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\$40 toll approved

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The Executive Council yesterday approved a \$40 taxi toll for the Western Harbour Crossing despite continued opposition from drivers.

The fee comprises \$30 for the tunnel toll and an additional \$10 which would pay for the return fee through the Cross-Harbour Tunnel or the Eastern Harbour Crossing.

Urban Taxi Drivers' Association Joint Committee

chairman Kwok Chi-piu said the toll-charging system should also be applied to the Western Harbour Crossing.

"The crossing was built to ease traffic in the two tunnels, but now they are forcing us to use them," he said.

► The Transport Advisory Committee yesterday endorsed a proposal to extend the area for the operation of Lantau taxis to serve North Lantau as well as the Chek Lap Kok airport site.