



TEXPRESS LANES

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

TEXpress Lanes are a new way to address transportation congestion in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. As the lanes have opened and drivers have begun using them, many questions have been asked.

WHAT ARE TEXPRESS LANES? ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

TEXpress Lanes are unique toll lanes that are built within an existing highway. The rebuilt corridors include frontage roads, bypass lanes, non-tolled lanes and tolled TEXpress Lanes. Unlike other toll roads, the price changes based on the level of traffic in the TEXpress Lanes. It is your choice to drive in the TEXpress Lanes and pay the tolls or to drive in the adjacent non-tolled lanes.

WHAT ABOUT THE GAS TAX? ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

The State gas tax was last raised in 1991 and Federal gas tax has not increased since 1993. Both have lost much of their purchasing power due to more fuel-efficient vehicles and increased construction costs. Traditional transportation funding methods cannot sufficiently fund our roadways anymore.

ARE TOLLS JUST ANOTHER TAX? ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

No. Gas taxes, vehicle registration fees and other taxes are used to fund non-tolled roadways. Tolls are voluntary user fees. Drivers can choose to pay tolls or stay in the non-tolled lanes. On LBJ Express and North Tarrant Express (NTE), operations and maintenance costs are paid by the private sector, rather than relying on gas tax funding.

WHO OWNS THE ROADWAYS? ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

All of the TEXpress (managed and express/HOV) Lanes are owned by the Texas Department of Transportation. LBJ and NTE TEXpress Lanes were built with comprehensive development agreements, meaning they are managed by private companies and owned by TxDOT.



DO TEXPRESS LANES REDUCE CONGESTION? ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Because TEXpress Lanes are designated express lanes within highway corridors with prices that fluctuate, they allow traffic to flow freely. Traffic speeds have been shown to increase not only on the tolled lanes, but on the non-tolled highway lanes, too. And, TEXpress Lanes are only added to the most congested corridors in the Dallas-Fort Worth region, so the effects of reduced congestion are evident.

WHO USES TEXPRESS LANES? ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Just over 8 million people live in the Dallas-Fort Worth region, and over 25 million different vehicles have used the LBJ, NTE, and NTE 35W TEXpress Lanes to date. Over 7 million drivers travel on the NTE, NTE 35W, and LBJ highways each year. 73% of managed lane drivers reported positive experiences.

HOW OFTEN DO DRIVERS CHOOSE TEXPRESS LANES? ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

The combination of non-tolled lanes and TEXpress Lanes accommodates about 1 million trips every day on the NTE, NTE 35W, and LBJ TEXpress Lanes. Whether commuters choose the lanes once a day, once a month or once a year, the TEXpress Lanes are improving the flow of traffic in the non-tolled lanes. About 3 million toll tags have been seen on NTE, LBJ and NTE 35W managed lanes in the past year out of 5.3 million active tags in North Texas (55%).

WHAT DO TEXPRESS LANES COST THE AVERAGE DRIVER? ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Over 90% of managed lane trips cost less than \$10. 80% of managed lane drivers spend less than \$20 per month. Drivers can utilize managed lanes whenever they need to and 85% of drivers that use managed lanes take less than two trips per week.

Additional information can be found at
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