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BY ANDY JOHNSTON - FOR THE AJC

**Q: When the Ga. 400 tollbooths are razed, what will be done with the money left on cruise cards? Will it be returned or used for other road projects?**

*-Jerry Tyler, Roswell*

**A:** Peach Pass customers can request a refund, but the State Road and Tollway Authority is encouraging drivers to keep their accounts active, spokeswoman Malika Reed Wilkins told Q&A on the News in an email. Existing funds could be used on new projects such as the I-85 express lanes extension in Gwinnett County, I-75 South reversible toll lanes in Henry and Clayton counties, and the Northwest Corridor toll lanes in Cobb and Cherokee counties. SRTA has been working with other states that would allow Georgia drivers to use their Peach Pass accounts for toll roads in North Carolina and Florida. "The money that is in the customer's account will never expire and no fees are ever deducted, so the balance will be there when they need it," Wilkins wrote. The toll on Ga. 400 is scheduled to end in November.

**Q: Does Oprah Winfrey own the OWN network outright, and is it under the Discover umbrella?**

*-Lorraine Nash, Decatur*

**A:** Discovery Communications and Winfrey co-own the network, which launched in 2011. Propelled by advertising and subscriber fee gains, OWN turned profitable in the second quarter this year, the Wall Street Journal reported. That means the network has begun to "pay down its outstanding obligation to Discovery," the company said. Discovery Communications' other networks include Discovery Channel, Animal Planet and TLC.

**Andy Johnston wrote this column. Do you have a question about the news? We'll try to get the answer. Call 404-222-2002 or email q&a@ajc.com (include name, phone and city).**



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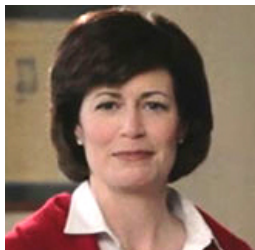
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