



Interstate 5 North Coast Express Lanes Project

FACT SHEET

GOALS

Reduce current and future traffic congestion on I-5 in the North San Diego Area;

Increase traffic capacity and provide long-range improvements for I-5;

Provide Express Lanes to enhance travel options for carpools, buses and single occupant vehicles; and

Improve coastal access.

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THE IMPROVEMENTS

Proposed improvements include two High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Express Lanes, in each direction between La Jolla Village Drive in San Diego and Harbor Drive in Oceanside/Camp Pendleton.

The Express Lanes would be free for carpools, vanpools and buses and be available to single occupant vehicles for a fee when there is enough capacity, similar to the existing Express Lanes on Interstate 15. Tolls for single occupant vehicles will increase as lanes reach capacity to encourage high occupancy and transit users.

EASING YOUR COMMUTE

The average daily traffic volume along this portion of freeway is more than 200,000 vehicles and is expected to reach more than 300,000 by 2030. Commute times within the corridor could reach 100 minutes if no improvements are made. The Express Lanes will maintain a free-flow 28-minute commute time to provide a travel time-savings Incentive for HOV and reduce demand on the general-purpose lanes.

MILESTONES

The Final Environmental Document was signed in October 2013. Caltrans anticipates receiving environmental permits summer 2014. The carpool lane from Manchester to Birmingham is anticipated to go to construction late 2015. This is the first segment of an 11 mile HOV extension from Manchester to State Route 78.



