Carl Bulger presided.

Robert C. Jordan, Jr., P.E., MD Transportation Authority (Photo by Dennis Edgington)

Robert Jordan is a Professional Engineer who manages the toll system and electrical engineering for Maryland's Transportation Authority. Most of the states in the Northeast now have the EZPass system which provides for cashless toll collection. Each state is responsible for its own system but most states coordinate toll collections so that a vehicle with an EZPass transponder can use it in any of those states. The EZPass Electronic Tolls Collection logo is controlled by an Interagency Group. Mr. Jordon represents the MD Transportation Authority in that group. There is no national standard for Electronic Tolls Collection. The EZPass website: https://www.ezpassmd.com. Service Center phone number: 1-888-321-6824

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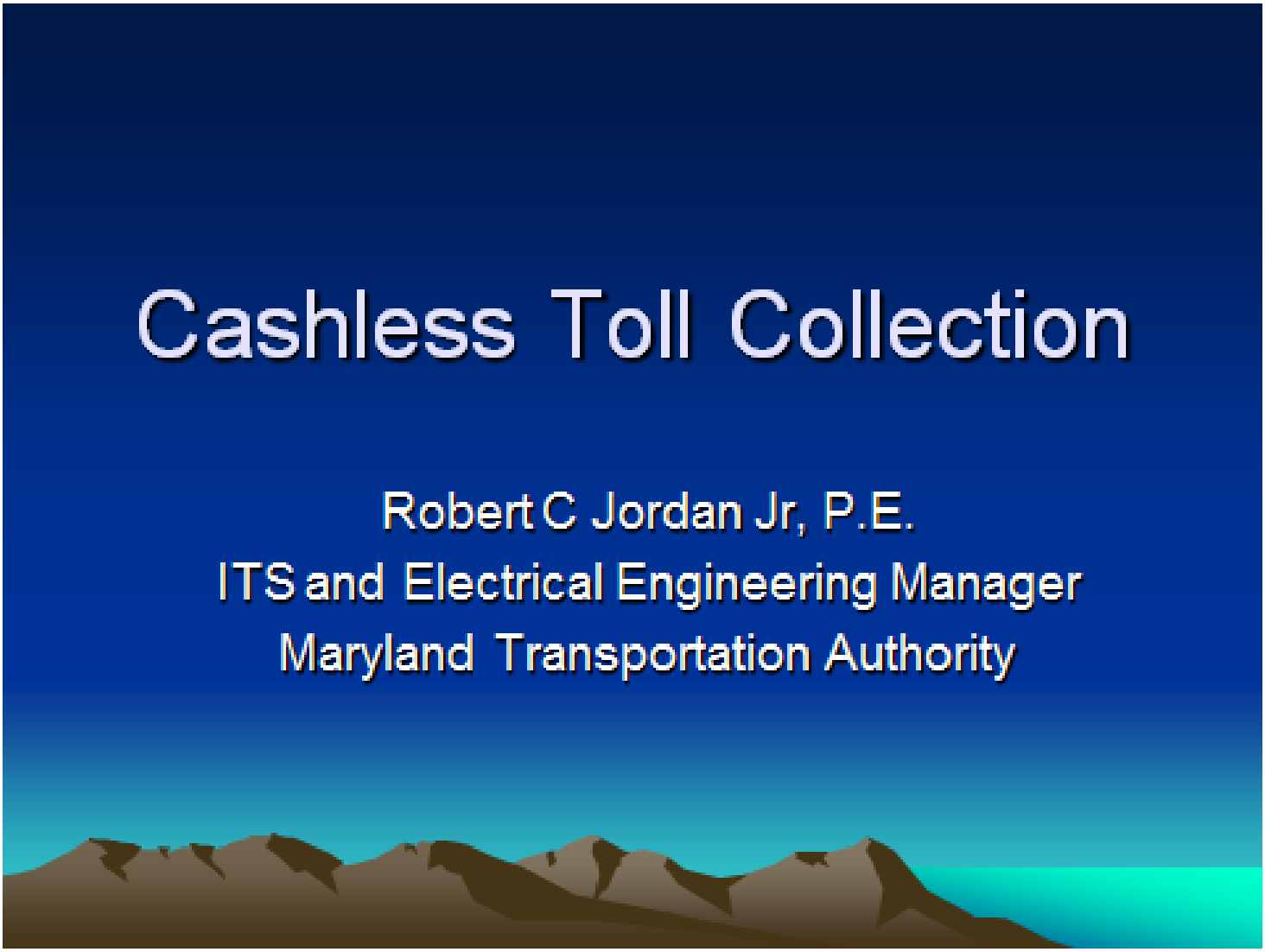

