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I-70 Mountain Express Lane Tolling Fact Sheet

As Express Lanes open throughout the state - on US 36, I-25 and I-70 - there's a lot to learn about how to appropriately use the lanes. It's important to know that travelers are never forced to pay a toll and can always choose to travel in the adjacent free general purpose lanes. If motorists choose to jump in the Express Lane to get there faster, here are the tolling basics:

How are tolls collected?

- All tolls are collected electronically through an ExpressToll account and pass, or through License Plate Toll (LPT).
- ExpressToll accounts and passes save money every trip.
- Drivers who choose to pay through LPT will pay the toll plus a surcharge to process the license plate. A bill will be sent to the registered vehicle owner, and it will be higher than if you have an ExpressToll account.
- There's no need to stop at a tollbooth, as overhead readers track tolling.

Get a Pass to use all Colorado Express Lanes

All motorists traveling on the I-70 Mountain Express Lane - including motorcycles, carpoolers and hybrids - will pay a toll in the Express Lane. Drivers who want to pay the toll without additional surcharges need a pass and an ExpressToll account. Visit www.expresstoll.com, or call 303-537-3470 to get yours today!

How will tolls work on the I-70 Mountain Express Lane?

- A switchable HOV transponder -in toll mode- or a sticker tag can be used on the I-70 Mountain Express Lane.
- High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV), motorcycles and hybrids will not travel for free.
- An ExpressToll customer service representative can help you decide which pass is best for you, based on your particular needs and where you travel on Colorado's Express Lanes.

How are toll prices determined?

- The Express Lane will use a responsive pricing system in which tolls can change in price depending on the number of vehicles traveling in the corridor.
- As traffic increases, the toll price will increase to help keep travelers moving on the Express Lane.
- Travelers will be charged the toll price posted when they entered the Express Lane. If the price should increase or decrease while they are in the lane, drivers will pay the price posted upon entry.
- Overhead Variable Message Signs are updated on the highway in real-time and show exactly what the toll rate is at that time, so the driver can know exactly how much they'll be charged.



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About the I-70 Mountain Express Lane:

- The Express Lane runs 13 miles along eastbound I-70 from Empire through the Veterans Memorial Tunnels in Idaho Springs, only during periods of peak travel such as weekends and holidays (approximately 73 days a year). It will be a shoulder when not open and will likely not open during heavy snow.
- The I-70 Mountain Express Lane can divert 750-900 cars from the free general purpose lanes, which should allow them and even the frontage roads to be less congested.
- Those traveling in the Express Lane should expect up to a 30-minute time savings.
- Travelers enter the Express Lane at Empire Junction or before the Veterans Memorial Twin Tunnels.
- Express Lane users who want to exit at Idaho Springs may use the signed Express Lane exit for Idaho Springs, prior to Exit 239.
- Travelers exiting I-70 eastbound to US 6 at Floyd Hill (Exit 244) can enter US 6 without a charge.
- Vehicles with trailers (i.e. longer than 25 feet) and trucks will not be permitted to use the Express Lane at any point. HOV and motorcycles will be required to pay a toll.
- If traffic is detoured onto the Express Lane during an incident on I-70 or if there is an incident on the Express Lane, no toll will be charged.

What are the toll rates on the I-70 Mountain Express Lane?

Below are examples of tolls for I-70 Mountain Express Lane. The toll pricing is designed to balance traffic volume in the Express Lane and provide more reliable travel times.

Typical Volume Example

	ExpressToll Rate	License Plate Toll
Morning/early afternoon	\$3 (base rate)	\$6.75
Afternoon	\$8	\$14.67
Mid-Afternoon	\$9	\$16.25
Late-Afternoon	\$10	\$17.83
Evening	\$5	\$9.92

Higher Volume Example

	ExpressToll Rate	License Plate Toll
Morning	\$3 (base rate)	\$6.75
Afternoon	\$10	\$17.83
Mid-afternoon	\$15	\$25.00
Late-afternoon	\$5	\$9.92
Evening	\$4	\$8.33

I-70 Mountain Express Lane and License Plate Toll

ExpressToll Rate	License Plate Toll = Toll + Fee to process the billing
\$3	\$6.75
\$4	\$8.33
\$5	\$9.92
\$6	\$11.50
\$7	\$13.08
\$8	\$14.67
\$9	\$16.25
\$10	\$17.83
\$11	\$19.42
\$12	\$21
\$13	\$22.58
\$14	\$24
\$15	\$25
\$20	\$30
\$25	\$35
\$30	\$40



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