



I-10 and I-15 Corridor Projects CAG Meeting #3 – September 2013 Questions and Answers

1. Why HOV or Express Lanes?

- Can't build our way out of congestion
- Manages traffic to maximize the number of vehicles carried by the freeway

2. What is the definition of an HOV lane?

- A High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane, sometimes called a carpool lane, is a special lane that allows access to carpools, vanpools and buses
- Lane volume is controlled by occupancy only

3. What are the benefits of an HOV lane?

- Promotes carpooling – reduces the number of vehicles on the road
- Improves air quality

4. What is the definition of an Express Lane?

- Express Lanes, sometimes called a toll lane, is a special lane that allows access to HOVs and single occupant vehicles (SOVs)
 - HOVs use Express Lanes for free or at a reduced toll – promotes carpooling
 - SOVs can use the Express Lanes by paying the toll
- Lane volume is controlled by occupancy and pricing

5. What are the benefits of an Express Lane?

- Express Lanes provide motorists with a reliable travel time option during congested periods that is sustainable for the long term
- Promotes carpooling and transit – reduces the number of vehicles on the road
- Improves air quality
- Provides funding to construct needed freeway improvements