

## APPENDIX



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## Comments

### Before the Senate Legislative Oversight Committee

#### Regarding S3066- Provides transparency and accountability reforms at the PANYNJ

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On the behalf of the members of the New Jersey Motor Truck Association (NJMTA) we'd like to express our appreciation to Senators Gordon and Weinberg and this committee for your efforts to provide for the much needed changes at the Port Authority of New York New Jersey (PANYNJ).

We strongly support S3066 which will help to bring oversight and reform to an agency that has an enormous economic impact on the public and businesses that must use their facilities.

The trucking industry has no problems with paying for the infrastructures we use. We do, however, take issue when our toll dollars are diverted or misused.

The trucking industry is the largest toll-payer at Port Authority's bridges and tunnels. For example, an average 5-axle truck crossing during peak hours (6-10 am and 4-6 pm) is charged \$80.00 with E-ZPass or \$95.00 cash. On December 6, 2015 the tolls will increase again to \$90 with E-ZPass or \$105 cash – just to cross a bridge!

While we support your proposed legislation we would appreciate your considering several additional items:

**Representation on the Board:** Toll payers don't have a seat at the table to insure that their toll dollars are being spent appropriately. The board should include representatives from the trucking industry and commuters.

**Roles and Responsibilities:** There should be a requirement that all positions that have base salaries of \$150,000 or more must have a job description including skills and knowledge requirements that made available to the public. Also those hired should actually have those skills and knowledge. In particular the leadership of the PANYNJ should have backgrounds in transportation and/or infrastructures.

**Clarify what is NOT Allowed:** There should be a clear rewording of the compact that states that economic/ regional and or state development projects are NOT allowed. The entire purpose and focus of the Port Authority is to move people and freight through bi-state transportation networks. The primary focus should be to maintain, upgrade or replace, if needed, the transportation infrastructures that the Port Authority already owns and operates.

**Meetings:** Since the majority of the toll payers reside or operate in New Jersey, there should be minimally 50% of all PANYNJ board meetings held in New Jersey to give those impacted by the Port Authority decisions an opportunity to participate.

**Cost Containment:** All efforts to reduce expenses should be a priority. This should include a study to determine if it would be more cost effective for the PANYNJ to relocate headquarters to New Jersey.

**Toll Increases:** Since toll increases can have an enormous impact on the public and businesses, it should not be an easy process. Hearings for the public regarding rate increases do not allow for any conversation or discussion. Hearings are merely an opportunity for the public to get before a microphone and a few Port Authority board members (who do not speak) to state their opinion – there is no discussion.

We propose that prior to the first hearings on any proposed toll or fare increase the Port Authority will provide all information available to the public regarding the toll/fare increase at least 10 business days before the hearings – not 72 hours. This would give toll payers time to review documentation.

Prior to any final vote on a toll increase, the PANYNJ should be required to prove to both the New Jersey and New York state legislators before special hearings open to the public that the increase is needed and that they are just and reasonable. The PANYNJ should provide representatives that can answer any and all questions and provide documentation that any legislator may request.

There needs to be some sort of mechanism that would provide toll payers recourse when the rates charged are not just and reasonable as required by federal law.

**Future Projects:** Any future projects must take into consideration the current financial obligations of the PANYNJ and the existing infrastructure it needs to maintain and the revenue generated.

For example, we understand and agree that critical infrastructures, like the proposed Gateway Tunnel is needed however, we are concerned that the multi-billion dollar project will require higher tolls.

Please keep in mind as you move forward on this project that while it may be a need and everyone wants it – the captive toll payers who have no other options and are already paying for the past mismanagement of the Port Authority cannot keep paying higher and higher tolls. At \$105 to cross a bridge – the tolls are already too high.

All efforts should be made to find the funds needed within the existing budget so that tolls do not have to be raised again.

**Priorities:**

Sell the World Trade Center

Repair the nation's worst traffic bottleneck that is located in Fort Lee, New Jersey, where Interstate 95 and state Road 4 merge just west of Manhattan's George Washington Bridge (American Transportation Research Institute survey)

In closing, we thank you for the opportunity to provide our input and recommendations.

