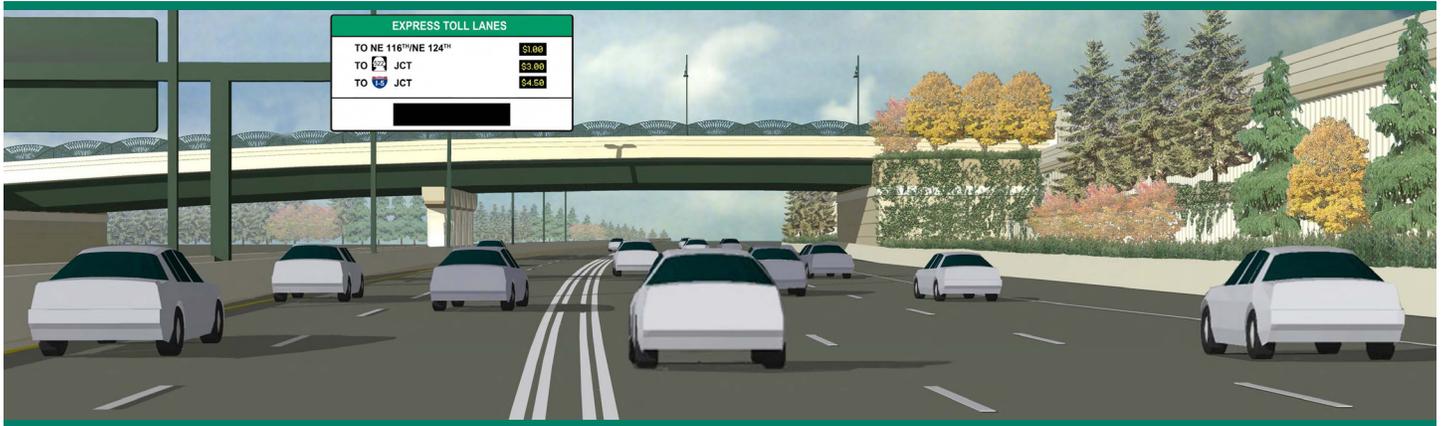




I-405 Express Toll Lanes from Bellevue to Lynnwood



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

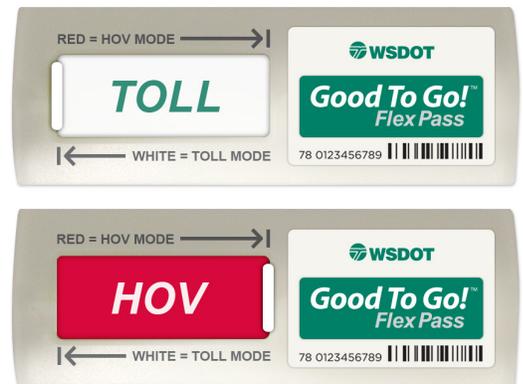
Express toll lanes will better use the existing I-405 highway lanes and provide drivers with a choice for a more predictable trip. WSDOT is building express toll lanes because they are:

- 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

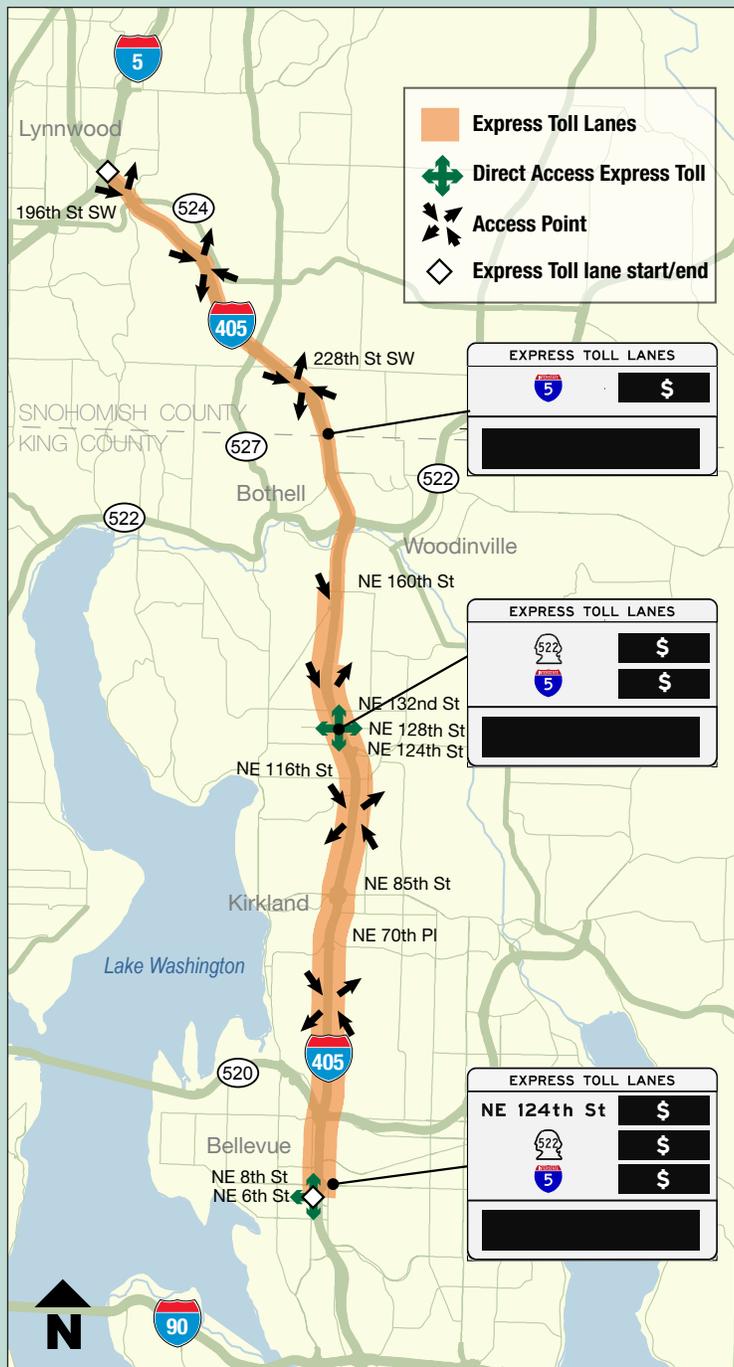
I-405 express toll lanes let drivers choose to travel faster by paying a toll to access the HOV lanes. Toll rates will adjust depending on traffic, and drivers will pay the rate they see upon entering the lanes. The express toll lanes will allow toll-free trips for transit and vanpools. The regular lanes 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, carpoolers will need to have a *Good To Go!* Flex Pass set to HOV mode.



The Good To Go! Flex Pass will be on sale in spring 2015.

I-405 Bellevue to Lynnwood express toll lanes



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 trip.

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 automatically 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 rate setting wraps up in 2015

As with all other state toll facilities, the Washington State Transportation Commission will set toll rates and exemptions, including carpool rules, for the I-405 express toll lanes. Although the toll will change in real-time based on congestion, the commission will set a minimum and maximum toll rate, similar to the SR 167 HOT lanes.

The commission began the toll rate setting process in late 2014. They'll host public input meetings and welcome written comments throughout the toll rate setting process.

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