

# Top 10 Things Commercial Drivers Need to Know About Open Road Tolling

**Open Road Tolling, or ORT, is the culmination of The Pennsylvania Turnpike's decade-long journey to modernize operations and meet customer expectations for seamless, non-stop travel.**

- *ORT improves transportation, increases mobility and freight movement and promotes economic development by linking developable areas to the Turnpike.*
- *Toll Rate transparency allows all customers to more easily calculate their toll to avoid surprises. The PA Turnpike's online toll calculator provides precise toll rates for both passenger and commercial vehicles on the PA Turnpike.*

## 1 ORT is a cashless, free-flowing mode of collecting tolls.

Tolls are charged electronically as customers drive without slowing down or stopping beneath overhead structures—called gantries—located between interchanges.

## 3 ORT enables Automated Vehicle Classification.

The PA Turnpike is the only remaining toll agency to classify vehicles based on weight. With ORT, we will implement a change in the way we classify commercial vehicles, moving away from weight-based classification and instead using height and axles via Automated Vehicle Classification (AVC).

The change to AVC, which will take effect in January 2025, gives our commercial customers more predictability, while reflecting the classification systems of other roadways they travel.

## 2 Implementation of ORT begins in 2025.

ORT will begin rolling out in the eastern part of the state, specifically east of Reading on the Northeastern Extension. It will expand to the western region of the Pennsylvania Turnpike beginning in early 2027.

## 4 ORT saves time and makes travel more convenient.

ORT eliminates travel time and mobility impacts of traditional stop-and-go tolling methods and gives customers a seamless, more efficient travel experience.

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### ORT is safer for our commercial customers.

Once ORT is fully implemented, toll plazas will be removed and traffic lanes refined, increasing site lines for commercial customers while also reducing stress and distraction when entering and exiting the system. In addition, ORT keeps traffic moving, reducing back logs and slowdowns, which are significant causes of accidents.

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### ORT is better for the environment.

Nonstop travel means lower vehicle exhaust emissions, less fuel use and a cleaner environment. In addition, removal of existing toll plazas and infrastructure will reduce the Pennsylvania Turnpike's environmental footprint.

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### ORT helps freight move more efficiently.

With ORT, the Pennsylvania Turnpike can build new access points at a fraction of the cost and in significantly less time than under traditional tolling, enabling new connections that enhance mobility while easing traffic at nearby interchanges and on adjoining roads.

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### ORT helps drive economic development across Pennsylvania.

Access to the Pennsylvania Turnpike has been proven to spur economic activity in communities where entry and exit points are located. ORT will make adding new entry and exit points in local municipalities easier and significantly less expensive for the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

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### ORT delivers what a majority of our customers want.

Seventy percent of Pennsylvania Turnpike drivers say they prefer all electronic tolling over traditional cash toll plazas. In fact, more than 86% of customers own an E-ZPass, indicating a clear preference for electronic payments.

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### ORT is the future of toll collection here in Pennsylvania and worldwide.

More than 65% of tolling agencies across the United States are adopting the technology.

