



OVERVIEW

The new 71 Toll Lane project enhances safety and reduces congestion along SH 71, a key east-west corridor. The project was designed to eliminate weaving and merging caused by airport-bound traffic exiting SH 71 while sharing the road with through-traffic headed to Bastrop and points beyond. It also offers drivers an alternative to the long travel times caused by multiple traffic signals within the project limits.

Travelers now have an option to bypass congestion and reach their destination faster by taking the 71 Toll Lane. The mobility improvements also benefit intra-city traffic between Houston and Austin, and facilitate freight and trucking needs.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The 71 Toll Lane project adds a toll lane in each direction along SH 71, beginning at Presidential Boulevard at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) and extending east near SH 130. These new lanes offer a free-flowing and reliable bypass route for through-traffic on SH 71, a major corridor connecting drivers to ABIA, the city of Bastrop, and points beyond.

The same number of non-tolled travel lanes that existed prior to the project have been preserved and enhanced. Key project features include:

- ▶ The addition of one new toll lane in each direction.
- ▶ New bridges over FM 973 and SH 130 to facilitate through-traffic movement.
- ▶ New ramps to connect SH 71 with SH 130, offering drivers greater connectivity between the two key roadways.
- ▶ Approximately 5 miles of shared use path lining both sides of the corridor to close gaps in the existing and future network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.



“The commute to my campus has been a lot more smooth and safe. There are so many options now on how I can get to work and home.”

- Catherine Torres, Parent Community Liaison for the Del Valle Opportunity Center



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71 TOLL LANE FACT SHEET

TOLLING

The 71 Toll Lane utilizes all-electronic, or cashless, tolling.

This means drivers do

not have to stop—or even slow down to pay their tolls. Drivers have a choice whether or not to use the tolled or non-tolled travel lanes.

2017 Toll Rates

71 TOLL CENTRAL TEXAS Regional Mobility Authority	2-Axle Vehicles		3-Axle Vehicles		4-Axle Vehicles		5-Axle Vehicles		6-Axle Vehicles	
	Toll Tag	Pay By Mail								
71 Toll Lane Mainline Plaza	\$0.87	\$1.16	\$1.74	\$2.32	\$2.61	\$3.48	\$3.48	\$4.64	\$4.35	\$5.80

PAYMENT OPTIONS

TOLL TAG



Pay your tolls with a TxTag, TollTag or EZ TAG and get a 25% discount.

TxTag is operated by TxDOT and is available online at www.TxTag.org, or by calling 1-888-Go-TxTag.

PAY BY MAIL



If you don't have a tag just keep moving, and we'll bill you through the Pay

By Mail program. Pay By Mail customers are billed using a picture of their license plate, and are charged a \$1.00 statement fee per bill.

Pay by Mail is available online at www.paytexas toll.com, or by calling 1-888-811-4565.

OPEN TO TRAFFIC

The 71 Toll Lane project opened to traffic and tolling in spring 2017, with completion of remaining construction activities anticipated later in 2017. For information on construction activities:

- ▶ Sign up for e-Newsletters and Construction e-Alerts at: www.sh71express.com
- ▶ Follow us on Twitter @SH71_Express
- ▶ Call our 24-hour hotline at 1-844-202-7830

