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## **MacPass account holders, don't delay! Trade up now for a new windshield sticker**

**November 30, 2020** -- The old MacPass toll cards are about to be retired but account holders still have a month to trade up for the new windshield-mounted stickers and keep rolling with the quickest and easiest toll payment.

The Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) is urging MacPass account holders to get the new stickers before the end of the year, as the old cards will no longer work after Dec. 31. The MBA has been reminding account holders of the impending switch, but several have not yet upgraded to stickers.

"We really encourage account holders not to wait until the last minute to get their stickers," said MBA Executive Secretary Kim Nowack. "We've heard that a few thought they'd need to use up existing account funds before switching but upgrading to a sticker won't affect your account balance. There's no reason to wait."

The stickers, which are automatically scanned when drivers pull up to the toll booth, were introduced in September 2019 as part of the MBA's new toll software system. MacPass account holders along with new customers have been rapidly switching from the MacPass cards to the new stickers, and more customers are paying with the stickers now than cards.

The stickers, which can be linked to a single account for multiple vehicles, cost \$1 each. Existing customers do not need to open a new account; they can add a sticker tag to their existing MacPass account.

Customers can obtain the sticker tags in the MBA administration building at the north end of the bridge around the clock, seven days a week. They will need to provide the license plate number, make, model, color, and year of each vehicle that will be linked to the account, though new vehicles can be added later. MacPass account holders can also order new sticker tags online by logging into their account at <https://MacPass.MackinacBridge.org> (instructions at [www.MackinacBridge.org/MacPass](http://www.MackinacBridge.org/MacPass)).

New passenger vehicle MacPass accounts require an initial deposit of \$80 and a \$7 one-time set-up fee; commercial accounts require a \$200 deposit and the same \$7 one-time set-up fee.

MacPass customers can use toll lanes designated for MacPass by the overhead signs, or any open lane. Drivers should still watch for toll collectors and customers walking across lanes.

Though the MacPass is not exclusively for commuter customers, MacPass holders with passenger vehicles can still qualify for the commuter discount toll if they make both a northbound and southbound trip within 36 hours. The toll will be \$4 for the first trip but customers will not be charged for the return trip if completed within 36 hours.

MacPass is the only tolling transponder currently in use at the Mackinac Bridge; I-Pass, E-ZPass, SunPass, etc., though similar, are not accepted. Surveys have shown that few Mackinac Bridge customers currently use other tolling transponders.

The MBA still accepts cash, credit and debit cards for tolls. Other payment types on phones, including Google Pay and Apple Pay, also are accepted.

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