

MANAGED LANE POLICIES

1. A fixed-fee schedule will be applied during the first six months of operation; dynamic pricing will be applied thereafter.
2. The toll rate will be set up to \$0.75 per mile during the fixed-schedule phase. The established rate will be evaluated and adjusted, if warranted, with Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval.
3. Toll rates will be updated monthly during the fixed-schedule phase.
4. Market-based tolls will be applied during the dynamic-pricing phase. During dynamic operation, a toll rate cap will be established. The cap will be considered “soft” during times of deteriorating performance when a controlled rate increase above the cap will be temporarily allowed.
5. Transit vehicles will not be charged a toll.
6. Single-occupant vehicles will pay the full rate.
7. Trucks will pay a higher rate, and no trucks will be permitted in the LBJ tunnel.



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8. High-occupancy vehicles of two or more occupants and vanpools will pay the full rate in the off-peak period.
9. High-occupancy vehicles of two or more occupants will receive a 50 percent discount during the peak period.* This discount will phase out after the air quality attainment maintenance period. RTC-sponsored public vanpools are permitted to add peak-period tolls as eligible expenses. Therefore, the Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA) firm will be responsible for the high-occupancy vehicle discount and the Regional Transportation Council will be responsible for the vanpool discount.
10. The toll rate will be established to maintain a minimum average corridor speed of 50 miles per hour.

*6 hours per weekday: 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



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11. During the dynamic-pricing phase, travelers will receive rebates if the average speed drops below 35 mph. Rebates will not apply if speed reduction is out of the control of the operator.
12. Motorcycles qualify as high-occupancy vehicles.
13. No discounts will be given for “Green Vehicles.”
14. No scheduled inflation adjustments will be applied over time.
15. Every managed lane corridor will operate under the same policy.
16. Adoption of this policy will have no impact on the Regional Transportation Council Excess Revenue Policy previously adopted.



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17. The Regional Transportation Council requests that local governments and transportation authorities assign representatives to the Comprehensive Development Agreement procurement process.
18. The duration of the Comprehensive Development Agreement should maximize potential revenue.
19. Tolls will remain on the managed lanes after the Comprehensive Development Agreement duration.

Handout 4.4

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