

MDOT Blue Water Bridge Proposed Toll Increase Public Hearing



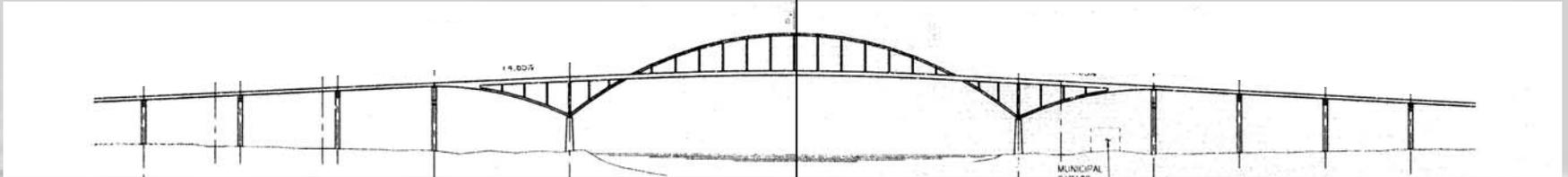
December 2009



Blue Water Bridge Organizational Structure

United States

Canada



Ownership of Assets

Michigan Department
of Transportation

Blue Water Bridge
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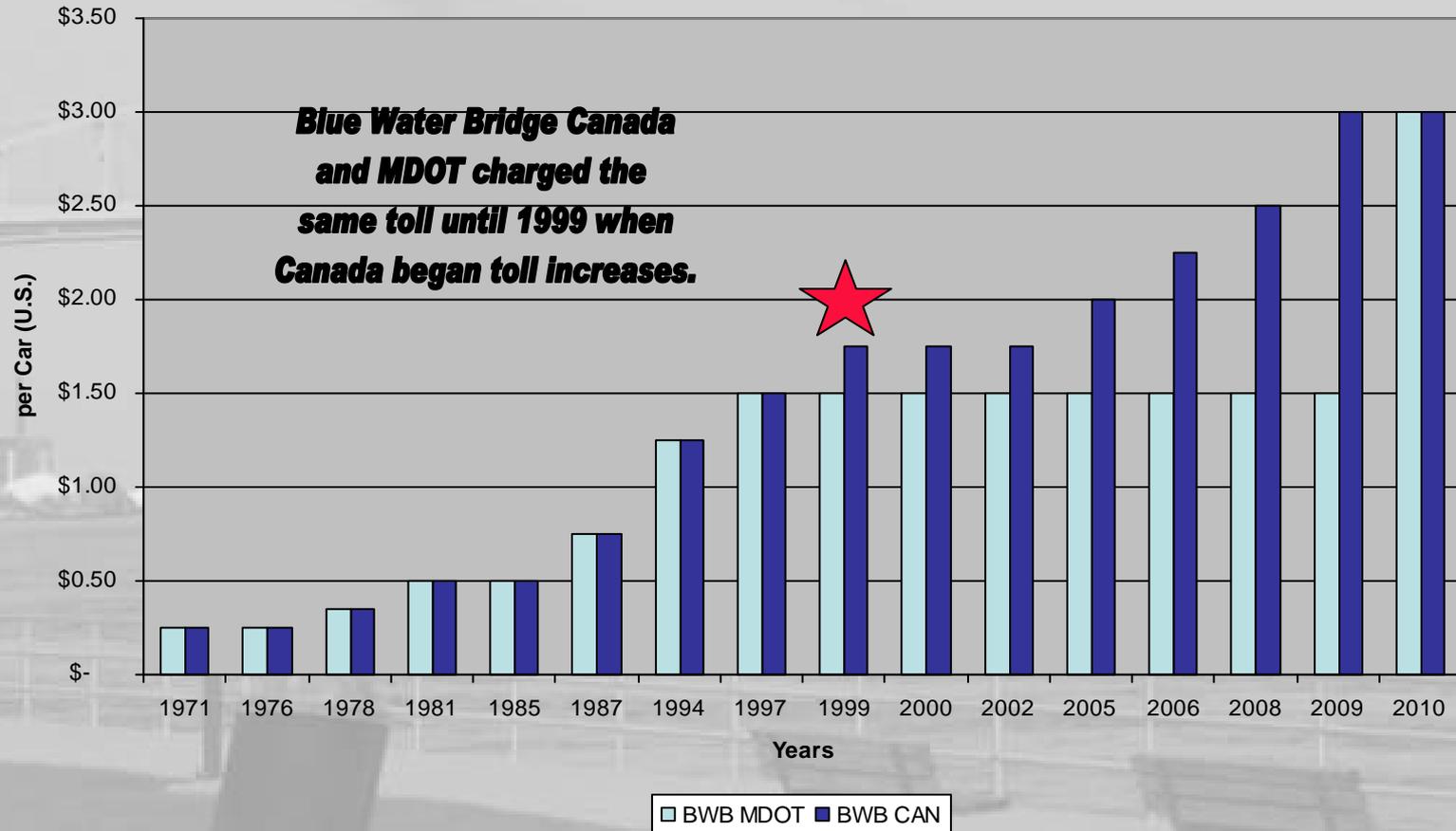
Operation/Management/Maintenance

