

Express Lanes

FACT SHEET

How They Work

Express lanes are dynamically priced where costs adjust based on real-time traffic levels to offer more consistent travel speeds of 45 mph or greater, resulting in reduced and more reliable travel times.

Vehicles pay for express lanes across California using a FasTrak® transponder.

Who Can Use Express Lanes?

Passenger vehicles with 1 or 2 people pay tolls based on real-time traffic. 3+ person carpools, vanpools, buses, and motorcycles can travel toll-free.



Did You Know?

In many areas, express lane revenue funds local transportation improvements, road maintenance, and public transit programs.

What Are Express Lanes?

Express lanes are designed to improve traffic flow and offer a faster, more reliable trip. These lanes require payment of a toll, which varies based on traffic conditions.



Benefits of Express Lanes



Faster and More Reliable Travel Times

- Reduced congestion means less time spent in traffic.
- Predictable travel times help with better planning for work, school, and appointments.



Choice and Flexibility

- Drivers choose whether to use general lanes (free) or pay for a faster route.



Environmental Benefits

- Smoother traffic flow leads to less idling and lower emissions.
- Encourages carpooling and public transit use.



Supports Transit

- Buses and other public transit options can use the express lanes toll-free improving regional mobility options.

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