

THE FACTS



Express/HOV/HOT Lanes

Express/HOV/HOT Lanes are restricted lanes that allow drivers to travel faster and avoid congestion on the main lanes of area freeways.

General Information

- 26.5 million riders in FY2018
- 95.1 million miles traveled
- Five major corridors operating on primarily on weekdays
- First HOV lane opened in 1984
- Each HOV corridor moves as many vehicles as three main lanes during rush hour

How are Rules Enforced?

- Patrolled by METRO Police Department and other law enforcement agencies
- Camera surveillance
- Violators can be fined up to \$200
- Toll collection and accounts managed by Harris County Toll Road Authority
- Revenue from fines goes to municipality in which the violation occurred

HOV ONLY Hours (Buses, Vanpools, Motorcycles, & Cars)

2+ IH-45 N & US-59 S
6:30-8:00 a.m. and 4:30-6:00 p.m.

IH-45 S
6:30-8:00 a.m. and 5:00-6:00 p.m.

US-59 N
6:30-8:00 a.m. and 4:30-6:00 p.m.

US-290
4:30-6:00 p.m.

3+ US-290
6:30-8:30 a.m.

Toll Access

- During non-HOV only hours
- Tolls vary by time of day and lane congestion
- No charge for decorated or disabled veterans
- All single occupant vehicles must have a toll tag
- Follow signs at entrances
- Multi-occupant vehicles not using HOV verification lane will be charged a toll