



I-85 EXPRESS LANE SIGNS – WHAT ARE THEY SAYING? SIGN CHANGE BEGINS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

The process to change Express Lane signage to its permanent text is scheduled to begin Friday, September 16. The 10-day sign change process is planned for overnights only from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. with up to triple lane closures on the interstate. Six crews will make the necessary changes to 105 signs on 60 support structures in the 16-mile corridor in DeKalb and Gwinnett counties. The changes also require removal of 94 HOV signs.

Pavement markings will also be changed from HOV Only to Express Lane Only as signs are changed. Crews will work in both directions of I-85 at the same time. Changes will begin on I-85 southbound at Suwanee and continue south. Changes will begin on the northbound lanes of the interstate north of Clairmont Road and continue north.



Based on new federal guidelines (2009 MUTCD) all new Express Lane signs must have a purple background for the Peach Pass header and a green background for the sign body. Consistent express lane signage colors across the U.S. ensure that motorists will quickly recognize express lanes and toll lanes wherever they travel.

This sign is located one mile before the beginning of the express lane, both NB and SB. It gives potential express lane users adequate notice to safely move to the left to enter the designated lane.

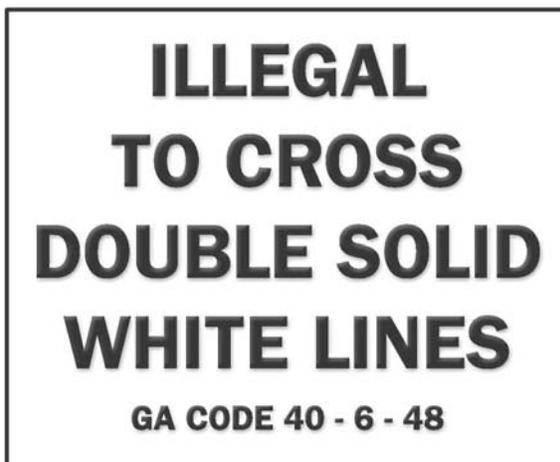
- **Users must have a registered Peach Pass transponder before entering the lane.**
- These **registered** vehicles can use the lane for free: carpools with three or more occupants; transit vehicles (e.g. GRTA Xpress coaches, MARTA buses, van pools); motorcycles; on-call emergency vehicles; and alternative fuel vehicles (AFV) with the proper AFV license plate (does not include hybrid vehicles).
- Other **registered** vehicles can use the lane by paying a variable toll.



The sign above gives potential Express Lane users the toll rate or range for that entry point and are strategically placed prior to each entry point.

- The sign states that this is an Express Lane to be used only by Peach Pass customers.
- The top rate is the charge from that entry point to the next exit.
- The bottom rate is the charge from that entry point to the last exit on the Express Lane stretch.
- If a motorist exits in between, their toll rate will be between the two stated rates.
- Once a motorist enters at an entry point, their rate or range will not change.

This sign is at the beginning of the Express Lane and at all entrance (access) points to the Express Lane system. It specifies that only registered Peach Pass customers may use this lane, which is the far left lane.



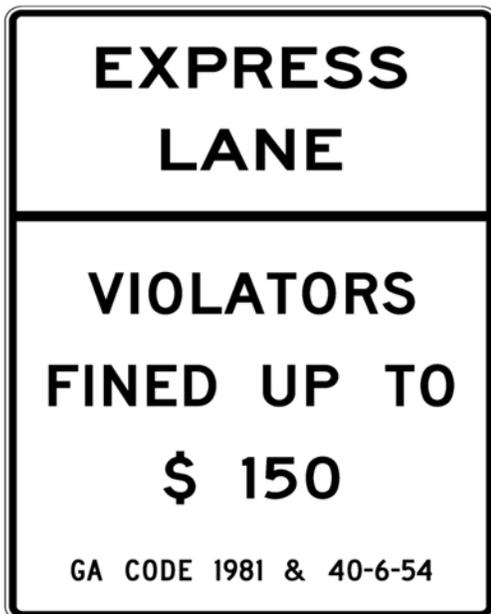
This sign reminds motorists according to Georgia Code §40-6-48, it is illegal to cross the double solid white lines to enter or exit the Express Lane. Doing so is a violation and offenders will be fined \$25.00 plus the amount of the toll.



This sign is visible throughout the Express Lanes corridor and advises that only registered Peach Pass customers are allowed to use the Express Lane.

This sign gives the Express Lane user ample notice to exit the lane at the upcoming broken white lines for the specified interstate exits.

- Entrance and exit points from the Express Lanes do not always coincide with interstate entrance and exit ramps.
- Express Lane users must pay attention to their upcoming interstate exit and leave the Express Lane accordingly.



This sign located throughout the Express Lanes corridor, indicates fines of up to \$150 for each express lane violation including:

- Use of Express Lane by non-registered vehicles
- Crossing double solid white line to enter or exit Express Lane
- Vehicle registered in the wrong toll mode. For example, driver not changing a three-person toll mode to a two-person toll mode when appropriate.