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# Managed Lanes

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# What Are Managed Lanes?

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- Dedicated Lanes on Freeway or Arterial
- Apply One or More Advanced Operational Strategies:
  - Congestion Pricing
  - Vehicle Preferences
  - Intelligent Transportation Systems (Technology)
- Lanes Actively Managed to Meet Pre-Defined Performance Objectives

# Dedicating Lanes

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- Express Lanes
- Reversible Lanes
- Egress/Ingress Minimized
- Barriers?
- How Many Lanes?



# Congestion Pricing

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- Variable Pricing: tolls by Time of Day per Schedule
- Dynamic Pricing: tolls raised/lowered every 15 min to distribute traffic flow and reach LOS “C” target



# Vehicle Preferences

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- High-Occupancy Vehicles (Including Transit)
- Trucks
- Transit
- Trucks + Transit = Long-Length Vehicles



# ITS Applications: Information and Management Tools

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- Comprehensive Real-Time Highway Performance Information
- Tools to Control Flow





# Merging Concepts: HOT Lanes

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- High Occupancy Vehicles + Congestion Pricing
- High Occupancy Vehicles May Be Limited to Registered Carpools, Vanpools, and Transit



# Performance Objectives for Managed Lanes

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- Reduce Delay from both Recurring and Non-Recurring Congestion
- Improve Vehicle, Person, and Goods Throughput
- Improve Safe Operation of Expressway Facility



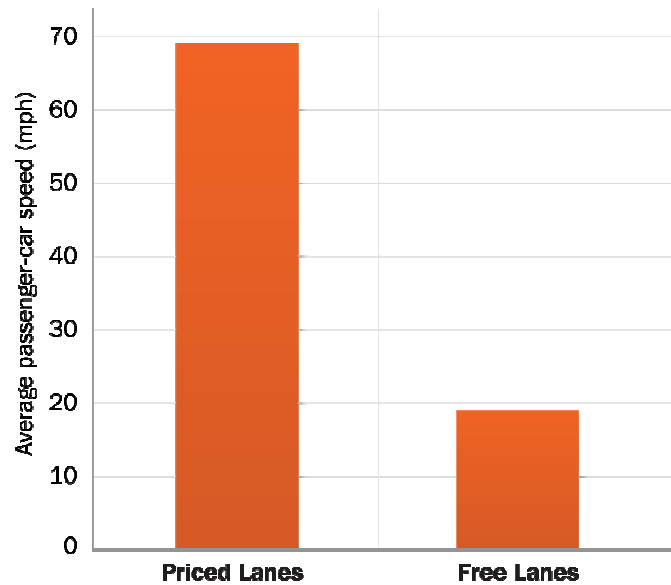
# Road Pricing: SR 91 Impacts

## Comparison of Speeds and Vehicle Throughput

on lanes with and without congestion pricing, State Route 91, California

### Speed

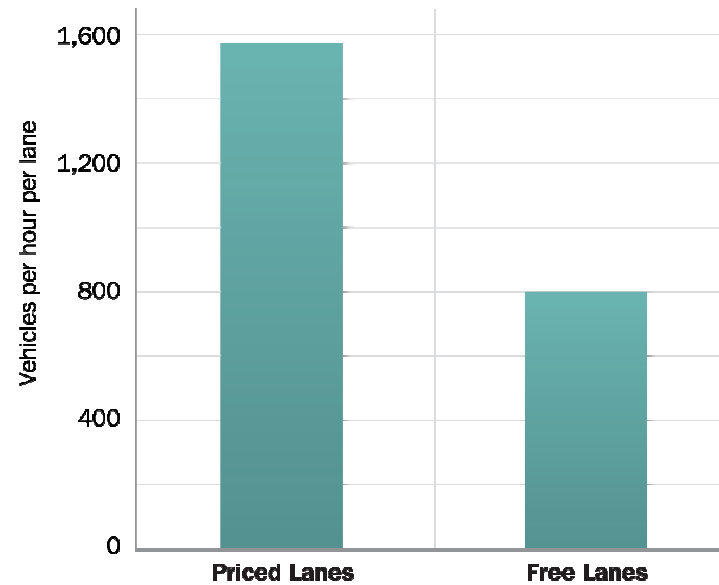
Traffic speeds during rush hours on State Route 91



Source: USDOT's Congestion Pricing Primer

### Throughput

Peak period vehicle throughput during the hour with heaviest traffic on State Route 91



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# The Case for Managed Lanes

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By Managing Lanes (Dedicating Lanes, Using Advanced Strategies, and Technologies), Metropolitan Chicago Can:

- Reduce or Eliminate Congestion on Managed Facilities
- Improve Peak-Period Throughput
- Improve Speeds
- Reduce Crashes and Highway Casualties