The 495 and 95 Express Lanes use dynamic pricing to help manage the flow of traffic to get you to your destination on time. Dynamic pricing means that tolls on the Express Lanes change periodically to keep the Lanes free-flowing. As traffic increases, the toll price goes up to manage demand and keep you moving at highway speeds. Without dynamic pricing, drivers would continue to enter the Express Lanes and speeds would slow.

**EXPRESS LANES OPERATIONS CENTER**

We collect real-time roadside data from within the Express Lanes corridor. The information is fed into a toll pricing algorithm, which calculates the tolls drivers see on pricing signs and ensures travel speeds of at least 55 mph in the Lanes.

**TOLL PRICES**

On-road technology collects data from more than 20 small segments within the Express Lanes corridor to price specific trips on the Lanes.

As traffic increases, the toll price goes up to manage demand. Toll prices adjust as often as every 15 minutes.

**MANAGING TRAFFIC**

Because there is a requirement to maintain minimum average speeds on the Express Lanes, there is no toll cap. The dynamic toll on the Express Lanes helps ensure the requirements are met.

While tolls during off-peak hours aren’t always necessary to manage demand, they cover on-going operational and maintenance costs.

**SENSORS**

Sensors are located every 1/3 mile along the Express Lanes corridor and measure traffic volume and speed to calculate density. Density is how crowded the Lanes are.
How Density on the Express Lanes Affects Tolls

We measure the traffic density in segments along the Express Lanes to price your trip. In the example above, you would see a toll price of $4.60 to travel from your entry point to your destination. The toll price includes the cost of each segment within your trip. To manage demand and provide a more reliable trip, the price of a segment will increase as traffic within the segment increases.

**Toll Price Statistics***

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* Covers the period from April 1, 2015 to June 31, 2015.

**Driver Resources**

To learn more about Express Lanes pricing or to view current road conditions, you can:

- Visit the Pricing page to learn how to read the on-road pricing signs
- View traffic cameras and review current toll prices on the On the Road Now page
- Check out the Historic Rates page to find approximate trip costs before hitting the road or to see the toll price for past trips