



Central 70 Express Lanes


The Central 70 Express Lanes (between I-25 and Chambers Road) are open for testing. You will not be charged to use these lanes while testing is taking place.


Express Lanes are tolled lanes that run adjacent to the free general-purpose lanes. They increase roadway capacity and help manage congestion on Colorado highways by adding lanes that provide a choice to drivers.


Travelers are never forced to pay a toll and can always choose to travel in the adjacent free general-purpose lanes.


How to Travel in Express Lanes

Anyone can use Express Lanes, there are simply different ways to travel them. A traveler can choose to travel:

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For free as a carpooler
A driver with three or more passengers can use Central 70 and other Express Lanes for free but **MUST** have a Switchable Transponder Pass.
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For free on certain corridors
Motorcycles may travel for free on all Express Lane corridors except the I-70 Mountain Express Lanes. Motorcycles do not need to have an Express Toll pass or account in order to travel for free on these Express Lane corridors.
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Transit
Use either priority buses or Bus Rapid Transit.
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By paying a toll
Pay a toll, either as a solo driver, or a driver and one passenger.



The Express Lanes are easy to use

For carpooling, you **MUST** have this switchable transponder to drive in the lanes that allow HOV3+ for free. Once you have three or more people in your car, slide the tab on your transponder to the red "HOV" mode, and you can use the Express Lanes for free. Eligible residents of Globeville and Elyria Swansea that apply for the GES Tolling Equity Program will be provided a free switchable transponder and \$100 of toll credit. To register your interest in receiving more information on this program visit www.netransportation.org/tolleguity.



If you plan to travel with fewer than three people, paying a toll won't slow you down.

You can use either a Switchable HOV Transponder or your current ExpressToll

Transponder or sticker pass. Simply switch your transponder to the green "TOLL" mode, enter the lane in the designated area, and you are on your way.

If you choose not to use the transponder, you will be billed through a License Plate Toll. A bill will be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle and you will pay a higher toll rate based on how far you travel in the Express Lane.

* The I-70 Mountain Express Lane and C-470 Express Lanes do not include a "free" policy.

Pricing

Express Lanes use tolls to manage congestion and keep travel times reliable for all motorists.

Express Lanes will use a pricing system in which tolls can change in price depending on the level of congestion—say, during peak morning or evening traffic. As traffic increases, the toll price goes up, helping to keep you moving in the Express Lanes.

Overhead signs will tell you exactly how much your trip will cost if you choose to use the lanes and pay a toll.

For more information visit www.codot.gov/programs/expresslanes