# The Port Authority of NY & NJ 2012 to 2015 TOLL RATE TABLE

George Washington Bridge, Lincoln Tunnel, Holland Tunnel, Goethals Bridge, Outerbridge Crossing, Bayonne Bridge

PEAK HOURS: Weekdays 6 - 10 a.m., 4 - 8 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

OFF-PEAK HOURS: All other times

OVERNIGHT HOURS for Trucks: Sunday-Thursday 10 p.m. - 6 a.m. the following morning

| Class | VEHICLE TYPE   | Beginning Dec. 2, 2012 |         |               |         | Dec. 1, 2013 |         |               |          | Dec. 7, 2014 |         |               |          | Dec. 6, 2015 |          |               |          |
|-------|--|------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|--------------|---------|---------------|----------|--------------|---------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|---------------|----------|
|       |  | E-ZPass                |         | Cash          |         | E-ZPass      |         | Cash          |          | E-ZPass      |         | Cash          |          | E-ZPass      |          | Cash          |          |
|       |  | Off-Peak               | Peak    | Trk Overnight |         | Off-Peak     | Peak    | Trk Overnight |          | Off-Peak     | Peak    | Trk Overnight |          | Off-Peak     | Peak     | Trk Overnight |          |
| 1     | Vehicles with Two Axles and Single Rear Wheels                           | \$8.25                 | \$10.25 | N/A           | \$13.00 | \$9.00       | \$11.00 | N/A           | \$13.00  | \$9.75       | \$11.75 | N/A           | \$14.00  | \$10.50      | \$12.50  | N/A           | \$15.00  |
| 2     | Vehicles with Two Axles and Dual Rear Wheels**                           | \$22.00                | \$24.00 | \$19.00       | \$30.00 | \$26.00      | \$28.00 | \$23.00       | \$34.00  | \$30.00      | \$32.00 | \$27.00       | \$38.00  | \$34.00      | \$36.00  | \$31.00       | \$42.00  |
| 3     | Vehicles with Three Axles**  | \$33.00                | \$36.00 | \$28.50       | \$45.00 | \$39.00      | \$42.00 | \$34.50       | \$51.00  | \$45.00      | \$48.00 | \$40.50       | \$57.00  | \$51.00      | \$54.00  | \$46.50       | \$63.00  |
| 4     | Vehicles with Four Axles**   | \$44.00                | \$48.00 | \$38.00       | \$60.00 | \$52.00      | \$56.00 | \$46.00       | \$68.00  | \$60.00      | \$64.00 | \$54.00       | \$76.00  | \$68.00      | \$72.00  | \$62.00       | \$84.00  |
| 5     | Vehicles with Five Axles**   | \$55.00                | \$60.00 | \$47.50       | \$75.00 | \$65.00      | \$70.00 | \$57.50       | \$85.00  | \$75.00      | \$80.00 | \$67.50       | \$95.00  | \$85.00      | \$90.00  | \$77.50       | \$105.00 |
| 6     | Vehicles with Six Axles or more**<br>Each add'l Axle                     | \$66.00                | \$72.00 | \$57.00       | \$90.00 | \$78.00      | \$84.00 | \$69.00       | \$102.00 | \$90.00      | \$96.00 | \$81.00       | \$114.00 | \$102.00     | \$108.00 | \$93.00       | \$126.00 |
| 7     | Class 1 or 11 with Trailer and Recreational Vehicles<br>Each add'l Axle  | \$15.50                | \$17.50 | N/A           | \$25.00 | \$17.00      | \$19.00 | N/A           | \$27.00  | \$18.50      | \$20.50 | N/A           | \$30.00  | \$20.00      | \$22.00  | N/A           | \$33.00  |
| 8     | Buses and Mini Buses with Two Axles (Seating Capacity = 10 or more)***   | \$10.75                | \$10.75 | N/A           | \$21.00 | \$11.50      | \$11.50 | N/A           | \$22.00  | \$12.25      | \$12.25 | N/A           | \$23.00  | \$13.00      | \$13.00  | N/A           | \$24.00  |
