

New toll rates in the Nowy Tomyśl – Konin section of the A2 motorway

Starting from 9 September 2022 toll rates in the tolled sections of Autostrada Wielkopolska between Nowy Tomyśl and Konin will increase. Depending on the vehicle category, toll rates will increase by less than 5 percent. The change in toll rates is forced by high, two digit inflation rate, and very strong increase in prices of construction materials, translating into increased costs of maintenance and implementation of the planned projects. The toll rate in the A2 Świecko - Nowy Tomyśl section remains unchanged.

The toll rate coming into effect on 9 September this year at 6.00 hours for driving each of the three 50 km sections of the motorway between Nowy Tomyśl and Konin will amount to:

- PLN 26 - Cat. 1 (motorcycles and passenger cars with two axles)
- PLN 39 - Cat. 2 (two-axle motor vehicles, at least one of which is equipped with twin wheels, and motorcycles and two-axle motor vehicles with trailers)
- PLN 60 - Cat. 3 (three-axle motor vehicles and two-axle motor vehicles, at least one of which is equipped with twin wheels with trailers)
- PLN 91 - Cat. 4 (motor vehicles with more than three axles and motor vehicles with three axles with trailers)
- PLN 260 - Cat. 5 (oversize vehicles)

The above rates include VAT at 23 percent, because tolls in the concession motorways in Poland are subject to tax on goods and services, unlike public motorways where VAT is not levied.

The cost of driving Autostrada Wielkopolska in the Świecko - Nowy Tomyśl section remains unchanged. Drivers of category 1 vehicles pay PLN 18 for driving 106 km.

The A2 concession section between Nowy Tomyśl and Konin is entirely maintained by Autostrada Wielkopolska, and is not subsidized by the State Treasury to any extent. The change of toll rates is caused by the increased costs of maintaining the motorway and implementing the projects, due to the rapid increase of inflation rate, and record price levels of construction materials, producers prices and subcontractors' man-hour rates.

The inflation rate in August 2022 was estimated by the Central Statistical Office at the rate of 16.1 percent, the highest for 25 years. The prices of construction materials have continued to increase, reaching 29 percent in July this year as compared to July last year. A two digit increase has also been observed in transport prices, 27.7 percent in July y/y. In addition, the producers prices in all industry sectors have grown incessantly. Producers inflation, that is the rate of price increase which Polish companies have to face, in July amounted to almost 25 percent y/y.

The average daily traffic in the Nowy Tomyśl - Konin section amounts to ca 30 thousand, and in the Poznań motorway Bypass to 85 thousand, approaching 100 thousand vehicles on some days. Heavy vehicles form a large share of traffic, with heavy impact on the pavement wear and rehabilitation requirement. The motorway operation is also considerably affected by the increased flow of vehicles joining the traffic from S5 and S11 express roads. Despite increasing inflation and costly motorway rehabilitation and maintenance, the Company has timely completed the planned projects and implemented upgrading in compliance with the adopted long term maintenance plan and the Concession Agreement.

This year Autostrada Wielkopolska has commenced an extended rehabilitation of pavement in the section between Nowy Tomyśl and Poznań. The pavement in the Nowy Tomyśl interchange and over 26 km of the mainline carriageway has already been rehabilitated. The rehabilitation of pavement in the Buk interchange and farther motorway section has been underway. The projects will involve a thorough resurfacing in the entire section from Nowy Tomyśl to Konin, once again during the concession term. In addition, the rehabilitation of engineering structures (bridges and motorway overbridged) and the construction of the new operation and maintenance center in Września are planned. This year the Company has completed general rehabilitation and upgrading of toilet buildings in the Rest and Service Areas. The electric vehicles charging station in the motorway is also being extended, and solutions are being prepared to promote environmental protection and increase

drivers' safety. Moreover, planning works and preparation have been underway for further extension of the Poznań Bypass to include the third traffic lane in the Poznań Krzesiny – Poznań Wschód section.

The projects being implemented by Autostrada Wielkopolska serve to ensure high quality of road infrastructure and do not burden the state budget or the taxpayers.

Autostrada Wielkopolska SA and Autostrada Wielkopolska II SA are international concession companies responsible for the construction and operation of the A2 motorway from Świecko to Konin. The 255 km section is the largest project in the Public-Private Partnership system in this part of Europe. The projects implemented by both concession companies have become major success, i.e. were timely completed within the assumed budgets agreed upon with the public party and the banks, without the EU subsidies and without financing by the State Treasury.

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