



Houston Update

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Present Toll System

Toll Facilities	Totals
❖ Hardy Toll Road	❖ > 1,100,000 EZ TAGs
❖ Sam Houston Toll Road	❖ > 1,000,000 txns/day
❖ Hardy Airport Connector	❖ 100 Center-line Miles
❖ Westpark Tollway	❖ 250 Toll Lanes
❖ Fort Bend Parkway (Operated by HCTRA)	❖ 203 ETC lanes

Major Projects



Working with TxDOT

- ❖ Segments E, F & G of the Grand Parkway
- ❖ Beltway 8 North East
- ❖ US 290 Managed Lanes
- ❖ Fairmont Parkway
- ❖ Post Oak – Fort Bend Parkway
- ❖ IH10 Managed Lanes

Pricing Update

❖ System-wide Rate Study

- Toll indexing policy

❖ Time-of-Day Pricing

- **IH-10 Managed Lanes**
 - HCTRA to manage lanes
 - Metro requires Service Level C
- **Westpark Tollway**
 - 3.6 million transactions in August



EZ TAG Parking

❖ Airport Parking

- IAH and HOU
- Ground transportation
- Short and long term parking

New Transponder Deployment

❖ Changing from battery tag to eGo Plus

- Began rollout and recall effort for 1.1 million EZ TAGs on May 8th, 2006
- Nearly 500,000 tags recalled and redistributed in four months



Video Tolling

❖ For Rental Cars: Plate Pass

- American Traffic Solutions
- Began with Hertz February 2006
- Avis and Budget joined in August
- ~ 50,000 transactions to date

❖ For Fleets: Fleet Tolling

- UPS, Yellow Cab, Brinks, others



Lease, Sell or Keep?

Harris County Commissioners Court Studied HCTRA's Financial Options:

- ❖ Concession agreement
 - Goldman Sachs
- ❖ Asset sale
 - JPMorgan
- ❖ County owned and operated
 - Citibank

Keep!

\$20,000,000,000 Value

Changes Recommended:

- ❖ Create policy to increase tolls per index
- ❖ Equity financing
- ❖ Extended debt from 25/30 years to 40
- ❖ Increase funding of Harris County's connector road program