| 9     | Buses and Mini Buses with Three Axles (Seating Capacity = 10 or more)*** | \$10.75                | \$10.75 | N/A           | \$21.00 | \$11.50      | \$11.50 | N/A           | \$22.00  | \$12.25      | \$12.25 | N/A           | \$23.00  | \$13.00      | \$13.00  | N/A           | \$24.00  |
| 11    | Motorcycles  | \$7.25                 | \$9.25  | N/A           | \$12.00 | \$8.00       | \$10.00 | N/A           | \$13.00  | \$8.75       | \$10.75 | N/A           | \$14.00  | \$9.50       | \$11.50  | N/A           | \$15.00  |
| 1/11  | Carpool Plan<br>Class 1 or 11 vehicles with 3 or more people             | \$4.25                 | \$4.25  | N/A           | N/A     | \$5.00       | \$5.00  | N/A           | N/A      | \$5.75       | \$5.75  | N/A           | N/A      | \$6.50       | \$6.50   | N/A           | N/A      |
| 7     | Carpool Plan<br>Class 7 Vehicles with 3 or more people                   | \$11.50                | \$11.50 | N/A           | N/A     | \$13.00      | \$13.00 | N/A           | N/A      | \$14.50      | \$14.50 | N/A           | N/A      | \$16.00      | \$16.00  | N/A           | N/A      |
| +     | Each add'l Axle  | \$7.25                 | \$7.25  | N/A           | \$8.00  | \$8.00       | \$8.00  | N/A           | \$8.75   | \$8.75       | \$8.75  | N/A           | \$9.50   | \$9.50       | \$9.50   | N/A           | N/A      |
| 1/11  | GREENPASS<br>Eligible low-emission Class 1 vehicles                      | \$4.75                 | \$10.25 | N/A           | N/A     | \$5.50       | \$11.00 | N/A           | N/A      | \$6.25       | \$11.75 | N/A           | N/A      | \$7.00       | \$12.50  | N/A           | N/A      |
| 7     | GREENPASS<br>Eligible low-emission Class 7 vehicles                      | \$12.00                | \$17.50 | N/A           | N/A     | \$13.50      | \$19.00 | N/A           | N/A      | \$15.00      | \$20.50 | N/A           | N/A      | \$16.50      | \$22.00  | N/A           | N/A      |
| +     | Each add'l Axle  | \$7.25                 | \$7.25  | N/A           | \$8.00  | \$8.00       | \$8.00  | N/A           | \$8.75   | \$8.75       | \$8.75  | N/A           | \$9.50   | \$9.50       | \$9.50   | N/A           | N/A      |
| 1/11  | SIB Discount Plan*<br>Class 1 or 11 vehicles                             | \$5.25                 | \$5.25  | N/A           | N/A     | \$5.50       | \$5.50  | N/A           | N/A      | \$6.00       | \$6.00  | N/A           | N/A      | \$6.25       | \$6.25   | N/A           | N/A      |
| 7     | SIB Discount Plan*<br>Class 7 Vehicles                                   | \$12.50                | \$12.50 | N/A           | N/A     | \$13.50      | \$13.50 | N/A           | N/A      | \$14.75      | \$14.75 | N/A           | N/A      | \$15.75      | \$15.75  | N/A           | N/A      |
| +     | Each add'l Axle  | \$7.25                 | \$7.25  | N/A           | \$8.00  | \$8.00       | \$8.00  | N/A           | \$8.75   | \$8.75       | \$8.75  | N/A           | \$9.50   | \$9.50       | \$9.50   | N/A           | N/A      |

Tolls are collected for a round trip when entering New York.

The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey Staten Island Bridges Plan requires the use of 3 trips in a calendar month at the Goethals Bridge, Outerbridge Crossing or Bayonne Bridge. This reduced rate is available to all E-ZPass customers in Class 1, 7, and 11 vehicles with non-commercial plates, who enroll in the Plan at the NY or NJ E-ZPass Customer Service Centers.

