WHAT ARE EXPRESS LANES?

Express lanes are specially designated highway lanes that allow vehicles to pay tolls or travel toll-free if the vehicle meets designated toll-free requirements. Tolls increase as traffic increases and decrease as traffic decreases.

I-880 EXPRESS LANE OPERATIONS

- All vehicles need FasTrak[®] or FasTrak Flex[®] to use the lanes
- Hours of operation: 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday
- 3+ person carpools, vanpools, motorcycles and buses travel toll free
- 2-person carpools travel at a 50% discounted toll
- Eligible Clean Air Vehicles travel at a 50% discounted toll
- Solo drivers travel at a full toll
- The lanes will be a mix of open and restricted access
- The maximum toll is determined by vehicle demand

OPERATING AUTHORITY

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) have formed a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to develop and operate MTC's express lanes. The majority of the JPA's five voting members represent the three counties where its lanes are located: Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano. The JPA will make policy and operational decisions, such as toll rates, project phasing and use of revenue.

EXPRESS LANE PROJECT SCHEDULE



*Includes I-880 median barrier improvements.

PROJECT COST

The total cost for this I-880 project is approximately \$132.5 million, which includes planning, design, construction, utilities, and toll system integration.



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2035 BAY AREA EXPRESS LANES BUILD OUT

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Lewelling Blvd. in the northbound direction to express lanes. The conversion involves lane striping and installing sign structures, signs, FasTrak® toll tag readers, traffic monitoring video cameras, a data communications network, lighting, median barrier replacement and CHP observation areas. The highway is also being widened in three locations to accommodate merge lanes into and out of the future express lanes. This project is coordinated with Caltrans' project to replace the median barrier on I-880.

HOW THE I-880 EXPRESS LANES WORK

For more information about Bay Area Express Lanes, visit expresslanes.511.org.



WHY EXPRESS LANES?

Between 2015 and 2040, the Bay Area's population is expected to grow about 25% and employment about 17%.* Funding and land to expand the transportation network are limited however, so we need to move more people on the existing network. Today, the I-880 carpool lanes are over capacity with carpools, buses, clean air vehicles and cheaters and do not always provide a speedier trip. Express lanes provide a way to decrease carpool lane congestions by allowing 3+ carpools to travel toll-free and encouraging 2-person carpools and clean air vehicles with discounted tolls. Raising the occupancy requirement to 3+ without tolling would likely lead to unused carpool lane capacity and more crowded general purpose lanes.Tolls are set to ensure lane space is well used while providing faster lane speeds.

EXPRESS LANE BENEFITS

- Provides a more reliable trip
- Ensures use of all lane capacity
- Reduces carpool cheating
- Provides tools to manage traffic flow
- Provides many types of vehicles the opportunity to use the lanes
- Rewards carpools and clean air vehicles
- Grows the carpool lane network

* Data Source: Plan Bay Area 2040

FasTrak Flex®

Carpools, vanpools and other eligible vehicles will need FasTrak Flex[®] toll tags to travel toll free in express lanes. Eligible clean air vehicle drivers will need to apply for a "Clean Air Vehicle" FasTrak Flex[®] toll tag. Before driving, move the switch to show the number of people in the vehicle. Solo drivers can use regular FasTrak[®] toll tags or FasTrak Flex[®] toll tags set in the "1" position. Learn more at **bayareafastrak.org**.





HOW EXPRESS LANES HELP:

