



## Frequently Asked Questions: I-85 Express Lanes Extension

### When will the I-85 Express Lanes Extension open?

The I-85 Express Lanes Extension is scheduled to open in fall 2018.

### What is the I-85 Express Lanes Extension?

The I-85 Express Lanes Extension adds 10 miles of managed lanes, north of the existing I-85 Express Lanes. The I-85 Express Lanes Extension are all additional capacity lanes. In addition, general purpose lanes were constructed between I-985 and Hamilton Mill Road in Buford.

### Where does the I-85 Express Lanes Extension begin and end?

The I-85 Express Lanes Extension begins along I-85 at Old Peachtree Road and extends to Hamilton Mill Road.

#### ■ Northbound exits include:

- Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road
- I-985
- SR 20 Buford Drive
- Hamilton Mill Road

#### ■ Southbound exits include:

- SR 20 Buford Drive
- Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road
- Old Peachtree Road
- Continue onto I-85 Express Lanes



### Where can I access the I-85 Express Lanes Extension?

When traveling north in the I-85 Express Lanes, motorists will see a sign showing the new destination points with a section that reads "NEW TOLL RATES." When motorists are traveling southbound on I-85, they will see signs with the destination and toll rates for the I-85 Express Lanes Extension. Once traveling in the I-85 Express Lanes Extension, they will see a sign with new destination points and the section reading "NEW TOLL RATES" prior to the I-85 Express Lanes beginning.



When accessing the I-85 Express Lanes Extension, a sign will have a section reading "NEW TOLL RATES".

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## Who will be able to use the I-85 Express Lanes Extension?

Any motorist with a registered account and an active Peach Pass mounted on their vehicle will be able to access the I-85 Express Lanes Extension. As with the I-85 Express Lanes, HOV3+, AFV, motorcycles and transit vehicles will continue to ride for free on the I-85 Express Lanes Extension.

## How much will the toll cost?

**The I-85 Express Lanes Extension will be charged separately from the original I-85 Express Lanes.** This makes it easier for customers who may only want to travel on one or the other. After traveling in the Express Lanes, customers will see two separate charges on their Peach Pass account as 85 A (I-85 Express Lanes) and 85 B (I-85 Express Lanes Extension).

Charging for the extension separate from the existing I-85 Express Lanes allows for the toll pricing to reflect the typically lower level of congestion that will be experienced on the Extension than on the portion of the existing lanes closer to I-285. If both segments were priced together, the pricing will be based on the higher levels of congestion that occur closer to I-285, resulting in the extension pricing being higher than traffic conditions warrant on the new 10 mile section.

Georgia's Express Lanes are dynamically priced, meaning as demand for use of the lanes increases, the toll amount rises to ensure that you experience more reliable trip times.

The minimum toll rate for all Georgia Express Lanes is \$0.10 per mile. You can also expect toll rates above the \$0.10 per mile minimum to vary based on travel conditions at each express lane facility rather than a predetermined max rate. During periods of very low demand, per mile toll rates on an express lane facility may be replaced with a fixed toll of \$0.50 per trip, regardless of the length of the trip.

You can see the posted toll amount before you enter, allowing you to decide whether you want to use the lanes. Tolls are collected electronically with no toll booths requiring you to slow down or stop.

Toll rates are displayed at each lane entry point on changeable message signs. The top rate displayed on the sign is the fee from the upcoming entry point to the next exit, while the bottom rate is the fee from that entry point to the last Express Lane exit. When you exit between entry points, the toll rate will be between the two displayed rates. Once you enter, your toll rate does not change.



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