COLORADO EXPRESS LANES

I-70: Idaho Springs to Empire

Why Express Lanes? The Answer is Simple: Choice.

Express Lanes are always built adjacent to existing general-purpose lanes and offer roadway users the choice to pay a toll or use transit for a more reliable trip. On CDOT's Express Lane corridors, travelers in all lanes (including the general-purpose lanes) see time savings of anywhere from 20% to 50%. By offering choices, Express Lanes help to reduce delays, manage congestion and keep travel times reliable for motorists.

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The I-70: Idaho Springs to Empire Express Lanes, also known as the Mountain Express Lanes, are 12-mile-long managed lanes with traffic management systems to improve mobility and provide drivers with a reliable, time-saving option. These lanes are open during peak travel times, mostly on weekends and holidays. When not open to traffic, the lanes are used as an emergency shoulder for vehicle breakdowns and emergency services. Eventually, the westbound lane will connect to the new I-70 Westbound Express Lane (or the Floyd Hill Express Lane), which extends from Evergreen to Idaho Springs.

Corridor Basics

- 12 miles of Express Lanes in each direction, from the Veterans Memorial Tunnels in Idaho Springs to Empire.
- Open during peak periods of travel only.
- All motorcycles and vehicles are tolled.
- No HOV 3+ available.
- Oversized vehicles or trucks with trailers are not allowed.
- Overhead signage indicates current toll prices. Tolls are collected through ExpressToll account or License Plate Toll.
- The Safety and Toll Enforcement Program is in effect. Sophisticated roadside technology is used to enforce the following rule:
  - No weaving across the solid yellow line.
  - Enter and exit through the dashed lines only.
  - Do not use the Express Lanes when closed.
  - No oversized vehicles.





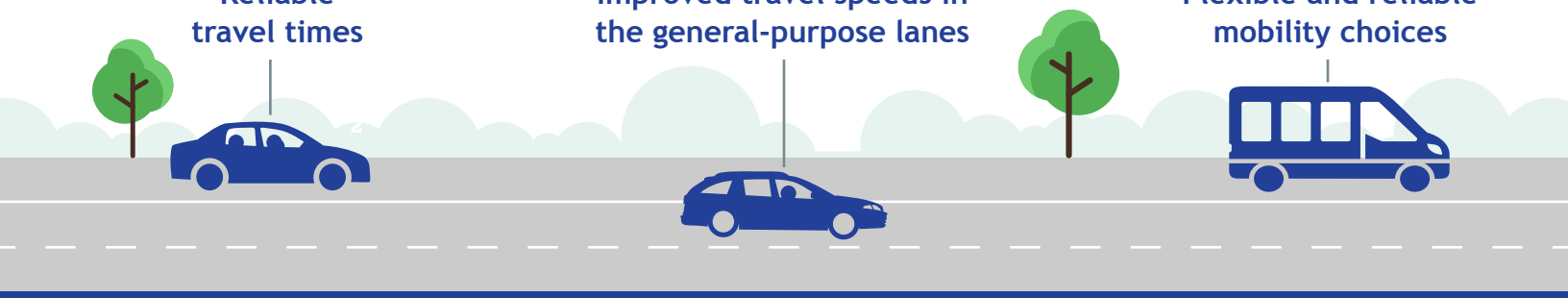
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Express Lanes Benefits

