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For Immediate Release:

AAA Northwest Ohio to offer *E-ZPass* to its members and customers

BEREA (May 22, 2018) – Beginning on May 22, AAA Northwest Ohio will be offering *E-ZPass* transponders to its members and customers at six Ohio stores throughout four counties.

In its first nine years of operation on the Ohio Turnpike, *E-ZPass* saved its customers more than \$400 million compared to customers who paid cash over the same period. The number of overall users and vehicle miles travelled with *E-ZPass* has increased steadily since the program began on the Ohio Turnpike in 2009. In 2017, 52.8 percent of passenger vehicle customers who travel the Turnpike used *E-ZPass*.

“In a continued effort to be responsive to our customers, we are making it easier than ever to acquire an *E-ZPass* transponder by adding AAA Northwest Ohio as a retail partner,” said Ohio Turnpike Executive Director Randy Cole. “AAA is a highly respected brand name in auto travel and we are thrilled to partner with them.”

“With the *E-Z Pass* program, motorists can save time, while traffic moves more efficiently and safely, which is important to AAA,” said AAA Northwest Ohio Executive Vice President, Edgar Avila.

With 37 tolling authorities in 17 states – and growing—*E-ZPass* represents the largest and most successful interoperable tolling network in the world.

“Our customers will save both time and money using *E-ZPass*,” added Cole. In fact, the average savings on tolls is 33 percent and customers can save up to 50 percent on a single trip.”

***E-ZPass* by the Numbers:**

- Six AAA locations will offer transponders for passenger cars in four counties.
- *E-ZPass* transponders are \$12 at all retail locations. Allow up to 24 hours for activation in Ohio and up to 48 hours for use of the transponder in other states.
- A credit card and a minimum balance of \$25 per transponder are required to open an account.
- Savings realized by all *E-ZPass* customers since 2009: over \$400 million.
- About 12,000 Ohio *E-ZPass* customers use the system for at least 30 trips per month.

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AAA Northwest Ohio locations:

North Towne, 308 New Towne Square Dr., Toledo OH 43612 / (419) 470-5665

Sylvania, 3201 Meijer Dr., Toledo, OH 43617 / (419) 843-1212

Toledo South, 5606 Airport Hwy., Toledo 43615 / (419) 897-4455

Defiance, 1007 N Clinton St, Defiance, OH 43512 / (419) 782-3876

Port Clinton, 2870 E Harbor Rd B, Port Clinton, OH 43452 / (419) 732-2161

*Perrysburg, 580 Craig Drive Perrysburg, Ohio 43551 (419) 872-5000 (new location coming soon)

*AAA is building a new store in Perrysburg that will open on June 11th – the new store is located at 25740 N. Dixie Highway, Perrysburg, OH 43551 / (419) 872-5000

About AAA Northwest Ohio

AAA provides automotive, travel, and insurance services to 58 million members nationwide and more than three million members in Ohio. AAA advocates for the safety and mobility of its members and has been committed to outstanding road service for more than 100 years. AAA is a non-stock, non-profit corporation working on behalf of motorists, who can now map a route, find local gas prices, discover discounts, book a hotel, and track their roadside assistance service with the AAA Mobile app (AAA.com/mobile) for iPhone, iPad and Android. For more information, visit www.AAA.com.



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About E-ZPass

E-ZPass is an electronic toll collection system that allows customers to enter and exit the Turnpike without stopping to receive a ticket or to pay the toll. *E-ZPass* saves both time and money. Travelers receive an average 33 percent discount from their toll charge for using *E-ZPass*. The Ohio Turnpike *E-ZPass* maintenance fee (75 cents per month) is waived for frequent Ohio Turnpike travelers—those who take the Ohio Turnpike for 30 or more single trips per month.

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.

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