

Fact Sheet: Signage on Northwest Corridor Express Lanes



The State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) are finalizing the construction and testing phases of the Northwest Corridor Express Lanes to increase options and mitigate congestion for Georgia commuters traveling north of Atlanta. The Express Lanes, which add new capacity for I-75 and I-575 motorists, opened on Sept. 8, 2018.

The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes are reversible lanes that run along and through I-75 and I-575 in Cobb and Cherokee counties. The 29.7 miles of dynamically priced lanes are separated from the general purposes lanes by an elevated bridge or concrete barrier and a series of gates, offering the highest level of safety.

There are various signs to help you navigate through the Express Lanes and as you approach the toll facility. See below to learn more about the signs you can expect to see as you navigate the region's first reversible toll lanes.

Mile Marker and Entrance Signage

When motorists are driving on I-75 north of Atlanta, the first signs they should look for are the Peach Pass mile marker signs. Signs with mile markers start about two miles before the reversible Northwest Corridor Express Lanes begin and continue at 2 miles, 1 mile and ½ mile increments away from the Express Lanes. These signs are also the first signs to notify motorists if the Express Lanes are open or closed. The distance or the text "ENTRANCE" will be displayed if the lanes are open and replaced with the text "CLOSED" when the lanes are closed.

In addition, signage will inform motorists of rates to a destination and which direction they are going in.

Driving on major arterials, motorists will be notified about the destinations and rates the express lanes will take them as they approach the interstate.



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Signage will show direction and rates to a destination.

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Speed and Toll Rates Signage

As motorists get closer to the Northwest Corridor Express Lanes from the interstate (I-75, I-285 and I-575), they will see two different signs that show them how fast the Express Lanes are moving and what the current toll rates are. The speed and rate shown on the signs can help motorists decide whether they want to enter the Express Lanes at that time.

Between 2 miles and 1½ miles away from the Express Lanes entrance, motorists will see a sign showing them how fast the Express Lanes and the General Purpose Lanes, called “Local,” are moving.

Once motorists are about ¾ of a mile away from the entrance, they will see the toll rate sign. On the toll rate sign, the top rate is the cost from that entrance to the next exit and the bottom rate is the total cost from that entrance to the last exit of the toll facility.

Entry and Exit Signage

Motorists will see entrance signs at various points along the Express Lanes directing them to the entrance points, slip lanes, or weave zones. Exit signs are also located at various points to notify motorists when they can exit. Motorists can exit the Express Lanes by using local exits and express exits.

Accessing the Express Lanes

There are several designated entry and exit points, or “access points” depending on time of day on the Northwest Corridor Express Lanes. Drivers will be able to access the Express Lanes from six interchanges along I-75: at I-285, Terrell Mill Road, Roswell Road, I-575, Big Shanty Road and Hickory Grove Road, as well as three slip ramps along I-575, which will allow commuters to enter or exit the facility from the general lanes on I-575 and I-75.

Approaching the Ramp: The first sign for the ramp is located 1 ½ miles away from its entrance. This sign will let motorists know if the entrance ramp is open and if they can turn from arterial roads including Hickory Grove Road onto the Express Lanes at the intersection. If the ramp is closed, this sign will notify motorists by replacing the text with “CLOSED.”

As motorists get closer to most intersections, they will also see signs letting them know how fast the lanes are moving and the current toll rate. Similar to other entry points, these signs will help motorists decide if they would like to enter the Express Lanes.

Entering and Exiting the Ramp

A sign with an arrow will point motorists in the direction of the entrance to the Express Lanes when they are able to enter from the intersection.

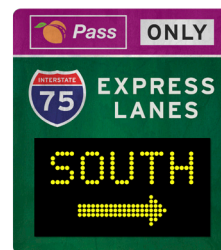
However, motorists will see two signs when they are looking to exit the Express Lanes using the ramp. These signs will be lined up side-by-side to help motorists decide if they want to get off at the Express Exit or stay in the Express Lanes.



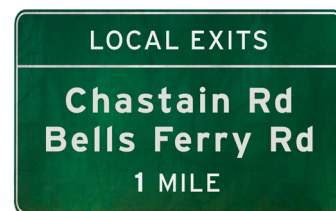
Signage will show how fast the Express Lanes are moving compared to the General Purpose Lanes.



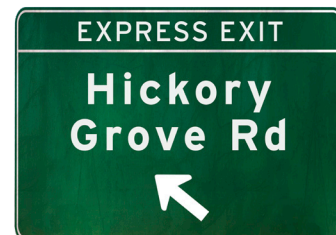
The toll rate sign shows the cost from that entrance to the exit listed.



Signs show you where to enter the Express Lanes from an intersection.



Exit the Express Lanes by using the Local Exits and Express Exits.



Motorists can get off at the Express Exit or stay in the Express Lanes.

