

MTA Funded Carpool Lane To Open Along 605 Freeway May 2

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(May 2, 2001) The MTA, in partnership with Caltrans, will open a new southbound carpool lane along the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605), today, between South Street and the Los Angeles County/Orange County line. [See Illustrative Map](#)

"The addition of the southbound carpool lane along this busy stretch of the 605 freeway will be welcome relief to commuters and will serve as even further encouragement for ride-sharing," said Supervisor Don Knabe, a member of the MTA Board.

The 3.3-mile addition, completely funded by the MTA, will provide congestion relief to the Gateway Cities and improve the air quality of the adjacent neighborhoods. The northbound segment of the carpool lanes opened April 20.

With the opening of the new segment, both the north- and south-bound I-605 carpool lanes will be operational between the Artesia (91) and the Garden Grove (22) freeways.

The project is part of the MTA's 400-mile High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) integrated system. It is designed to meet the needs of the local residents and improve the movement of goods throughout the region.

Approximately 3,000 vehicles per hour use carpool lanes during peak periods. It is one of the most efficient solutions to mitigate air pollution, avoid travel delays and alleviate traffic congestion. _

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