



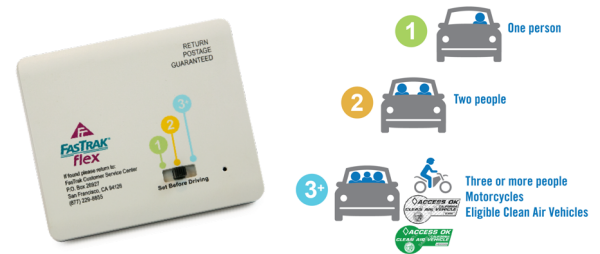
BAY AREA EXPRESS LANES

Customer Update: I-680 Contra Costa Express Lanes August 15, 2017

The I-680 Contra Costa Express Lanes are scheduled to open this Fall. All drivers will need a FasTrak® or FasTrak Flex® toll tag to travel in the lanes weekdays between 5 am and 8 pm. To travel toll-free as a carpool, motorcycle, or eligible clean air vehicle, drivers must have a FasTrak Flex toll tag set in the “2” or “3+” position as appropriate. Solo drivers can use either a standard FasTrak toll tag or a FasTrak Flex toll tag set in the “1” position to pay the toll for a more reliable trip.

FasTrak is a way to pay tolls at Bay Area bridges and on express lanes electronically using a toll tag. To get a toll tag, open a FasTrak account [online](#) and a ready-to-use toll tag will be mailed to you. If you’re already a FasTrak account holder and need additional toll tags, login to your account at [bayareafastrak.org](#). Order additional toll tags from the Manage Tags & Vehicles menu and they will be mailed to you.

Get a standard FasTrak or FasTrak Flex toll tag to pay to use the lanes; get a FasTrak Flex toll tag to carpool toll-free. Visit [expresslanes.511.org](#) for more information about express lanes or [bayareafastrak.org](#) to order a toll tag.



Carpools, eligible clean air vehicles and motorcycles must use a FasTrak Flex® toll tag set to “2” or “3+” to travel toll-free



Construction Highlights

Toll system testing continues. The tests confirm that toll prices are properly calculated and displayed on highway signs, that toll tags are properly read as they pass under the tolling equipment and that tag reads produce accurate charges. Motorists can expect to see dots, test toll amounts, and notification that testing is underway on the electronic signs. While motorists will see prices on the signs, cars will not be tolled during the tests. The "under construction" labels on the overhead signs will be removed prior to the lane opening. As labels are removed, messages on the variable toll messaging signs will indicate that the lanes are not yet functioning as express lanes.

MTC will trim two trees in the Caltrans right-of-way in the northbound direction near Rudgear Road. Trimming is scheduled for August 22nd and 23rd. These trees are blocking the ability of roadside cameras to view the toll system signs. The trees have been inspected by a biologist and trimming will be performed under direction of a certified arborist. The right shoulder will be coned off and drivers can expect to see trimming equipment for a few days in the non-commute hours. Nighttime lane closures on I-680 continue throughout the next month.



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