

5 IMPORTANT TOLLING TIPS EVERY 520 BRIDGE USER SHOULD KNOW

With all electronic tolling coming soon to the 520 Bridge, here are five tips every driver should be aware of -- some may save you money or even shorten your commute.

1. Get a *Good To Go!* Pass

First, get a *Good To Go!* Pass and create an account. With a *Good To Go!* Pass you are guaranteed the lowest toll rate on the 520 Bridge. For those without a *Good To Go!* account, the Pay By Mail system will send a toll bill to the registered owner of the vehicle and they will pay a toll rate that is \$1.50 higher than the *Good To Go!* rate.

2. Choose the correct *Good To Go!* Pass and register all your vehicles

Picking the right pass can save you time and money. Most commuters on the 520 Bridge will choose the \$5 *Standard Sticker Pass*, because it is the cheapest and easiest option. But there also are passes that are better choices if you carpool in the 167 HOT lanes, have a motorcycle, or would like to move your pass between vehicles.

When setting up your account make sure to register all your vehicles. Each personal account can include up to six vehicles, while a commercial account can have any number of vehicles. For more information on pass options visit: wsdot.gov/goodtogo/PassesAvailable2011.

3. Plan your trip when toll rates are lower or free

Tolls on the 520 Bridge will vary by time of day and on weekends, so you can save money by driving during off-peak times. Tolls are lower during the middle of the day and in the evenings. You can travel for free from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. For a complete list of toll rates by time of day, visit: wsdot.wa.gov/Tolling/TollRates.htm.

4. Consider taking the bus

King County Metro and Sound Transit have added 130 daily bus trips across the 520 bridge, to the 600 that were already operating each day. Service has been increased on existing lines, as well as expanded into some areas that had not been served before. For more information go to: kingcounty.gov/getyouthere.

5. Vanpool for free or carpool for less

Transit and vanpools are exempt from tolls. Join a transit agency vanpool and cross the 520 Bridge for FREE! Another great way to save is to carpool and split the tolls with fellow commuters. Taking vehicles off the road helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while improving King County's air quality, and saving you money. Find a transit agency-sponsored vanpool or regular carpool at: RideshareOnline.com.

How tolling on the 520 Bridge will help our region

Tolls on the 520 Bridge will be used to help replace the aging bridge; improve traffic along the corridor; and reduce single-occupancy trips in an effort to improve regional air quality. The transportation project is implemented through a partnership between Washington State Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, King County, and the Puget Sound Regional Council. For more information visit: wsdot.wa.gov/Tolling/520tolling.