

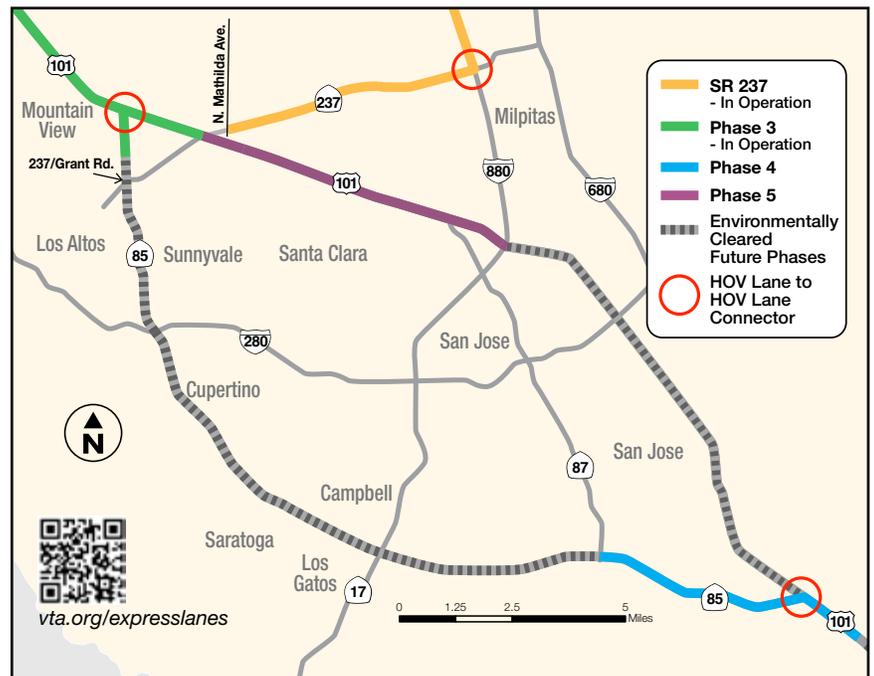


# FACT SHEET: Express Lanes

## Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) Silicon Valley Express Lanes Phase 4 (SR 85/US 101) Express Lanes Project

### Overview

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program designs, builds, and operates Express Lanes throughout Santa Clara County. You may already be familiar with the SR 237 Express Lanes at the I-880 interchange in Milpitas, which we refer to as Phase 1. Phase 2 extends the current SR 237 Express Lanes farther west to Mathilda Avenue in Sunnyvale. Phase 3 implements the first Express Lanes on US 101 in Mountain View and Palo Alto. Phase 4 will implement the first Express Lanes on SR 85 in south San Jose. Phase 5 will extend the express lanes on US 101 from the southern limits of Phase 3 to I-880 in San Jose.



### Express Lanes Benefits

- More efficient use of existing roadway.
- Provides a new, reliable travel option.
- Provides a new revenue stream for transportation, including public transit.

### Project Features

The Phase 4 project on SR 85 and US 101 in south San Jose will convert existing single carpool lanes to Express Lanes at the following locations:

SR 85 from the US 101/SR 85 Interchange in San Jose to SR 87, including the existing US 101/SR 85 Direct HOV to HOV Connector Ramps and the approaches to/from US 101.

The improvements include the following work elements:

- Re-striping of the existing lanes;
- Installation of express lane signs and sign poles along the corridor;
- Installation of electronic toll rate signs, toll readers, and other tolling equipment;
- Installation of a video enforcement system, closed circuit cameras, and other equipment;
- Construction of California Highway Patrol (CHP) enforcement areas;
- Reconstruction of concrete barriers and metal guard railings;
- Installation of communication and electrical services for the tolling system;
- Installation of lighting at various locations.

The improvements will not require construction of new lanes of traffic nor require the widening of any existing structures. The work will occur within the existing right-of-way.

### Operations

Upon completion, VTA will operate, manage and maintain the express lanes.

### Schedule

Please refer to [vta.org/expresslanes](http://vta.org/expresslanes) for the project schedule.

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