

## I-35E MnPASS Express Lanes

Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee August 24, 2015





#### I-35E MnPASS Extension Study & Project

I-35E MnPASS Extension Study completed 6/15

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- Final report available at <u>www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35emnpassextension/</u>
- Key Findings & Recommendations
  - I-35E Southbound Extend MnPASS lane to CR 96
    - Convert existing inside lane to MnPASS thru 35E/694 commons during AM peak period
  - I-35E Northbound Extend MnPASS lane to CR J
    - No MnPASS lane thru 35E/694 commons
  - Evaluate 35E/694 commons approach over 2 yr. period
  - Future Phase Extend NB and SB MnPASS lanes to Cty Rd 14 when there is a future funding and construction opportunity



#### I-35E MnPASS Extension Study & Project cont.

- I-35E MnPASS Extension Project currently in predesign/ environmental review process
  - Environmental Assessment public comment period Sept. 14-Oct. 14
  - Public hearing and noise meetings will be scheduled for late Sept./early Oct.
  - Environmental Assessment final approval late Dec.

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- Municipal consent obtained from Little Canada, Vadnais Heights, White Bear Lake and Lino Lakes
- Project anticipated to begin March 2016 and be complete by Dec. 2016
- Project website <u>www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35vadnaisheights/</u>





# MnPass Express Lanes coming to the east metro

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- Phase I New MnPASS Express Lanes on northbound and southbound I-35E between Little Canada Rd and Cayuga St open toward the end of 2015
- Phase II New MnPASS Express Lanes between Little Canada Rd and Cty Rd J open toward the end of 2016
  - Southbound between Cty Rd 96 and Little Canada Rd
  - Northbound between Cty Rd E and Cty Rd J





#### I-35E MnPASS Express Lanes Map

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#### I-35E MnPASS Express Lanes





#### I-35E MnPASS Express Lanes

- During peak drive times:
  - Public transit, car/vanpools (vehicles with two or more people), and motorcycles can use the MnPASS lanes for free
  - Solo motorists who have a MnPASS account and a MnPASS tag can drive in the lanes for a fee
- I-35E peak drive times (MnPASS hours of operation)

- Monday through Friday
  Southbound 6 to 10 a.m.
  Northbound 3 to 7 p.m.
- All motorists may use the lanes for free outside of peak weekday drive times



## New to I-35E MnPASS Lanes

- Larger digital price signs for improved messaging
- New toll reading equipment that will enable future interoperability with other state toll systems
- New transponders (tags) for customers
  - Current monthly fee will be eliminated



HOV 2+ = Vehicles with two or more people





## MnPASS Tags

## Two "tag" options will be available

- Switchable Tag
  - One-time purchase fee
  - Can be moved between vehicles
  - HOV 2+ (free) or MnPASS (fee) mode

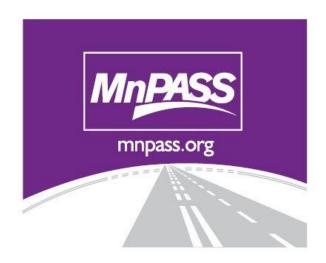






#### **MnPASS** Tags

- Sticker Tag
  - Free
  - Get as many free tags as you have vehicles
  - Always "on" fee mode







### Get in, get going and get there!

#### www.mnpass.org

- MnPASS Customer Service Center 2055 Lilac Drive N Golden Valley, MN 55422
- Satellite customer service centers
  - Minneapolis Transportation Management Organization
  - East metro locations coming soon!





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