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**E-ZPASS TO BE ACCEPTED AT HAMPTON TOLLS ON AUGUST 3**  
**ELECTRONIC TOLLING USE GROWING AT HOOKSETT AND BEDFORD**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces the phasing in of E-ZPass electronic tolling on the State's Turnpike System continues with the Hampton Tolls on I-95 scheduled to accept E-ZPass customers beginning Wednesday, August 3, 2005 at 5:00 am. This will include both the Hampton Mainline Plaza and the Hampton Ramp Plaza.

The use of E-ZPass continues to grow at the Hooksett and Bedford toll facilities on the Everett Turnpike, which began accepting E-ZPass on July 11. Approximately 17% of the daily transactions at the Bedford Toll are with E-ZPass. At Hooksett, about 15% of the daily customers are E-ZPass users.

"We are very pleased with our growing number of E-ZPass customers," says Al Almasy, the NHDOT E-ZPass Project Manager. "It's important to remember that in addition to the designated "E-ZPass only" lanes at each plaza, E-ZPass customers can also use any other lane except the "exact change" lanes. There are also a lot of cash or token customers who are trying to use the "E-ZPass only" lanes. They need to know that cash and tokens are not accepted in these lanes."

Since the sign-up period began on June 20, more than 90,000 E-ZPass accounts have been established and 160,000 transponders have been ordered. To find out more or to enroll in New Hampshire's E-ZPass program go on-line at [www.ezpassnh.com](http://www.ezpassnh.com) or call the customer service center at 1-877-NHEZPAS (1-877-643-9727).