\*\* Truck Volume Discount: The Truck Volume Discount Program provides E-ZPass commercial accounts in NY and NJ with vehicles in Classes 2 to 6 a 10% toll discount on all non-peak trips of 100 or more in any monthly account statement cycle in the form of an account credit, provided the account is in good standing.

\*\*\* Class 8 & Class 9: The Port Authority defines a bus/mini bus as any vehicle with two or more axles designed with a seating capacity of ten or more persons, including the driver. This includes, but is not limited to: buses, mini buses, vans, and limos.

# THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

## 2014 Monthly Traffic and Percent of E-ZPass Usage

| TUNNELS AND BRIDGES      |           |           |           |           |            |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |             |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| (Eastbound Traffic)      |           |           |           |           |            |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |             |
|                          | Jan       | Feb       | Mar       | Apr       | May        | Jun       | Jul        | Aug        | Sep       | Oct       | Nov       | Dec       | Annual      |
| All Crossings            |           |           |           |           |            |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |             |
| Automobiles              | 7,581,418 | 6,785,435 | 8,524,299 | 8,680,283 | 9,269,061  | 9,099,134 | 9,264,996  | 9,554,892  | 8,766,974 | 8,970,784 | 8,578,702 | 8,888,799 | 103,964,777 |
| Buses                    | 225,163   | 205,029   | 240,845   | 249,720   | 259,101    | 254,437   | 266,166    | 262,970    | 247,833   | 265,523   | 234,049   | 247,547   | 2,958,383   |
| Trucks                   | 564,243   | 505,101   | 597,809   | 615,686   | 630,217    | 599,563   | 606,175    | 584,882    | 599,664   | 635,092   | 555,789   | 600,272   | 7,094,493   |
| Total Vehicles           | 8,370,824 | 7,495,565 | 9,362,953 | 9,545,689 | 10,158,379 | 9,953,134 | 10,137,337 | 10,402,744 | 9,614,471 | 9,871,399 | 9,368,540 | 9,736,618 | 114,017,653 |
| E-ZPass Usage (%)        | 82.9%     | 82.8%     | 82.2%     | 82.1%     | 81.6%      | 81.1%     | 80.7%      | 80.2%      | 82.3%     | 82.7%     | 82.2%     | 82.2%     | 81.9%       |
| George Washington Bridge |           |           |           |           |            |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |             |
| Automobiles              | 3,255,715 | 2,891,336 | 3,667,843 | 3,772,933 | 4,059,315  | 3,924,976 | 4,041,566  | 4,188,938  | 3,821,762 | 3,900,970 | 3,753,086 | 3,857,135 | 45,135,575  |
| Buses                    | 30,449    | 28,186    | 35,065    | 35,147    | 38,502     | 37,885    | 41,886     | 40,298     | 34,689    | 37,246    | 33,410    | 33,041    | 425,804     |
| Trucks                   | 282,924   | 253,385   | 300,536   | 310,050   | 314,436    | 284,772   | 283,532    | 274,569    | 285,184   | 308,543   | 276,542   | 300,437   | 3,474,910   |
| Total Vehicles           | 3,569,088 | 3,172,907 | 4,003,444 | 4,118,130 | 4,412,253  | 4,247,633 | 4,366,984  | 4,503,805  | 4,141,635 | 4,246,759 | 4,063,038 | 4,190,613 | 49,036,289  |
| E-ZPass Usage (%)        | 81.8%     | 81.4%     | 80.8%     | 80.6%     | 80.1%      | 79.4%     | 79.0%      | 78.6%      | 80.9%     | 81.3%     | 80.7%     | 80.8%     | 80.4%       |
| Lincoln Tunnel           |           |           |           |           |            |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |             |
| Automobiles              | 1,159,422 | 1,050,042 | 1,312,849 | 1,322,246 | 1,389,716  | 1,363,822 | 1,326,877  | 1,369,748  | 1,306,417 | 1,368,904 | 1,294,683 | 1,332,199 | 15,596,925  |
| Buses                    | 168,063   | 152,260   | 176,087   | 182,730   | 185,988    | 181,313   | 187,178    | 186,013    | 180,691   | 193,430   | 171,803   | 185,247   | 2,150,803   |
| Trucks                   | 82,023    | 75,157    | 85,649    | 89,825    | 90,594     | 90,193    | 88,994     | 87,456     | 89,193    | 96,094    | 82,058    | 86,001    | 1,043,237   |
| Total Vehicles           | 1,409,508 | 1,277,459 | 1,574,585 | 1,594,801 | 1,666,298  | 1,635,328 | 1,603,049  | 1,643,217  | 1,576,301 | 1,658,428 | 1,548,544 | 1,603,447 | 18,790,965  |
| E-ZPass Usage (%)        | 84.5%     | 84.6%     | 83.9%     | 83.7%     | 83.2%      | 82.7%     | 82.4%      | 81.5%      | 83.7%     | 84.1%     | 83.8%     | 83.4%     | 83.4%       |
