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TRAVELING TO NORTH CAROLINA TO BECOME EASIER FOR I-PASS CUSTOMERS
Tar Heels Join 14 Other States to Accept I-PASS and E-ZPass

DOWNERS GROVE – Illinois Tollway customers will soon enjoy the benefits of their I-PASS when traveling to North Carolina. On January 2, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority will be joining 14 other states with more than 20 facilities in accepting I-PASS and E-ZPass interchangeably on its system.

"We welcome North Carolina to the growing list of states accepting I-PASS," said Governor Pat Quinn. "As more electronic tolling agencies across the country recognize this universal form of payment, Illinois residents will be able to travel even greater distances and visit more places with their transponders."

"Drivers with an I-PASS transponder in their windshield have faster, safer and more convenient commutes on the Illinois Tollway," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Kristi Lafleur. "Now, a new partnership with North Carolina will allow our customers an even greater ease of travel beyond Illinois."

In addition to Illinois, North Carolina joins Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia and West Virginia in accepting I-PASS and E-ZPass.

The Illinois Tollway, however, reminds I-PASS customers that toll rates on the E-ZPass system, set by individual tolling agencies, tend to be higher than those on the Illinois Tollway. Customers should ensure that they have sufficient funds in their I-PASS accounts a minimum of 48 hours prior to traveling out-of-state and should remember to check their balances frequently.

In addition, I-PASS customers who use automatic balance replenishment to add funds to their account balance should make sure their credit/debit card information, including the expiration date, is accurate.

The Illinois Tollway operates the largest open road tolling system in the nation with more than 2.2 million daily toll transactions. More than 86 percent of all transactions are I-PASS transactions from more than 4.6 million active transponders and more than 3.4 million active I-PASS accounts.

About the Illinois Tollway
The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 286 miles of interstate tollways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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