

The I-5 Express Lanes

A Freeway of the Future

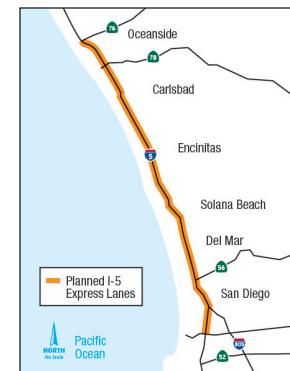


North Coast Corridor
A better environment for the future

What are Express Lanes?

Express Lanes are used to address the growing challenge of highway congestion with limited ability to expand freeway capacity due to construction costs, right-of-way constraints and environmental impacts.

Express Lanes encourage carpooling and other transit alternatives while offering solo drivers a congestion-priced option as opposed to the general-purpose lanes.



Where will the Express Lanes be located?

The Express Lanes will be built in the center median of I-5 from La Jolla Village Drive in San Diego to Harbor Drive in Oceanside. Similar Express Lanes systems are in place on I-15 and SR 125.

When will they be built?

Express Lanes will be constructed in phases over the next 25 years. Initial project phases (2015-2020) include the addition of high occupancy vehicle (HOV), or carpool lanes, on I-5. Later phases of the project (2020-2035) will upgrade the carpool lanes to Express Lanes.

Why add Express Lanes and not general purpose lanes?

Express Lanes on I-5 would provide travelers with the option to save time and money by carpooling rather than driving alone on congested general-purpose lanes. They also offer solo drivers the choice to save time for a user fee through a FasTrak® system, generating funds that will be used to further improve transit in the corridor, including a potential Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service that could travel in the Express Lanes. Express Lanes can be congestion-priced to ensure they remain a congestion-free option for travelers.

* These lanes are actively managed by their operating agencies. Please note each toll facility may have different vehicle eligibility and pricing requirements for usage.

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Express Lanes Features:



Signs indicate upcoming points of access to the express toll lanes.



At the access points, signs indicate the toll charged.

How are prices determined?

Pricing is set by the distance traveled in the Express Lanes and the amount of traffic on the road. Pricing is set to ensure the Express Lanes remain congestion-free.



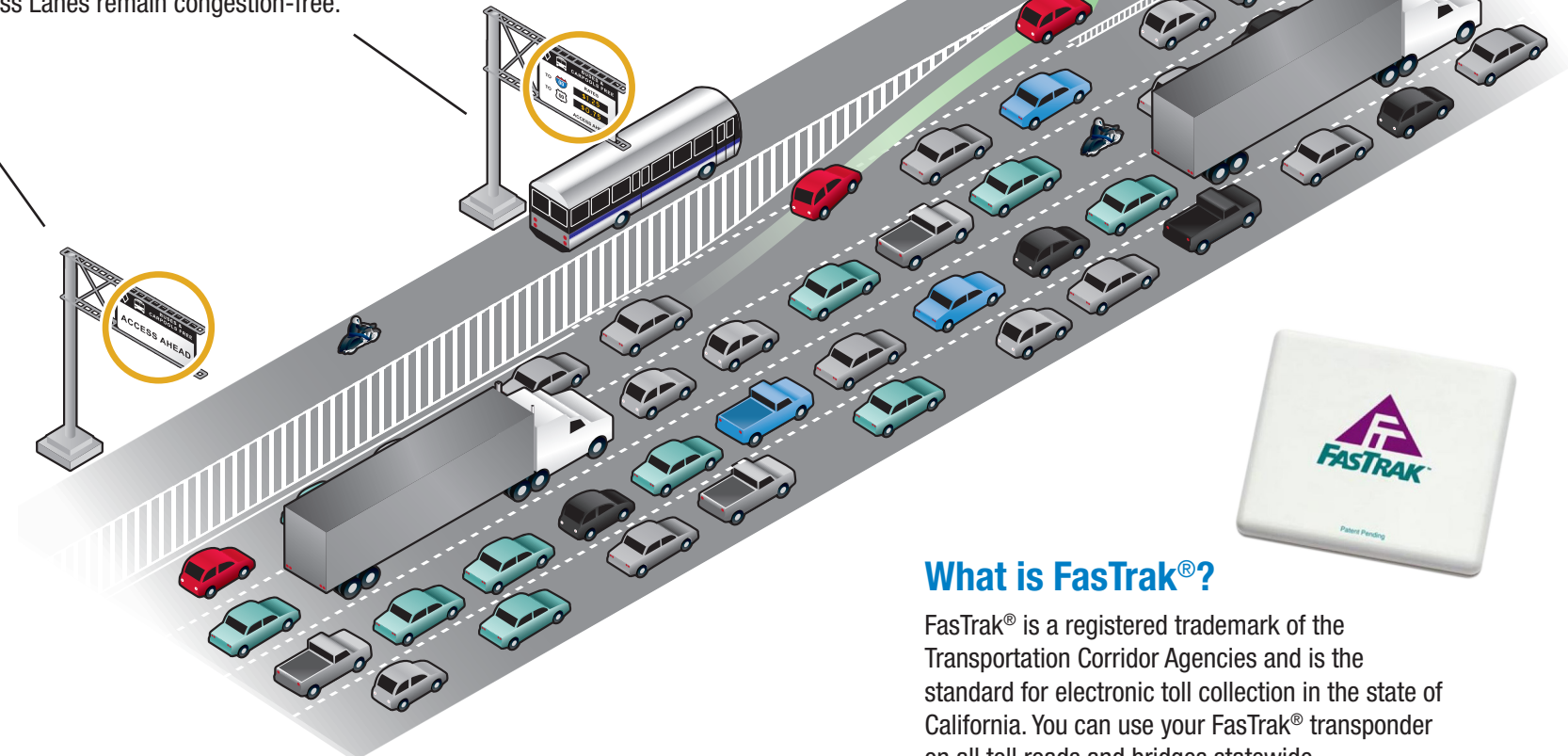
For solo drivers, an overhead antenna instantly senses your FasTrak® transponder when it is properly displayed on your windshield.



Express Lanes will be separated from the general purpose lanes by a painted, striped barrier.

Who can use Express Lanes?

Multiple-Occupant Vehicles:	Solo-Occupant Vehicles:
Buses	Zero-emission vehicles with green or white DMV sticker
Vanpools	Motorcycles
Automobiles with 2 or more passengers	Toll-paying (FasTrak®) drivers



Freeway Illustration Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning



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