

# CONGESTION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES IN VIRGINIA

Congestion Pricing is just one of several Congestion Management Strategies used across the U.S. today. This table shows Congestion Management Strategies that are used to reduce traffic congestion in Virginia.

Congestion Management Strategy	Description	Form of Payment	Location
<b>Conventional Toll Roads</b> 	All vehicles using a toll road must stop at a location along the highway to pay the toll, unless there are E-ZPass lanes.	Cash, exact change or E-ZPass	Downtown Expressway and Powhite Parkway in Richmond. Coleman Bridge, Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel and Jordan Bridge in Hampton Roads.
<b>Express Lanes with Cash Lane Option</b> 	These lanes are physically separated from the adjacent conventional plaza toll lanes, so that E-ZPass drivers can continue traveling without stopping. However, they must slow down to pass through the Express Lane toll facility.	E-ZPass or cash	Dulles Greenway and Dulles Toll Road in Northern Virginia. Chesapeake Expressway in Hampton Roads.
<b>Open Road Tolling with Cash Lane Option</b> 	This strategy offers drivers the choice of stopping to pay with cash at toll booths on the side of the road, or if they have E-ZPass, to continue traveling at highway speeds under an overhead receiver that reads their E-ZPass transponder.	E-ZPass or cash	Pocahontas 895, south of Richmond.
<b>High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes</b> 	These traffic lanes are within regular highways, but are limited to carrying High Occupancy Vehicles (HOVs), like carpools, vanpools, public transit buses, motorcycles and emergency vehicles. An HOV is defined as a passenger vehicle carrying more than a specified minimum number of passengers.	None	I-66, I-95, I-395 and Dulles Toll Road in Northern Virginia. I-264 Virginia Beach & Norfolk, I-64 Norfolk & Chesapeake and I-64 Hampton & Newport News in Hampton Roads.
<b>High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes</b> 	In HOT lanes, low or Single Occupancy Vehicles are charged a toll, while High Occupancy Vehicles are allowed to use the lanes free of charge or at reduced rates. To use HOT lanes, motorists must either meet the minimum vehicle passenger requirements to ride free, or choose to pay a toll. Drivers who choose not to use HOT lanes can always remain in the regular lanes for free.	E-ZPass	Construction has begun on the I-495 corridor.
<b>Variable Priced Lanes</b> 	Some toll roads use variable pricing on all lanes. The toll price varies based on the time of day or the amount of traffic on the road. If traffic is heavy, the toll is higher—if traffic is light, the toll is lower. The current toll price is always clearly identified and does not change after you enter the tolled section of road.	E-ZPass	To be introduced