

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE ON PROPOSED TOLL PARITY POLICY FOR
THE BLUE WATER BRIDGE, PORT HURON, MICHIGAN, AND
POINT EDWARD, ONTARIO**

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:

LANSING, MICHIGAN on Wednesday, Mar. 9, 2016, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
in the Lobby Conference Rm., Van Wagoner Transportation Building, 425 W.
Ottawa St.

**PORT HURON, MICHIGAN on Thursday, Mar. 10, 2016, from 3:00 p.m.
to 5:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, Port Huron Municipal Bldg., 100
McMorran Blvd.

**POINT EDWARD, ONTARIO on Thursday, Mar. 10, 2016, from 6:30 to
8:30 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, Village of Point Edward Municipal
Offices, 135 Kendal St.

As proposed, effective April 1, 2016 and on April 1 and October 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 (September 1 – February 28/29, or March 1 – August 30). Toll rate adjustments shall be made to the nearest \$.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 October 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 the public hearing requirements as required by law.

Based on the current calculated exchange rate, effective April 1, 2016, the CAD fares would be adjusted according to the following table.

Classification	Current Toll	CAD Equivalent	Difference	Rounded	New Toll Rate	Effective Date
Cars	\$3.00	\$4.06	\$1.06	\$1.00	\$4.00	April 1
Extra Axles	\$3.00	\$4.06	\$1.06	\$1.00	\$4.00	April 1
Trucks & Buses -per axle	\$3.25	\$4.40	\$1.15	\$1.25	\$4.50	April 1

The hearings, as mandated in Section 301(2) of Article XVII of Public Act No. 84 of 2015, 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: Geralyn Ayers, Manager, Environmental Analysis Unit, Bureau of Development,

Michigan Department of Transportation, P. O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909, or e-mail: ayersg@michigan.gov, or Fax: (517) 335-3696. 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 S., Port Huron, MI., telephone: (810) 984-3131; or through MDOT's Public Involvement and Hearings Office at the above address; or on the Web at www.michigan.gov/bluewaterbridge. The hearing locations meet ADA accessibility requirements. With an advance notice of seven days, MDOT can make most of the materials for this hearing available in alternative formats such as large print or audio recording as well as accommodate other languages, signing and assisted listening. Please call (517) 373-2227 to request accommodations.