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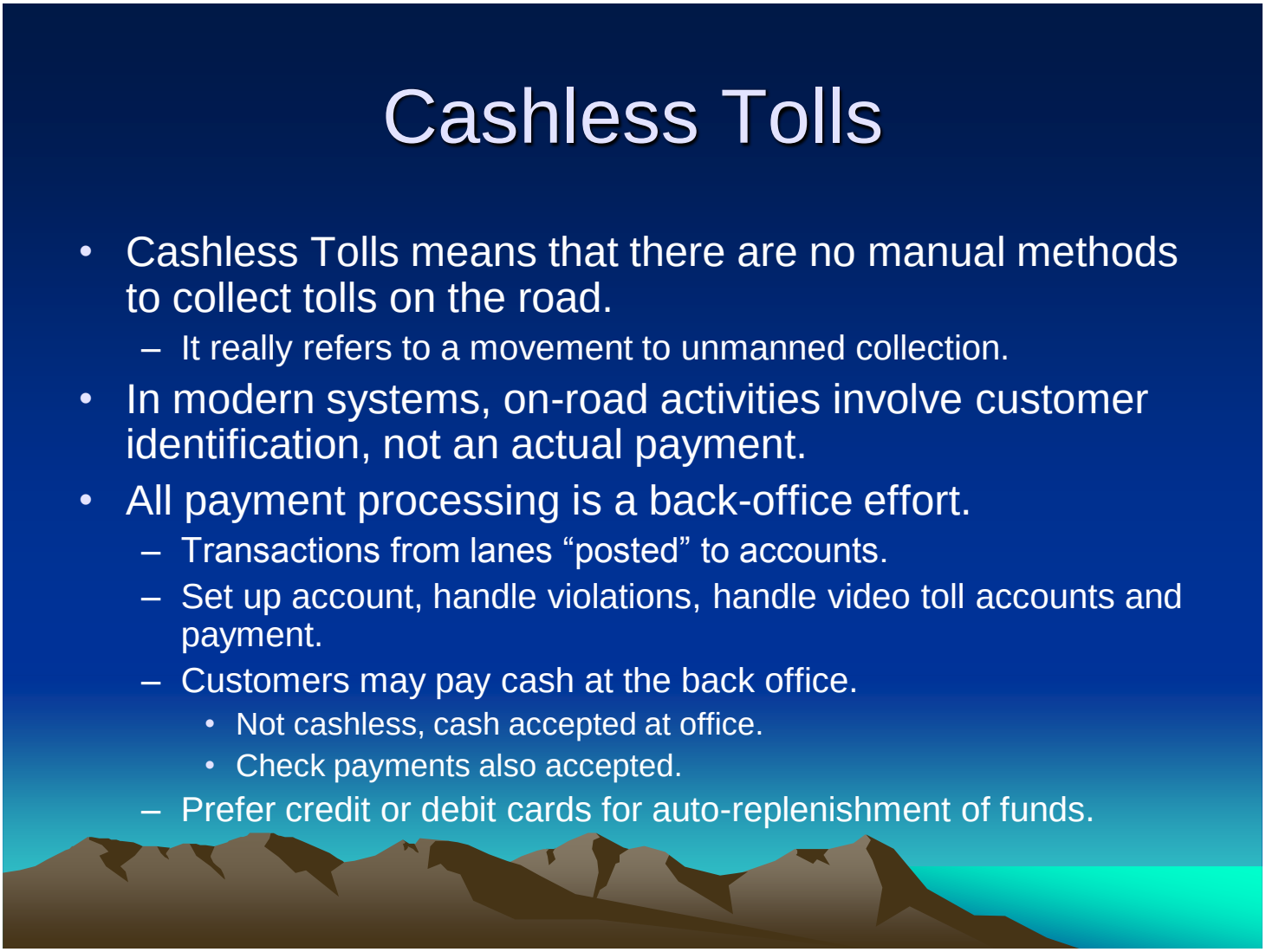

The newly opened Intercounty Connector (ICC) new opened between I-95 and I-270 in Montgomery County depends entirely on EZPass toll collection. There are no toll booths. A vehicle without EZPass traveling on the ICC will be charged at a higher rate to both encourage the driver to set up an EZPass account and to cover the extra charges involved in billing him based on video of his license plates and car.

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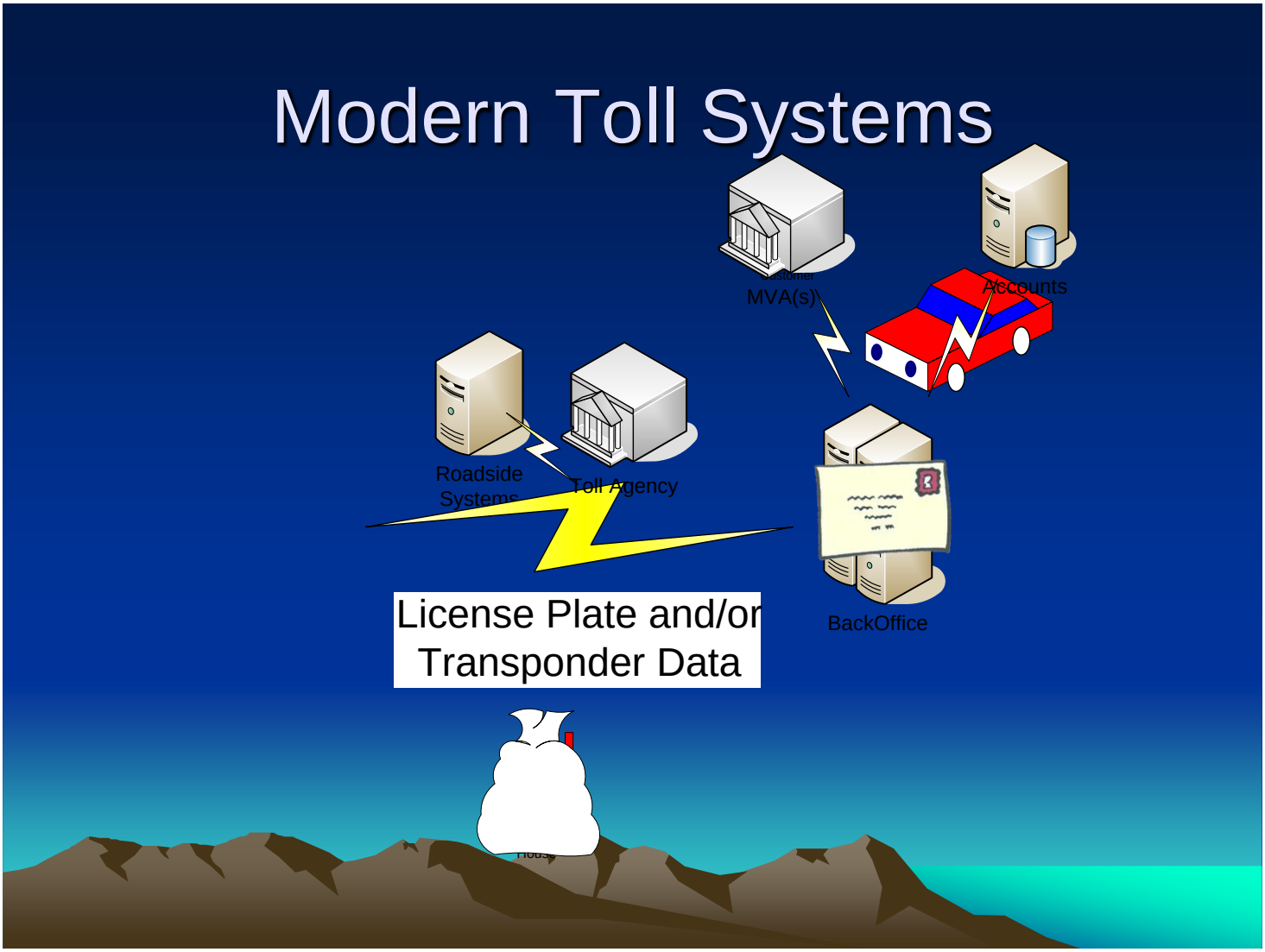

