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Worldwide Transportation Association Applauds the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's Move To Open Road Tolling

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA), the worldwide association representing toll facility owners and operators and the businesses that serve them, recognizes and applauds the outstanding planning and forward thinking of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation – Bureau of Turnpikes on the opening of the Hooksett Open Road Tolling Project.

Patrick D. Jones, Executive Director and CEO, IBTTA, said, "The NHDOT identified the need for necessary improvements and proactively made them. While much of the nation's infrastructure is in dire need of repair and maintenance, NHDOT is addressing congestion issues and rehabilitating three bridges at a time when others are standing still."

"Tolling once meant that all drivers had to stop and pay their toll in cash, but today, with high tech tolling, such as Open Road Tolling, drivers can go, go, go, said Jones."

NHDOT Commissioner Chris Clement said, "The addition of Open Road Tolling at the Hooksett Tolls will greatly improve the motorist experience on a major travel corridor through the heart of New Hampshire. Over 25 million vehicles pass through this facility on the Everett Turnpike and Interstate 93 every year. Electronic tolling customers using E-ZPass will now benefit from reduced congestion, travel time and fuel consumption, and a safer ride. "

States around the country are using technology to improve roadways, bridges and tunnels. In March, The Golden Gate Bridge transitioned to All Electronic Tolling and Massachusetts has a plan to transition to All Electronic Tolling by 2016. The state is starting with a pilot program involving the Tobin Bridge next year.

In January, IBTTA launched *Moving America Forward*, a public awareness campaign that highlights the benefits of tolling to policy-makers, the media, and other interested parties.

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About IBTTA

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