

## **I Background**

The Golden Ears Bridge (GEB) links Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge to Langley, Surrey and beyond. The GEB is a TransLink project. TransLink charges vehicle owners a toll for vehicles that cross the bridge. The amount of a TransLink toll depends on whether the vehicle owner has leased a QuickPass transponder, registered as a video customer or is unregistered. TransLink posts its GEB tolls at:

<http://www.translink.ca/en/Driving/Golden-Ears-Bridge.aspx>

TransLink started charging GEB tolls on July 16, 2009. At that time, the Passenger Transportation Board introduced a GEB toll surcharge that taxi operators charge passengers. The surcharge is in addition to the metered taxi fare.

Taxi operators pay TransLink a toll when crossing the bridge with passengers and again when returning back without passengers. The Board GEB toll surcharge for taxis is based on the two-way TransLink toll for video-registered cars. The current amendment of this rule brings Board policy in line with the TransLink toll increase of July 15, 2015.

## **II Rule**

When passengers hire a taxicab and are transported over the Golden Ears Bridge, taxi operators must charge a toll surcharge of **\$7.30**.

Taxi operators must advise passengers of the toll surcharge **before** the meter is turned on.

## **III Applicable Licensees**

For the purposes of this rule, a taxi operator is a holder of a Special Authorization licence with terms and conditions that contain express authorization to use a taxi meter.

## **IV Dates**

Original Rule: July 13, 2009

Rule Amended: August 31, 2010; April 19, 2011; May 30, 2011;  
July 4, 2012; June 26, 2013; June 24, 2014; July 15, 2015

**Amended Rule Takes Effect: July 15, 2015**