.

Electronic tag account holders that do not attach the tag to their vehicles will incur a 10% increase to the tag rate to cover additional administrative and operational costs.

Customers without a tag who choose not to opt in for a Prepaid Registered Account can pay their toll bill in person, over the phone, online, by mail, or QR Code.

183A Toll

183A 2025 Toll Rates (two-axle)	Тад	Pay By Mail
Crystal Falls Parkway Ramps	\$0.62	\$0.93
Crystal Falls Mainline Plaza	\$1.43	\$2.15
Scottsdale Drive Ramp	\$0.76	\$1.14
Park Street Mainline Plaza	\$1.94	\$2.91
Brushy Creek Ramps	\$0.76	\$1.14
Lakeline Mainline Plaza	\$0.78	\$1.17

The northward extension of 183A Toll to north of SH 29, the 183A Phase III Project, is anticipated to open to traffic in 2025. The new tolling points are as follows:

183A New Toll Plazas Toll Rates (two-axle)	Тад	Pay By Mail
North Whitewing Ramps	\$1.02	\$1.53
Whitewing Mainline Plaza	\$1.29	\$1.94
South Whitewing Ramps	\$0.76	\$1.14
San Gabriel Ramps	\$0.76	\$1.14
San Gabriel Mainline Plaza	\$1.09	\$1.64

290 Toll

290 Toll 2025 Toll Rates (two-axle)	Тад	Pay By Mail
U.S. 183 Ramps (direct connectors)	\$0.73	\$1.10
Springdale Road Ramps	\$0.73	\$1.10
Giles Lane Ramps	\$0.73	\$1.10
Giles Lane Mainline Plaza	\$1.49	\$2.24
Harris Branch Parkway Ramps	\$0.73	\$1.10
Parmer Lane Mainline Plaza	\$0.73	\$1.10
130/290 Direct Connectors	\$0.75	\$1.13

71 Toll Lane

71 Toll Lane 2025 Toll Rates (two-axle)	Тад	Pay By Mail
FM 973 EB and WB	\$1.14	\$1.71

45SW TollSH 45SW 2025 Toll Rates (two-axle)TagPay By MailBear Creek Plaza\$1.22\$1.83

183 Toll

183 Toll 2025 Toll Rates (two-axle)	Tag	Pay By Mail
51st Street Ramps	\$0.81	\$1.22
MLK Jr. Boulevard/51st Street Mainline Plaza	\$1.50	\$2.25
969 Ramp	\$1.09	\$1.64
Smith Road Ramps	\$0.71	\$1.07
Thompson Mainline Plaza	\$1.30	\$1.95
Direct Connectors to/from SH 71	\$0.71	\$1.07

MoPac Express Lane

MoPac Express Lane 2025 Base Toll Rates (two-axle only)	Тад	Pay By Mail
Northbound		
Segment: Cesar Chavez to US 183	\$0.65	\$0.98
Segment: RM 2222 to Parmer	\$0.65	\$0.98
Entire length: Cesar Chavez to Parmer	\$1.30	\$1.96
Southbound		
Segment: Parmer to RM 2222	\$0.65	\$0.98
Segment: RM 2222 to 5th/Cesar Chavez	\$0.65	\$0.98
Entire length: Parmer to 5th/Cesar Chavez	\$1.30	\$1.96

For the full list of 2025 Mobility Authority toll rates, please visit <u>mobilityauthority.com/pay-your-toll/rates</u>

The toll rate increases are part of a Mobility Authority policy that adjusts rates annually in line with inflation to avoid larger increases every five years. To inform customers of this rate change, the toll rate signs will be updated in advance of the rate increase. However, customers will continue to be charged the lower 2024 rates through December 31, 2024.

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About the Mobility Authority

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is a local, independent government agency created in 2002 to improve the regional transportation system in Travis and Williamson Counties. The Mobility Authority implements innovative and sustainable transportation options to enhance quality of life and economic vitality in Central Texas. The Mobility Authority operates 183A Toll, 290 Toll, 71 Toll Lane, the MoPac Express Lane, 45SW Toll, and 183 Toll. The agency is also constructing the 183A Phase III and the 183 North Mobility Projects. For more information about the Mobility Authority, visit www.MobilityAuthority.com.