



# What is CARTA?

The **Capital Area Regional Tolling Authority (CARTA)** is a **Joint Powers Authority (JPA)** responsible for developing, operating, and maintaining express toll lanes in the Sacramento region.

CARTA was created through a partnership between the **Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)**, the **Yolo Transportation District (YoloTD)**, and **Caltrans District 3**.

Its governing board also includes non-voting members from the **Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA)**, **Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA)**, and the **El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC)**.

CARTA provides a regional, centralized approach to roadway pricing that improves mobility, provides reliable travel choices, and generates dedicated funding for reinvestment in local transportation improvements.

## Managed Lanes in the Region

Managed lanes help maintain reliable traffic flow by ensuring travel speeds of at least 45 mph in tolled lanes, while also reducing congestion in adjacent free lanes. Unlike traditional widening projects, which often worsen congestion over time, managed lanes offer a **long-term, reliable solution**.

Managed lanes, like express toll lanes, are special lanes next to regular, free lanes to help keep traffic moving. Drivers can choose whether or not to use them. To use an express toll lane, drivers pay a fee that changes based on how busy the road is—helping keep traffic in the lane flowing at a steady speed. The regular lanes remain free for anyone who chooses not to pay the toll.

## Regional Projects

Over the next 20 years, managed lanes are planned on the region's most congested corridors, including **Interstate 80, Interstate 5, State Route 65, State Route 99, and Highway 50**. Three managed lanes projects are currently under development:

- **Yolo 80 Project (I-80 from Davis to West Sacramento)** – Construction began in 2024, operations expected in 2028.
- **I-5 Express Lanes (Airport to downtown Sacramento)** – Currently in environmental review.
- **SR-65 Express Toll Lanes (Placer County)** – Currently in environmental review.



## Payment System

Tolling in the Sacramento region will use **FasTrak®**, the same system currently operating in the Bay Area and Southern California. Existing FasTrak® account holders can use their transponders in new toll lanes, and new customers can sign up for a transponder to access the system.



## Use of Toll Revenue

By law, toll revenues must remain in the **corridor where they are collected**. Revenues first cover operations and maintenance costs, with remaining funds reinvested into corridor-specific transportation improvements. CARTA will adopt an expenditure plan through a **transparent public process**.



## Public Input and Community Engagement

CARTA is committed to ensuring that roadway pricing policies and projects are shaped by the communities they serve. Public input is sought at every major stage of planning, environmental review, and project development.

Residents, drivers, and stakeholders are encouraged to share feedback **through public workshops, online surveys, community meetings, and public hearings**. This collaborative approach helps CARTA design managed lanes projects that reflect community values, address equity concerns, and maximize regional benefits.

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