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**ExpressLanes**

Get ready! Los Angeles County's first High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes debut on Saturday, November 10th at 12:01 am. Metro ExpressLanes, an innovative project to reduce traffic congestion, will open 11 miles of carpool lanes on the 110 Harbor Freeway, between the 91 Freeway and Adams Boulevard, to solo drivers who pay an electronic toll.

Only solo drivers using the ExpressLanes will be charged a toll. Carpools, vanpools, buses and motorcycles will be able to travel toll-free in the 110 Metro ExpressLanes, but ALL motorists will need a FasTrak® account and transponder to travel in the 110 Metro ExpressLanes when tolling begins on November 10, 2012.

The tolls will vary depending on traffic. To avoid traffic back-ups, sensors will be used to measure congestion in the Metro ExpressLanes and will increase the toll from 25 cents a mile to a maximum of \$1.40 a mile as more vehicles enter the Metro ExpressLanes. Overhead electronic signs will display the current toll being assessed so solo drivers can make a choice.

To travel in the Metro ExpressLanes, drivers can use their existing FasTrak® transponders or obtain an ExpressLanes FasTrak® transponder. To travel toll-free, carpool and vanpool drivers will need a switchable FasTrak® transponder from Metro to use the ExpressLanes. The switchable transponder allows drivers to indicate the number of occupants in the vehicle (1, 2 or 3+) and can be used on all toll systems in California. It's easy to open an account and receive an ExpressLanes switchable transponder:

- Visit [www.metroexpresslanes.net](http://www.metroexpresslanes.net)
- Call 511 and say "ExpressLanes"
- Visit the walk-in center at 500 W. 190th Street, Gardena
- Mail an application, available to download online, to Metro ExpressLanes, P.O. Box 3878, Gardena, CA 90247

The costs vary depending on payment methods, but drivers who open their accounts with a credit or debit card will pay \$40 and the transponder deposit will be waived. The \$40 will be applied to any tolls incurred while driving solo on the Metro ExpressLanes. There is a minimum balance threshold of \$10, and a \$3 monthly account fee. The monthly fee is waived after four trips in the Metro ExpressLanes and/or on transit in the ExpressLanes corridor.

Discounts are available! Members of the Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA) can open a Metro ExpressLanes FasTrak® account at a discounted price of \$32 (for \$40 worth of toll credits) by visiting [www.AAA.com/metroexpresslanes](http://www.AAA.com/metroexpresslanes) or visiting a local Auto Club office in the South Bay: Inglewood - 3372 W Century Blvd. or 1234 Centinela Ave; Manhattan Beach – 700 S. Aviation Blvd.; Torrance - 23001 Hawthorne Blvd.