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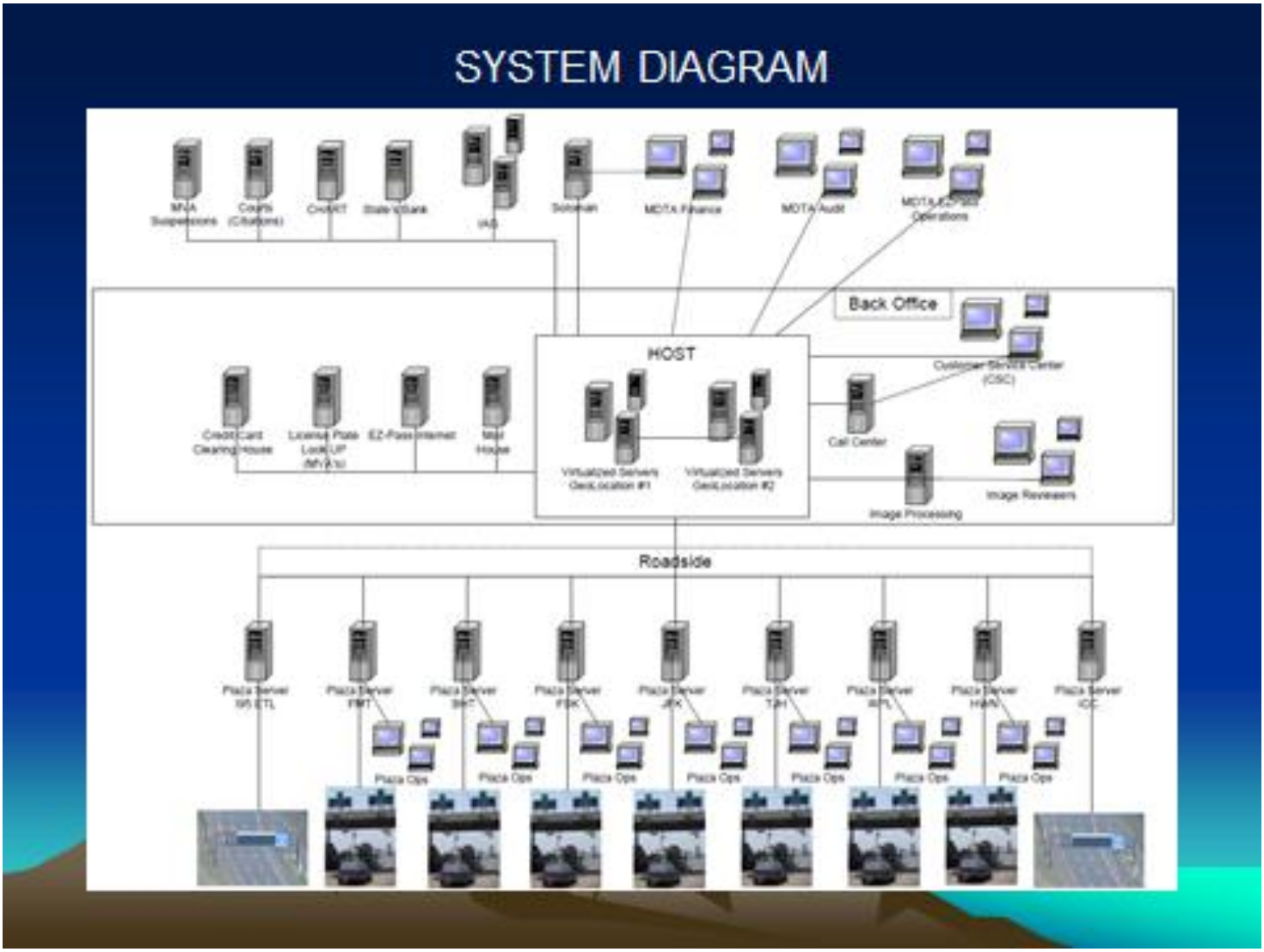

