About the Project

The State Route 94 (SR 94) Express Lanes Project proposes to connect the Interstate 805 (I-805) South Express Lanes with Downtown San Diego by constructing two new Express Lanes along SR 94, one in each direction, and a new direct connector between SR 94 and I-805. The SR 94 Express Lanes would accommodate new Bus Rapid Transit service in addition to carpools/vanpools – also known as high occupancy vehicles (HOV) – traveling between South Bay and Downtown San Diego. The project would also modify interchanges, connectors, and bridge overcrossings and undercrossings within the project limits. The FasTrak electronic toll system may be implemented in the future to allow single occupant vehicles to use the Express Lanes for a fee.

The SR 94 Express Lanes would connect to a wider network of Express Lanes on I-805 and, at a future date, on State Route 15 (SR 15), creating a critical link for the regional multimodal transportation system.

The end result would be a flexible freeway system that increases transportation choices and improves traffic and interchange operations for commuter and transit riders, and enhances connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists within the local community.

Project Alternatives

The SR 94 Express Lanes Project will be analyzed in an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) and associated engineering studies. The EIR/EIS will evaluate three alternatives: two build alternatives and one no-build alternative.

Alternative 1

- At-grade Express Lanes would be constructed in the median of SR 94, beginning just east of 22nd Street and extending to just east of SR 15, transitioning to an elevated I-805/SR 94 connector that extends to just north of Hilltop Drive on I-805.
- The left-hand freeway-to-freeway connectors at the SR 94/SR 15 Interchange would be replaced with standard right-hand connectors.
- The eastbound on-ramp from 32nd Street and westbound on-ramp from 49th Street to SR 94 would be removed to improve weaving and merging conditions.
- The existing northbound SR 15 to westbound SR 94 loop connector would be removed to improve weaving and merging conditions.

Alternative 2

- At-grade Express Lanes would be constructed in the median of SR 94, beginning just east of 22nd Street.
- The Express Lanes would transition to an elevated structure just west of 28th Street, extending to just north of Hilltop Drive on I-805. This structure would be approximately two miles long.
- The existing eastbound on-ramp from 32nd Street to SR 94 would be removed to improve weaving and merging conditions.