Denver Area High Occupancy Vehicle & Express Lanes

Denver area HOV lanes are marked with a distinctive diamond logo like the one at left. Signs showing the diamond also provide helpful information for HOV lanes motorists. Watch for them!

I-25 Downtown North HOV & Express Lanes (Map Key #1)
Access to these barrier-separated HOV lanes is controlled by gates. Corpools (two or more passengers), buses, motorcycles, and solo drivers with an ExpressToll transponder are permitted.
- NB entry points: I-25 at 20th Ave.; 20th St. & Blake St. at Coors Field downtown.
- NB exit points: 58th Ave. for I-25 northbound mainline traffic; 70th Ave. bridge for local traffic only; Pecos St. onto U.S. 36 (Boulder Turnpike)
Northbound hours of operation: Monday through Friday, noon until 3 a.m., and all day every weekend day unless special downtown events dictate southbound usage.
- SB entry points: 58th Ave. for southbound through traffic; 70th Ave. bridge over I-25 for local traffic north of 58th Ave.; Pecos St. at U.S. 36 for Boulder Turnpike
- SB exit points: 20th St. for southbound through traffic; 19th & Wynkoop for downtown
Southbound hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. Weekends only as downtown events might dictate.

The I-25 HOV lanes can be used on a toll basis by single-occupancy vehicles that have ExpressToll® transponders. Follow posted instruction signs for where vehicles with transponders must pass under the toll reader; at this same point, HOV vehicles must be in their designated lane.

To obtain an ExpressToll® transponder and create an active account, visit: www.expresstoll.com
Or call (303) 537-3470 or 1-888-946-3470. Retail locations offering transponders are listed on the website.

U.S. 36/Boulder Turnpike (Map Key - #2)
HOV lanes on U.S. 36 are restricted to carpools, buses, and motorcycles at all times every day of the year.
- NB entry points: I-25 HOV lane system; and Pecos St., where barrier-separated HOV lanes off I-25 end.
- NB ending point: Federal Boulevard
- SB entry point: U.S. 36 at Sheridan Boulevard
- SB ending point: Pecos St., at the merge into barrier-separated HOV lanes to I-25 (gate controlled)

Alternate Fuel Vehicle HOV Permits
Vehicles using the following alternate fuels may use HOV lanes regardless of the number of occupants: natural gas, propane, electricity, liquified petroleum gas (LPG), and compressed natural gas.
A decal is required from the Colorado Department of Revenue. A required permit for HOV lane usage may be obtained from the Colorado Department of Transportation. Call (303) 757-9539 for information.

U.S. 85/Santa Fe Drive (Map Key - #3)
Buses, carpools, motorcycles, and all vehicles making left turns are permitted during restricted hours.
- SB beginning point: Platte River Drive
- SB ending point: Bowles Ave.
- NB beginning point: Bowles Ave.
- NB ending point: Alameda Ave.

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