



MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

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FAQs

MDX Related Questions

Who is MDX?

The Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) is a State of Florida public agency created in 1994 by the Florida Legislature and the Miami-Dade County Commission. MDX has the responsibility to operate, maintain, improve and expand five expressways in Miami-Dade County: SR 924 (Gratigny Parkway), SR 112 (Airport Expressway), SR 836 (Dolphin Expressway), SR 874 (Don Shula Expressway), and SR 878 (Snapper Creek Expressway).

Why was MDX created?

MDX was created to ensure that tolls collected on its system would remain in the county and be reinvested on the MDX system. Prior to MDX, tolls collected would be sent to Tallahassee and then redistributed throughout Florida. Improvements on MDX roads are funded by the very users that experience them.

Who makes up MDX?

MDX is governed by a 9-member volunteer board appointed by the Governor and the Miami-Dade County Commission. There is a professional staff which establish near term and long term work programs.

How are MDX and its projects funded?

MDX is entirely funded by toll revenues collected on its system. No funding is received from gas, property nor the half-penny sales tax. It is a user-funded system, and revenue collected is reinvested on system-wide improvements in the form of expressway extensions, new lanes and ramps, roadway maintenance, providing greater mobility and connectivity in the South Florida area.

What are my options for paying my tolls on MDX roads?

- **SunPass** - if you do not already have a SunPass, you may purchase a SunPass Mini at your nearby Publix, AAA office, Navarro Discount Pharmacy, Sedano's Supermarket or CVS for \$4.99. To learn more, visit www.sunpass.com or call 1-888-865-5352.
- **Toll-By Plate** - See section below

Where can I view the toll rates?

[Toll rate maps](#) and [Toll rate schedules](#) can be found on our website.



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SunPass Questions

Do I have to get a SunPass if I want to drive on the MDX roads after the conversion to ORT?

While drivers are not obligated to purchase a SunPass, it is highly recommended. Having a SunPass account provides the following cost and convenience benefits:

- SunPass is the least expensive option with drivers saving an average of 15 cents at each tolling point.
- SunPass customers also save when they drive on other toll roads in Florida, saving approximately 25 percent or more at most toll plazas.
- SunPass Plus customers can use their transponders to pay the parking fees at the Tampa, Orlando and Palm Beach airports.

How and where can I get a SunPass?

You may purchase your SunPass online at www.sunpass.com or at a retail location. SunPass transponders are available for purchase at over 1100 Publix Supermarkets, AAA offices, Navarro Discount Pharmacy, Sedano's Supermarket and CVS/pharmacy in Florida.

Why is the SunPass toll rate less expensive?

It costs more to collect a toll by taking a photo of your license plate and sending out an invoice than it does to read a SunPass transponder.

Can I use SunPass on other toll facilities in Florida?

Yes, SunPass can be used on almost all toll roads and bridges in the State of Florida. Just look for the

SunPass logo as you enter the highway or tolling zone.



I don't have a SunPass but I have a transponder from another state such as FasTrak, E-ZPass or Toll Tag, can I use it to pay?

No, the SunPass electronic toll collection system is not compatible with transponders from states other than Florida, North Carolina (Quick Pass), and Georgia (Peach Pass). E-Pass (Orlando, FL) and LeeWay (Lee County, FL), are compatible and can be used on any SunPass facility and vice versa.

Should all transponders work from state-to-state?

Ideally, yes. Realistically, there is work to do. Today, many agencies have electronic toll systems that are unique to their individual community, state or region and the equipment often does not function with other toll agencies in different areas. Developing uniform electronics and compatible business



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operations for a universal national system will be a challenge, but the industry is aware of the problem and is working diligently toward a solution.

Toll-by-Plate Questions

What is Toll-by-Plate?

Toll-by-Plate is a tolling system that works like SunPass without the transponder. Today this is only available as a post paid system, but future enhancements may include a pre-paid option if demand for this account type is recognized. With a Toll-by-Plate account, drivers will not receive the SunPass discount on the MDX roads.

How will you find out who I am in order to bill me?

A digital imaging system takes pictures of the vehicle's license plate as it travels through the tolling point. The license plate data provides the needed information to obtain the registered owners address so an invoice can be generated and mailed.

How will visitors (people from out of state) pay their tolls?

Through the Toll-By-Plate program, the tolling equipment will take photos of each vehicle that goes through a tolling point that fails to register a valid SunPass transaction. The license plate data is then used to obtain the registered owner's address from the State Motor Vehicle Department that issued that particular license plate. An invoice for unpaid tolls will be sent to the registered owner directly to the address listed on their vehicle registration.

Why do I receive an invoice for each of my vehicles? Can't you save money by sending me only one consolidated bill?

By law, the invoices must be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle and since it can be complicated to match the exact registered name and address, it is best to send invoices for each vehicle separately.

Will I get one consolidated invoice for all my toll trips in the State of Florida?

You will receive a separate invoice from each of the toll authorities for each vehicle that travels on their toll facilities.

What if my license plate is lost or stolen?

If you are able to assert that the vehicle and/or License Plate identified in the Invoice issued by the Authority was lost or stolen at the time of the transactions, provide the required information on the affidavit form available at www.payMDXtolls.com, attach a copy of the Police Report, and send both to MDX. This may resolve your liability entirely. If you cannot complete the Affidavit, you will be responsible for the invoice.



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Rented Vehicles on MDX Roadways

What do I do if I am in a rental car?

Many rental car companies have programs that offer rental car customers an easier way to travel Florida's toll roads. The companies provide SunPass with constantly updated lists of rental car fleet license plate numbers so that rental companies can be billed for tolls incurred by their customers. Each company has a different payment arrangement so be sure to review your rental agreement carefully. Of course, if you have a portable SunPass you may also use it in a rental car, just log onto your account at www.sunpass.com and enter the rental vehicle for the duration (start/end) of your rental.

Which rental car companies offer toll programs?

All major rental companies are participating in this program, ask your rental car service representative if they are in the SunPass program. Some companies charge a daily or weekly fee, plus the toll incurred. Others provide unlimited toll usage for a set per day or per week amount. We recommend that customers check with their rental car company for all fees and that they read their car rental agreement carefully.

What if my vehicle rental company does not offer a toll program?

An image of the license plate will be captured on camera and a bill for the toll will be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle rental. The vehicle rental agency may pay the toll bill on your behalf and charge you extra fees for their time and service, based on your rental agreement. We strongly recommend that customers check their rental agreement for all fees. Many rental companies charge a service fee for toll payments that they make on your behalf. If this is prior to your rental, you can open a Toll By Plate account by logging on to www.tollbyplate.com or by calling 888-824-8655.

What happens if I don't sign up for the rental car company's toll program and I drive on the MDX roads?

A bill for the toll will be sent to the rental car company, who will match the toll charges with the person renting the car. The rental car agency may pay the toll bill on your behalf and charge you extra fees for their time and service, based on your car rental agreement. We strongly recommend that customers check with their rental car company for all fees and that they review the rental agreement carefully.

What if I am in a rental truck like U-Haul or Ryder?

An image of the truck or trailer license plate will be captured on camera and a bill will be issued to the registered owner of the vehicle. The truck leasing company may pay the bill on your behalf and charge you extra fees for their time and service. We strongly recommend that customers check with their lease company for all fees and review the rental agreement carefully.