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**Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise Opens Road Up to E-ZPass Customers**

*SunPass PRO™ Debuts as New Interoperable Transponder*

**OCOEE, Fla.** – On Saturday, May 29, Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) will become part of the E-ZPass network, bringing interoperability to millions of toll road customers on the East Coast and as far west as Illinois. In conjunction with this exciting partnership, FTE is launching the SunPass PRO™, a new portable transponder that can be used everywhere E-ZPass is accepted.

“Florida’s transportation system, under Governor Ron DeSantis, has made advanced steps in electronic toll collection, which has benefits such as reducing congestion and improving safety on toll roads,” said Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kevin J. Thibault, P.E. “We are glad to enter this partnership with E-ZPass and to take such a critical step toward national interoperability, a long-term and ongoing pursuit of the transportation industry.”

“Automobiles largely remain the preferred mode of travel and now travelers can enjoy the ease of using one transponder to pay for tolls when visiting Florida,” said Nicola Liquori, FTE Executive Director and CEO. “Revenue collection will be more efficient for tolling agencies and more convenient for our customers. It’s an all-around win.”

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The move means E-ZPass customers can now use their transponder to enjoy seamless travel on nearly 900 miles of Florida’s toll roads in addition to the 18 states where E-ZPass is already accepted.

Travelers have long sought the convenience of using one transponder for toll roads in Florida and the Northeast. The new agreement should be particularly appealing to winter visitors who come to Florida to enjoy the warm climate.

The brand-new SunPass PRO™ will cost $14.95, plus tax, and offers customers several benefits, including parking at most international airports in Florida, the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami and more locations to come. SunPass customers also save nearly 25% on Florida toll roads compared to TOLL-BY-PLATE. The PRO™ can be purchased at more than 3,000 retail locations [listed here](https://www.sunpass.com/en/about/whereToPurchaseSunPass.shtml), online at [www.SunPass.com](https://www.sunpass.com/en/home/index.shtml), by calling 888-TOLL-FLA (888-865-5352) or visiting a SunPass Customer Service Walk-In Center at one of [these locations](https://www.sunpass.com/en/support/contactus.shtml).

SunPass PRO™ is accepted in the following states: Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Maryland, Rhode Island, Indiana, Delaware, Illinois, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maine, West Virginia, New York and Ohio.

The existing SunPass Portable and SunPass Mini transponders will continue to be accepted in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina. SunPass customers wanting seamless travel within the E-ZPass network will need to upgrade to the SunPass PRO™.

E-ZPass, the largest interoperable toll collection program in the nation, consists of agencies in 18 states with Minnesota joining soon.

To learn more about Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise, please visit [www.FloridasTurnpike.com](http://www.FloridasTurnpike.com) or follow us on Facebook at [MyFDOTTurnpike](https://www.facebook.com/MyFDOTTurnpike) and Twitter at [@FloridaTurnpike](https://twitter.com/FloridaTurnpike).

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