



TxDOT's six goals: Prepare for the future; Enhance safety; Maintain the transportation system; Relieve congestion; Enhance connectivity; Work with our partners to identify funding strategies

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TxDOT Truck Toll Promotion on SH 130, SH 45SE Extended through January 25 *Initial results show 39 percent increase in truck transactions in past two weeks*

AUSTIN – You asked—we listened. All truck tolls will remain \$9 or less on the 56-mile State Highway 130 and SH 45SE bypass around Austin through Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

After numerous requests and initial program success, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will extend its truck toll promotion for three weeks. The original two-week promotion started December 21, 2011 and was slated to end January 4, 2012.

All motorists who choose to avoid traffic congestion through the Austin area and travel nonstop between Georgetown and Buda on the SH 130/SH 45SE toll bypass will continue to pay the passenger vehicle (two-axle) toll rate of \$9 or less through January 25. For trucks with four axles or more, this means a savings of more than 67 percent.

Initial results show that truck transactions increased more than 39 percent on both SH 130 and SH 45SE, as well as indicating a 10 percent increase for passenger vehicles for the same period over the previous year.

I-35, from SH 71 to US 183, is the fourth-most highly congested roadway in Texas. Last year, families on vacation, commuters traveling to work, and truckers working to get their shipments to market on-time experienced more than 4.6 million hours of delay. The state-of-the-art network of tollways was built to offer an alternative to Austin-area traffic congestion, while enhancing safety and connectivity.

TxDOT recommends motorists sign up for a TxTag to pay their tolls. TxTag makes paying tolls simple and fast. There's no stopping or slowing down to pay, and drivers pay the lowest toll rates throughout the state. To open an account, contact the Customer Service Center at 1-888-468-9824 or sign up online at www.txtag.org. While using an electronic toll tag is the easiest, least expensive way to pay tolls, Pay By Mail (PBM) is also an option for all users of TxDOT's Austin-area toll roads.

Drivers with electronic toll tags – TxTag, the Dallas/Fort Worth area TollTag and the Houston EZ TAG – always receive the cheapest toll rates on Austin-area toll roads. Motorists without an electronic toll tag are welcome to use the toll roads through the PBM option; however, toll rates are slightly higher to offset the costs related to processing the license plate information. Also, a \$1 fee is applied to each monthly bill for PBM customers.

Toll rates on other Austin-area toll roads including Loop 1, SH 45N and 183A remain unchanged during this promotion.

Tolling Point SH 130	Toll Rate		
	TxTag	Cash	PBM
SH 130 (Segments 1-4) from I-35 at SH 195 to US 183: Mainlane Plazas	\$1.35	\$1.50	\$1.80
SH 130 (Segments 1-4) from I-35 at SH 195 to US 183: Ramps Cameron Road ramps – No Cash	\$0.45	\$0.50	\$0.60

Tolling Point SH 45 SE	Toll Rate	
	TxTag	PBM
SH 45 SE from I-35 to US 183: Mainlane Plaza	\$1.00	\$1.33
SH 45 SE from I-35 to US 183: Ramps	\$0.66	\$0.88

* The PBM rates do not include the \$1.00 monthly invoice fee.

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