



Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry – Toll Charges

5 May 2025

Cash tolls for those travelling by car on the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry will increase to £3 per crossing from midnight on 12 May 2025.

The discounts for pre-paid crossings using the TamarTag scheme will continue to be 50% of the full toll, resulting in a tag toll for cars and vans of £1.50 (a 20p increase). Tolls for other vehicles will broadly increase pro rata.

Although motorcycle tolls at Torpoint will increase to £1.00, from 12 May riders will, for the first time, be able to pay by card.

The application to revise tolls was approved by the Secretary of State for Transport at the end of March after considering the recommendation from an Independent Inspector following a Public Local Inquiry.

Whilst most other tolled crossings charge in both directions, the toll across the Tamar is only charged in one direction (Eastbound into Plymouth).

Between them the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry carry around 18 million vehicles a year (16 million on the bridge and 2 million on the ferries), with the two crossings recognised as uniquely important to the economy and regional growth ambitions.

The Tamar Crossings are almost entirely funded by toll income, which is used to ensure safe operation, ongoing and proactive maintenance and considered improvement of the bridge and ferries.

The organisation recognises the importance of the crossings to the people and communities who rely on them to get to work, school and access health and other services, and has continued to press both the current and previous governments for more funding to keep services running and enable the public to cross the Tamar safely.

The additional revenue will address the current shortfall in income and provide funding to maintain service levels and carry out further essential works on both the bridge and the ferries. Even with the increase the crossings are still amongst the cheapest self-financed tolled crossings in the UK, particularly for a return crossing.

Work is also taking place to develop a strategy and policy to deliver improved benefits for local people and make the necessary changes to legislation that will

allow this to happen. This will include continuing to pursue the ability to apply RPI to tolls and smooth out the spikes and unpredictability of Toll Revisions, as well as seeking cheaper tolls for local people.

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Notes to editors

Members of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee took the decision to submit a formal application to the Government to revise tolls to secure the long- term future of the two crossings in May 2024.

A Public Local Inquiry into the application, led by an independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport, was held in October 2024.

Having considered the evidence from the application and the Public Local Inquiry, together with the feedback from the public consultation, the Secretary of State for Transport formally approved the application on 25 March 2025.

The Report is available online at <https://www.tamarcrossings.org.uk/toll-revision-application-15th-april-2024/inspectors-report-and-decision-letter-march-2025/>

The Inspector's reasoning for his recommendation, together with his views on evidence presented by the Crossings and objectors if provided, are from page 22 (paragraph 138) of the report.