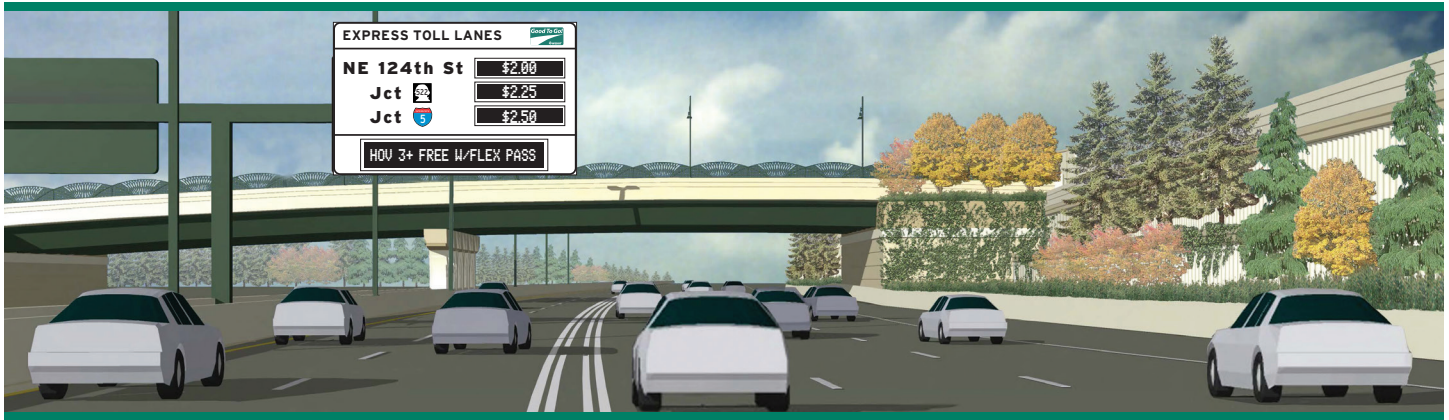




I-405 Express Toll Lanes from Bellevue to Lynnwood



Drivers on I-405 experience some of the worst traffic in the state—up to eight hours of congestion each day—and the HOV lanes are often as congested as the regular lanes. To boost speed and travel time reliability on one of the state’s most congested commutes, WSDOT is constructing express toll lanes on Interstate 405 between Bellevue and Lynnwood. Crews will build a new lane adjacent to the regular lanes between Northeast 6th Street in Bellevue and State Route 522 in Bothell and change the existing carpool lane between Bothell and Lynnwood to an express toll lane. When the project is complete in 2015, drivers will have the option to use the 17-mile corridor of express toll lanes from Bellevue to Lynnwood.

Express toll lanes provide benefits to drivers

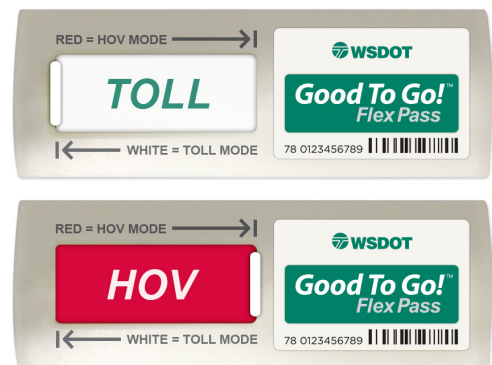
Express toll lanes will better use the existing I-405 HOV lane and provide drivers with a choice for a more predictable trip. WSDOT is building express toll lanes because they are:

- fast, moving traffic at 45 miles per hour or faster.
- predictable, giving drivers reliable travel times.
- adjustable, varying tolls based on the volume of traffic.
- a choice, providing drivers the option to pay a toll to use the HOV lanes.
- efficient, moving more traffic more effectively, improving conditions in the regular lanes.
- a funding source, providing money to improve I-405.

Express toll lanes provide a choice

I-405 express toll lanes let drivers choose to travel faster by paying a toll to access the HOV lanes. Toll rates will adjust depending on traffic, and drivers will pay the rate they see upon entering the lanes. The express toll lanes will allow toll-free trips for transit and vanpools, and carpools meeting the occupancy requirement for that time of day. The regular lanes will remain free for all drivers.

To pay a toll, drivers can use their *Good To Go!* pass or get a bill in the mail at a higher Pay By Mail rate. However, to use the express toll lanes for free, carpools will need to have a *Good To Go!* Flex Pass set to HOV mode.



The *Good To Go!* Flex Pass is available online at MyGoodToGo.com, by phone at 1-866-936-8246, or at any *Good To Go!* customer service center.

How to use the express toll lanes

Essentially, express toll lane rates will be set by you, the driver, and depend on how far you are traveling. The toll will automatically increase and decrease based on how many drivers have chosen to use the lanes. The toll increases when traffic in the express toll lanes is heavier and decreases when traffic is lighter, ensuring the express toll lanes keep traffic moving at free flow speeds. As you approach the entry point to the express toll lanes, you'll see a sign with up to three destinations. The toll you see for your destination at that time is the price you will pay for your trip.

Toll rates and carpool exemptions

As with all other state toll facilities, the Washington State Transportation Commission set the toll rates and exemptions for the I-405 express toll lanes. In March 2015, the Transportation Commission decided:

- *Good To Go!* toll rates will range from a minimum of 75 cents to a maximum of \$10 – it is estimated that the typical toll will range from 75 cents to \$4.
- Carpools with three or more people will be exempt from paying a toll at all times, and carpools with two people will be exempt, except during weekday peak hours (5 – 9 a.m. and 3 – 7 p.m.). Motorcycles, transit vehicles, and vanpools will also be exempt.
- To use the express toll lanes free, drivers must meet the occupancy requirements, have a *Good To Go!* account and have a Flex Pass.
- Drivers without a *Good To Go!* account can also use the express toll lanes and will receive a bill in the mail for their trip. Drivers who choose this option will pay \$2 above the posted *Good To Go!* rate in effect at the time of the trip. This additional amount is necessary to cover the cost of collecting Pay By Mail toll bills.

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Drivers will have the choice to enter and exit the express toll lane system at designated access points. Sample signs are shown for a northbound and southbound trip.

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