

METRO EXPRESSLANES

Benefits to *Carpoolers*

Carpools Experience the Advantage with Metro ExpressLanes

Metro ExpressLanes provide more people more options so they can drive less which leads to less traffic congestion and less wear and tear on our roads. Promotion of ridesharing will help maximize the efficiency of the ExpressLanes by moving more people.

Eligible carpools with FasTrak® can use the Metro ExpressLanes toll-free and have 24/7 access.

HOW METRO EXPRESSLANES ARE BETTER FOR CARPOOLERS

TOLL EXEMPTION

- > Carpools with FasTrak will travel toll-free while those who do not meet the minimum occupancy requirements will have the option to pay a toll to use the ExpressLanes.

A BETTER COMMUTE

- > On the I-10, ExpressLanes add nine new lane miles between I-605 and I-710 to improve travel times.
- > On the I-110, the ExpressLanes add new entry and exit improvements at Adams to reduce congestion.

BETTER ENFORCEMENT

- > Because vehicles without FasTrak are easy to detect, the ExpressLanes mean better enforcement of carpool cheating.

IMPROVED FLEXIBILITY

- > 2-person carpools on I-10 will have a new travel choice to use the ExpressLanes for a toll during peak hours (5a-9a, 4p-7p M-F).
- > Carpoolers can choose to continue to travel on the ExpressLanes as a solo driver on days when their carpool partner is not available.

LOYALTY PROGRAM

- > Additional incentives to reward those who rideshare. Carpools and vanpools are automatically entered into monthly drawings for gift cards each time they use FasTrak.

ACCOUNTABILITY: MANAGING CAPACITY. PERFORMANCE DRIVEN.

- > The goal is to use congestion pricing as a way to keep traffic in the ExpressLanes flowing smoothly at an average speed of 45 mph resulting in a more reliable travel time and improving travel on the entire freeway.
- > If the average travel speed in the ExpressLanes falls below 45mph because of increased demand, the message displayed on the overhead sign at entry points will change to "HOV only." This message tells toll-paying drivers that they cannot enter the ExpressLanes – only carpools with FasTrak can enter the ExpressLanes until speeds climb above 45 mph.
- > Monthly reports will be published to monitor and provide adjustments to the Program.

