



South Jersey Transportation Authority

Public Hearing for Toll Adjustment

Frequently Asked Questions

Question – New Jersey increased the NJ gas tax in 2016 to raise money for the Transportation Trust Fund. Isn't there enough money in the Trust Fund to pay for improvements on the roadways maintained by the SJTA?

Answer – The Authority does not receive gas tax revenues, and the Authority's capital improvements are not funded by the Transportation Trust Fund.

Question – When was the last toll increase implemented?

Answer – SJTA tolls were increased last in 2008.

Question – What kind of increase is the Authority proposing?

Answer – The toll increase is 37% initially raising the average trip .57 cents. Future increases would be indexed to the consumer price index.

Question – How will the increased tolls be indexed?

Answer – Tolls will be adjusted on an annual basis to keep up with rising costs but will not exceed an annual increase of 3%. Indexing is a common practice utilized by a number of toll roads. Indexing will provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding, permit the SJTA to plan and execute necessary infrastructure improvements and eliminate the need to advance significant toll adjustments every decade or so.



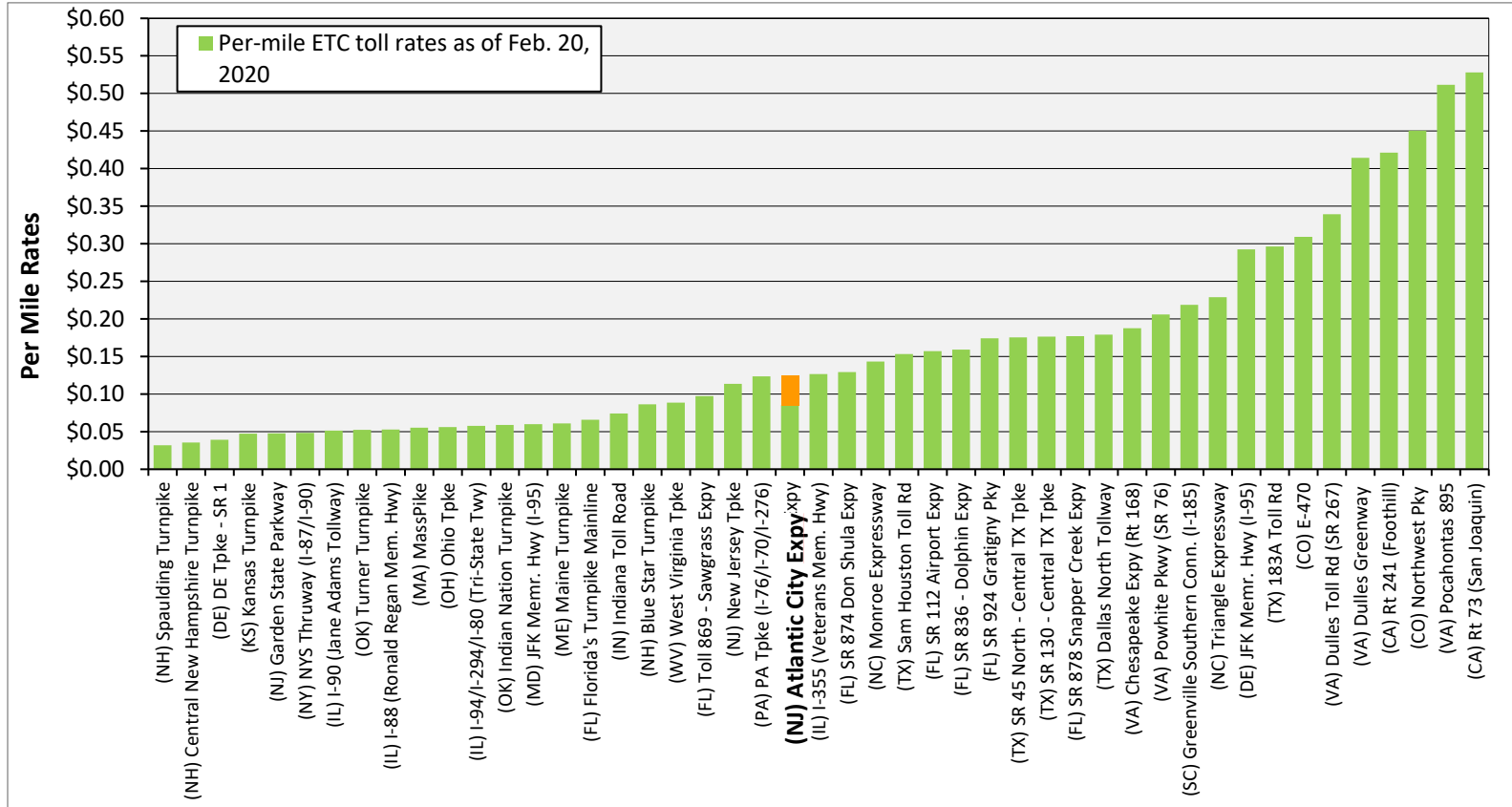
Question – How does the Authority generate revenue?

Answer – Toll collections represent 76% of operating revenue. Other revenue sources are generated from vendor leases at the service areas, Atlantic City Airport, park and ride receipts and other miscellaneous sources.

Question – How does the Authority compare to rates paid by passenger cars on toll roads around the nation?

