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## BRING YOUR TOYS FOR TOTS ON YOUR COMMUTE DEC. 6-8

BALTIMORE, MD – Join the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Police, MDTA staff and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves in the national Toys for Tots campaign at the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge (US 40). Since 1990, MDTA employees have collected more than 152,000 toys from customers of the toll facilities and the Port of Baltimore.

**Wednesday, Dec. 6 – Friday, Dec. 8, from 6 - 9 a.m. and from 3 - 5 p.m.,** employees will collect **new, unwrapped toys** at the Hatem Bridge and also at the Bay Bridge (US 50/301), the Baltimore Harbor and Fort McHenry tunnels (I-895, I-95), the Francis Scott Key Bridge (I-695), the Gov. Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge (US 301), the Intercounty Connector (MD 200) and the Dundalk Marine Terminal.

“We are excited about this opportunity to make a difference in the communities that we serve,” said MDTA Executive Director Kevin C. Reigut. “Each year, the men and women of the MDTA look forward to this holiday tradition.”

Customers who wish to donate toys should use the far-right toll lane and follow directions from Santa, uniformed MDTA police officers or MDTA staff. (Note: This includes *E-ZPass* customers who wish to drop off toys.) The MDTA Police remind drivers to keep safety in mind as they approach toy drop-off sites. Toys may be dropped off during scheduled times only. **Toll collectors are unable to accept donations in the toll lanes.**

Toys collected at the Hatem Bridge will be given to organizations throughout Cecil County.

For more information on the MDTA’s collection efforts, visit [mdta.maryland.gov](http://mdta.maryland.gov). For more on the Toys for Tots program, visit [toysfortots.org](http://toysfortots.org). To view real-time traffic camera images on MDTA roadways, visit [mdta.maryland.gov](http://mdta.maryland.gov). For real-time updates on major incidents follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/TheMDTA](https://twitter.com/TheMDTA). Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/TheMDTA](https://facebook.com/TheMDTA).

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