Reliable travel times

Improved travel speeds in the general-purpose lanes

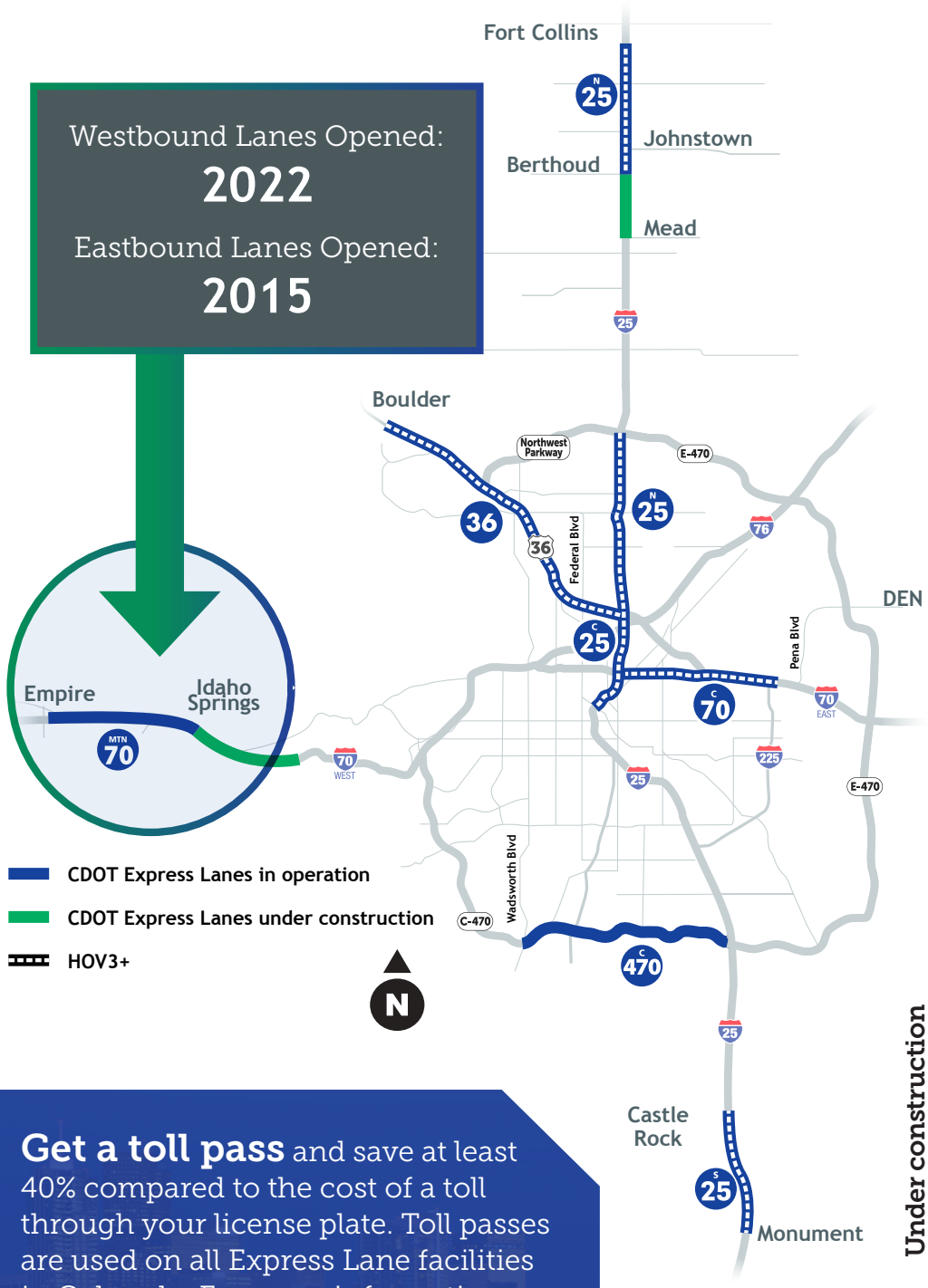
Flexible and reliable mobility choices



Reduced delays on the most seriously congested corridors

Westbound Lanes Opened: **2022**

Eastbound Lanes Opened: **2015**



Completed Express Lane corridors

20 mi.	I-70	I-25 to Chambers Road
22 mi.	I-25	US 36 to E-470
6 mi.	I-25	Downtown Denver to US 36
32 mi.	US 36	Federal Boulevard to Table Mesa Drive
24 mi.	I-70	Idaho Springs to Empire
30 mi.	C-470	I-25 to Wadsworth Boulevard
36 mi.	I-25	Monument to Castle Rock
40 mi.	I-25	Berthoud to Fort Collins

Under construction

16 mi.	I-70 Westbound	Evergreen to Idaho Springs
14 mi.	I-25	Mead to Berthoud

240 Miles

Get a toll pass and save at least 40% compared to the cost of a toll through your license plate. Toll passes are used on all Express Lane facilities in Colorado. For more information, visit **expresslanes.codot.gov.**