

Top 10 Things to Know about



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. Here are the top 10 things you need to know about ORT.

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 will standardize rates across the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

When ORT is implemented, the Pennsylvania Turnpike will establish a base per-mile rate. That means customers will get a single toll per segment as opposed to the aggregated trip toll they receive now. Here is how that will work for a typical two-axle car:

- E-ZPass Customers Pay: \$.07 per mile + \$1.09 per segment (distance between interchanges).
- Toll-By-Plate Customers Pay: \$0.14 per mile + \$2.18 per segment.

Additional vehicle classes will pay a multiple of the E-ZPass or Toll-By-Plate rates.

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 customers.

Once ORT is fully implemented, toll plazas will be removed and traffic lanes refined, allowing for a more natural, free traffic flow and safer driving experience. ORT reduces the need for lane switching and weaving as you enter and exit the Pennsylvania Turnpike. That means less anxiety and confusion for drivers.

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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 increases mobility and accessibility.

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 it easier and significantly less expensive for the Pennsylvania Turnpike to add new entry and exit points in local municipalities.

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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.