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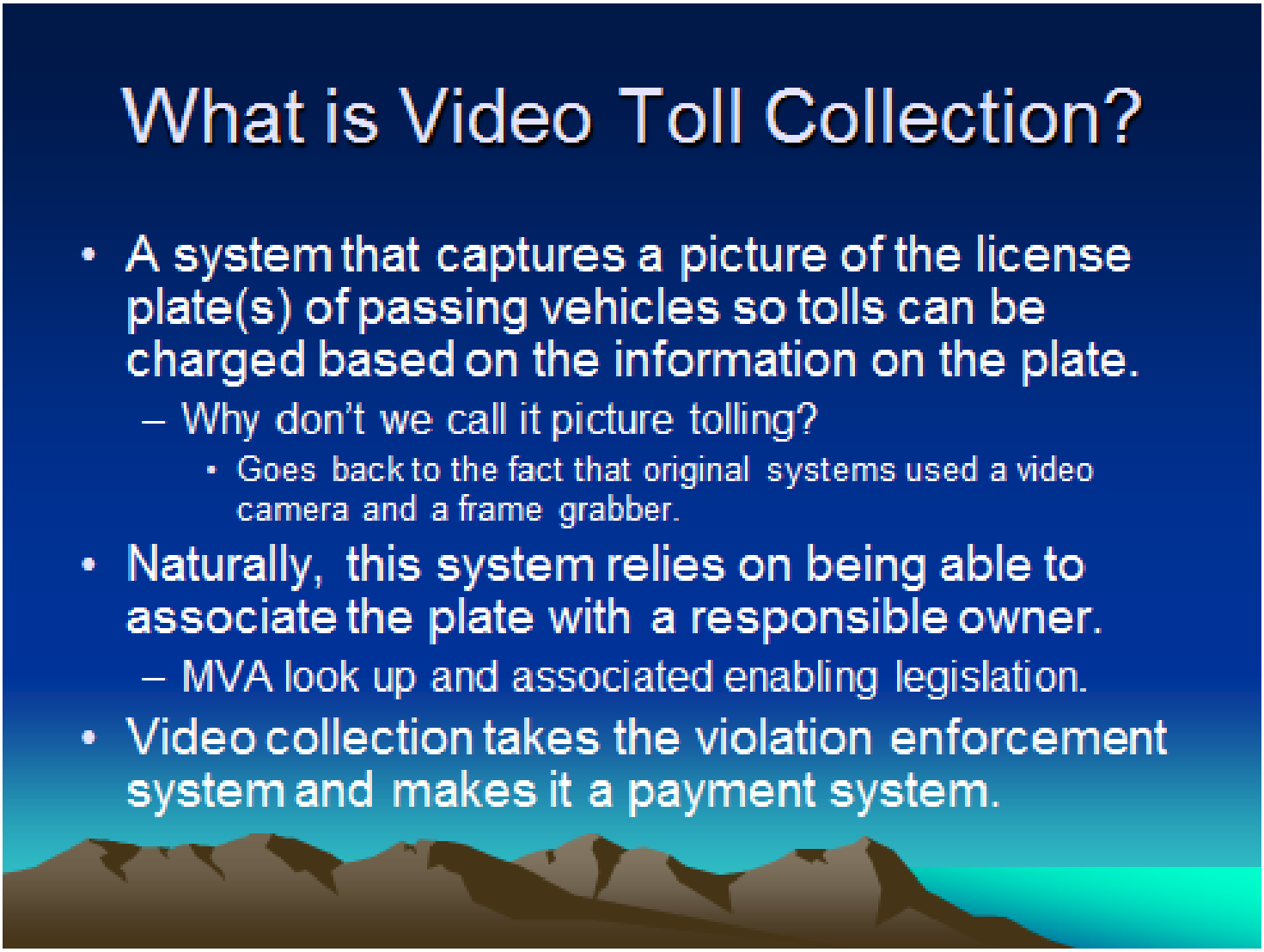

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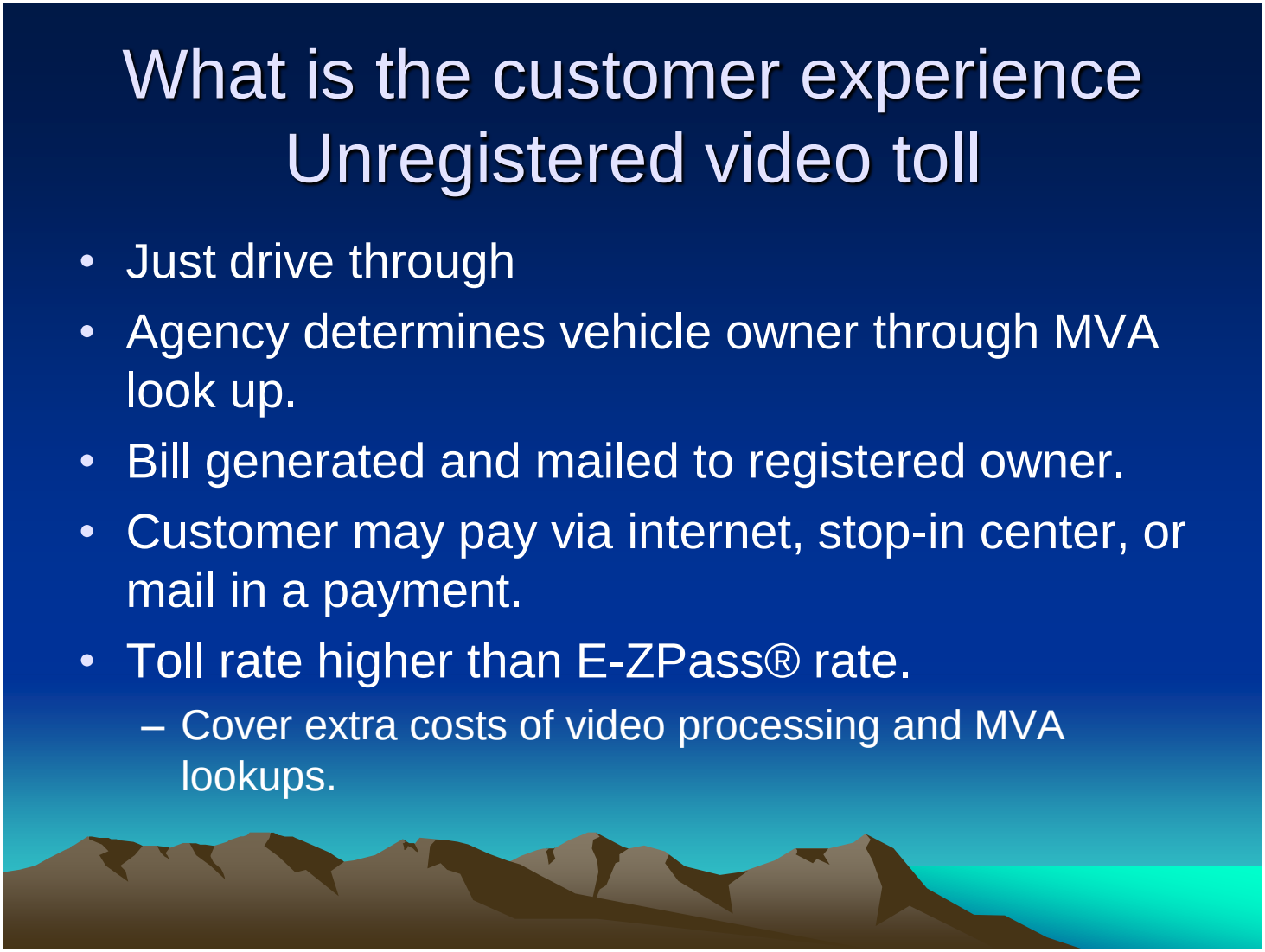

