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**Mid-Bay Bridge Authority approves new toll rate schedule for the Mid-Bay Bridge and Spence Parkway**

**Destin, Fla. (August 20, 2015)** – Members of the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority voted on Thursday afternoon to instate a toll increase on the Mid-Bay Bridge and Spence Parkway.

In summary, the new toll rate schedule, which goes into effect on or after Oct. 1, 2015, will change the tolls to the following:

- On the Mid-Bay Bridge, drivers who pay cash will pay \$4.00 (an increase of \$1.00 from the current \$3.00 toll). Drivers who use SunPass will pay \$3.00 (a \$1.00 increase from the current \$2.00 toll). Frequent commuters who have greater than 40 transactions per month will see no increase and will continue to pay \$2.00.
- On the Spence Parkway, toll-by-plate tolls will increase to \$2.00 (a \$.50 cent increase from the current \$1.50 toll). Drivers who use SunPass will pay \$1.50 (a \$.50 cent increase from the current \$1.00 toll). Frequent commuters who have greater than 40 transactions per month will see no increase and continue to pay \$1.00 per transaction.

The Authority has worked diligently to mitigate the required increase, which would have been substantially more had it not refinanced its outstanding debt on the system to reduce the required annual toll revenues.

“Our goal throughout this process has been to make any toll increase as low as responsibly possible in order to effectively operate the bridge and provide a stable financial structure for the future,” said Mid-Bay Bridge Executive Director Van Fuller.

The Authority voted 4-1 on Thursday to instate the new three-tiered toll rate schedule.

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**About the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority**

The Mid-Bay Bridge Authority is a dependent special District of the State located in Okaloosa County, created in 1986 by the Florida Legislature to finance, build, and oversee a bridge across Choctawhatchee Bay along with roads connecting to it. The Authority has five voting members, appointed by the Governor and the District Three Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, or his/her designee, who serves as a non-voting member. Day-to-day administration of the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority is managed by an Executive Director and staff.

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