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## North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Waives Toll 49 Fees Due to Hurricane Laura

**(Tyler, TX)** – The North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) will waive fees on Toll 49 starting today, August 26, at noon to support evacuations in advance of Hurricane Laura for drivers going east to west and continuing North on Toll 49. Tolls will remain waived until Friday, August 28, at noon.

NET RMA will be displaying variable message signs along Toll 49 at highway 110, State Highway 155 and U.S. 69 informing drivers they can take Toll 49 to bypass Tyler and get to Interstate 20 or further North to U.S. 69.

The decision to waive toll fees came by request from Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran to help facilitate the safe evacuation of drivers from the Gulf Coast.

“Ensuring Texans can safely get out of harm’s way from this dangerous storm is imperative, and NET RMA wants to do its part to help our neighbors evacuate safely along Toll 49 to find shelter from the storm,” said Everett Owen, NET RMA interim executive director.

NET RMA will continue to monitor and provide updates on Toll 49 as it relates to Hurricane Laura. Please continue to check [netrma.org](http://netrma.org), as well as our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), for emergency updates.

### **About the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA)**

The NET RMA is an independent government agency created to accelerate the development of transportation projects in North East Texas. Our mission is to implement transportation solutions that will enhance the quality of life and the economic environment in our area. The NET RMA is governed by a 21-member board of directors that represent each of the member counties: Bowie, Kaufman, Cass, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Panola, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Wood and Van Zandt. Texas RMAs were made possible through an initiative passed by State Legislature in 2001. The NET RMA was established in October 2004.

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