Answer – As the chart shows, the Atlantic City Expressway ranks 23rd lowest in the nation for passenger cars out of 47 toll roads.

Passenger Car Rate Comparison

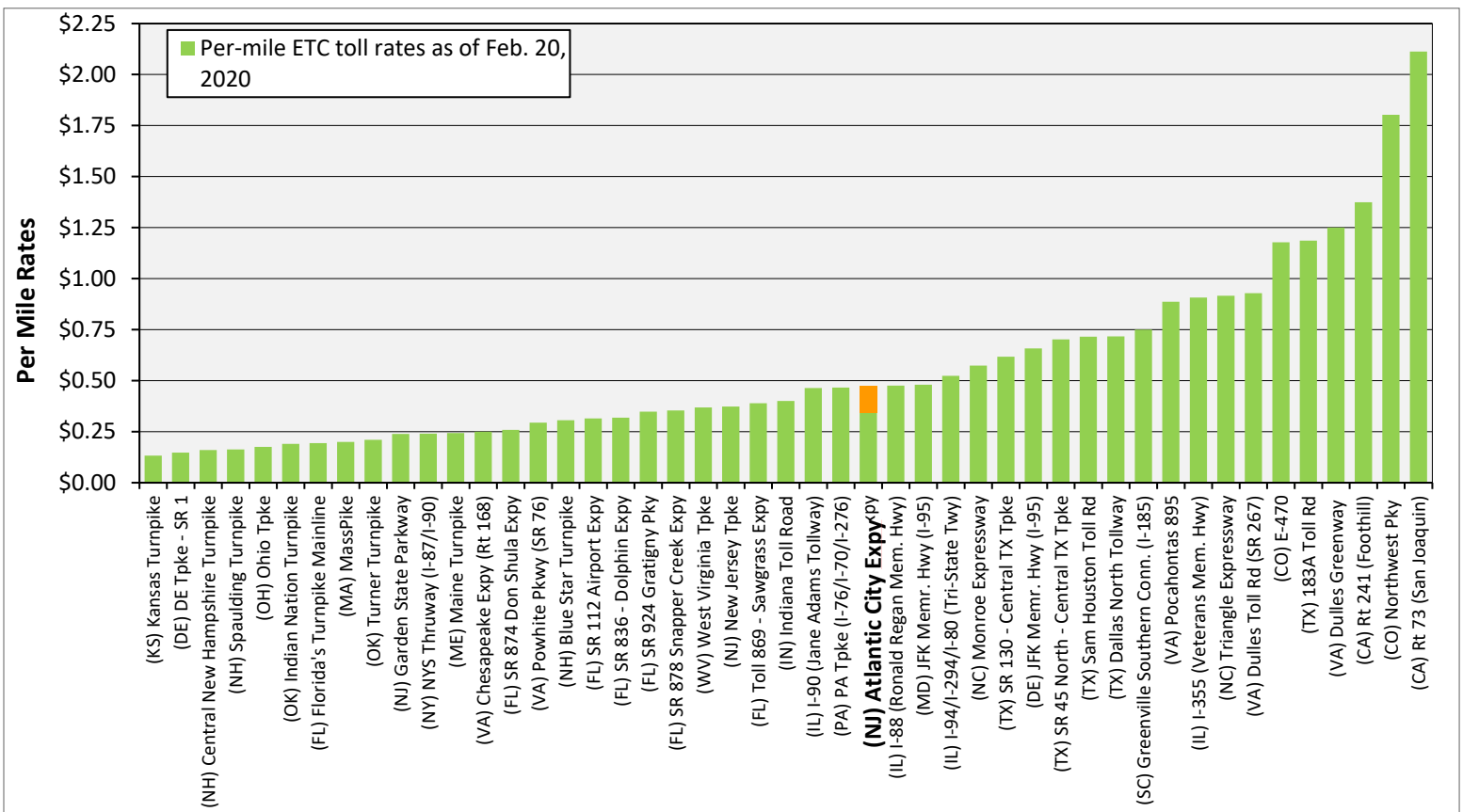




Question – What is the toll comparison for 5-axle trucks?

Answer – As the chart shows, the Atlantic City Expressway ranks 27th lowest in the nation for 5-axle truck out of 47 toll roads.

5-Axle Truck Rate Comparison



Question – What did the SJTA accomplish with the last capital program?

Answer – The SJTA advanced a number of significant capital projects that improved the quality of life for its customers, enhanced safety and invested in the state of good repair of the SJTA’s infrastructure.



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Major projects included – AC Expressway Widening Westbound Milepost 7.8 to 31.5 at total cost of approximately \$54 million; Ramp 17 Improvements at a cost \$7.8 million; Resurfacing and Rehabilitation of roadway at a cost of over \$28 million and various Bridge Improvements Projects at a cost of \$24 million.

Question – What is SJTA planning to do with the revenue from this proposed toll increase?

Answer – Revenue will be used to fund the Authority’s 2020 capital improvement projects. Some slated projects include resurfacing of the AC Expressway, lighting improvements, third lane widening from milepost 31.6 to State Route 42, Interchange 7 improvements, converting toll system to a cashless system – “pay by plate,” and constructing a new interchange to allow a direct connection to the Atlantic City Airport and the Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center.

Question – Will toll discounts remain in effect?

Answer – Yes, EZ-Pass frequent user discount will remain unchanged.