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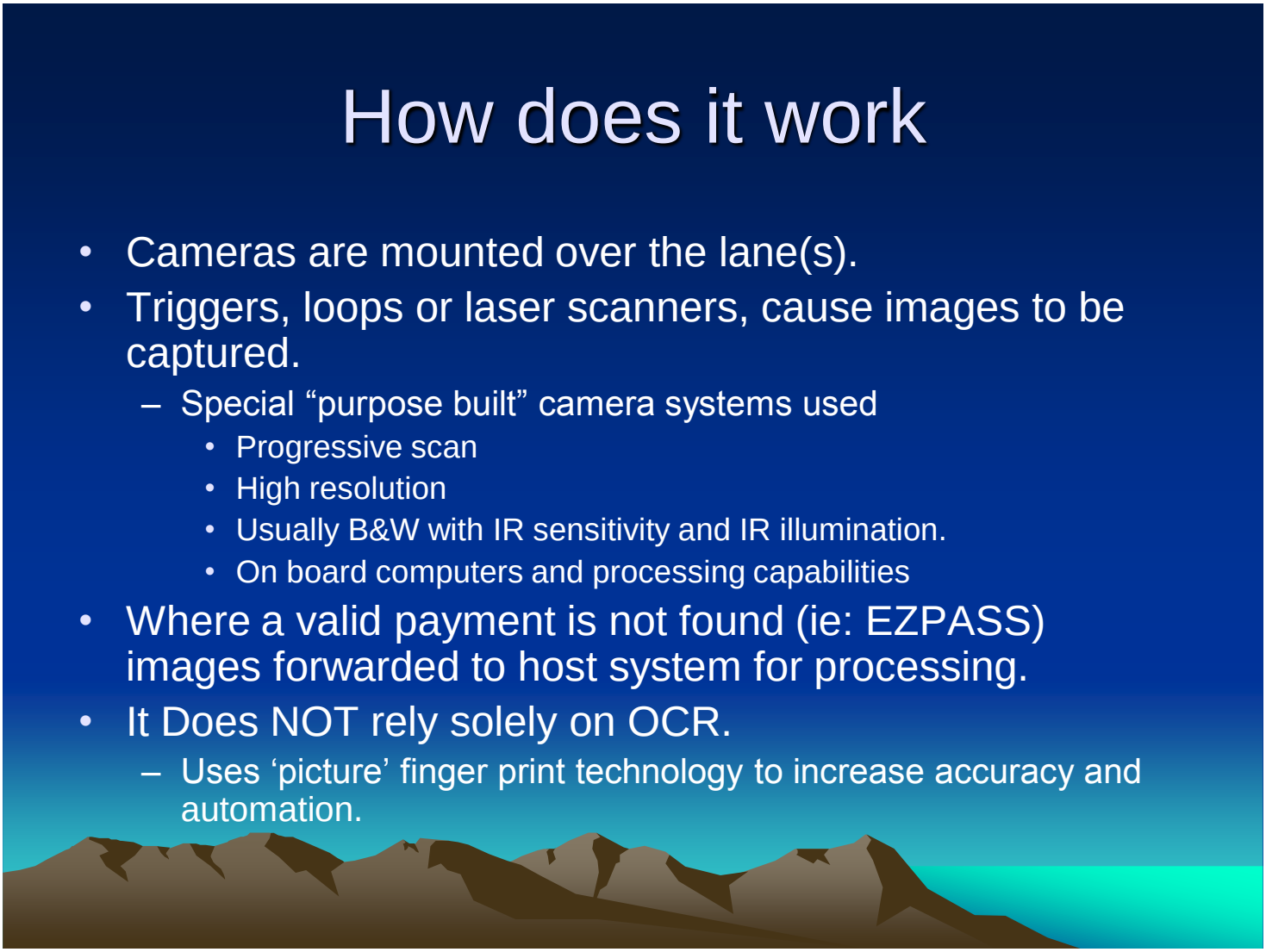

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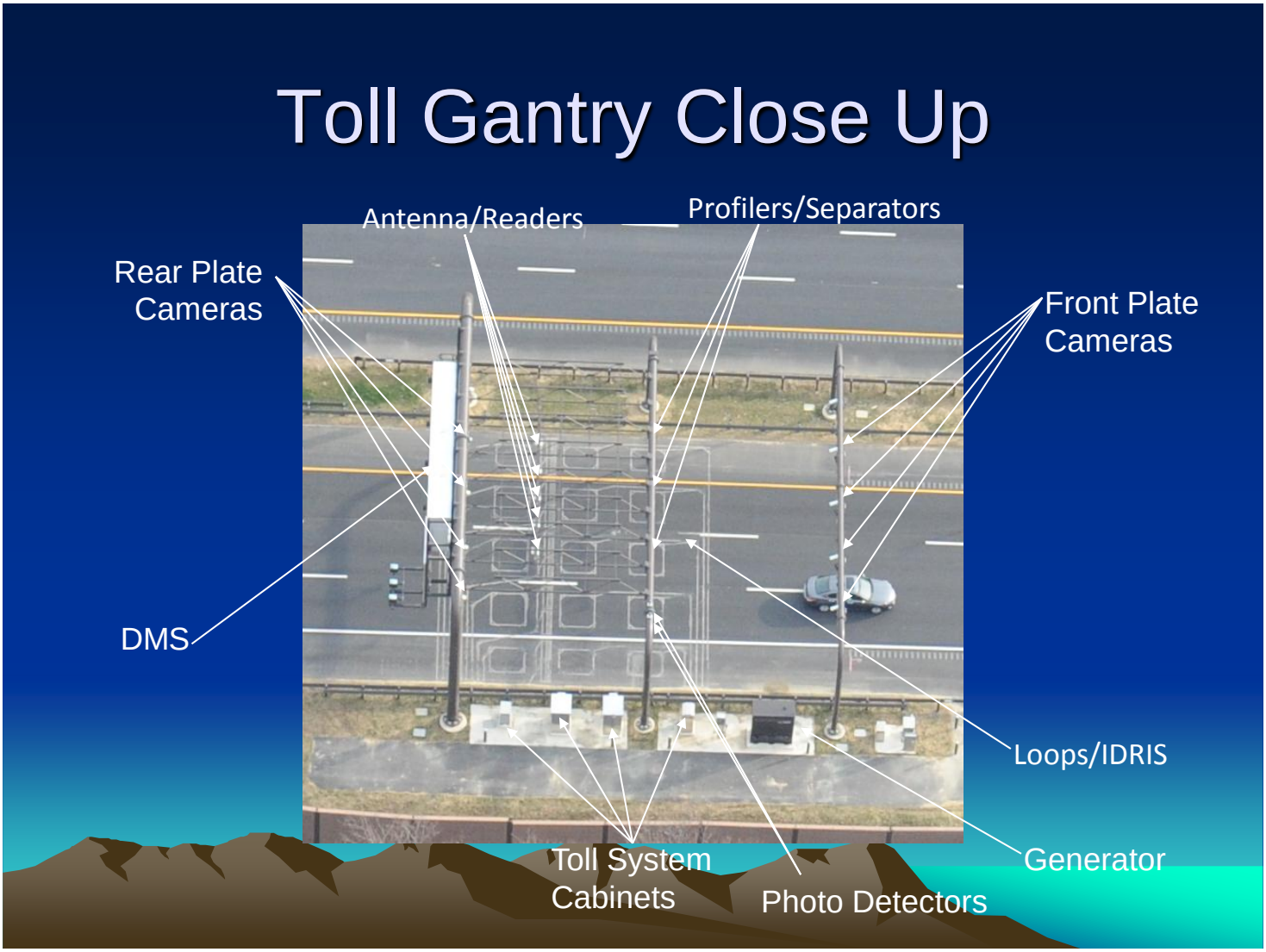

