



Blue Water Bridge Proposes Parity Adjustment Policy

Effective April 1, 2016

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will conduct three public hearings concerning a proposed parity policy for adjusting tolls paid in Canadian currency for U.S. currency equivalency at the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron, Michigan, and Point Edward, Ontario. The public hearings will be held at the following locations and times:

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

3 to 5 p.m.

Van Wagoner Transportation Building
Lobby Conference Room
425 Ottawa St.
Lansing, MI

Thursday, March 10, 2016

3 to 5 p.m.

Port Huron Municipal Building
Council Chambers
100 McMorran Blvd.
Port Huron, MI

Thursday, March 10, 2016

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Village of Point Edward Municipal Offices
Council Chambers
135 Kendal St.
Point Edward, ON

As proposed, effective April 1, 2016, and on April 1 and Oct. 1 of each year thereafter, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) shall adjust, up or down, the monetary value of tolls paid in Canadian currency (CAD) to achieve equivalency with tolls paid in United States currency (USD). Semi-annual toll rate adjustments will be based on the average daily official exchange rate for the preceding six-month period (Sept. 1 - Feb. 28/29, or March 1 - Aug. 30). Toll rate adjustments shall be made to the nearest \$0.25, rounded as may be necessary for administrative efficiency.

Public hearings shall be held to announce the commencement of this policy and the first parity adjustment. Thereafter, an increase or decrease to adjust tolls for currency equity will be announced in the media prior to the effective date of April 1 and Oct. 1 of each year. Announcements shall be made no later than five business days after the calculation period

ends. Adjustments to achieve parity between CAD and USD are not deemed toll rate increases for purposes of the public hearing requirements, as required by law.

Proposed toll rate effective April 1, 2016:

Classification	Current Toll in USD	CAD Exchange Rate	New CAD Rate
Cars	\$3.00	\$4.06	\$4.00
Extra Axles	\$3.00	\$4.06	\$4.00
Trucks and Buses - per axle	\$3.25	\$4.40	\$4.50

Hearings will be held in accordance with MDOT public involvement/public hearings procedures. The same information will be presented at each hearing. Written statements, faxes, and e-mails in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the public hearings may be submitted to:

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All written comments should be postmarked on or before March 23, 2016. Information on the proposed toll rates is available for public review at the Blue Water Bridge Administration Office, located on the third floor, at 1410 Elmwood St., Port Huron, MI; telephone: 810-984-3131; or through MDOT's Public Involvement and Hearings Office at the above address; or on the web: www.michigan.gov/bluewaterbridge.

