

Press Release

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## Toll Plaza Expansion on the A1 AmberOne Motorway

The growing traffic volume and our desire to make travels on the A1 AmberOne Motorway comfortable have triggered works on expansion of the Toll Plazas in Nowa Wieś and Rusocin so as to increase their throughput.

Gdańsk Transport Company S.A. regularly analyses all available options to enhance the efficiency of travels made on the A1 AmberOne Motorway it manages. The traditional solution to ensure smoother passage through the gates consists in increasing their number. In our case, works are in progress to increase the capacity of the Toll Plaza in Nowa Wieś by adding 1 entry gate and 2 exit gates; the improvement at the Rusocin Plaza will be attained by adding 2 exit gates. The construction works have already begun, and GTC together with Intertoll, the Operator, are taking efforts to get the expanded plazas fully operational as early as in the summer season of 2015. The new exit lanes at both Plazas will be of the so-called reversible type, which means that should the need arise, they can take over the function of entry lanes.

The Toll Plaza at Rusocin today has 5 entry lanes and 8 exit lanes. The one in Nowa Wieś has 3 entry lanes and 6 exit lanes.

The works will be conducted so as not to be onerous to the drivers. Nevertheless, one cannot safeguard that one gate or another will not need to be temporary closed.

To facilitate entry onto the motorway, the tickets at the entry gates will be issued automatically, without the need to press the ticket button. The solution will be employed at peak traffic times. So, how will it work? The ticket printing process will begin the moment the car nears the gate. In effect, when the car arrives at the dispenser, the ticket will already be waiting for the driver. With the ticket removed from the dispenser, the gate will open. The ticket dispenser will also change in appearance, since the slot with the ticket waiting will be lit. This will cut down the service time by several seconds per vehicle. Little, as it seems, this time saving multiplied by the number of cars passing through the gate every hour will make a substantial difference. We estimate that the solution will increase the maximum throughput of the entry gates by 20-30%. Automatic ticket dispensing should be operational as early as on the long weekend of May. The A1 AmberOne will be the first motorway in Poland offering the automatic ticket dispensing function at the entry gates.

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