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# Past, Present, and Future of Priced Managed Lanes

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### Back in 2008



Feasibility of High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes for Indiana

#### 11-10-08

**Ron Davis** Transportation Engineering Advisor Dr. Kumares Sinha



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#### Survey for PURDUE UNIVERSITY Grad Student Ron Davis' Research

### Outline

- Audience Polling
- Introduction and Benefits of Priced Managed Lanes
- Overall Sector Developments and Trends
- Facilities in Operation and Under Construction
- Historical and Future Growth
- Revenue



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### Introduction and Benefits

### **Priced Managed Lanes**

- Priced Managed Lanes
  - HOT Lanes
  - Express Lanes
- Toll lanes set apart from "general purpose" highway lanes for congestion management



Why Priced Managed Lanes vs Traditional Highway Widening

- Ensure congestion benefit in the long term
- Encourage carpooling
- Allow buses to travel at high speeds
- All electronic tolling allows congestion pricing without congestion of traditional toll booth.

### Virginia I-495 Express Lanes



### Virginia I-495 Express Lanes - 2



### Virginia I-495 Express Lanes - 3



### **All-Electronic/Cashless Tolling**



### **Theory in Practice**

- Data from SR 91 Priced MLs (2 lanes) and GP Lanes (4 lanes) eastbound on Tuesday, April 6, 2010
- Facility near LA in CA
- In 5-minute intervals





## Overall Sector Developments and Trends

### Sector Developments and Trends

- Managed lane networks taking shape in many metropolitan areas
  - CA Los Angeles, San Francisco
  - CO Denver
  - FL Miami
  - GA Atlanta
  - MN Minneapolis
  - TX Dallas, Houston
  - VA Washington DC



### Sector Developments and Trends - 2

- Several facilities have switched or are planning on switching from HOV2+ free to HOV3+ free
  - Challenges with HOV enforcement



https://www.tollroadsinvirginia.com/Home/EZPass



USA Today 3/25/2015

### Sector Developments and Trends - 3

- Revenue and toll rates have been increasing rapidly in recent years
  - There have been challenges with setting toll rate caps with several facilities
  - There has been industry discussion about the need for improving express bus service operating on priced managed lanes.



Just after 8 a.m. Tuesday, the cost to drive the 16mile stretch of "HOT" express lane on I-85 southbound in Gwinnett and DeKalb counties hit a new record. (Credit: Channel 2 Action News)

AJC.com 11/23/2015

### Sector Developments and Trends - 4

 Recent research shows most users travel on the lanes infrequently

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Group	Frequency	Fraction of Users	Daily Composition
Single users	1 trip/year	48.4%	2.9%
Monthly users	2-40 trips/year	43.9%	20.6%
Weekly users	41-120 trips/year	4.7%	20.0%
Regular users	121-250 trips/year	2.1%	22.4%
Daily users	151-600 trips/year	1.0%	23.5%
High users	Over 600 trips/year	0.0%	10.6%

From Surface Transportation Innovations December 2019, Research done by University of Washington on I-405 Express Lanes in Seattle Metro Region using 2018 data



## Facilities in Operation and Under Construction

### Managed Lanes Statistics by State

State	Managed Lanes Mileage	Number of Facilities	Number of Public Agencies	Number of Private Agencies	
California	111	9	7		
Colorado	41	4	1	1	
Florida	73	7	2		
Georgia	67	3	1		
Maryland	8	1	1		
Minnesota	36	3	1		
North Carolina	26	1		1	
Texas	226	17	4	2	
Utah	72	1	1		
Virginia	71	5	1	1	
Washington	31	2	1		
Grand Total	761	53	20	5	

### **Texas Summary**







### Virginia/Maryland Summary



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Facilities in Operation	
Facilities Under Construction	
U.S. Primary Roads	



### National Map





### Historical and Future Growth

### Historical Centerline Mileage Growth



### **Future Growth**



<sup>1</sup>2020 to 2024 Estimated Based on Facilities Under Construction as of December 2019

### Future Centerline Mileage Growth

Years	СА	со	FL	GA	MD	MN	NC	тх	UT	VA	WA	Total
1995 to 2019	111	41	73	67	8	36	26	226	72	71	31	761
2020 to 2024	137	60	92	0	0	12	9	42	10	47	0	408
Total	248	101	165	67	8	48	35	267	82	118	31	1,169
Growth 2019 to 2024	123%	145%	127%	0%	0%	33%	35%	18%	14%	66%	0%	54%

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### Revenue

### Priced Managed Lane Revenue

- Revenue generation can be impacted by many factors including:
  - General purpose lane traffic and congestion levels
  - HOV and video tolling policies
    - HOV2+ free, HOV3+ free, no HOV free?
  - Toll setting policies (revenue maximization vs. throughput maximization and toll rate caps)
  - Commercial truck policies and other vehicle eligibility policies
  - Physical configuration including number of lanes and lane separation



### Revenue per Lane Mile



Private Managed Lane Average: \$1.7M

Public Managed Lane Average: \$0.5M

IN Toll Road (2019 Est.): About \$0.5M

IL Tollway (2018 Est.): I-355: \$1.2M Tri-State: \$0.9M I-90: \$0.5 I-88: \$0.4

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### **Historical Revenue**

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Year

![](_page_32_Picture_3.jpeg)

### **Closing Remark**

• Nearly all new toll facilities since 2010 in U.S. have opened with All-Electronic Tolling (no toll booths or cash collection)

![](_page_33_Figure_2.jpeg)

### Closing Remark - 2

"Stop and go traffic at toll booths cause congestion and pollution issues so tolling is not a good idea."

### **Closing Remark - 3**

"Stop and go traffic at toll booths cause congestion and pollution issues so tolling is not a good idea."

> Tolling is not a silver bullet, but congestion and pollution issues at toll booths are no longer a challenge on new toll facilities since around 2010

### Thank You

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### Priced Managed Lane Revenue – AV's

- Autonomous Vehicles (from Feb 2020 "The Effect of Automated Vehicles on Toll Roads" from Fitch Ratings
  - "Unlike conventional toll roads, managed lane projects are more vulnerable to revenue loss since AVs are expected to reduce congestion."
    - Critical question: How much will AVs reduce congestion?
  - "Alternatively, managed lanes could promote the use of AVs by becoming dedicated AV lanes."