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SH-364/Creek Turnpike to transition to PlatePay Tuesday

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is scheduled to convert SH-364/Creek Turnpike to PlatePay (cashless tolling) Tuesday night. Crews will close the cash lanes along the Creek turnpike to begin the conversion to PlatePay beginning at 10 p.m., weather permitting.

Once the Creek Turnpike is converted to cashless tolling, drivers should expect intermittent lane closures as crews work to remove old signs and tolling equipment in the coming weeks.

The conversion to PlatePay means drivers will be able to travel along the Creek Turnpike between I-44/Turner Turnpike and US-412 in the Tulsa Metro completely cashless.

PlatePay helps create a free flow of traffic and eliminates sudden speed changes when motorists maneuver lanes and stop at a toll booth. 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 seventh Oklahoma toll road to offer fully cashless tolling. The Creek Turnpike joins the John Kilpatrick, Kickapoo, H.E. Bailey, Chickasaw, Gilcrease and Cimarron turnpikes in offering PlatePay. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority plans to transition the state's remaining turnpikes to fully cashless tolling by the end of 2024.

The conversion to PlatePay also means drivers will be able to use the PlusPass app on the Creek 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 can 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. Learn more about PlatePay at <u>PlatePay.com</u>.



Drivers will see signs similar to the one above as they travel along SH-364/Creek Turnpike.



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

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OTA strongly discourages texting or tweeting while driving.