

Drivers traveling in Louisville and Southern Indiana need to prepare for the start of tolling on three Ohio River bridges. Tolling on the Louisville- Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project is scheduled to begin Friday, December 30.

Tolled bridges include the two I-65 bridges connecting downtown Louisville and Southern Indiana, the new Abraham Lincoln Bridge and the improved John F. Kennedy Memorial Bridge. The new East End bridge connecting the Gene Snyder Freeway in Prospect, Kentucky with State Road 265 in Utica opens late December 18 and will also be tolled.

RiverLink is the name of the new, all-electronic tolling system that makes the project possible. There's no stopping, no slowing, no lines and no coin machines. Toll rates range from \$2 to \$12, depending on the size of vehicle and whether the driver has a RiverLink account and transponder.

Drivers with transponders will pay the lowest toll rates. Drivers can set up a prepaid RiverLink account to get a transponder. All E-ZPass transponders, including the I-PASS from Illinois and the Indiana Toll Road E-ZPass, will work with the RiverLink system. No further action is necessary.

Drivers without transponders will get bills in the mail, and pay higher toll rates. Drivers who do not pay their tolls will be charged a penalty and may face restrictions on vehicle registration until tolls and penalties are paid.

Opening a RiverLink Account

Drivers can open a personal account online at www.RiverLink.com, by phone at 855-RIV-LINK or in person at one of two RiverLink customer service centers. A personal account can include up to four vehicles, with a minimum balance of \$20 to open the account.

The account balance rolls over month to month.

The fastest way to open a RiverLink personal account is online. The website is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week with no wait. Transponders will be mailed to account holders, free of charge.

For businesses with more than four vehicles, the fastest and easiest way to open an account is by calling a specialized customer service representative at 855-RIV-LINK.

Choice of Transponders

A RiverLink local transponder is free, one per registered vehicle. The small sticker adheres to the inside of windshield, is non-transferable and will work only on tolled bridged between Louisville and Southern Indiana.

A RiverLink E-ZPass transponder is \$15 per transponder. It's mounted on the inside of the windshield, is portable from vehicle to vehicle registered to a single account and works in all 16 E-ZPass states (<https://e-zpassiag.com/about-e-zpass/where-can-i-use-it>).

Vehicle Classification

*Passenger Vehicle- 2-axle up to 7½ feet in height: Toll with Transponder- \$2; Toll with Registered Plate- \$3 and Toll With Unregistered Plate- \$4.

*Medium Vehicle- 2-axle more than 7½ feet in height, all 3-axle and all 4-axle: Toll with Transponder- \$5; Toll with Registered Plate- \$6 and Toll with Unregistered Plate- \$7.

*Large Vehicle- 5-axle or more- Toll with Transponder- \$10; Toll with Registered Plate- \$11

and Toll with Unregistered Plate- \$12.

The I-64 (Sherman Minton) and the US 31/Second Street (Clark Memorial) bridges across the Ohio River will not be tolled in connection with the project. Find more information at www.RiverLink.com.

The Louisville- Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project includes two new bridges and their approaches, an improved Kennedy Bridge and reconstruction of the Kennedy Interchange, where I-65, I-64 and I-71 come together in downtown Louisville. The new Abraham Lincoln Bridge carries six lanes of I-65 northbound traffic. The improved Kennedy Bridge carries six lanes of southbound traffic. The new East End bridge will connect the Gene Snyder Freeway in Prospect, KY with State Road 265 (Lee Hamilton Highway) in Utica. Find more details on the Ohio River Bridges Project at www.kyinbridges.com.