| Belt and Tunnel          |           |           |           |           |            |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |             |
| Automobiles              | 1,132,938 | 1,017,220 | 1,261,875 | 1,221,890 | 1,303,867  | 1,289,702 | 1,306,025  | 1,337,589  | 1,256,700 | 1,279,894 | 1,229,097 | 1,278,468 | 14,915,265  |
| Buses                    | 14,519    | 13,351    | 16,173    | 17,915    | 18,857     | 19,446    | 20,614     | 20,355     | 18,136    | 18,877    | 15,447    | 15,644    | 209,334     |
| Trucks                   | 34,605    | 30,971    | 36,328    | 37,050    | 38,252     | 38,558    | 40,187     | 39,121     | 38,934    | 40,419    | 34,451    | 37,123    | 445,999     |
| Total Vehicles           | 1,182,062 | 1,061,542 | 1,314,376 | 1,276,855 | 1,360,976  | 1,347,706 | 1,366,826  | 1,397,065  | 1,313,770 | 1,339,190 | 1,278,995 | 1,331,235 | 15,570,598  |
| E-ZPass Usage (%)        | 79.7%     | 79.8%     | 79.1%     | 79.1%     | 78.5%      | 78.3%     | 77.6%      | 76.9%      | 79.3%     | 79.9%     | 79.3%     | 79.3%     | 78.9%       |
| Sunshine Bridge          |           |           |           |           |            |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |             |
| Automobiles              | 878,738   | 789,584   | 995,437   | 1,051,963 | 1,138,786  | 1,114,883 | 1,154,540  | 1,208,704  | 1,074,889 | 1,080,707 | 1,045,803 | 1,083,542 | 12,617,576  |
| Buses                    | 7,699     | 7,186     | 8,699     | 9,074     | 10,037     | 10,102    | 10,418     | 10,473     | 9,521     | 10,408    | 8,641     | 8,914     | 111,172     |
| Trucks                   | 89,229    | 79,953    | 95,669    | 95,572    | 100,432    | 101,973   | 105,861    | 98,970     | 100,095   | 102,307   | 85,352    | 92,313    | 1,147,726   |
| Total Vehicles           | 975,666   | 876,723   | 1,099,805 | 1,156,609 | 1,249,255  | 1,226,958 | 1,270,819  | 1,318,147  | 1,184,505 | 1,193,422 | 1,139,796 | 1,184,769 | 13,876,474  |
| E-ZPass Usage (%)        | 83.0%     | 83.3%     | 82.5%     | 82.2%     | 81.7%      | 81.2%     | 80.7%      | 80.3%      | 82.6%     | 83.0%     | 82.5%     | 82.2%     | 82.0%       |
| Chambers Crossing        |           |           |           |           |            |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |             |
| Automobiles              | 936,982   | 845,583   | 1,057,894 | 1,088,412 | 1,165,785  | 1,175,398 | 1,205,280  | 1,251,075  | 1,108,475 | 1,115,310 | 1,063,097 | 1,121,397 | 13,134,688  |
| Buses                    | 3,044     | 2,835     | 3,438     | 3,556     | 4,249      | 4,180     | 4,458      | 4,542      | 3,514     | 4,106     | 3,423     | 3,361     | 44,706      |
| Trucks                   | 58,413    | 51,082    | 61,896    | 66,537    | 69,147     | 66,536    | 69,385     | 68,993     | 70,454    | 70,835    | 63,840    | 69,052    | 786,110     |
| Total Vehicles           | 998,439   | 899,500   | 1,123,228 | 1,158,505 | 1,239,181  | 1,246,114 | 1,279,123  | 1,324,550  | 1,182,443 | 1,190,251 | 1,130,360 | 1,193,810 | 13,965,504  |
| E-ZPass Usage (%)        | 87.4%     | 87.5%     | 87.3%     | 86.9%     | 86.8%      | 86.6%     | 86.3%      | 86.1%      | 87.1%     | 87.5%     | 87.2%     | 87.2%     | 87.0%       |
| Bayonne Bridge           |           |           |           |           |            |           |            |            |           |           |           |           |             |
| Automobiles              | 217,623   | 191,670   | 228,401   | 222,839   | 211,592    | 230,353   | 230,708    | 198,838    | 198,731   | 224,999   | 192,936   | 216,058   | 2,564,748   |
| Buses                    | 1,389     | 1,211     | 1,383     | 1,298     | 1,468      | 1,511     | 1,612      | 1,289      | 1,282     | 1,456     | 1,325     | 1,340     | 16,564      |
| Trucks                   | 17,049    | 14,553    | 17,731    | 16,652    | 17,356     | 17,531    | 18,216     | 15,833     | 15,804    | 16,894    | 13,546    | 15,346    | 196,511     |
| Total Vehicles           | 236,061   | 207,434   | 247,515   | 240,789   | 230,416    | 249,395   | 250,536    | 215,960    | 215,817   | 243,349   | 207,807   | 232,744   | 2,777,823   |
| E-ZPass Usage (%)        | 87.9%     | 87.7%     | 87.6%     | 87.7%     | 87.9%      | 87.0%     | 86.8%      | 87.4%      | 88.3%     | 88.4%     | 87.9%     | 87.9%     | 87.7%       |



# THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

## 2015 Monthly Traffic and Percent of E-ZPass Usage

| TUNNELS AND BRIDGES             |           |           |           |           |            |            |     |     |     |     |              |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| (Eastbound Traffic)             |           |           |           |           |            |            |     |     |     |     |              |
|                                 | Jan       | Feb       | Mar       | Apr       | May        | Jun        | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Year-to-Date |
| <b>All Crossings</b>            |           |           |           |           |            |            |     |     |     |     |              |
| Automobiles                     | 7,644,253 | 7,182,428 | 8,398,380 | 8,791,886 | 9,381,274  | 9,136,614  |     |     |     |     | 50,534,835   |
| Buses                           | 220,716   | 212,400   | 247,405   | 252,958   | 254,964    | 258,920    |     |     |     |     | 1,447,363    |
| Trucks                          | 538,771   | 518,123   | 600,832   | 612,201   | 614,575    | 641,848    |     |     |     |     | 3,526,350    |
| Total Vehicles                  | 8,403,740 | 7,912,951 | 9,246,617 | 9,657,045 | 10,250,813 | 10,037,382 |     |     |     |     | 55,508,548   |
| E-ZPass Usage (%)               | 83.0%     | 83.3%     | 83.0%     | 82.8%     | 82.0%      | 82.4%      |     |     |     |     | 82.7%        |
| <b>George Washington Bridge</b> |           |           |           |           |            |            |     |     |     |     |              |
| Automobiles                     | 3,311,360 | 3,083,340 | 3,622,112 | 3,839,751 | 4,118,473  | 4,027,236  |     |     |     |     | 22,002,272   |
| Buses                           | 29,809    | 29,292    | 34,389    | 35,430    | 38,158     | 38,111     |     |     |     |     | 205,189      |
| Trucks                          | 272,725   | 263,926   | 305,932   | 311,434   | 309,045    | 322,220    |     |     |     |     | 1,785,282    |
| Total Vehicles                  | 3,613,894 | 3,376,558 | 3,962,433 | 4,186,615 | 4,465,676  | 4,387,567  |     |     |     |     | 23,992,743   |
| E-ZPass Usage (%)               | 81.6%     | 81.7%     | 81.4%     | 81.2%     | 80.3%      | 80.7%      |     |     |     |     | 81.1%        |
| <b>Lincoln Tunnel</b>           |           |           |           |           |            |            |     |     |     |     |              |
| Automobiles                     | 1,160,866 | 1,112,701 | 1,311,351 | 1,320,491 | 1,395,215  | 1,329,203  |     |     |     |     | 7,629,827    |
| Buses                           | 165,278   | 157,239   | 182,622   | 185,596   | 182,975    | 186,037    |     |     |     |     | 1,059,747    |
| Trucks                          | 75,344    | 74,594    | 88,303    | 90,411    | 90,996     | 95,582     |     |     |     |     | 515,230      |
| Total Vehicles                  | 1,401,488 | 1,344,534 | 1,582,276 | 1,596,498 | 1,669,186  | 1,610,822  |     |     |     |     | 9,204,804    |
| E-ZPass Usage (%)               | 84.9%     | 85.2%     | 84.9%     | 84.8%     | 84.0%      | 84.3%      |     |     |     |     | 84.7%        |
| <b>Lincoln Tunnel</b>           |           |           |           |           |            |            |     |     |     |     |              |