MDOT Blue Water Bridge History

- **1938** Span 1 Completed
- **1962** Debts Repaid, Tolling Discontinued
- **1970** Congress Allows Tolling at Blue Water Bridge
- **1997** Span 2 Completed
- **1997-Present**
 - No Toll Increases
 - Increase in Traffic 1995-2005
 - Efficiency
 - Conclusion of Plaza Expansion Study

Historical Passenger Toll Rate Summary

Passenger Vehicle Toll History of the
Blue Water Bridge



MDOT Lost Revenue VS BWBC Toll Increases

Passenger

Commercial

Date of Toll Increase	MDOT Rate	BWBC Rate	\$ Lost	MDOT Rate	BWBC Rate	\$ Lost	Total Loss
October 1999 - December 2004	1.50	1.75	\$2,583,604	1.75	2.00	\$1,026,959	\$3,610,563
January 2005 - December 2005	1.50	2.00	\$924,878	1.75	2.25	\$435,128	\$1,360,005
January 2006 - August 2006	1.50	2.25	\$938,246	1.75	2.50	\$411,991	\$1,350,237
September 2006 -Dec. 2006	1.50	2.50	\$585,464	1.75	2.75	\$258,834	\$844,298
January 2007 - August 2009	1.50	2.75	\$5,879,858	1.75	3.0	\$2,867,916	\$8,747,774
September 2009 – Oct. 2009	1.50	3.00	\$406,536	1.75	3.25	\$212,052	\$618,588
Total			\$11,318,585			\$5,212,879	\$16,531,464

Total Revenue Lost Since January 1, 1999

\$16,531,464

MDOT Proposed Toll Structure

- Toll revenues are dedicated to cover all MDOT operation, maintenance, and capital costs for the bridge
- Increases to Operations and Maintenance Costs
- Capital Projects
 - Painting \$10M
 - Re-decking \$40M and \$50M respectively
- Plaza Expansion \$583M

