

YOLO 80 MANAGED LANES PROJECT

Improving Mobility for All

Serving as the critical link between the Bay Area and Sacramento, the I-80 corridor in Yolo County faces traffic congestion on most days of the week. This project will build a new **dynamically tolled express lane** to reduce congestion and travel time, enhance transit efficiency, and improve bicycle travel between Davis and Sacramento.

WHAT THIS PROJECT WILL DO



Reduce Congestion

Construct a new tolled express lane along a section of I-80, reducing bottlenecks without expanding the causeway footprint.



Prioritize Transit

Prioritize transit and carpools with adaptively managed lanes, reducing climate emissions and traffic congestion.



Safe, Low-Stress Bicycle Facilities

Upgrade existing bike paths, ensuring safe and pleasant cycling on both the Davis and West Sacramento approaches.



Support Local Communities

Mitigate cut-through traffic and reinvest toll revenue in local communities, with a focus on underserved communities.

WHY EXPRESS LANES?

- Faster and more **reliable travel** times
- **Choice and flexibility:** choose whether to use free general lanes or pay for a faster trip
- **Reduces cut-through traffic** onto local roads
- Encourages **carpooling and public transit** use
- Toll **revenue is reinvested** into local transportation improvements
- Smoother traffic flow reduces idling and **lowers vehicle emissions**

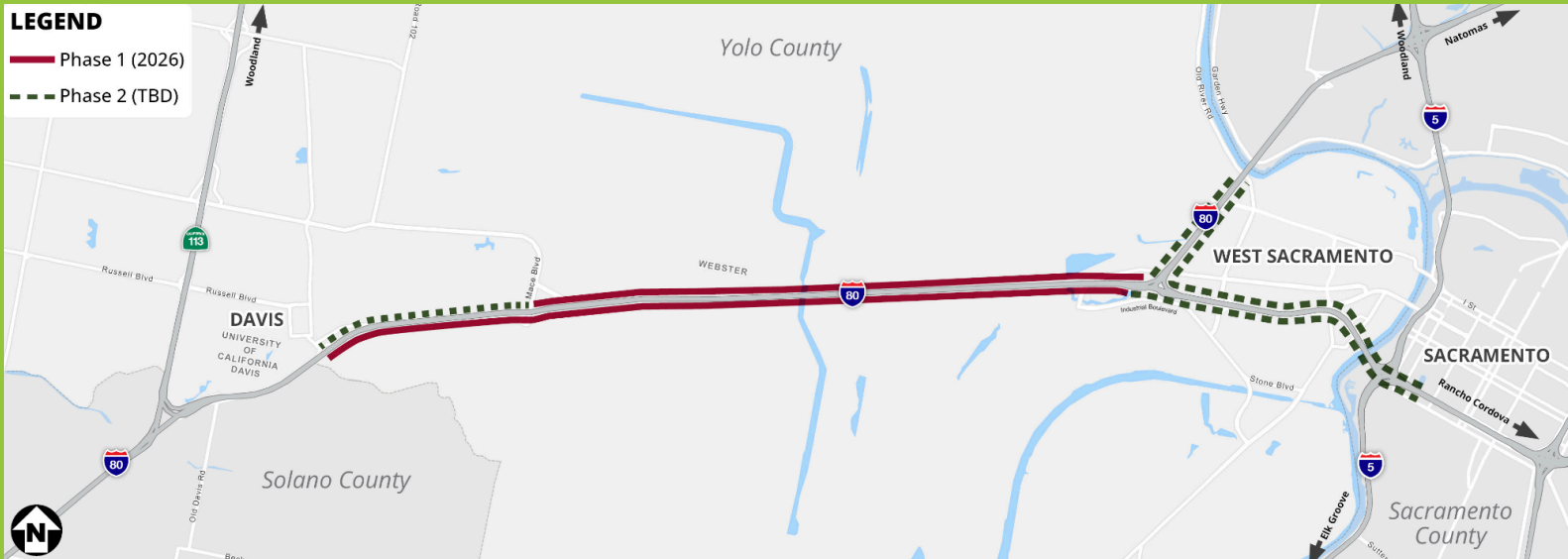
PROJECT SCHEDULE

Subject to Change



PROJECT AREA

Phase 1 of the project area includes a stretch of I-80 in Yolo County between Richards Blvd (EB) / Mace Rd (WB) in Davis and the I-80/50 Interchange in West Sacramento.



