

# I-95 Express Lanes

*From Garrisonville Road in Stafford County to just north of Edsall Road on I-395 in Fairfax County*



Photo Source: Transurban

The Commonwealth of Virginia and its private partners, Transurban and Fluor, are delivering new travel choices, supporting thousands of jobs, and expanding HOV service with the I-95 Express Lanes.

## Project Background

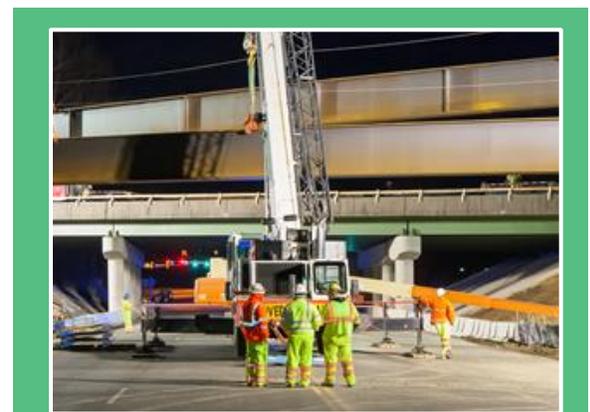
The I-95 Express Lanes are being built from Garrisonville Road in Stafford County to just north of Edsall Road on I-395 in Fairfax County to provide a new option for motorists who choose to pay a toll to access congestion-free lanes with reliable travel times. The project also delivers expanded and enhanced service for carpoolers, transit, motorcycles, and emergency responders who can use the lanes for free. Express Lanes operate on a supply and demand principle where advanced technology continuously monitors traffic volume and adjusts tolls to manage traffic levels to maintain free-flowing conditions. Fully electronic tolling will enable commuters to enter and travel on the Express Lanes without stopping at toll booths, slowing down or disrupting overall traffic flow.

## Adds capacity, relieves bottlenecks, provides more choices

- Building a nine-mile extension of existing HOV lanes from Dumfries to Garrisonville Road in Stafford County to alleviate worst bottleneck in the region
- Expanding existing HOV lanes from two to three lanes for 14 miles between Prince William Parkway to the vicinity of Edsall Road on I-395
- Improving existing two HOV lanes for six miles from Rt. 234 to Prince William Parkway

## Creates a regional HOV/transit network with a seamless connection to 495 Express Lanes, Tysons Corner, Dulles Airport

- Adding new access points to connect HOV lanes to Virginia-based destinations and major military sites
- Adding two new HOV lanes from Dumfries to Route 610 in Garrisonville



## Supports jobs, boosts local economy

- Supports nearly 12,600 jobs and generates \$1.54 billion in economic activity
- Gets businesses moving again on I-95 by increasing flow of goods, employees and services
- Reduces time and money lost every year due to traffic congestion
- Helps address the impact of Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Commission with a new and improved HOV network



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### Keeping traffic moving

- Project will use all-electronic tolling with no toll booths; digital message signs will display current toll rates
- Continuously monitoring of traffic levels and adjust tolls based on real-time traffic conditions to limit number of toll-payers entering Express Lanes and keep traffic moving
- Drivers will be charged based on distance traveled and current toll rates
- Contract requires operator to maintain average speeds of at least 55 mph, which is higher than what is required by federal law
- Construction of new capacity and better enforcement will make more room in HOV lanes

### Better trip for carpoolers

- E-ZPass® and enhanced enforcement mean fewer violators in the lanes
- Relief from Dumfries bottleneck where the HOV lanes currently end
- Access to new destinations including Stafford County, Tysons Corner and Ft. Belvoir
- Additional lane added to HOV lanes between Prince William Parkway to Edsall Road

### Using Express Lanes

- HOV-3+ will travel toll-free all day, every day
- Buses, motorcycles and emergency vehicles travel toll-free
- Hybrids may not use Express Lanes for free unless they have three people in the car
- Express Lanes requirement in effect at all times, not just during rush hour
- HOV lanes north of Edsall Road will remain HOV-3+ only

### Improved safety

- Express Assist safety crews will be stationed along the lanes to assist disabled vehicles
- Project will fund more Virginia State Police for I-95
- Fourteen new enforcement bays and pull-off areas
- At least one full, 10-foot shoulder for the entire length of the project; lanes south of Prince William Parkway will have 10-foot shoulders on both sides
- Full video coverage will help efficiently identify and address incidents

For more information, please visit [vappta.org](http://vappta.org)



### Total Project Cost

\$922.6 million

### Funding Sources

- TIFIA loan - \$300.0 million
- Private Activity Bonds - \$252.6 million
- Commonwealth of Virginia Grant - \$82.6 million
- Private Equity - \$280.4 million
- TIFIA Capitalized Interest - \$6.5 million
- Interest Earnings - \$0.6 million

