



## Green Lanes Plan

### What is the Illinois Tollway Green Lanes Plan?

- Dedicated lanes for ride sharing commuters with two or more people, van pools and buses paying the current I-PASS rate, as well as solo drivers and hybrid vehicles paying a variable toll rate. Tolls collected electronically to ensure that traffic in the Green Lanes is free flowing.

### Where are Green Lanes in use?

HOT – High Occupancy Toll lanes have been successful and popular in other U.S. states -- they are in operation in California, Texas, Minnesota and Colorado.

- SR 91 HOT lanes in San Diego save drivers 12-13 minutes of travel time on average along a 10-mile corridor.
- In Seattle, HOT lanes move more than one-third of the people on rush-hour freeways in only about 19 percent of the vehicles.
- Minnesota support for HOT lanes was consistent across all income groups – 71 percent higher income, 61 percent middle income and 64percent lower income.

<b>Existing U.S. HOT Lanes and Rates</b>			
<b>Location</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Rate Range</b>	
		<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>
Orange County, CA	SR 91	\$1.25	\$9.50
San Diego, CA	I-15	\$0.50	\$8.00
Denver, CO	I-25, I-36	\$0.50	\$3.25
Minneapolis, MN	I-394	\$1.00	\$8.00
Seattle, WA	SR 167	\$0.50	\$9.00

### What are the benefits?

#### Less pollution

- Reducing congestion reduces the amount of time that traffic sits idle, which improves air quality by reducing emissions. Carbon monoxide from vehicle emissions is a major contributor to air pollution.

#### Reliable travel times

- By using Green Lanes, daily commute times will be more consistent. Reduces congestion during peak periods, which helps reduce travel times for those who must travel then.

#### Save money

- According to the Alliance to Save Energy, using the average U.S. work commute of 12.1 miles, commuters could save about \$300 a year by carpooling twice a week with two other people in a vehicle that gets 20.1 miles per gallon – assuming the three passengers share the cost of gas.

#### Commute Options

- Green Lanes will be shared with transit such as PACE Buses providing an opportunity to utilize a more efficient transportation system.