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## Want to Save Time by Using Express Lanes? 5 Things You Need to Know...

With the recent opening of express lanes on the 405 Freeway, more people than ever are wondering how they can take advantage of these time-saving lanes. Here are five things you need to know to use them:

1. Unlike carpool lanes—which are free to motorists who meet occupancy minimums (typically 2+ or 3+ passengers)—express lanes allow drivers to enjoy traffic-free lanes for a toll. This includes solo drivers.
2. Express lanes are always separated from general use lanes and marked by signage.
3. Carpools can ride free or at a discount on all Southern California express lanes, with varying restrictions.
  - **1-10 Metro ExpressLanes:** 3+ carpools travel toll-free at all hours. Vehicles with two occupants pay a toll during peak hours (5-9 a.m., 4-7 p.m.) but ride toll-free the rest of the time.
  - **1-110 Metro ExpressLanes:** 2+ carpools travel toll-free.
  - **405 Express Lanes:** 3+ carpools travel toll-free.
  - **91 Express Lanes:** 3+ carpools travel toll-free in a designated lane, except



eastbound, Monday through Friday, from 4 to 6 p.m. (when they get 50% off the posted toll).

- **15 Express Lanes:** 3+ carpools get a discount of 50% off the posted toll.
- 4. All vehicles using express lanes must have a **FasTrak transponder** with a valid account from which tolls can be deducted. Even carpools traveling free must have a transponder set to the number of people in the vehicle.
- 5. If you ride in any of Southern California's express lanes without a transponder, you'll receive a fine in the mail (based on the address registered to your license plate). Fines are typically \$25 and above per violation, except on the 110 and 10 freeways, where fines have been reduced to \$4 plus the posted toll.

## Carpool & Use Express Lanes Free or at a Discount

Don't have anyone to carpool with? Get help finding a carpool partner at [ridematch.info](https://ridematch.info), [IECommuter.org](https://IECommuter.org) or by calling 511. You'll get a list of people who live and work near you, work a similar schedule and may want to share the ride.

## Metrolink News

### Feb. 14 Isn't Just Valentine's Day—It's Customer Appreciation Day!

Metrolink will be sharing a little Valentine's Day love on its annual Customer Appreciation Day, Feb. 14.

Metrolink representatives will greet riders during the morning hours with candy, giveaways and more during pop-up events at select stations on each of its seven lines.

Find out more at [metrolinktrains.com](https://metrolinktrains.com).

### Join Metrolink for a Lunar New Year Celebration

Metrolink will ring in the Lunar New Year with a celebration at its Irvine Station on Feb. 17 at 8 a.m. The event will feature free refreshments, a traditional lion dance, prizes and more.

The first 100 people to arrive will get free tickets to ride the train to the Golden Dragon Parade in Los Angeles.

Get details at [octa.net](https://octa.net).



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