

METRO HOV/HOT Express Lanes

Discount Toll Program

Qualified Veteran and Peace Officer Requirements

What are HOV/HOT Express Lanes?

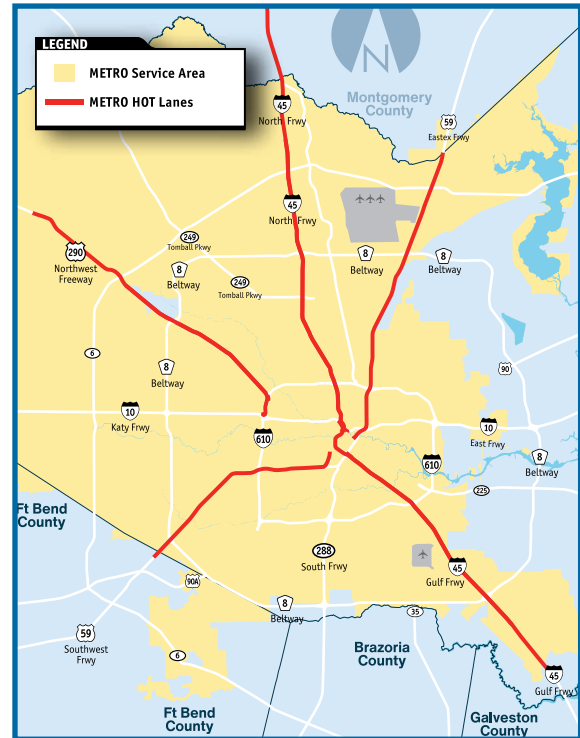
METRO operates barrier-separated, reversible lanes along I-45, I-69 / Hwy. 59 and Hwy. 290. The lanes flow toward downtown in the morning and away from downtown in the afternoon, helping commuters travel more efficiently.

Commuters can use the lanes as:

- **HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) lanes** - for free travel with the required number of occupants.
- **HOT (High Occupancy Toll) lanes** - for paid travel solo during designated hours.



Scan or visit
RideMETRO.org/ExpressLanes
to view express lane entrances
and operating hours.



What is the Discount Toll Program and Who is Eligible?

The **METRO Discount Toll Program** allows approved riders to use METRO Express Lanes for **FREE** during posted corridor hours.

Approved vehicles must display one of the following specialty license plates:

- Disabled Veteran
- Medal of Honor Recipient
- Purple Heart Recipient
- Disabled Peace Officer
- Legion of Valor recipient:
 - Medal of Honor
 - Distinguished Service Cross
 - Navy Cross
 - Air Force Cross

Vehicles with qualifying license plates must first register with METRO via the Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) before using the express lanes.

METRO HOV/HOT Express Lanes Usage Requirements



Single-occupant drivers may use METRO HOT Express Lanes **ONLY** during toll hours and must follow entrance signs displaying lane status, occupancy requirements and current tolls.



Single-occupant drivers must use the **TOLL ONLY** lane in declaration areas, where lanes split into HOV ONLY and TOLL ONLY access.



Single-occupant drivers may **NOT** use METRO HOT Express Lanes during HOV ONLY hours, but may access HOV Express Lanes when meeting occupancy requirements.

Discount Toll Program Application and Usage Agreement

HOW TO APPLY

1. If you don't already have one, get an approved specialty license plate from the Texas DMV to establish your eligibility.
2. Complete your application.
3. Submit your application.

Email

METRODV@hctra.org

Mail

ATTN: IOP
7701 Wilshire Place Drive
Houston, TX 77040

Drop Off

HCTRA EZ Tag Store
(find locations at hctra.org)

The following information is to be completed by applicant.

Last Name*	First Name*	Middle Init.*	Suffix*
Street Address*		City*	
State*	Zip Code*	County*	
License Plate Number*	Phone Number*	Driver's License Number/State ID*	
Transponder/Toll Tag Number, if applicable*		Email Address*	
Signature*		Date*	

By signing and submitting this application (by email, mail or in person), I confirm that I have read and understand the METRO HOV/HOT Express Lanes Usage Requirements above. I understand that failing to follow these rules while using the METRO HOT Express Lanes could result in a violation notice or a police citation.

HCTRA will verify the application and notify the applicant within 3-5 business days regarding eligibility.

For application questions, call HCTRA at 281-875-3279.