

# 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.



### 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.

### Did You Know?

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

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