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New Ohio Turnpike toll rates take effect on January 1

BEREA, OH, Dec. 20, 2011 – New Ohio Turnpike toll rates will take effect on January 1, 2012. The new rates, which were approved by the Ohio Turnpike Commission (OTC) in March 2009, will continue to provide an *E-ZPass*[®] incentive, where *E-ZPass*[®] customers pay a lower toll than customers who pay with cash or a credit card.

Some customers who travel between only one or two interchanges may not experience any change in their toll fare. For example, customers traveling from the Strongsville/Cleveland Interchange (TP 161) to the Akron Interchange (TP 180) currently pay 75 cents with *E-ZPass®* or \$1.25 without *E-ZPass®*. On January 1, 2012, customers traveling that same route will pay the same rate.

Under the new rates, the cost to travel the entire 241-mile Ohio Turnpike from Indiana to Pennsylvania in a Class 1 passenger vehicle (2-axle and under 7' 6" in height) will be \$11.25 with E-ZPass® (4.7 cents per mile) or \$16.50 without E-ZPass® (6.8 cents per mile.) Class 5 commercial vehicle (low 6-axle vehicle or high 5-axle vehicle) customers will pay \$35.00 with E-ZPass® (14.5 cents per mile) or \$44.00 without E-ZPass® (18.2 cents per mile) for the end-to-end trip.

Customers can view the 2012 rates and/or utilize the online Fare Calculator which displays cost comparisons between *E-ZPass®* and non *E-ZPass®* rates at <u>www.ohioturnpike.org</u>.