



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 7 million people live in the Dallas-Fort Worth region, and over 4 million different vehicles have used the LBJ and NTE TEXpress Lanes to date. The most common brands seen on TEXpress Lanes are Toyota, Ford and Honda. Five in 14 users are new to TEXpress Lanes each month and more than 10 in 14 users view TEXpress Lanes favorably.

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

The combination of non-tolled lanes and TEXpress Lanes accommodates over 500,000 trips every day on the NTE 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. The average TollTag user chooses the TEXpress Lanes for 1 in every 5 trips. Less than 1 percent of commuters choose the TEXpress Lanes for every trip.

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

The average TollTag user chooses the TEXpress Lanes occasionally and most drivers receive a bill for about \$5 - \$15 per month. Even the drivers who are on the highway 40+ times a week only choose the TEXpress Lanes for some of their trips and receive an average bill of \$35 per month.

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