



FACT SHEET: Express Lanes

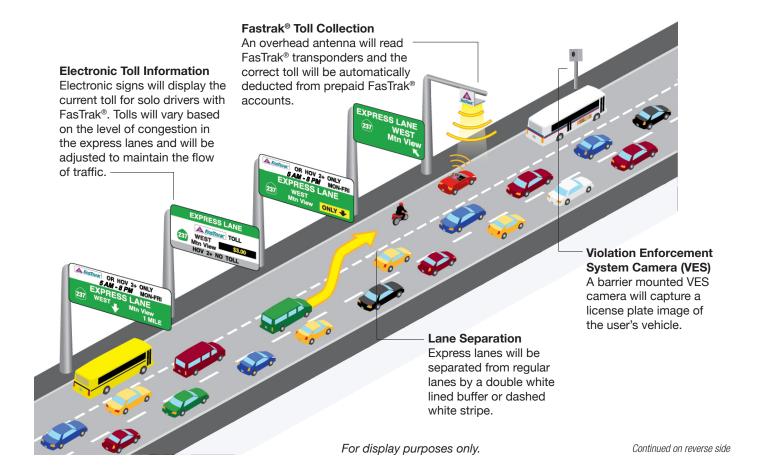
State Route 237 Express Lanes - Phase 2

Overview

The SR 237 Express Lanes Phase 2 Project is an extension of the SR 237/I-880 Express Connectors Phase I Project that became operational in March 2012. The Phase 2 Project proposes to convert the remaining high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on SR 237 to approximately Mathilda Avenue in Sunnyvale to express lanes operations.

The Phase 2 project will retain the open access configuration with the existing HOV lanes. This open access configuration means that carpools and other HOV-eligible vehicles, along with toll-paying single occupant vehicles (SOVs) will be able to enter the express lanes in the same manner as today, crossing over a dashed lane line.

Carpools with two or more occupants, motorcycles, transit buses and eligible clean-air vehicles with applicable decals will be able to continue to use the express lanes free of charge.



Project Funding Partners



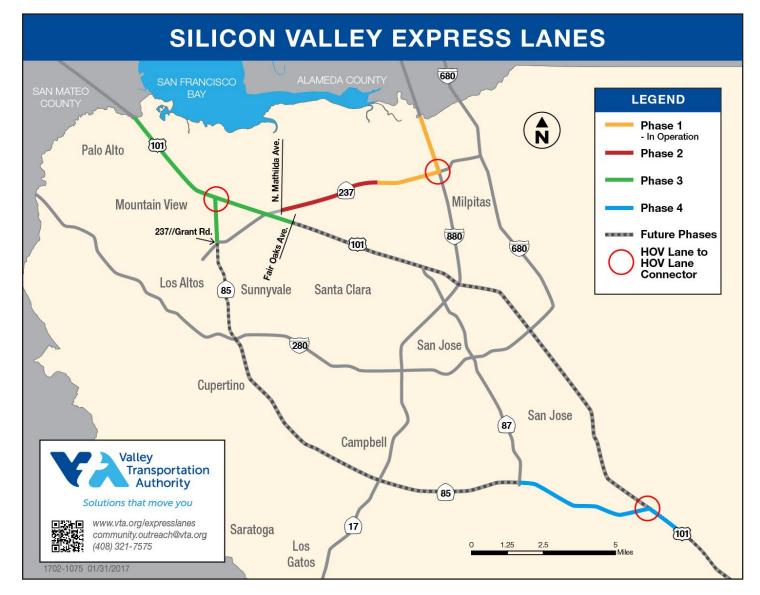












Operations

Increase efficiency of existing roadway: Where existing carpool lanes have the available capacity to accommodate more vehicles, express lanes offer an opportunity for more efficient use of existing roadways by allowing commuters the option to pay a fee to access the lanes as needed, while still maintaining system reliability for transit users and carpoolers.

- Fast, reliable travel: Through the use of dynamic pricing, the amount of traffic in the express lanes is managed to more reliably maintain the flow of traffic. Motorists who choose to use the express lanes will benefit from the additional degree of travel reliability.
- Revenue reinvested in the corridor: Revenue from tolls will help to maintain the facility, enhance transit improvements, and provide new funding for enforcement by the California Highway Patrol.

Schedule

June 2015: Completed project approval and environment document

August 2017: Completed final design January 2018: Begin construction

Fall 2019: Open express lanes for service

How to Reach Us

If you have any questions about the VTA Express Lanes Project, please contact VTA's Community Outreach Department at (408) 321-7575, (TTY) for the hearing-impaired at (408) 321-2330. You may also visit us on the web at www.vta.org, or e-mail us at community.outreach@vta.org.