

Time-varying tolls to be implemented at three road harbour crossings from 5am on December 17 (with photo)

The Transport Department (TD) reminded the public today (December 13) that time-varying tolls will be implemented at the three road harbour crossings (RHCs), namely the Western Harbour Crossing (WHC), the Cross-Harbour Tunnel (CHT) and the Eastern Harbour Crossing (EHC), from 5am on December 17 (Sunday). Motorists can drive through the tunnels and pay the tolls using the HKeToll as usual.

Although special traffic arrangements are not required for implementing time-varying tolls at the three RHCs, temporary traffic arrangements will be implemented at the EHC and its connecting roads during the event of Hong Kong Streetathon 2023, which will be held on the morning of December 17 and will involve the northbound tunnel of the EHC. Details of the temporary traffic arrangements for the event will be announced separately.

Details of the time-varying tolls are set out in Annex 1. The summary of the tolls is as follows:

1. The tolls for private cars and motorcycles (including motor tricycles) will vary according to the time slots. From Mondays to Saturdays (excluding general holidays), the tolls for private cars using the WHC range from \$20 to \$60, while those using the CHT and the EHC range from \$20 to \$40; the tolls for motorcycles using the WHC range from \$8 to \$24, while those using the CHT and the EHC range from \$8 to \$16. During general holidays, the tolls of the three RHCs range from \$20 to \$25 for private cars and from \$8 to \$10 for motorcycles, depending on the time slots. Transition charging arrangements will be put in place between different time slots to ensure orderly bridging and to safeguard road safety.
2. The all-day uniform toll of \$25 for taxis will be maintained at the three RHCs. Same as the existing surcharge arrangement, taxi passengers (if not hiring from a cross-harbour taxi stand) will need to pay both the outbound and return tolls (i.e. \$50 in total).
3. Other commercial vehicles, including goods vehicles and buses, will be charged at an all-day uniform toll of \$50 for the three RHCs.

Before making a trip, motorists can obtain the real-time and forecasted toll information via the "HKeMobility" mobile application and website. Motorists can also obtain the real-time toll information for reference from the new toll information displays, which are installed near the toll points

in both directions of the three RHCs. After using the RHCs, motorists can also check the time of using the tunnel and the toll payable/paid via the "HKeToll" mobile application and website.

"Time-varying tolls are a new toll arrangement which involves three busy RHCs and toll change for most vehicle types. Motorists may need a longer time to adapt. It is expected that the time-varying tolls will improve the cross-harbour traffic in the long run, but significant daily changes in the cross-harbour traffic situation are anticipated in the early implementation stage, and it will take some time for the situation to stabilise. Members of the public should plan their journeys in advance and pay attention to the latest traffic news released on radio, television, or through 'HKeMobility'," the TD said.

For details of the time-varying tolls, please visit the TD's website: www.td.gov.hk/en/transport_in_hong_kong/tunnels_and_bridges_n/tvt/index.html. The public can also view the short video at youtu.be/BqFI67i8m0c to learn about the specific arrangements for time-varying tolls.

