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Life in the Fast Lane: What You Need to Know



Southern Californians have access to a vast network of carpool lanes and express toll lanes that are designed to save motorists time on the drive.

A few things you should know before hopping into the fast lane...

Carpool Lanes Are Free— Express Toll Lanes *Can* Be.

As long as you have the required number of people in the vehicle (and yes, kids count) you can use carpool lanes for free.

Express toll lanes on the 91, 15, 10 and 110 freeways allow carpoolers to ride free or at a discount. You must have an account with each agency, and passenger requirements vary. Get details on how to sign up for the 91 Express Lanes at 91expresslanes.com the 15 Express Lanes at riversideexpress.com and Metro ExpressLanes at metroexpresslanes.net.

Should You Cross That Line? Striping Explained.

Before entering carpool lanes, always look for signage to make sure you have enough riders to qualify. Also check the road striping.

- You may know that double yellow lines mean “do not enter,” but did you know that double white lines mean the same thing? Many carpool lanes have switched to double white lines so it’s important to know that crossing these lines is a violation with fees of \$490 or higher.
- If you see a single solid white line, you can enter/exit the carpool lane, but only if it’s safe to do so. This striping is meant to discourage drivers from crossing where they’re located (and it’s actually illegal to do so in some states).
- Stretches of carpool lane with dashed white lines are the preferred entry/exit points.

Metro ExpressLanes Now Allow People to More Affordably Use the Lanes Without an Account.

There’s a recent change to the toll policy on Metro ExpressLanes on the 10 and 110 Freeways.

In the past, if you entered the lanes without a valid FasTrak account, you’d get a violation notice of \$25 plus the posted toll.

To allow people to use the lanes even if they don’t have an account, **Metro recently dropped the violation fee to \$4 plus the toll.**

Ride Free This Summer

Summer means the return of free trolleys that shuttle riders to beaches, restaurants, local attractions and businesses.

Trolleys operating this summer include the **Dana Point Trolley**, **Laguna Niguel Summer Trolley**, **San Clemente Trolley** and **Mountain Transit’s Big Bear Trolley**.



Regional Connector Opening Soon

Great news for Metro Rail riders: The much-anticipated regional connector is opening June 16. It will allow riders a seamless journey from Azusa to Long Beach and from East Los Angeles to Santa Monica, through the downtown LA core. Get details at metro.net.



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