

New rules of the road

HOT lanes operate differently than HOV lanes on other highways.

SR 167 drivers need to know:

No double-crossing

The HOT lane is separated from general purpose lanes by a double white line. It is illegal to cross the double white line. All vehicles may enter and exit the HOT lanes only at designated entry points marked by signs and a single dashed line.



Watch the signs

New signs inform drivers of approaching HOT lane access points a half-mile before each dashed-line entrance zone. These signs and the dashed line indicate where transit, carpools and toll-paying solo drivers may enter and exit the HOT lane. An electronic sign displays the current toll price at each access point. Solo drivers pay one toll per trip for the amount displayed when they first enter the HOT lane and if the lane switches to HOV only, they are allowed to stay.

Heavy fines for HOT lanes violators

WSDOT is partnering with the Washington State Patrol to monitor HOT lane traffic. Drivers caught crossing the double white lines, not paying a toll or violating the carpool requirement will be cited and fined \$124 or more.

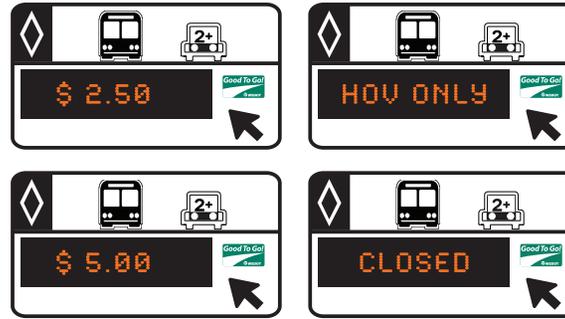


New signs along HOT lanes

Half mile before HOT lanes entrance zone



Current toll rate and roadway status



Regulatory signs



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HOT LANES

USER GUIDE

www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR167/HOTLanes

HOT lanes are your ticket to the fast lane when you can't afford to be late.



Washington State Department of Transportation is evaluating the state's first-ever high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes on State Route 167. This four-year pilot will test how HOT lanes can be used to improve traffic flow by making the carpool lanes more efficient.

The HOV lanes were converted to a single HOT lane in each direction along nine miles between Renton and Auburn, allowing solo drivers to use the carpool lanes by paying a toll. To use the lanes, solo drivers need to open a *Good To Go!* electronic toll account and install a transponder on the interior side of their windshield.

For more information about SR 167 HOT Lanes Pilot Project, go to www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR167/HOTLanes.

Good To Go! means no toll booths

To use HOT lanes, solo drivers must open a *Good To Go!* electronic toll account and attach a transponder to the inside of their windshield*.



* The windshield transponder cannot be used on certain vehicles with metallicized windshields.

Good To Go! users with metallicized windshields should contact customer service at 1-866-936-8246 for more information.

HOT lanes improve traffic flow in all lanes.

What are HOT lanes?

HOT lanes give solo drivers the option to pay an electronic toll to use the carpool lanes on SR 167.

Why HOT lanes?

WSDOT is looking at ways to give commuters more options and move more people on SR 167 by making the carpool lanes more efficient.

How much would the HOT lanes cost?

The toll changes as congestion increases or decreases. Solo drivers could pay anywhere between \$0.50 and \$9.

Who can use the HOT lanes?

Carpools, vanpools, buses and motorcycles may use the HOT lanes toll-free and do not need a transponder. Solo drivers with a valid *Good To Go!* transponder can also use the HOT lanes by paying the posted toll.

Who cannot use the HOT lanes?

Solo drivers without a valid *Good To Go!* transponder and trucks over 10,000 lbs gross vehicle weight regardless of the number of occupants are not allowed to use the HOT lanes.

When can I use the HOT lanes?

Check signs on the roadway for current hours of operation.

More answers to common questions can be found on www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR167/HOTLanes/faq.

Transponder shield for carpoolers

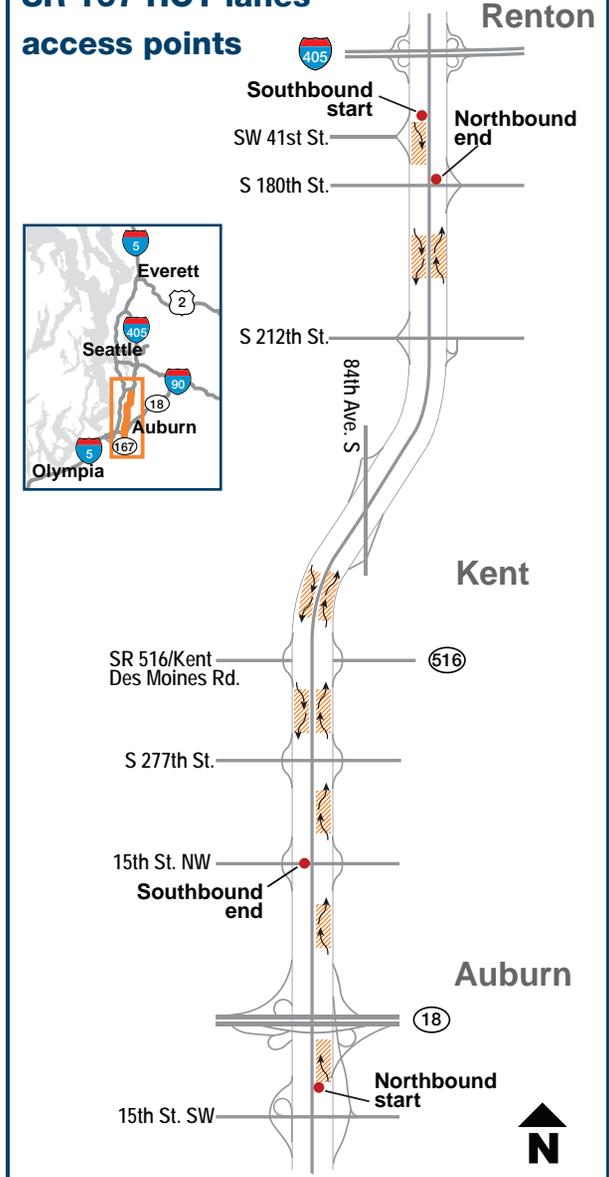
Drivers who have a transponder may purchase a shield to deactivate their transponder** when carpooling in HOT lanes. Motorcyclists who have a transponder for the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge do not need to shield their transponders when using HOT lanes. The system automatically recognizes them.



** External transponders, such as license plate mounted transponders, cannot be shielded.

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access points



How do I open a *Good To Go!* account and get a transponder or order a shield?

Call *Good To Go!* customer service at 1-866-WDOT2GO (1-866-936-8246) or go online to www.wsdot.wa.gov/goodtoGo to open a *Good To Go!* account or order a shield.

