

## **WHY EXPRESS LANES? THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE: CHOICE.**

The mountain corridor Express Lanes provide a more reliable, predictable trip. You have the choice of taking Express Lanes to reach your destination faster during the peak travel periods by paying a toll, or you can travel in the general purpose lanes for free. By better managing traffic flow, Express Lanes reduce travel delays across all lanes.

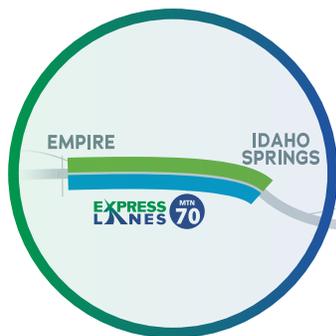
### **EASTBOUND I-70 MOUNTAIN EXPRESS LANE**

The I-70 Mountain Express Lane runs eastbound on I-70 from Empire through the Veterans Memorial Tunnels to Idaho Springs. Rather than being open all the time, the lane is open for up to 100 days per year when the highway experiences the highest traffic congestion (primarily holidays and weekends). This provides much-needed relief to the busiest recreation highway in the state, and helps to decrease congestion in general purpose lanes and frontage roads. When the lane is not open, the overhead signage indicates that it's closed and is being used as a shoulder.

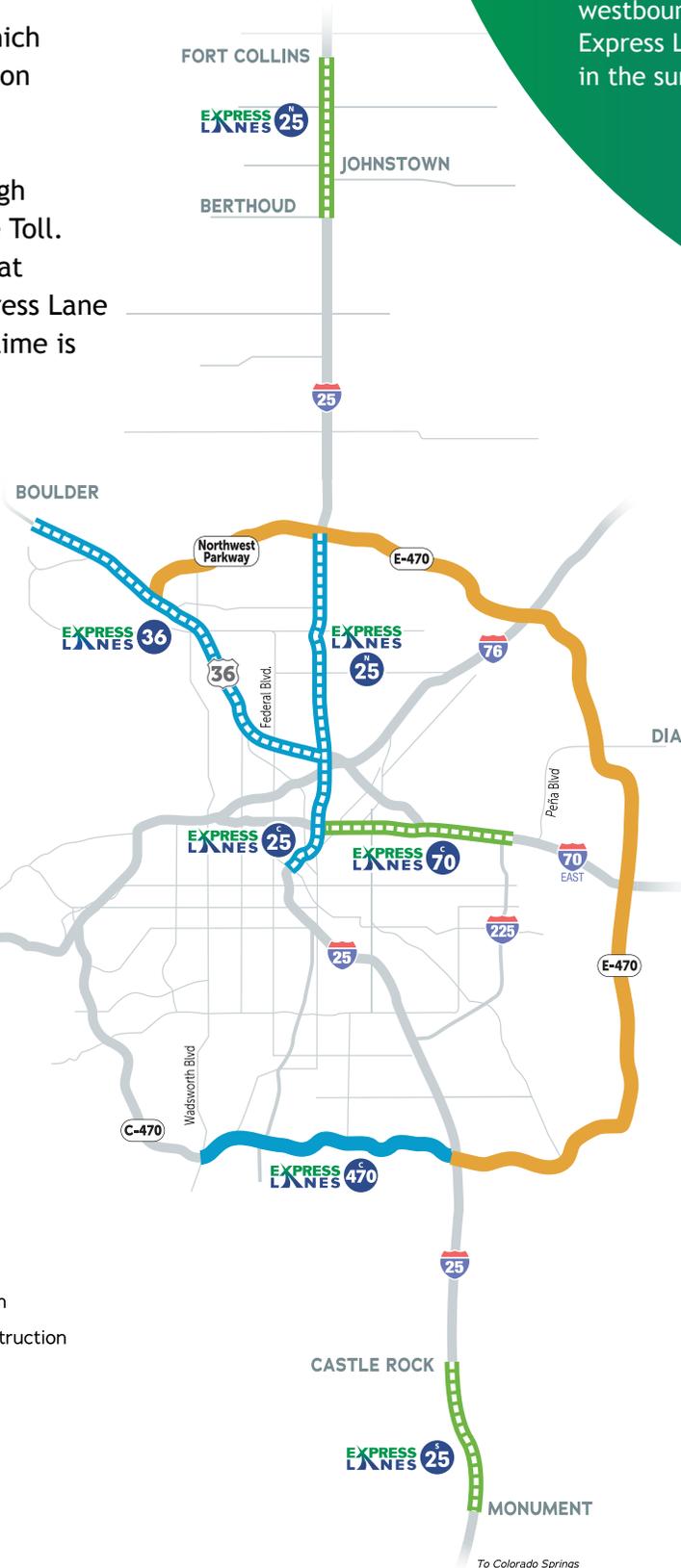
**Get an ExpressToll Pass** and save at least 40% compared to the cost without a pass. ExpressToll passes are used on all Express Lane facilities in Colorado. For more information, go to [expresstoll.com](http://expresstoll.com).

# CORRIDOR BASICS

- 13 miles eastbound from Empire through Veterans Memorial Tunnels
- The Express Lane is open weekends and holidays for up to 100 days per year
- Toll only
- No trucks or trailers
- Uses a dynamic pricing system in which tolls can change in price depending on traffic congestion
- Overhead signage indicates current toll prices. Tolls are collected through ExpressToll account or License Plate Toll.
- Motorists can exit the Express Lane at Idaho Springs and return to the Express Lane without being charged twice if the time is less than four hours.



- CDOT Express Lanes in Operation
- CDOT Express Lanes under Construction
- HOV3+
- E-470/Northwest Parkway



LANE  
OPENED:  
**2015**

The westbound I-70 Mountain Express Lane is scheduled to open in early 2021. Tolls on the westbound I-70 Mountain Express Lane will begin in the summer/fall 2021.