



## I-70 MOUNTAIN EXPRESS LANE

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

Express Lanes increase road capacity and help manage congestion on the highways, eliminating the need to continue to build more lanes. And the best part? The choice is yours. Ride the bus, carpool, pay a toll or just use the existing free general purpose lanes. Express Lanes work to move more people, rather than move more cars. By offering choices, Express Lanes will help to reduce delays, manage congestion and keep travel times reliable for motorists.

### NEW EXPRESS LANES COMING SOON

As Colorado's population continues to grow, Express Lanes are a long-term solution to make sure drivers will be able to get where they are going and get there on time. A system of Express Lanes is under construction: Central 70 Project, C-470 Express Lanes Project, I-25 North Express Lanes Project: from Berthoud to Fort Collins, I-25 North Express Lanes Project: from 120th Avenue to Northwest Parkway/E-470, the I-25 South Gap Project: from Monument to Castle Rock, and soon on the westbound I-70 Mountain Express Lane.

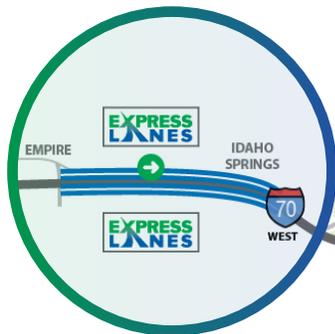
### EASTBOUND I-70 MOUNTAIN EXPRESS LANE

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.

Visit [expresslanes.codot.gov](https://expresslanes.codot.gov) for more information.

# CORRIDOR BASICS

- 13 miles eastbound from Empire through Veterans Memorial Tunnels
- Only 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.



**LEGEND:**

- Orange line: CDOT Express Lanes / Toll + HOV 3+
- Blue line: CDOT Express Lanes / Toll
- Purple line: Toll Road (Northwest Parkway / E-470)
- Green arrow: Coming soon:
  - C-470 (I-25 to Wadsworth Boulevard)
  - Central 70 (Brighton Boulevard to Chambers Road)
  - I-25 North (Berthoud to Fort Collins)
  - I-25 North (120th Avenue to Northwest Parkway /E-470)
  - I-25 South (Monument to Castle Rock)
  - I-70 Mountain Express Lane (westbound)

LANE OPENED:  
**2015**

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CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN ON THE WESTBOUND EXPRESS LANE IN 2019