WHAT ARE EXPRESS LANES?

Express Lanes are specially-designated highway lanes that are toll-free for carpools, vanpools, buses and other eligible vehicles. Express lanes also allow solo drivers to choose to pay tolls to use the lanes. Tolls for solo drivers increase as traffic congestion increases and decrease as congestion decreases.

EXPRESS LANES BENEFITS

Express lanes have proven to be a successful tool to manage highway congestion locally and in other parts of the country.

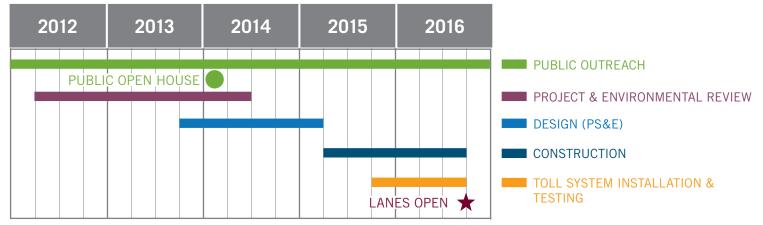
BAY AREA EXPRESS LANES WILL:

- Create a seamless network of HOV lanes to encourage carpools, vanpools and express buses;
- Make the best use of HOV lane capacity;
- Provide reliable travel times for customers;
- Better manage lanes to keep traffic moving; and
- Provide solo drivers the choice to pay a toll to use the HOV lanes.

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.

PROJECT SCHEDULE



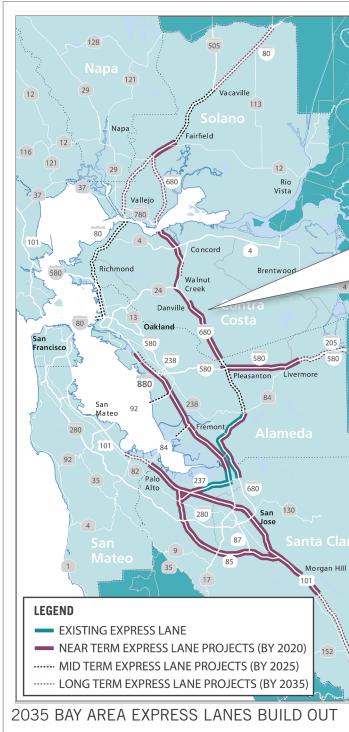
PROJECT COST

The total cost for this I-680 project is approximately \$45 million, which includes planning, design, construction, utilities, and toll system integration.



HOW TO REACH US: Visit www.BayAreaExpressLanes.org



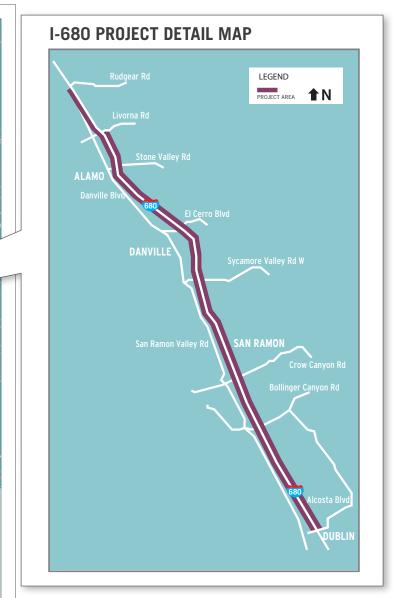


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I-680 WALNUT CREEK TO SAN RAMON EXPRESS LANE



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

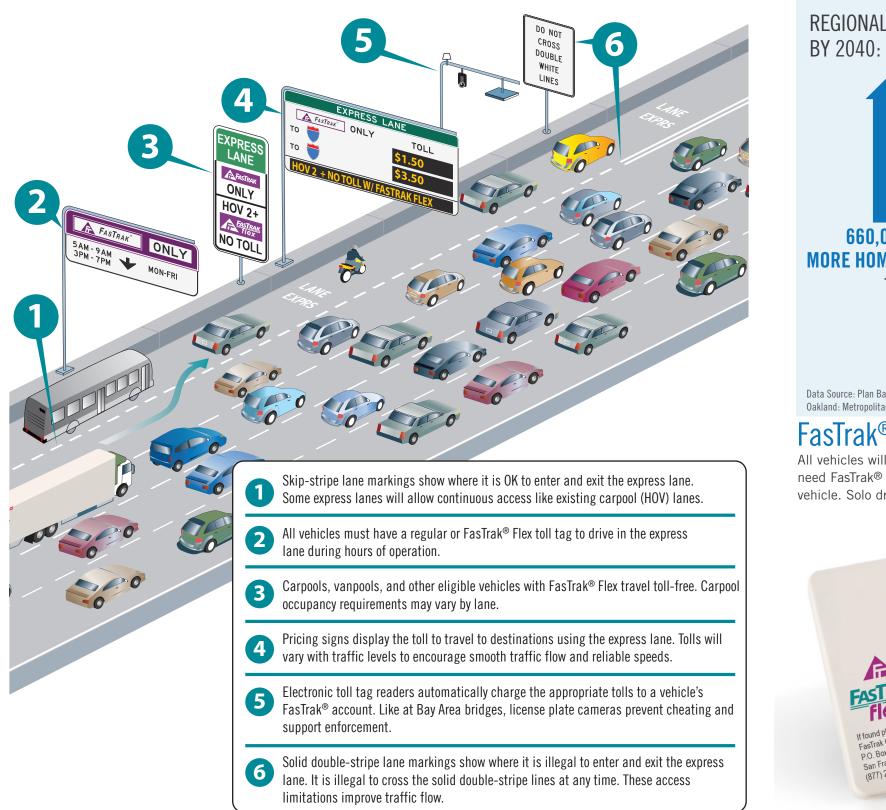
The Project converts existing HOV lanes to express lanes on I-680 from Rudgear Rd. to Alcosta Blvd. in the southbound direction and from Alcosta Blvd. to Livorna Rd. in the northbound direction. It will result in 23 express lane miles through San Ramon, Danville, Alamo and southern Walnut Creek. No widening or additional lanes will be added to the freeway. This conversion project includes striping lanes and installing sign gantries, signs, FasTrak® toll tag readers, and traffic monitoring video cameras. In addition, the project installs equipment and observation areas to help the California Highway Patrol (CHP) enforce proper use of the lanes. The express lanes will allow continuous access like the existing carpool lanes.

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HOW EXPRESS LANES WORK

A general description of how express lanes work is below. Depending on the express lane, there could be differences in layout or operations. For lane-specific information, go to www.BayAreaExpressLanes.org.



WHY EXPRESS LANES?

While the Bay Area's population is expected to grow, the amount of transportation funding and land for road expansion is limited. Bay Area Express Lanes improve our highways by A) better utilizing capacity, B) improving carpool lane enforcement, C) implementing strategies to improve flow, and D) raising funds to close gaps in the HOV lane network sooner to encourage more carpooling.

