

Harris County, Texas

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Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 23-0458 **Version**: 1 **Name**:

Type: Policy Status: Passed

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On agenda: 1/31/2023 Final action: 1/31/2023

Title: Request for approval of an updated policy related to the setting of toll rates.

Sponsors:

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Attachments: 1. 23-0458 - HCTRA Toll Policy Updated_011923

Date Ver. Action By Action Result

1/31/2023 1 Commissioners Court

Department: Toll Road Authority

Department Head/Elected Official: Roberto Treviño, P.E., Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Policy

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A
MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of an updated policy related to the setting of toll rates.

Background and Discussion:

Commissioners Court on January 10, 2023 approved an updated Toll Setting Policy, Toll Invoicing Policy and Collections Policy. The Toll Setting Policy established new toll rates for image-based transactions, refined the vehicle classification structure and corresponding toll rates, and provided guidelines for future rate adjustments. This updated Toll Setting Policy is being revised to address Commissioners Court request to lower the proposed tolls by providing a 10% discount for 2-axle EZ Tag account holders.

Expected Impact:

Approval of this policy will enable HCTRA to efficiently implement toll rates that reflect the current system operations. It is anticipated that this updated policy will encourage EZ Tag usage; thereby reducing revenue leakage while covering the cost of toll collection.

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Alternative Options:

No other recommended solution for this identified need.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- _ Justice and Safety
- _ Economic Opportunity
- _ Housing
- _ Public Health
- **X** Transportation
- _ Flooding
- _ Environment
- _ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
01/10/2023	314	Court approval of the updated Toll Setting Policy, Toll Invoicing Policy, and Collections Policy
12/01/2015	1.c.7	Court approval of the Violation Fee Waiver Reduction Policy and revisions to the EZ Tag agreement effective January 1, 2016
06/23/2009	1.d.4	Court approval of clarifications, additional definitions, and modifications to the Toll Rate Setting Policy
06/19/2007	1.a.2	Court approval of a Toll Rate Setting Policy

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A Precinct(s): Countywide

Service Name			
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do No	OT write values in the	nousands or millions	s)
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write v	alues in thousands	or millions)	•
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$

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Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$			
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$	\$			
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)						
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-			
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-			
Total Personnel	-	-	-			

Anticipated Court Date: January 31, 2023

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): September 4, 2023 pending Court approval

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

Contact(s) name, title, department: Nicole Stuttz, Chief of Staff, Harris County Toll Road Authority

Attachments (if applicable): updated Toll Setting Policy