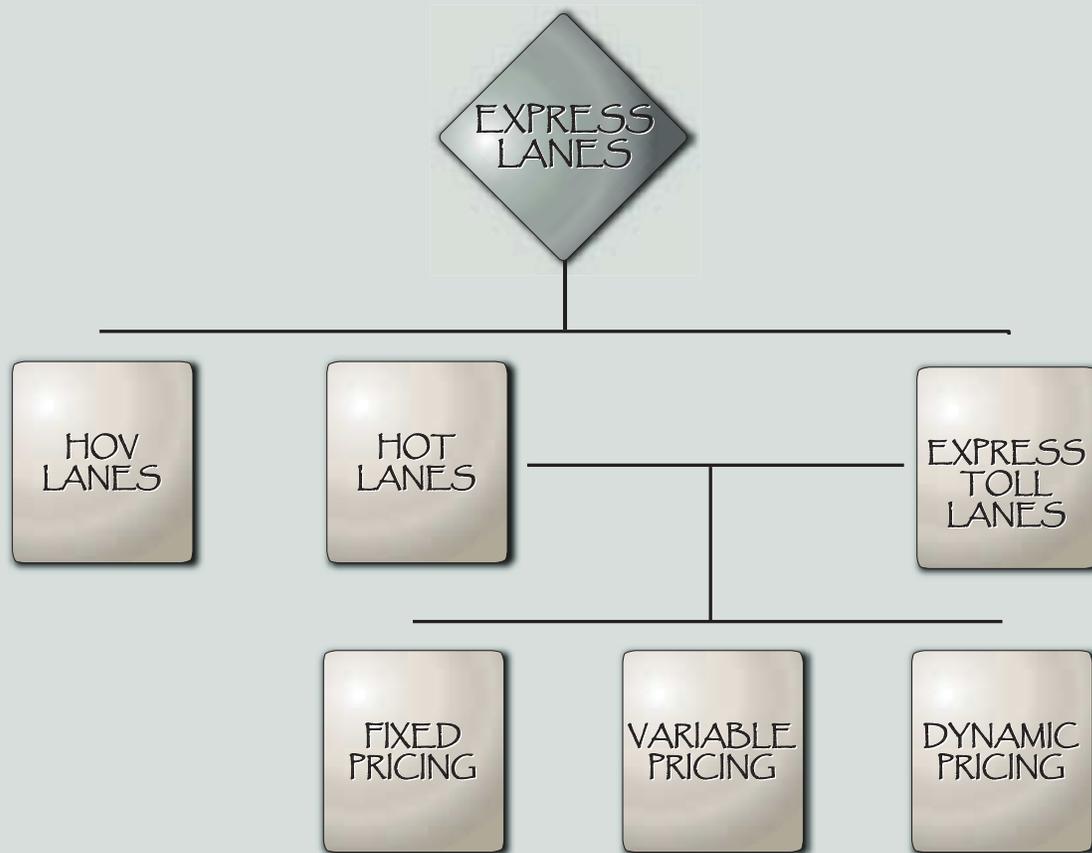


EXPRESS LANES



DEFINITIONS

EXPRESS LANES (EL)

A lane or set of lanes physically separated from the general purpose capacity provided within major roadway corridors. Express lane access is managed by limiting the number of entrance and exit points to the facility. Express lanes may be operated as reversible flow facilities or bi-directional facilities.

HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES (HOV)

An exclusive traffic lane limited to carrying HOVs and certain other qualified vehicles.

HIGH OCCUPANCY TOLL LANES (HOT)

Managed, limited-access, and normally barrier-separated highway lanes that provide free or reduced cost access to HOVs, and also make excess capacity available to other vehicles not meeting occupancy requirements at a market price.

EXPRESS TOLL LANES (ETL)

Managed express lanes that every vehicle traveling on must pay a toll.

FIXED PRICING

Tolls that remain the same throughout time; usually based on distance.

VARIABLE PRICING

Fixed tolls that are based on time of day and used to manage congestion during peak travel periods.

DYNAMIC PRICING

Tolls that vary in real time in response to changing congestion levels, as opposed to variable pricing that tolls on a fixed schedule.