

Public Comment – 18th October 2023

Name (first & last)

Carly D_____

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Transportation Commission

Comment

I would like to submit a comment regarding the new express lanes on I-70 between Georgetown and Idaho Springs (but this would apply more broadly to the lanes). We were in light mountain traffic today, with stop-and-start areas of congestion. The express lane users raced past us at 70+ mph, despite the considerable slow down in the right two lanes. We felt very unsafe driving next to the express lane, especially as some individuals were choosing to jump over into the lane to avoid hitting the car in front of them when there were abrupt stops.

The disconnect between the speeds of these different lanes risks to cause some considerable accidents, as it only takes some poor decision making or frustration on the part of individuals in traffic, combined with the speeding express lane users, to create what could be a terrible accident.

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Response Sent October 10th, 2023

Dear Ms. D_____,

Thank you for contacting the Transportation Commission with a public comment.

Your comment was passed on to us at the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO). We are an enterprise (government-owned business) housed within CDOT responsible for innovative financing and Express Lanes.

Your concern about the potential for accidents resulting from people entering the Express Lanes outside of the entrance/exit points and breaking the solid white line is one that we share. That is why we recently implemented an [Express Lanes Safety Enforcement Program](#) starting with the I-70 Mountain Express Lanes and now on the part of I-25 North and C-470.

The program, which is focused on safety, uses cameras and sensors to detect when a driver breaks the solid line and sends them a violation of \$75 (rising to \$150 if they don't pay within 20 days) to deter them from this dangerous driving behavior.

This is only one tool in our toolbox, and we also continue to work with our colleagues at the Colorado State Patrol on the enforcement of the rules governing use of our Express Lanes Network.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best,
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