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Hills M2 and Eastern Distributor Cashless from Monday

The operators of the Hills M2 and Eastern Distributor motorways have reminded motorists returning to work that both motorways will commence fully electronic toll collection (FETC) tomorrow at 12.01am.

“Cashless toll collection is a simpler, safer and faster way to pay and will help to ensure our motorway infrastructure is better utilised, minimising congestion,” said Head of Hills M2, Craig Greene said.

“Motorists travelling on the Hills M2 or Eastern Distributor from 30 January can expect a simpler, easier trip, with no need to fumble in the ashtray or the seat back for coins.

“Motorists travelling without a valid payment arrangement have 48 hours following their first trip to contact Roam Express on 13 76 26 or www.roamexpress.com.au in order to arrange payment.

“We have coincided the introduction of cashless operations with the traditional end of holidays in order to minimise the impact on travellers unfamiliar with Sydney’s roads, while also ensuring the benefit of less queuing and faster travel speeds is available to commuters returning to work.

“Motorist travelling to work can expect changes to the normal travel conditions and are reminded to read the signs and drive safely.”

“The delivery of the Hills M2 Upgrade has been able to accommodate the early delivery of cashless tolling, however all of the benefits of the change, such as the reinstatement of the 100km/h speed-limits through the main tolling point will not be available until after the completion of the upgrade.

“Motorists will however benefit from reduced queues and less stop-start traffic particularly at the Hills M2 Christie Road off-ramp and Pennant Hills Road interchange.”

The decision to remove cash payments on the Hills M2 and Eastern Distributor was agreed to by the NSW Government and the operators of the Hills M2 Motorway and Airport Motorways Limited.

On 18 July 2011 the Deputy Premier and Minister for Roads and Ports announced that FETC on the Hills M2 would be rolled out as part of an expanded scope of the Hills M2 Upgrade and would be in place by April 2012.

Further information

For more information on tolling products including e-TAGs and visitor’s ePASSes, contact www.roamexpress.com.au or 13 76 26, or www.sydnemotorways.com

For more information on the Hills M2 Upgrade, visit www.hillsm2.com.au or www.hillsm2upgrade.com.au or contact 1800 196 266 or via enquiries@hillsm2upgrade.com.au.

For more information on the Eastern Distributor, visit www.easterndistributor.com.au or call 8356 2200

For up to date traffic information contact the Transport Management Centre at www.livetraffic.com or 132 701.

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