

Safety on the 183 Express Lanes

The 183 Express Lanes bring you an express connection between downtown Austin and Cedar Park. Express lanes are special tolled lanes with limited entrance and exit points that are separated from the non-tolled general purpose lanes and are designed to keep traffic flowing. Because this new option for travel will take some getting used to, we've compiled some important dos and don'ts to help keep the traveling public safe as they navigate this added facility along US 183.



DOs



DO enter and exit only at designated access points.

Entering or exiting outside of marked areas is dangerous and can lead to crashes or citations.



DO keep a safe following distance from other vehicles.

Higher speeds require more stopping distance. Maintain enough space to react to sudden changes in traffic flow.



DO plan ahead for your route and check real-time traffic updates.

Knowing where the express lanes begin and end helps you avoid last-minute lane changes. Use navigation apps traffic alerts, or visit 183North.com/open to stay informed.



DO follow posted speed limits and lane signage at all times.

Speed limits are set for safety and efficiency. Pay attention so you can make safe decisions.



DON'Ts



DON'T cross delineators.

Do not cross double white lines or delineators. Crossing delineators can cause serious danger to others and damage your vehicle. You will also be fined for crossing the delineators.



DON'T weave in and out of lanes or make sudden lane changes.

Erratic driving disrupts traffic flow and increases the risk of accidents. Stay in the express lanes until it's safe and legal to exit.



DON'T tailgate or drive aggressively.

Aggressive driving puts everyone at risk. Maintain a calm, steady pace and respect the space of other drivers.



DON'T ignore lane restrictions.

Oversized trucks and trailers are prohibited in the express lanes. Check posted signs and comply with restrictions to avoid penalties.

Adjusting to a New Traffic Pattern

- » **Exercise caution when merging** with traffic of differing rates of speed; either slow down or speed up once you identify a safe gap to merge into.
- » When there is enough space to merge, match the speed of vehicles in the express lanes.
- » Drivers are encouraged to participate in "zipper merging" at the express lane entry and exit points.
- » Use your turn signal to notify other drivers of your intentions.
- » Do not stop before merging unless heavily congested and necessary.

- » Check your blind spots, and keep an eye on how much of the merge lane remains.
- » Keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead of you.
- » Be aware of other drivers.
- » Drive friendly and allow others to merge with you.