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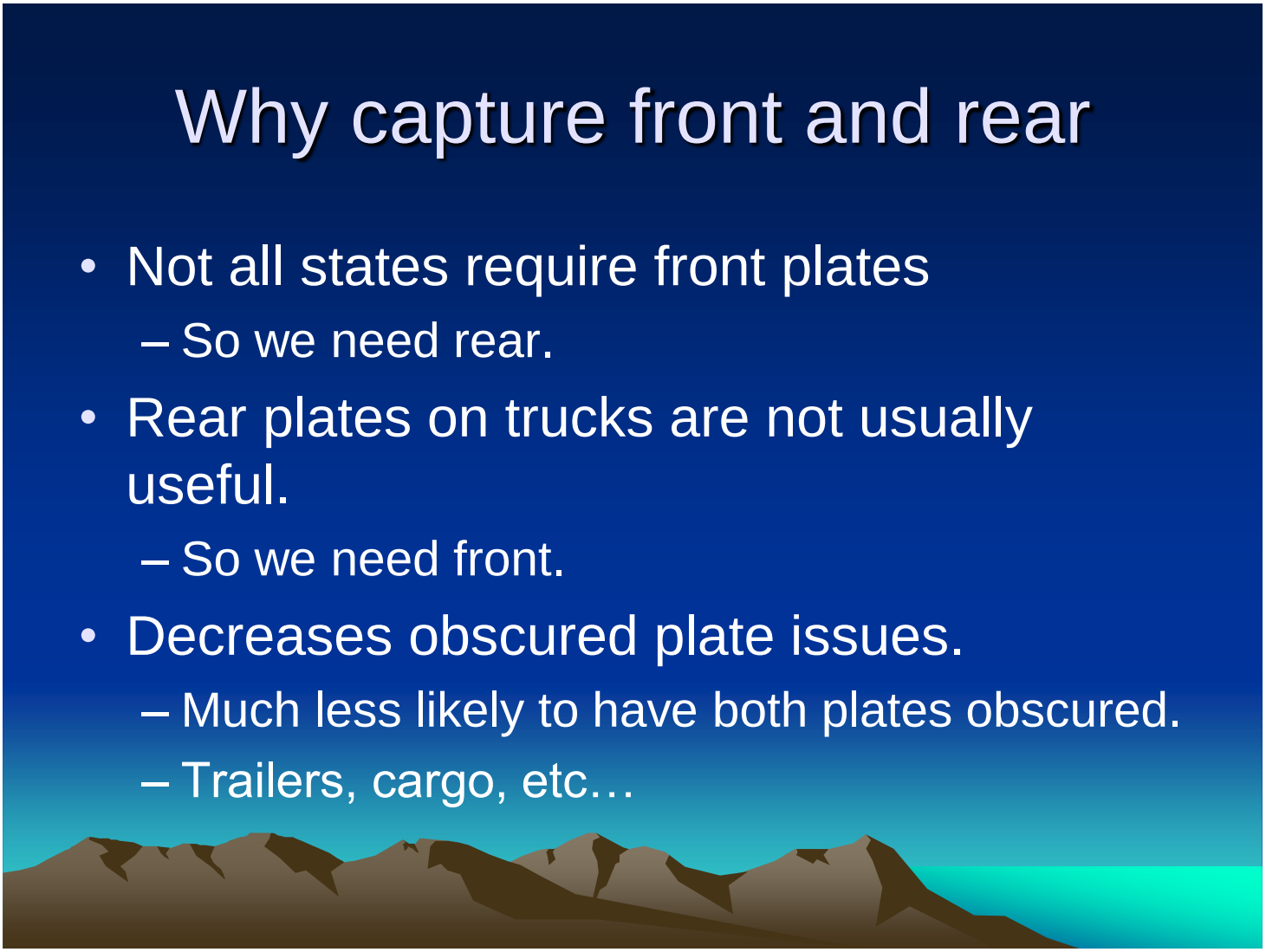