| Automobiles                     | 1,099,574 | 1,056,817 | 1,205,470 | 1,248,189 | 1,320,456  | 1,273,302  |     |     |     |     | 7,203,808    |
| Buses                           | 13,413    | 13,670    | 15,778    | 17,087    | 17,872     | 18,266     |     |     |     |     | 96,086       |
| Trucks                          | 33,275    | 32,651    | 36,838    | 37,243    | 37,137     | 39,389     |     |     |     |     | 216,533      |
| Total Vehicles                  | 1,146,262 | 1,103,138 | 1,258,086 | 1,302,519 | 1,375,465  | 1,330,957  |     |     |     |     | 7,516,427    |
| E-ZPass Usage (%)               | 80.1%     | 80.7%     | 80.4%     | 80.1%     | 79.0%      | 79.5%      |     |     |     |     | 79.9%        |
| <b>Sunrise Bridge</b>           |           |           |           |           |            |            |     |     |     |     |              |
| Automobiles                     | 934,463   | 890,153   | 1,036,220 | 1,111,197 | 1,147,791  | 1,129,225  |     |     |     |     | 6,249,049    |
| Buses                           | 8,133     | 8,303     | 9,755     | 10,131    | 10,323     | 10,899     |     |     |     |     | 57,544       |
| Trucks                          | 82,768    | 80,624    | 94,005    | 97,272    | 97,818     | 103,958    |     |     |     |     | 556,445      |
| Total Vehicles                  | 1,025,364 | 979,080   | 1,139,980 | 1,218,600 | 1,255,932  | 1,244,082  |     |     |     |     | 6,863,038    |
| E-ZPass Usage (%)               | 83.2%     | 83.7%     | 83.4%     | 83.1%     | 82.8%      | 83.0%      |     |     |     |     | 83.2%        |
| <b>Sunrise Bridge</b>           |           |           |           |           |            |            |     |     |     |     |              |
| Automobiles                     | 954,304   | 885,600   | 1,043,156 | 1,114,199 | 1,217,858  | 1,205,559  |     |     |     |     | 6,420,676    |
| Buses                           | 2,932     | 2,866     | 3,599     | 3,680     | 4,531      | 4,550      |     |     |     |     | 22,158       |
| Trucks                          | 60,786    | 55,152    | 62,364    | 67,169    | 70,345     | 72,427     |     |     |     |     | 388,243      |
| Total Vehicles                  | 1,018,022 | 943,618   | 1,109,119 | 1,185,048 | 1,292,734  | 1,282,536  |     |     |     |     | 6,831,077    |
| E-ZPass Usage (%)               | 87.6%     | 87.7%     | 87.6%     | 87.4%     | 86.9%      | 87.3%      |     |     |     |     | 87.4%        |
| <b>Sunrise Bridge</b>           |           |           |           |           |            |            |     |     |     |     |              |
| Automobiles                     | 183,686   | 153,817   | 180,071   | 158,059   | 181,481    | 172,089    |     |     |     |     | 1,029,203    |
| Buses                           | 1,151     | 1,030     | 1,262     | 1,034     | 1,105      | 1,057      |     |     |     |     | 6,639        |
| Trucks                          | 13,873    | 11,176    | 13,390    | 8,672     | 9,234      | 8,272      |     |     |     |     | 64,617       |
| Total Vehicles                  | 198,710   | 166,023   | 194,723   | 167,765   | 191,820    | 181,418    |     |     |     |     | 1,100,459    |
| E-ZPass Usage (%)               | 88.6%     | 89.0%     | 89.2%     | 90.0%     | 88.6%      | 89.2%      |     |     |     |     | 89.1%        |

