

TOLLED MANAGED LANE POLICIES

(Last Updated March 2016)

1. A fixed-fee schedule will be applied during the first six months of operation; dynamic pricing will be applied thereafter.
2. The toll rate will be set up to \$0.75 per mile during the fixed-schedule phase. The established rate will be evaluated and adjusted, if warranted, with Regional Transportation Council approval.
3. Toll rates will be updated at least monthly during the fixed-schedule phase.
4. Market-based tolls will be applied during the dynamic-pricing phase. During dynamic operation, a toll rate cap will be established. The cap will be considered “soft” during times of deteriorating performance when a controlled rate increase above the cap will be temporarily allowed.
5. Transit vehicles will not be charged a toll.
6. Single and two-occupant vehicles will pay the full rate.
7. Trucks will be allowed and will pay a higher rate.

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8. High-occupancy vehicles of two or more occupants and vanpools will pay the full rate in the off-peak period.
9. High-occupancy vehicles with three or more occupants will receive a 50 percent discount during the peak period.* This discount will phase out after the air quality attainment maintenance period. Eligible HOVs must pre-register as part of the HOV pre-declaration process. RTC-sponsored public vanpools are permitted to add peak-period tolls as eligible expenses. Therefore, the Comprehensive Development Agreement firm will be responsible for the high-occupancy vehicle discount and the Regional Transportation Council will be responsible for the vanpool discount. Managed Lane occupancy requirements of 3+ may begin on or before June 1, 2018, resulting in the initial implementation of the existing HOV 2+ policy. HOV 3+ will be implemented when necessary due to operational constraints.
10. The toll rate will be established to maintain a minimum average corridor speed of 50 miles per hour.

*6 hours per weekday: 6:30 am - 9:00 am and 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm

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11. During the dynamic-pricing phase, travelers will receive rebates if the average speed drops below 35 mph. Rebates will not apply if speed reduction is out of the control of the operator. This policy is suspended at this time. This policy could be phased in on or before June 1, 2016 after implementation of dynamic pricing. Quarterly reports regarding operator responsibility and customer communication needs will be presented to the RTC previous to implementation.
12. Motorcycles qualify as high-occupancy vehicles.
13. No discounts will be given for “green” vehicles.
14. No scheduled inflation adjustments will be applied over time.
15. Every managed lane corridor will operate under the same regional policy.
16. Adoption of this policy will have no impact on the Regional Transportation Council Excess Revenue Policy previously adopted.
17. The Regional Transportation Council requests that local governments and transportation authorities assign representatives to the Comprehensive Development Agreement procurement process.

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18. In CDA-leased corridors, the duration of the Comprehensive Development Agreement should maximize potential revenue.
19. Tolls will remain on the managed lanes after the Comprehensive Development Agreement duration.
20. Initially, managed lanes will be enforced manually with technology support. Over time, more advanced technology verification equipment will be phased in.

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