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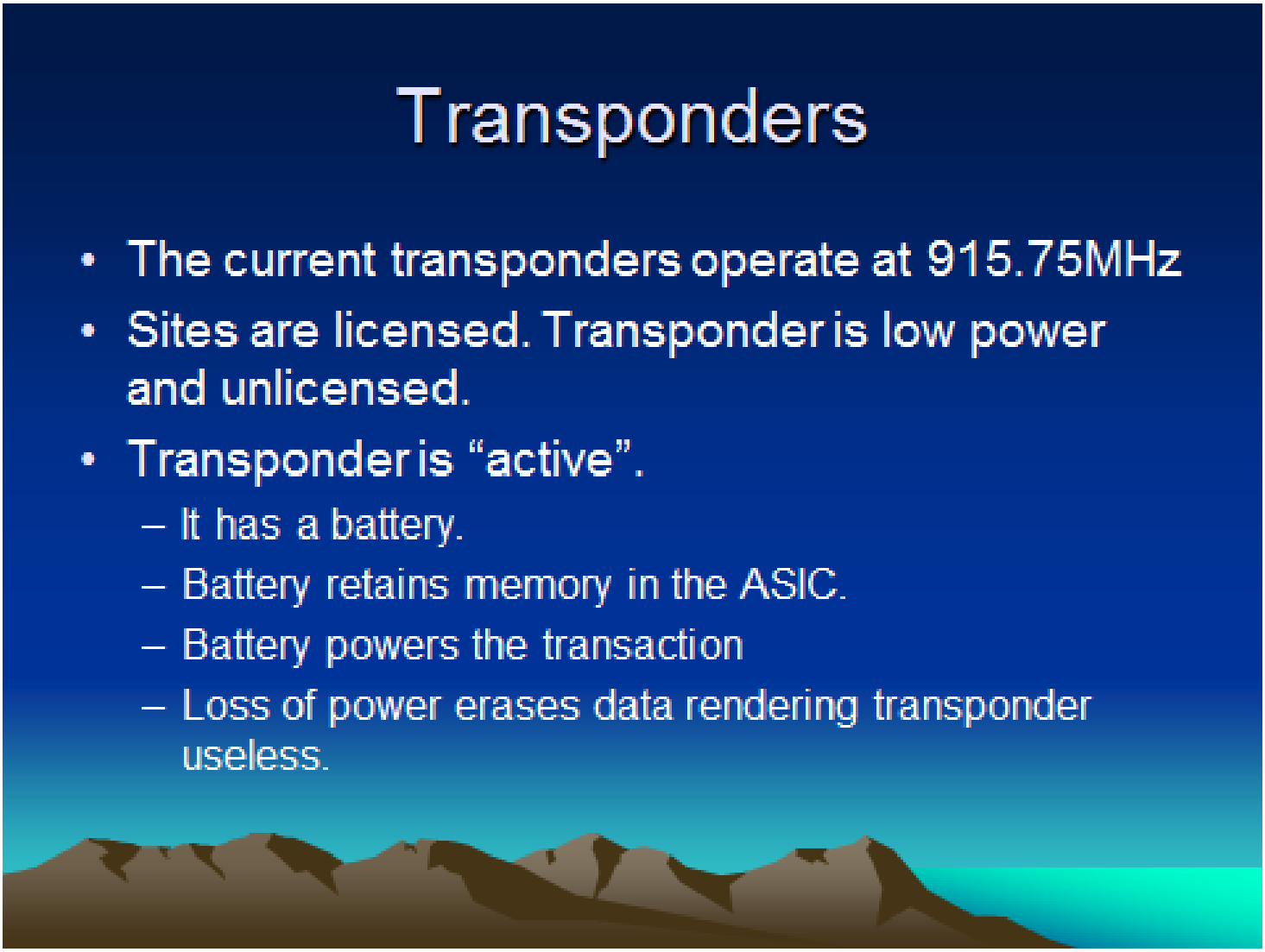

These transponders cost about $9.00. If the windshield has a thin metallic coating that attenuates the signal too much, a transponder costing $33.00 can be embedded in a license plate holder. Passive transponders, which don't transmit as much information, cost only $3.00. Some states currently use them; Maryland may do so in the future.

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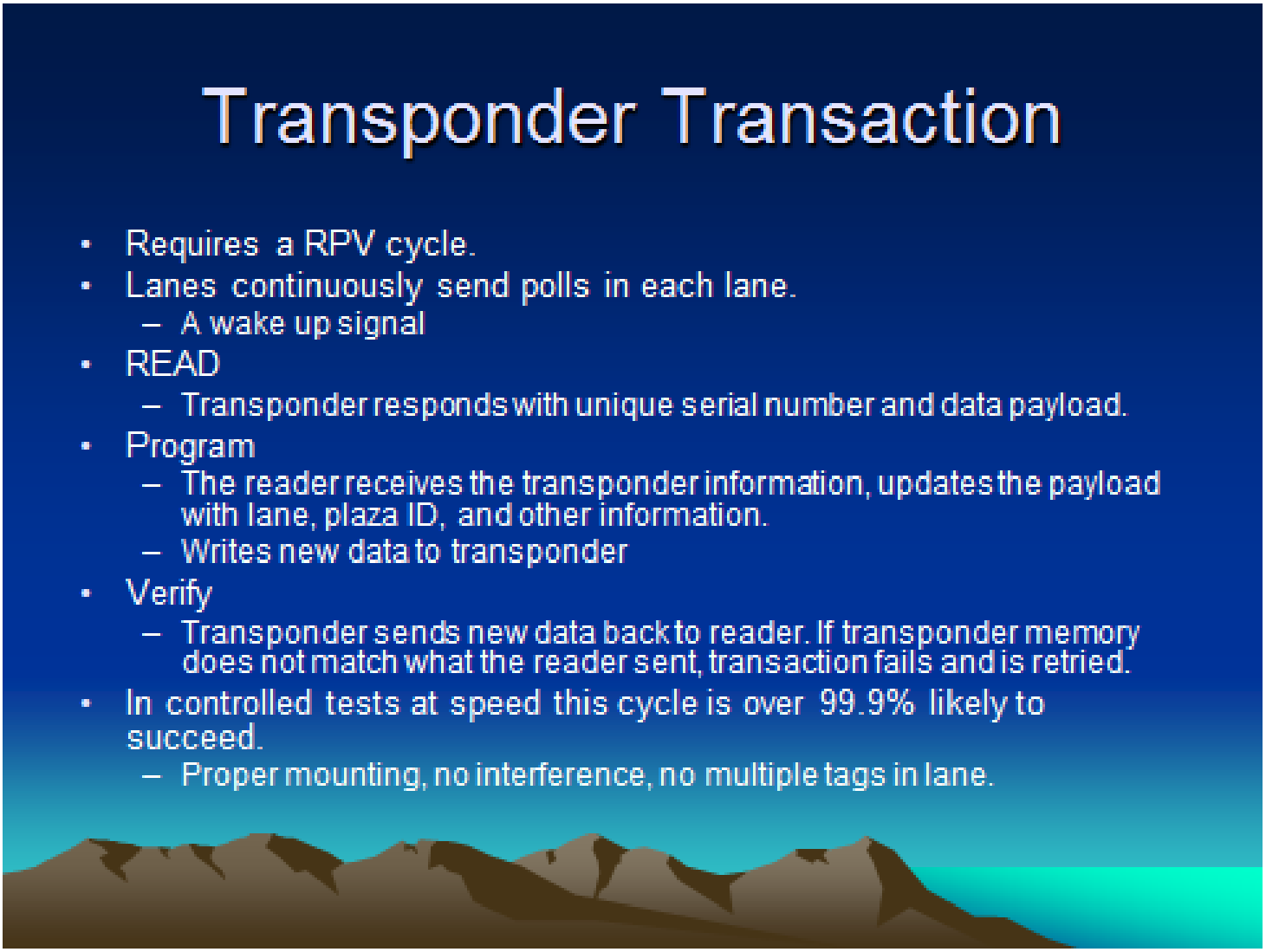

