



**The Port Authority's New Toll System and All-Electronic Tolling (AET)
Frequently Asked Questions
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What are the Port Authority's near-term plans to upgrade its toll collection system?

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's ("Port Authority") existing toll collection system is more than 12 years old and is in need of replacement. At its February 2010 meeting, the Port Authority's Board of Commissioners authorized a project that will replace the Port Authority's toll collection system at its four bridges and two tunnels that comprise, in total, approximately 72 lanes. This new system will provide the ability for the Port Authority to institute All-Electronic (cashless) Toll ("AET") collection at some point in the future, if or when approved by the Board of Commissioners.

When will this new system be installed and how will it differ from the current system?

Installation of the new system – which shall be acquired competitively through a process involving the prequalification of firms that will thereafter receive the opportunity to respond to a request for proposal (RFP) for the design, implementation, and long-term maintenance of the system – should begin in the 3rd quarter of 2012 and be completed by the end of 2014. When initially installed, the new toll collection system will equip all lanes so that they function with the same collection modes the Port Authority has today – cash and E-ZPass – but will also provide for the ability to move to All-Electronic Tolling by ensuring that during initial deployment, any additional components and software needed for AET will also be configured, installed and operationally tested.

Why isn't the Port Authority moving directly to All-Electronic Tolling?

The Port Authority wants to replace the current toll system as quickly as possible while moving toward the future of toll collection. However, as a public authority, the Port Authority also wants to ensure that the system is replaced in a responsible manner. All-Electronic Tolling has not yet been demonstrated under the heavy traffic conditions often experienced at the Port Authority's tunnels and bridges. By installing a new system with the capability for All-Electronic Tolling, the Port Authority could phase in All-Electronic Tolling via a change in its business rules and back office operations.

Does the Port Authority intend to move toward an open road tolling configuration?

Except at the Outerbridge Crossing toll plaza, where there are two existing open road toll (ORT) lanes, the Port Authority does not intend to implement AET in an open road configuration with this new system deployment. After deploying the new system and implementing All-Electronic Tolling in the existing plazas and lanes, the Port Authority will be in a better position to assess whether moving towards an open road configuration at all of its toll plazas is feasible at the time of its *next* system replacement.

Does the Port Authority intend to limit the amount of firms under consideration for either the prequalification or RFP process?

Absolutely not. The Port Authority intends to prequalify **all** firms that satisfy the requirements of the prequalification document. All prequalified firms – no matter how many – will be given equal consideration during the competitive RFP process.

When does the Port Authority intend to prequalify firms to receive the RFP for this project?

The Port Authority anticipates but does not guarantee to prequalify firms by the end of the second quarter 2010.

When does the Port Authority intend to issue the RFP to the prequalified firms?

The Port Authority anticipates but does not guarantee to issue the RFP to prequalified vendors in the third quarter 2010.

How many contracts does the Port Authority intend to issue for the design, implementation, and maintenance of the new toll collection system?

The Port Authority intends to issue a design/build contract and a maintenance contract, both of which shall result from the same RFP, to one firm that provided the best proposal.

When does the Port Authority anticipate issuing the contract resulting from the RFP?

The Port Authority anticipates but does not guarantee to issue the contracts resulting from the RFP in the second quarter 2011.