



# STATE ROAD & TOLLWAY AUTHORITY

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## **Delinquent Toll Violators to Get Partial Amnesty June 1-30 *SRTA to Enforce Unpaid Insufficient Tolls Starting July 1***

ATLANTA (June 1, 2010)—The State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) of Georgia announced today that it has designated June as a month of amnesty for motorists who have used GA 400 without paying the \$.50 toll. For a limited time, SRTA is offering partial amnesty to violators with outstanding balances the opportunity to clear their violations for a reduced amount.

“In this case amnesty doesn’t mean we are not going to collect money due the state,” explains Gena Evans, SRTA’s Executive Director. “We have negotiated with people with large administrative fee amounts in the past but beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> we want to take it a step further by giving violators a chance to settle their toll debts in full with those fees reduced to a flat rate.”

Over 63,000 drivers, many of whom accrued multiple violations, have failed to pay their tolls, representing over \$2 million dollars in outstanding revenue owed to the state. Starting June 1, SRTA will reduce the administrative fee per violation from \$25.00 to \$15.00 for unpaid violations incurred from January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010. Violations payments made prior to June 1 will not be refunded during this amnesty period. SRTA does not negotiate with violators whose violations have been the subject of an Order by the Office of State Administrative Hearings (OSAH) and these violators are not eligible for amnesty.

The amnesty period ends at the close of business on Wednesday, June 30. Payments, which must be postmarked by that date, may be made out to SRTA and mailed to SRTA Violations Department, P. O. Box 2105, Atlanta, GA 30303-2105. Payments may also be made via telephone by credit card through the Customer Service Center at (404)-893-6161 (with a \$2.00 processing fee) or online by credit card for no additional cost. Payments are not able to be accepted at the Toll Plaza.

In an additional effort to enforce the proper use of the GA 400 toll road, beginning July 1, SRTA will recognize all unpaid tolls as violations including those which occur in the cash lanes where previously drivers who couldn’t pay were issued a paper “insufficient toll ticket.” Failure to pay insufficient tolls is a violation of O.C.G. A € 32-10-64 and will be subject to the \$25 administrative fee and possible referral to a collection agency and/or the Office of the Attorney General.

All GA 400 users have the opportunity to open a Cruise Card account which enables them to pay their tolls electronically without stopping at a toll booth. Cruise Card customers maintain an account with SRTA and do not have to ever worry about having enough change to pay their tolls. Opening a Cruise Card account is fast and easy. For full details on Amnesty or to open a Cruise Card account, please visit [www.georgiatolls.com](http://www.georgiatolls.com) or call the Customer Service Center at 404-893-6161.

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