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STATEMENT

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**Expansion of Trans-Hudson Commuting Capacity – Both Rail and Bus –  
Critical to Economies of Both New Jersey and New York**

Dear members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

New Jersey Future is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that brings together concerned citizens and leaders to promote responsible land-use policies that, among other things, help provide more transportation choices beyond cars, expand access to safe and affordable neighborhoods and fuel a prosperous economy. Our testimony today focuses on those goals.

New Jersey Future has long supported transit-oriented development (TOD) as both a means of directing travel off of New Jersey's overburdened road network and onto public transportation and as an economic-development tool for towns hosting transit stations. But capturing a greater percentage of travel on transit requires that the transit system has the capacity to accommodate additional riders. Towns can't promise potential new residents (and businesses) the benefits of TOD if the buses and trains won't be able to get these new residents to jobs in Manhattan, the primary destination of transit commuters. And because demographic and market forces are currently conspiring to make transit-accessible living more desirable, New Jersey as a state stands to lose out to other metropolitan areas if its transit stations cannot be leveraged to take advantage of these pro-transit trends.

The commuter rail system is, by some reckonings, already operating at capacity in terms of the number of people it can carry across the Hudson every day to Manhattan. A new trans-Hudson commuter rail tunnel is desperately needed. The Port Authority Bus Terminal, likewise, is in need of expansion. Consider that more than 70 percent of New Jerseyans who work in Manhattan ride transit to work, roughly 40 percent by rail and a little more than 30 percent by bus. Unless the capacity of both modes is expanded, New Jerseyans seeking to fill new jobs in Manhattan will either 1) get in their cars and drive, further congesting our roads, or 2) elect not to take these jobs at all, leaving them to be filled by residents of other parts of the New York metropolitan area. Either way, New Jersey loses.



Both a new trans-Hudson rail tunnel and an expansion of the Port Authority Bus Terminal stand to benefit the economies of both New Jersey and New York. New Jerseyans get access to new jobs being created by the economic engine that is Manhattan, and New York gets access to a workforce to fill those jobs. This is more the case than ever now that the new development on Manhattan's far West Side is coming online; Hudson Yards will put additional jobs within reach of New Jersey commuters, but only if there is the sufficient capacity for them to reach those jobs by transit.

For these reasons, construction of a new trans-Hudson rail tunnel lends itself to being overseen by the Port Authority, whose purview is explicitly bi-state projects. New Jersey Future supports the prioritization of both the Amtrak Gateway rail tunnel and the expansion of the Port Authority Bus Terminal in the Port Authority's capital plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

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