MDOT Proposed Toll Schedule

Tolls Paid in U.S. Currency

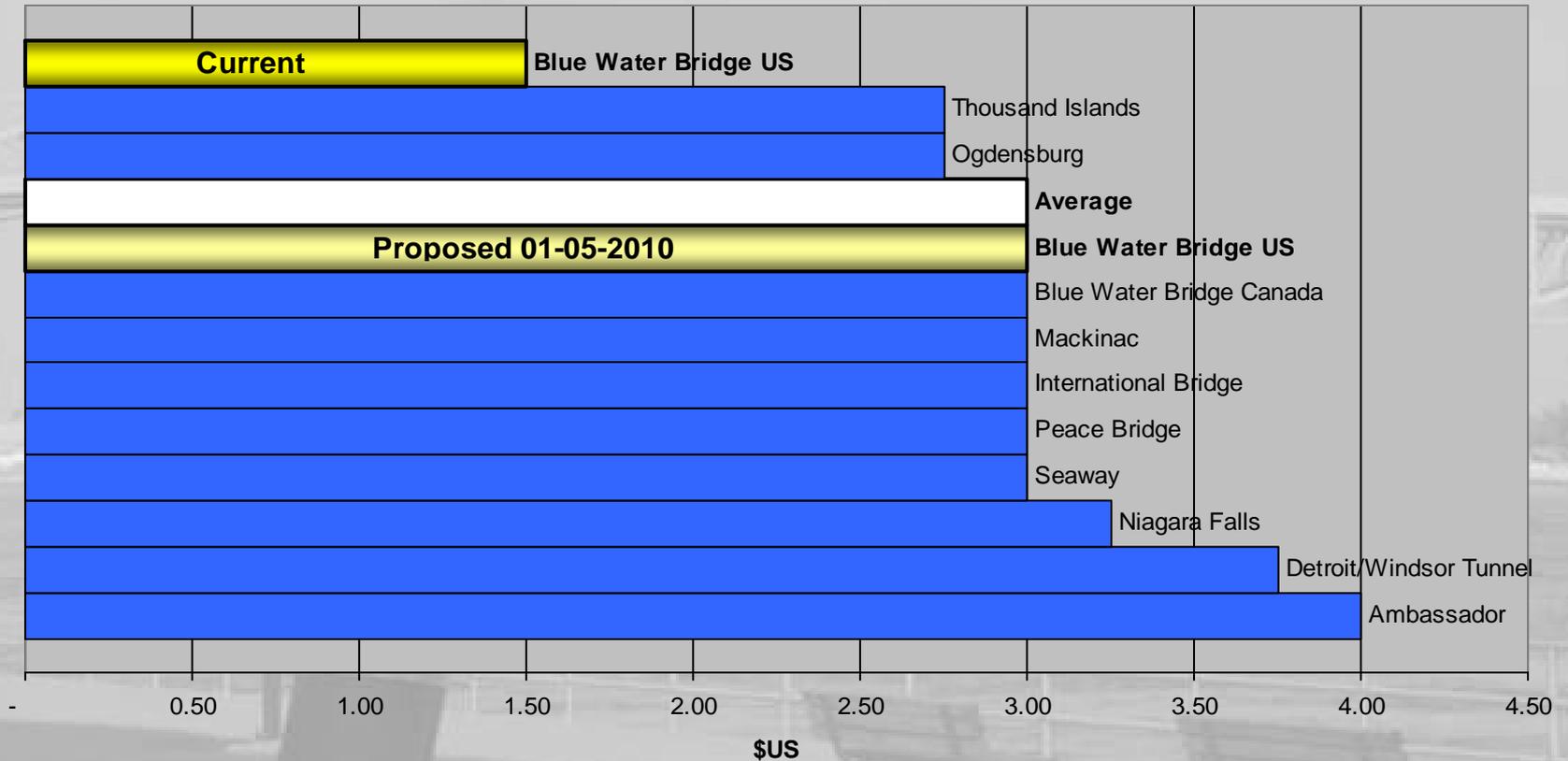
Toll Rates		
Class	Current	Proposed
Passenger Car	\$1.50	\$3.00
Commercial (Per Axle)	\$1.75	\$3.25
*Commuter Tokens	20 Tokens for \$40.00	20 Tokens for \$40.00

*Commuters may receive discounted rate of \$2.00 (Canadian) with tokens purchased on the Canadian side of bridge – a 33% savings, depending on the exchange rate at the time of purchase.

