The I-15 Express Lanes provide 20 miles of congestion-free travel from State Route 78 in Escondido to State Route 163 in San Diego. Getting on and off the Express Lanes is simple with five Direct Access Ramps (DARs) and more than 20 access points. DARs are located at the Escondido, Del Lago, Rancho Bernardo, Sabre Springs, and Miramar College transit stations.

The flexible four-lane “expressway within a freeway” can be expanded or contracted by moving the barrier between lanes based on traffic congestion and special needs to keep traffic in the Express Lanes flowing smoothly.