

**Executive Note**  
**The Erskine Bridge (Temporary Suspension of Tolls) Order 2006 SSI/2006/157**

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Erskine Bridge Tolls Act 1968. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

**Policy Objectives**

The purpose of the instrument is to implement the recommendations of Phase 2 of the Tolloed Bridges Review which concluded that lifting the tolls at Erskine will reduce traffic congestion on a number of major routes in Glasgow, including the Clydeside Expressway and in the Clyde Tunnel.

By reducing congestion we improve journey times for all travellers, make better use of the roads network, and support the Air Quality Management initiatives currently being implemented by Glasgow City Council. By suspending tolls we promote the use of Erskine Bridge thereby removing traffic congestion from Clyde Tunnel and other western approaches into Glasgow, and improve the air quality along the traffic corridor.

The instrument suspends the collection of tolls during the period beginning on 1st April 2006 and ending on 1st July 2006 at 2400 hours.

**Consultation**

This instrument is derived from recommendations proposed within Phase 2 of the Tolloed Bridges Review, considered and accepted by Cabinet on 1 March 2006.

Consultations giving rise to the instrument took place during the investigation stage of Phase 2 of the Tolloed Bridges Review between 8 April 2005 and 25 July 2005.

Full details of the 63 individual or corporate participants in the consultation process may be found on the Scottish Executive website at  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/08/08145214/52151>

Corporate participants can be broadly classified as business sector bodies, Local Authorities and local Councillors, MSPs, other public bodies, lobby groups, representative bodies, research bodies, and transport providers.

**Financial effects**

The instrument will result in a reduction of income of approximately £1.125 million over the 3 month period (£4.5 million annualised).

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