



News from the Ohio Turnpike

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For Immediate Release:

Ohio Turnpike again breaks record for number of vehicles using the roadway

Ohio's only toll road tops 3 billion miles traveled for only third time in 61-year history

BEREA (Jan. 23, 2017) – For the second year in a row, more vehicles traveled on the Ohio Turnpike than any other year in its 61-year history. The total of 54.9 million vehicles in 2016 beat the previous record from one year ago (2015), which was 53.4 million.

In 2016, the Turnpike also recorded the second most number of vehicle miles traveled in its history with over 3 billion miles traveled. This was only 2.6 million fewer miles traveled than in the record year, 2006. The results were reported at today's meeting of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission.

“An improving economy, relatively low gas prices and mild weather all contributed to record traffic volume in 2016,” said Executive Director Randy Cole. “The Ohio Turnpike is a key east-west interstate connector with a stable base of freight. Our year-end results reflect our quality and value for the movement of goods and people.”

Other significant statistics include a 2.2 percent gain in the percentage of total traffic that used *E-ZPass*® on the Ohio Turnpike. In 2016, 57.1 percent of all customers (passenger cars and commercial vehicles) used *E-ZPass*, saving them both time and money. *E-ZPass* customers save an average of 33 percent on tolls compared to cash-paying customers.

E-ZPass growth in 2016 also includes an 8.8 percent gain in the number of passenger cars using *E-ZPass* and a 3.1 percent rise in the number of commercial vehicles that used *E-ZPass* last year.

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2016 vs. 2015 and 2006* Ohio Turnpike Traffic Volume

<u>Number of Vehicles</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Percent change</u>
Passenger Cars	43,471,979	42,109,917	3.2%
Commercial Vehicles	11,424,856	11,283,846	1.2%
Total	54,896,835	53,393,763	2.8%

<u>Number of Vehicle Miles</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Percent change</u>
Passenger Cars	2,029,904,356	1,998,169,654	1.6%
Commercial Vehicles	1,007,741,982	1,003,117,235	0.5%
Total	3,037,646,339	3,001,286,889	1.2%

<u>E-ZPass vs. Non E-ZPass- Passenger</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
E-ZPass Passenger Cars	21,819,995	20,058,934	8.8%
Non-E-ZPass Passenger Cars	21,651,984	22,050,983	-1.8%
% of Passenger Cars using E-ZPass	50.2	47.6	2.6
<u>E-ZPass vs. Non E-ZPass- Commercial</u>		<u>2015</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Commercial Vehicles	9,550,481	9,262,658	3.1%
Non-E-ZPass Commercial Vehicles	1,874,375	2,021,188	-7.3%
% of Commercial Vehicles using E-ZPass	83.6	82.1	1.5
% of Vehicles that used E-ZPass	57.1	54.9	2.2

*In 2006, the total the number of vehicle miles traveled was 3,040,292,635.

E-ZPass transponders are available to the public at participating retail locations of Giant Eagle, Inc. and GetGo, Barney's Convenience Mart Inc., Discount Drug Mart, Mickey Mart and AAA Akron Auto Club.

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The Ohio Turnpike is a 241-mile toll road offering one of the safest, best and most convenient routes for motorists to reach east/west destinations along the northern corridor of Ohio. The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission provides excellent customer service and amenities to meet travelers' wants and needs, including state-of-the-art service plazas, a variety of restaurant choices, and routine maintenance for a smooth, pleasant trip. For a better travel experience, choose the Ohio Turnpike.