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Driving Gets E-Z on September 1

Central Florida Expressway Authority First in Florida to Accept E-ZPass

ORLANDO, FL — The <u>Central Florida Expressway Authority</u> (CFX) and the <u>E-ZPass Group</u>, a network of toll road agencies operating from Maine to North Carolina and west through Illinois, announced today that the E-ZPass toll transponder will be accepted on CFX's Metro Orlando toll roads beginning September 1, 2018. CFX is the first Florida toll agency to join the E-ZPass network bringing the total number of states served by E-ZPass to 17.

CFX's Governing Board approved an agreement with the E-ZPass group in Fall 2017 that laid the groundwork for the two agencies to improve the travel experience for E-ZPass customers visiting the Orlando area. With the addition of CFX to the E-ZPass Group, E-ZPass customers can use the transponder they already own on CFX's 118-mile toll system. Toll roads in Central Florida where E-ZPass is accepted are outlined on the attached map.

This is big news for the more than 35 million E-ZPass users who now can drive in Orlando without having to fumble for change at CFX toll gantries. E-ZPass account holders will be billed for CFX tolls through their E-ZPass account with no extra fees or charges.

"Our customers wanted portability to the Sunshine State, and now they have it in Metro Orlando, the number one tourist destination in the U.S.," said E-ZPass Group Executive Director PJ Wilkins. "This is another example of our commitment to toll interoperability."

Almost half of Florida's domestic visitors come from E-ZPass states, with about 50% traveling by car. The partnership between CFX and E-ZPass simplifies the travel experience for visitors equipped with an E-ZPass transponder in their vehicle. The launch of the partnership between E-PASS and E-ZPASS comes ahead of the peak travel season when millions of visitors head to Orlando in search of warmth during the cold winter months.

"Orlando is the most visited destination in the United States, so whether traveling here for business or pleasure, we want our visitors to have the same travel experience that local residents enjoy year-round," said Laura Kelley, Executive Director of CFX. "The launch of our partnership with E-ZPass makes driving in Orlando a safe, convenient choice for drivers."

E-ZPass is accepted on tolled roads operated by a network of toll agencies in 17 states and will work as payment in Central Florida marked with both E-PASS and E-ZPass logos.

E-ZPass does not capture tolls on roads outside of its network. E-ZPass customers traveling out of network on roads operated by Florida's Turnpike Enterprise under the SunPass brand will be invoiced for tolls via Florida's Toll-By-Plate program.

About E-ZPass Group

The <u>E-ZPass Group</u> operates the largest toll road network in the world, consisting of toll agencies/companies in 17 states, with more than 22 million accounts and over 35 million toll transponders in use.

About the Central Florida Expressway Authority

CFX, an independent agency of the State of Florida, operates and maintains a regional network of expressways for 3 million residents of Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties and more than 72 million annual visitors to Central Florida. CFX's 118-mile, user-funded system includes 815 center lane miles, 69 interchanges, 14 mainline toll plazas, 74 ramp toll plazas and 335 bridges and seven named expressways. On average, more than 1 million toll transactions are recorded daily, 85 percent of them electronically. CFX operates E-PASS, the first electronic toll collection system in Florida, with nearly 400,000 E-PASS accounts. For more information, visit CFXway.com.

<Attachment: Central Florida Toll Roads Where E-ZPass is Accepted>

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