



## News from the Ohio Turnpike

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### **E-ZPass offers Ohio customers more roads to travel in the Sunshine State**

*Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) Now Accepts E-ZPass Transponders*

**BEREA (June 3, 2021)** Ohio's *E-ZPass* customers can now enjoy seamless travel with their *E-ZPass* transponder on Florida's Turnpike System and all toll facilities owned or operated by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), bringing interoperability across 18 states.

"This is big news for our Ohio *E-ZPass* customers," said Ferzan M. Ahmed, P.E., Executive Director of the Ohio Turnpike. "Our customers, some of whom are "snowbirds," have been asking for Florida to join the *E-ZPass* network. It's great that our transportation partners in Florida were able to make this happen."

"The 35-member toll agencies in the 19 state *E-ZPass* region congratulate the Florida Department of Transportation and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise on this significant step toward national interoperability in toll collection," said P.J. Wilkins, Executive Director of the E-ZPass Group. "Our customers have long sought a solution where they can utilize a single toll account for their travels up and down the coast. This announcement fulfills a commitment to each of our customers and provides a seamless travel experience."

"Florida continues to leverage technology and deploy innovative solutions that improve safety and reduce congestion across the state's transportation system," said Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E. "Florida's partnership with *E-ZPass* is the next critical step toward national interoperability creating seamless transportation options for Florida residents and visitors alike."

With the addition of Florida's Turnpike System to the *E-ZPass* family, toll road users will enjoy improved mobility and enhanced customer service along nearly 900 miles of roadway in the Sunshine State.

Many *E-ZPass* customers who visit Florida will now have the convenience of one transponder to advance interoperability. The new agreement particularly appeals to winter visitors who come to Florida during cold-weather months.

*E-ZPass* is the largest interoperable toll collection program in the nation, consisting of agencies in 18 states and servicing more than 24 million accounts.

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