



**ExpressLanes**

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## I-395 Express Lanes Project

The I-395 Express Lanes project will extend the existing I-95/395 Express Lanes for eight miles north to near the D.C. line. The project will convert the existing HOV lanes on I-395 to three High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes, which can be used by HOV 3+ vehicles for free, and by other permitted vehicles for a fee (toll). Vanpools and carpools with three or more people in the vehicle will continue to travel for free with an E-ZPass® Flex<sup>SM</sup> set to HOV mode. Those willing to pay a toll will be able to access the Lanes 24/7 with an E-ZPass®. For more information about the I-395 Express Lanes project and how to use the Express Lanes, visit [www.395ExpressLanes.com](http://www.395ExpressLanes.com).

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in partnership with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and working with the project's General Engineering Contractor, Concessionaire, local jurisdictions and transportation planning and service provider stakeholder developed a Network Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to minimize work zone impacts during construction of the Express Lanes.



## I-395 Express Lanes Carpool Incentive Program

One of the strategies developed for the Network TMP is a carpool incentive program designed to increase the number of carpools traveling I-395. An existing 'Pool Rewards program, through Commuter Connections, provides up to \$130 over 90 days for new carpools through a trip-tracking process. Starting January 1, 2018, to further incentivize carpooling in the I-395 corridor, the 'Pool Rewards program will offer an additional \$100 to participants who join a new three-person carpool or add a third person to an existing two-person carpool during a three-month period for new carpools in the I-395 corridor.

For more information, please contact staff at [ridematching@mwkog.org](mailto:ridematching@mwkog.org) or call 1-800-745-RIDE.

## I-395 Carpool Incentive Program Eligibility Requirements

1. Individuals commuting to work along I-395 in new or newly expanded carpools with at least two other people (HOV3+)
2. Each new carpool must commute to work an average of two or more weekdays for the duration of the 90-day program.
3. Applicants must not have used an alternative commute mode (i.e., carpool, vanpool, transit, bicycle, walk) more than three days in the 30 days prior to applying for 'Pool Rewards.

Other rules and limitations apply. Participants must fully read all guidelines before being considered and for participation. For more information on the program and to learn how to register see: <https://www.commuterconnections.org/commuters/ridesharing/pool-rewards/pool-rewards-carpools/>

## Carpool Incentive Application Instructions and Requirements

1. Go to: <https://tdm.commuterconnections.org/mwcog/>
2. Log in or sign up if you are a new user
3. When prompted to select a program, select "Pool Rewards" (among other programs, like Guaranteed Ride Home)
4. Register a new carpool (or join a registered carpool)
5. Log your trips on your Commuter Connections profile in mobile app or online each time you carpool

All users must log their trips according to the 'Pool Rewards Requirements to receive the incentive. Participating commuters must carpool to travel to work a minimum of 26 days over the assigned 90-day period to qualify. Participants will also be required to complete short surveys as part of the program.

All incentives will be provided in the form of a check and will be mailed to your home/ mailing address as provided in your profile after the program period is concluded and your survey(s) are completed.