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## **US-412/Cimarron Turnpike begins transition** to PlatePay/cashless tolling

As of Tuesday, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority began transitioning the US-412/Cimarron Turnpike to PlatePay/cashless tolling between Stillwater and Tulsa. The SH-99 Toll Plaza intersection (mm 48) near Hallett is the first toll plaza to convert to PlatePay, which creates a free flow of traffic and eliminates sudden speed changes when motorists maneuver lanes and stop at a toll booth.

Moving to cashless tolling this week is expected to help alleviate Game Day traffic congestion ahead of Thursday's Oklahoma State University's first home football game of the season in Stillwater. Motorists also are reminded of potential travel delays at an Oklahoma Department of Transportation bridge rehabilitation project on SH-99 just north of Hallett in Pawnee County, where travel will be restricted to one lane with temporary traffic signals through November.

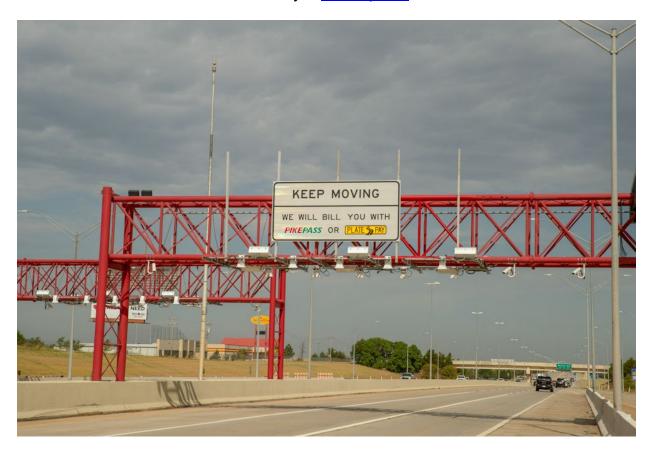
The remaining turnpike toll plazas at US-64, US-177 and the Stillwater Spur are expected to convert to PlatePay by the end of the year.

PlatePay cameras photograph a vehicle's license plate, enabling the Authority to send the vehicle's registered owner an invoice. Drivers without a PIKEPASS will receive a bill in the mail. PIKEPASS customers will continue to enjoy seamless travel at much lower toll rates.

This marks the fifth Oklahoma toll road to transition to all-electronic tolling this year. The Cimarron Turnpike joins the John Kilpatrick, Kickapoo, H.E. Bailey and Chickasaw turnpikes

in converting to PlatePay. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority plans to transition the state's remaining turnpikes to cashless tolling by the end of 2024.

PIKEPASS remains the most cost-effective way to travel Oklahoma turnpikes, providing customers the lowest toll rate. To open a PIKEPASS account, visit <u>PIKEPASS.com</u> or call 1-800-PIKEPASS. Learn more about PlatePay at <u>PlatePay.com</u>.



Drivers along the US-412/Cimarron Turnpike will now see signs similar to the one above as they travel near the SH-99 Toll Plaza near Hallett between Stillwater and Tulsa.



Please click everyone's seat belt each and every time you drive.

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OTA strongly discourage texting or tweeting while driving.