

UNDERSTANDING EXPRESS TOLL LANES

Drivers Have a Choice

With ETLs, drivers have the choice of paying a toll to use the ETLs or continue to drive in the non-tolled lanes.

Better for Everyone

With vehicles spread out over two extra lanes in each direction, travel times, accidents and delays should decrease. ETLs will be available to Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) Bus Service riders, who can count on more reliable arrival times and connections. Less congestion means vehicles will spend less time sitting in traffic with engines idling, decreasing air pollution from emissions.

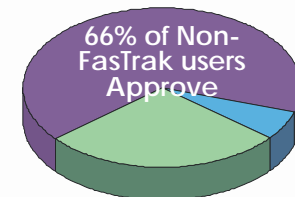
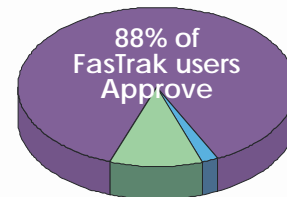
Tolls Collected using E-Z Pass

Tolls will be collected automatically as you travel at highway speeds through the electronic toll collection area. There are no toll booths, no need to slow down, and no need to stop. Toll rates will be set at fixed prices for different times of the day. During off-peak periods, when roads are less congested and traffic is flowing freely, tolls will be lower than during peak periods when traffic delays and back-ups tend to occur. Rates will be reviewed periodically.



User Satisfaction

In San Diego, extensive survey work has been done with users and non-users of the I-15 FasTrak express lanes to better understand drivers' attitudes and perceptions.



88% of users and 66% of non-users agree that the **express toll lanes work and save time.**

San Diego Association of Governments, I-15 Managed lanes Value Pricing Project Planning Study: Concept Plan, Volume 2 Public Outreach, February 2002.

Similar Facilities

Maryland

- Intercounty Connector (ICC)

Texas

- 183A
- US 290 East

California

- I-15
- SR-91
- I-5

Florida

- Tampa Hillsborough Express Lanes
- Miami-Dade Expressway

Minnesota

- I-394

Georgia

- I-75/575 Northwest Corridor
- I-20

Toronto

- 407 ETR

Colorado

- I-25

Express