Toll Rate Comparison – Passenger Vehicles

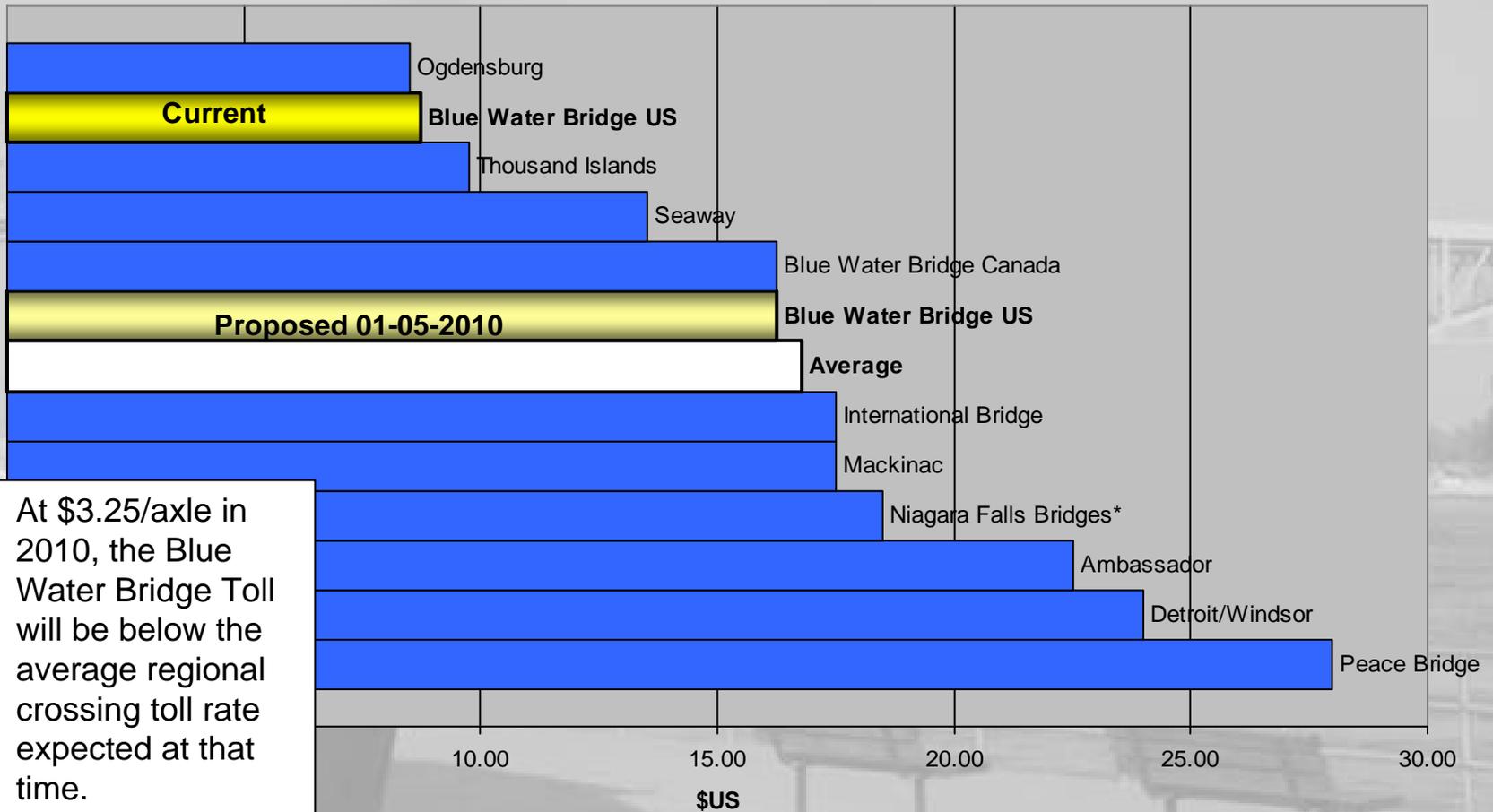
Public Bridge Operators Association
 Passenger (Class 1) Toll Rates Comparison
 As of September 2009

Mackinac rates:
 2010 \$3.50
 2012 \$4.00
 2014 \$4.50



Toll Rate Comparison -Commercial

Public Bridge Operators Association
 Commercial (Class 9; 5 axle) Toll Rates Comparison
 As of September 2009



What Happens Next...

Public Hearings in:

- Lansing, Michigan Dec. 1, 2009
- Point Edward, Ontario Dec. 2, 2009
- Port Huron, Michigan Dec. 2, 2009

All written comments should be postmarked on or before Dec. 16, 2009.

If implemented, toll increases are currently scheduled to go into effect Jan. 5, 2010.

Any Questions?

For additional information visit our website:

www.michigan.gov/bluewaterbridge

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