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## Finishing Touches on I-580 Express Lanes Begin New express lanes to open in February

ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif. The I-580 Express Lanes, spanning approximately 14 miles through Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore, are scheduled to open in mid-February 2016, after the completion of final sign installation and testing and lane striping. The exact opening date is weather dependent – stay tuned!

Remaining activities underway include the installation of informational signage and final testing of the FasTrak<sup>®</sup> toll tag readers and associated systems on the two eastbound express lanes and one westbound express lane.

Express lanes increase the efficiency of our transportation system for commuters, transit and freight by taking advantage of existing infrastructure – giving solo drivers the option to pay a toll for access into the carpool lanes when there is excess capacity. The I-580 lanes will feature near continuous access, so drivers can enter at almost any point instead of waiting for dedicated entry and exit zones.

The I-580 Express Lanes are toll-free for carpools and those eligible to use carpool lanes (vanpools, buses and eligible clean-air vehicles) as long as they have a FasTrak Flex toll tag mounted and set to 2 or 3+. FasTrak Flex is a new type of FasTrak tag that allows drivers to designate if they are driving solo or carpooling. FasTrak Flex toll tags can be purchased at Costco, Safeway or Walgreens stores in the Tri-Valley, or online at [www.bayareafastrak.org](http://www.bayareafastrak.org).

### [About the I-580 Express Lanes Project](#)

The I-580 Express Lanes are specially designated highway lanes in the Tri-Valley corridor – through Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore – that are toll-free for carpools, vanpools, motorcycles, buses and eligible clean-air vehicles as long as they carry a FasTrak Flex toll tag set to 2 or 3+. Solo drivers can choose to pay a toll using a FasTrak or FasTrak Flex toll tag to access the lanes for reliable travel times. [Watch the I-580 Express Lanes video.](#)

### **About the Alameda County Transportation Commission**

Alameda CTC coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers essential, voter-supported transportation improvements in every city throughout Alameda County. Funding sources for Alameda CTC's expenditure plans include Measure B, approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000, and Measure BB, approved by more than 70 percent of voters in 2014. Visit [www.AlamedaCTC.org](http://www.AlamedaCTC.org) to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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