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Southbound I-5 Carpool/HOV Lanes Open to Traffic

On **March 23**, Caltrans and SANDAG Build NCC crews will open nine new miles of Carpool/HOV Lanes on southbound Interstate 5 (I-5) in the cities of Solana Beach, Encinitas, and Carlsbad. The \$870 million Build NCC project includes \$195 million in funding from Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) and \$322 million in TransNet funding.



The southbound Carpool/HOV Lanes will be available for motorists on **Wednesday, March 23, from Palomar Airport Road in the City of Carlsbad to Lomas Santa Fe Drive in the City of Solana Beach**. These new Carpool/HOV Lanes are permitted for motorists with 2+ people in the vehicle at a time, motorcycles, vanpools, buses, or electric/clean air vehicles with HOV access stickers issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles. The Carpool/HOV Lanes will operate 24/7, and motorists driving alone without HOV access stickers in the Carpool/HOV Lanes are subject to fines. Please note permitted vehicles can only enter/exit the Carpool/HOV Lanes via the dashed white lines. These access points are highlighted in green on the map to the left. Roadside signage will also alert motorists in the Carpool/HOV Lane when they need to exit to reach their designated exit. These new nine miles of Carpool/HOV Lanes will connect with 12 existing miles of Carpool/HOV Lanes to the south.

Please note minor lane closures are anticipated while crews are striping the highway.

These new lanes aim to reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions on the highway, provide more travel options, reduce vehicle miles traveled, and alleviate congestion. Build NCC is the first project constructed through the 40-year North Coast Corridor (NCC) Program, which offers a balanced transportation system to provide travelers choices for the future while enhancing the quality of life for residents.

To receive up-to-date notifications visit [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/BuildNCC](https://www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/BuildNCC). To receive construction updates by text message, text "BuildNCC" to (760) 454-0077. Thank you for your patience throughout construction!

SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually split between the state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB 1. For more information about other transportation projects funded by SB 1, visit www.rebuildingca.ca.gov.

A total of \$322 million in TransNet funding, the voter-approved half-cent sales tax administered by SANDAG, is allocated to the Build NCC package of highway, rail, environmental, and coastal access improvement projects. SANDAG leverages these funds with state and federal resources to improve the region's transportation infrastructure. For more information on TransNet funded projects, visit [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/TransNet](https://www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/TransNet).
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