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Tolls Reduced on I-85 Express Lanes

Toll rate signs to be streamed on PeachPass.com soon

ATLANTA – Today the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) announced that the toll rate range for the I-85 Express Lanes has been changed from 10 cents - 90 cents per mile to 1 cent - 90 cents per mile, thus allowing for lower toll rates during off peak hours. The SRTA Board voted on the toll rates today and the new rates went into effect just minutes after Board approval. Typical off-peak hours include, but are not limited to, the following timeframes, depending on traffic:

- Midday – 10AM – 3PM
- Evening/Overnight – 8PM – 6AM
- Friday 8PM – Monday 6AM

“We are pleased to institute this operational improvement for our customers,” says SRTA Executive Director Gena L. Evans. “Now motorists using the Express Lanes during off peak hours could pay as low as 16 cents for the full distance of an Express Lanes trip.”

In addition to the toll rate reduction, in the next few weeks, visitors who log on to www.peachpass.com will be able to view live online streaming of key toll rates signs. Four new dedicated EarthCam cameras will be installed for the public to view toll rates on the I-85 Express Lanes at Chamblee Tucker Road and Pleasantdale Road going northbound and Old Peachtree Road and Sugarloaf Parkway going southbound. Details will be available in the coming weeks on PeachPass.com

Peach Pass registration is required for all vehicles using the I-85 Express Lanes, including toll-exempt carpools with three or more occupants, transit vehicles, motorcycles, emergency vehicles and Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFV) with the proper AFV license plates. The Peach Pass transponder adheres to a vehicle’s windshield (or front bumper if using a bumper mount transponder) and is electronically linked to a registered Peach Pass account. When customers decide to use the I-85 Express Lanes, tolls are automatically deducted from their Peach Pass account.

The I-85 Express Lanes project converted approximately 16 miles of the existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes to High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes on I-85 from Old Peachtree Road to Chamblee Tucker Road. The I-85 Express Lanes Project is part of a larger Congestion Reduction Demonstration Program grant awarded to the Atlanta region by the United States Department of Transportation.

For more information about Peach Pass, go to www.peachpass.com. For media inquiries, contact Malika Reed Wilkins at mwilkins@georgiatolls.com.

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