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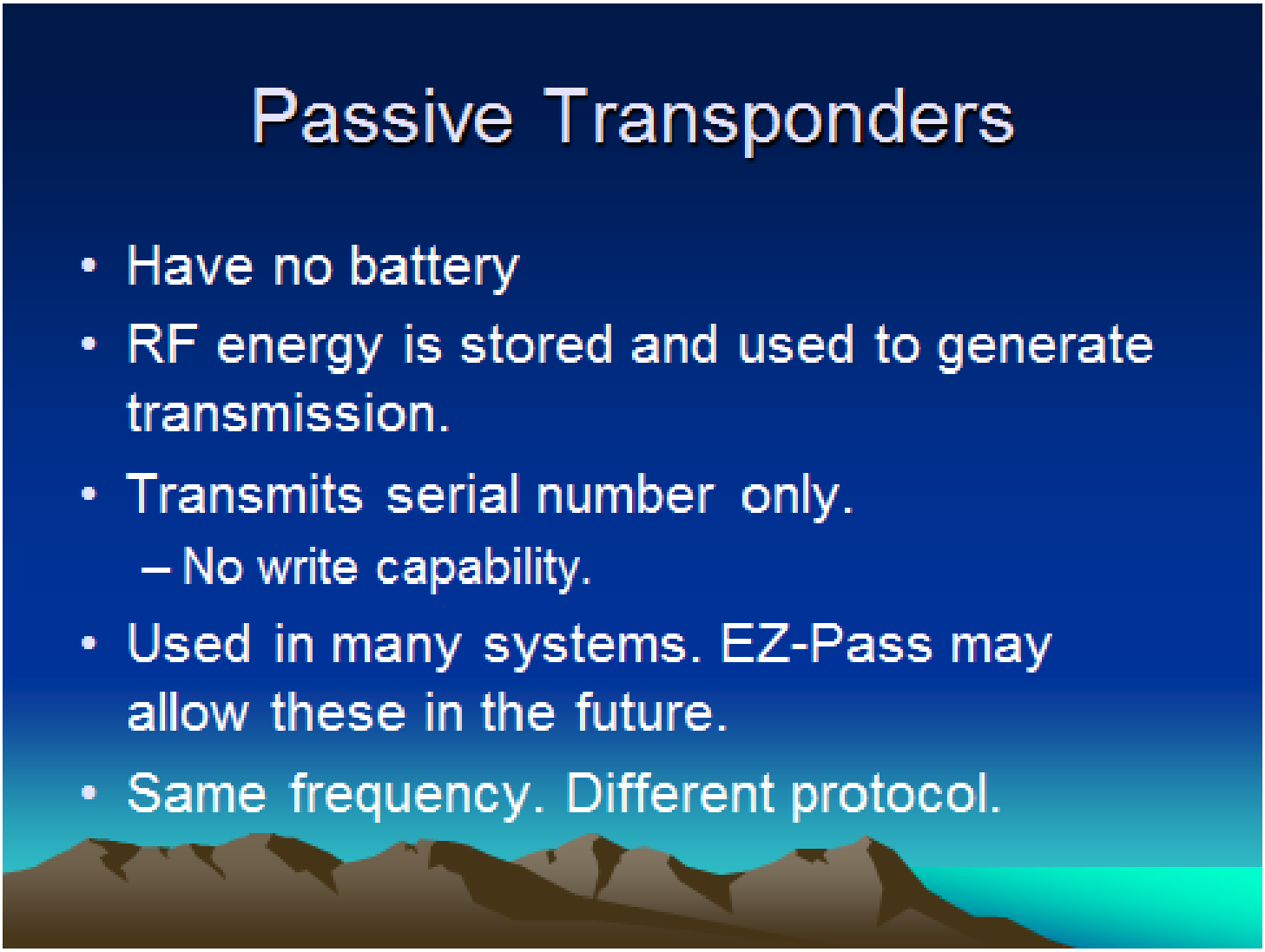

A passive transponder costs about $3.00. Maryland may transition from active to passive transponders.

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The electronic toll system is not used for surveillance, pursuit, or capture of criminals. State Police have their own systems. Information about your tolls is protected and can only be accessed toll system employees for processing of tolls or by court order.

EZPass transponders are usually attached by Velcro to the front window. The installer must first test your windshield to determine whether the relatively low power signals can be transmitted through the glass. Some windshields have a thin metallic coating which attenuates the signal too much. In those cases a special transponder is embedded in a license plate holder.

If you wish, you can keep the transponder somewhere in the vehicle until you pass a toll area. You then hold it up at the required angle.

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