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## SH-351/Muskogee Turnpike transitions to full cashless tolling

As of Tuesday, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority has converted SH-351/Muskogee Turnpike to PlatePay (cashless tolling). This means motorists can now travel completely cashless via PIKEPASS and PlatePay with increased safety and convenience between Tulsa and I-40 near Webbers Falls.

PlatePay helps create a free flow of traffic and eliminates sudden speed changes when motorists maneuver lanes to stop at a toll booth and then re-enter high-speed traffic. Eliminating these conflict points significantly increases safety on Oklahoma's turnpike system, which saw more than 500 crashes at tolling booths in the past six years systemwide. This change also offers customers the ability to conveniently pay their tolls online and never be distracted by looking for cash while driving.

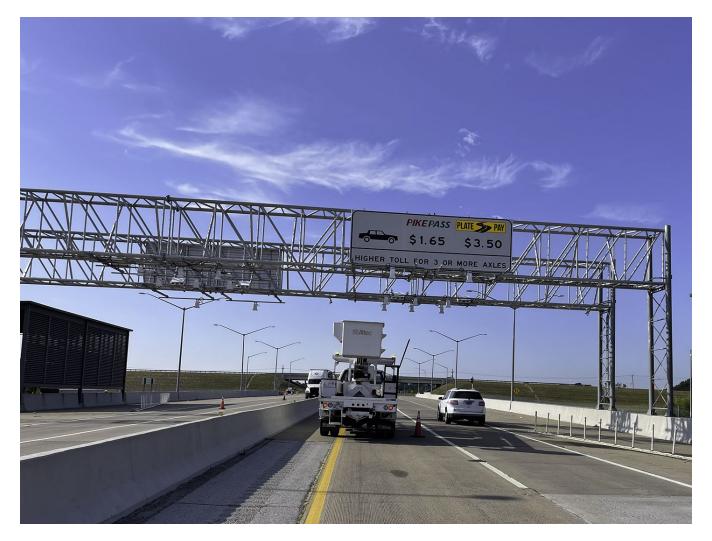
PlatePay cameras photograph a vehicle's license plate, enabling the Authority to send the vehicle's registered owner an invoice. Drivers without a PIKEPASS will receive a bill in the mail. PIKEPASS customers will continue to enjoy seamless travel at much lower toll rates.

While the Muskogee Turnpike is now using cashless tolling, drivers should expect intermittent lane closures as crews work to remove toll equipment in the coming weeks.

This marks the ninth Oklahoma toll road to offer fully cashless tolling. The Muskogee Turnpike joins the John Kilpatrick, Kickapoo, H.E. Bailey, Chickasaw, Gilcrease, Cimarron, Creek and Cherokee turnpikes in offering its PlatePay system for open road tolling. OTA plans to transition the state's remaining three turnpikes to fully cashless tolling by the end of 2024. Those turnpikes include I-44/Will Rogers, I-44/Turner, both in northeastern Oklahoma, and SH-375/Indian Nation in southeastern Oklahoma.

The completion of the conversion to PlatePay also means drivers may now use the PlusPass app on the Muskogee Turnpike. The app allows motorists to access their accounts on the go, and pay tolls via credit card, PayPal or pre-pay with cash. Drivers using PlusPass will see a savings of about 25 percent compared with PlatePay customers. PlusPass may be used on any Oklahoma turnpike that has been converted to all-electronic tolling.

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 (1-800-745-3727). Learn more about PlatePay at <u>PlatePay.com</u>.



Crews unveiled new signage Tuesday on SH-351/Muskogee Turnpike for the conversion to open road tolling on the turnpike between Tulsa and I-40. The Muskogee Turnpike now accepts online payments through PIKEPASS, the PlusPass mobile app or PlatePay. This is the ninth turnpike to convert to cashless tolling on Oklahoma's turnpike system.