Project Overview: Opening day for the I-880 Express Lanes is anticipated in late September 2020. Drivers can learn everything they need to know to use the I-880 Express Lanes at expresslanes.511.org. Available resources include a video playlist, FAQs and maps.

Toll System Installation
Another round of toll system testing starts Friday, August 14th and will last about two weeks. Drivers will see test messages like those shown in the image to the right.

Striping, Sign, and Pavement Marking Changes
On August 24th, work crews will begin to install the final express lane signs, remove the “under construction” banners and other overlays on existing signs, and remove the HOV diamonds from the lanes. The diamonds will be replaced with “EXPRS LANE” markings. Work will occur from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Friday for about four weeks and will progress gradually through the corridor. For the latest on this work, visit https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/releases.

Driver Impacts
Restricted Lane Access:
Since early July, drivers have been experiencing new lane configurations on I-880 between the far-left HOV lane (lane 1) and the adjacent general-purpose lane (lane 2). Drivers are not allowed to cross the new double solid white lines. Also, new “buffer zones” between lanes 1 and 2 help cars merge more safely into or out of lane 1. View the video, “The Ins and Outs of Double White Lines”.

Testing Messages:
Drivers will see toll testing messages on the variable toll messaging signs in the coming weeks.

New Signs:
Drivers will see new express lane signs and will see that “under construction banners” are gradually being removed in the corridor. The lanes will remain HOV-2+ lanes until tolling begins in late September. Portable messaging signs on the side of the road and messages on the variable toll messaging signs (when not showing testing messages) will alert drivers that the far-left lane remains an HOV-2 lane.
Prepare for the Express Lane Opening

Visit the I-880 page on 511.org to learn how to use the I-880 express lanes. Drivers must have FasTrak to use the lanes once tolling begins. To use the lanes toll-free or at reduced tolls, drivers can find carpool partners at carpool.511.org.

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