

## Press Release

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### **AmberOne A1 Motorway 10 years. How did the AmberOne change during the past 10 years?**

In October 2021 it has been ten years since the opening of the entire 152 kilometers of AmberOne A1 Motorway. On this occasion we remember and summarize some important facts and interesting issues regarding of what have taken place on our motorway in the last decade.

#### **Traffic**

Since the opening almost 200 million vehicles have passed the AmberOne Motorway. At the beginning 12-13 million vehicles per year passed the Motorway whereas in the current years it is 20 million per year.

#### **TRIVIA**

- Over the ten years of the motorway's operation, more than **195 million vehicles** have used it.
- The year 2018 was characterized by the highest traffic: as many as **21,012,969 vehicles**
- The largest daily traffic took place on August 12, 2017 and amounted to **101,000 vehicles**.
- In the early years, heavy goods vehicles accounted for 11%, and now their share of traffic has increased to **22%**.

#### **Payment**

The changing characteristics of the way of paying for the motorway also look interesting. In the early years, users strongly preferred cash - as many as 73% of transactions were in this form. Over the years, electronic payments began to dominate, i.e. payment card and fleet card, and then also AmberGO (since 2018). Non-cash transactions are the dominant form of payment and currently reach 72% of all transactions.

Since 2018, as the first motorway in Poland, we have been offering the possibility of automatic payments using video tolling (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) for the journey: the AmberGO system. Currently, up to 30 % of transactions take place in this system.

Let's compare the average payment processing times of ten years ago with those we achieve today. The service decreased by 4 seconds from 13.5 seconds in 2011 to 9.5 seconds in 2021 due to increased number of non-cash transactions. Such acceleration in service means that we are currently able to handle about 100 vehicles / h more than at the beginning of the motorway's operation.

### Expansion of the PPO

10 years ago, PPO Rusocin had 8 exit gates and 5 entry gates, and PPO Nowa Wieś had 6 exit lanes and 3 entrances.

In 2015, 2 new reversible gates (exit gates with the possibility of using as entry gates) were created in both Rusocin and Nowa Wieś. In 2021, another extension of PPO Nowa Wieś was launched, as a result of which another 2 exit gates will be created and projects for further extensions in Swaróżyn and Rusocin are in progress.

After ten years, PPO Rusocin has 10 exit gates and 5 entry gates, which thanks to the reversible gates can be increased up to 7 entrance gates. PPO Nowa Wieś has 8 exit and 4 entry gates, which thanks to the reversible gates can be increased up to 6 entry gates, and soon there will even be 10 exit gates!.

### Green motorway

We also strive to minimize the impact of our infrastructure on the environment. To this end, we successively undertake pro-ecological activities. At MOP Kleszczewko a few years ago we installed solar collectors. Last year at MOP Olsze we started segregating garbage and installed special containers for our travelers. From 2020, we are also gradually replacing highway lighting with LED, more environmentally friendly. In the spring of 2021, we sowed the first motorway meadow and the next hectares will be sown in the following years. Flower meadows have a chance to replace some of the green areas currently sown with grass.

### Safety

When it comes to accidents and collisions, despite the growing volume of traffic, we observe a slight downward trend. The highest number of collisions occurred in 2017: 782, and in the last year 603 collisions. The number of accidents remains stable, 50-60 per year.

	traffic incidents	Accidents	Collisions
2012	642	39	603
2013	655	39	617
2014	591	44	547
2015	700	62	638
2016	841	54	781
2017	851	69	782
2018	772	53	719
2019	725	58	667
2020	657	54	603

AmberOne A1 Motorway does not cease in its efforts to increase safety on Polish roads, from the beginning of its activity focusing primarily on educational and preventive activities.

Behind us are many editions of the award-winning campaign "Safety, my middle name", which concerned m.in speed, first aid, correct fastening of seat belts, rules of stopping during a breakdown on the motorway, or our this year's action "Count to zero" focusing on 4 safety rules whose non-compliance is the most common cause of accidents : speed, fatigue, dangerously short distance between vehicles or distraction of electronic devices.

The icing on the cake among the campaigns is #SzanyjmySię, dedicated to professional drivers, which reminds not only about the principles of safe movement on the roads. Its main emphasis is placed on the aspect of personal motivation of each of the drivers who make a choice every day on the roads: to do right or wrong.