LEARN MORE

YoloTD provides information on project benefits and updates. Caltrans is the hub for construction updates and environmental review. CARTA maintains a robust FAQ on tolling and express lanes.

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Yolo Transportation District (YoloTD) is a community-centered transportation agency dedicated to helping people get where they need to be. In addition to public transit, YoloTD works to deliver forward-looking multimodal solutions for safe and seamless mobility across Yolo County. To this end we collaborate with local, regional, and statewide partners on transportation planning projects for highways, streets, and pedestrian/bicycle paths; manage traffic congestion; and promote sustainable transportation.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are express lanes?

Express lanes are designed to improve traffic flow and offer a faster, more reliable trip. Express lanes are tolled, based on dynamic pricing where costs adjust based on real-time traffic levels to offer travel speeds of 45 mph or greater. Drivers pay for express lanes across California using a FasTrak® transponder.

Who can use the express toll lanes?

Use of the tolled express lanes is not mandatory—drivers can choose to use the existing lanes at no charge. Passenger vehicles with 1 or 2 people pay tolls based on real-time traffic. Buses, motorcycles, 3+ person carpools, and vanpools can travel in the express lane toll-free.

Why build express lanes instead of just expanding the freeway?

The Yolo 80 Managed Lanes Project intends to improve how the existing roadway functions by actively managing traffic conditions. Instead of simply adding general purpose lanes—which studies show often fill up quickly and do not solve congestion long-term—tolled express lanes ease traffic by providing drivers with the option of choosing faster, less congested routes. This leads to improved overall traffic flow and reduced travel times for drivers in the toll lane and in the free lanes. Additionally, the revenue generated from tolling can be reinvested into transportation improvements, further enhancing the efficiency and sustainability of the road network.

Who will manage the toll lanes?

The Capital Area Regional Tolling Authority (CARTA) manages the toll lanes and revenue for the Yolo 80 project. CARTA is a Joint Powers Authority between the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), YoloTD, and Caltrans District 3 to manage and operate tolls in the Sacramento region and create a centralized regional system. For more information visit <https://carta.ca.gov/>.

How will toll revenue be used?

By law, toll revenues must be spent in the corridor where they are collected. Revenues first cover operations and maintenance costs, with remaining funds reinvested into community transportation improvements likely including road maintenance and public transit programs. CARTA will adopt an expenditure plan through a transparent public process.

Is this project only for people who can afford to pay tolls?

The managed lanes are optional. Drivers always have the choice to use the free lanes at no cost. Also, carpools, vanpools, transit buses, and certain qualifying vehicles may travel free or at reduced cost depending on vehicle occupancy and established policy. Additionally, the project emphasizes reducing cut-through traffic onto local roads, prioritizing transit, income-based discounts, and reinvestment of toll revenues into corridor improvements that benefit the broader community.

How does this project benefit people who choose to bike and walk?

Active transportation is a meaningful part of the project. Bicycle and pedestrian path improvements, especially on the Causeway and at key connections, are designed to make biking and walking safer, easier, and more pleasant.

Are other managed lanes being built in the Sacramento region?

Toll lanes are anticipated to be built over the next 20 years on the most congested portions of Interstate 80, Interstate 5, State Route 99, State Route 65, and Highway 50. Three toll lane projects are currently in development: on I-80 from Davis to West Sacramento in Yolo County, on I-5 from the Sacramento Int'l Airport to downtown Sacramento, and on SR 65 in Placer County. The Yolo 80 project is under construction. The other two projects are in the environmental phase and are being developed with input from residents, drivers, and elected officials.