

HYBRID VEHICLES

DMV STICKER APPLICATION INSTRUCTION SHEET

Congratulations on enrolling your hybrid vehicle with your FasTrak™ account!

You are one step closer to using your hybrid vehicle in Bay Area designated carpool-only lanes. However, before you can do so, you MUST obtain special stickers from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), as described in this document. Please read it carefully!

With the passage of the Federal Transportation bill on August 10, 2005 and Assembly Bill 2628 (AB 2628) on September 23, 2004, qualified single-occupancy hybrid vehicles are now permitted to use dedicated High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/carpool lanes in the Bay Area during designated carpool hours, if these vehicles are displaying the distinctive stickers issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Single-occupancy hybrid vehicles must still pay tolls when driving across the Bay Area toll bridges in an HOV/carpool lane.

To obtain your special stickers from the DMV, you must complete the following:

Step 1: Complete the “Application for Clean Air Vehicle Stickers” form, which can be downloaded from <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/forms/reg/reg1000.pdf>.

Step 2: Make a copy of the FasTrak™ Account Verification information provided to you by the FasTrak™ Customer Service Center at the time your account was opened. Keep this copy for your records.

Step 3: Mail a copy of the “Application for Clean Air Vehicle Stickers” and the original receipt containing FasTrak™ Account Verification information to the DMV:

Department of Motor Vehicles
Special Processing Unit MS D238
P. O. Box 932345
Sacramento, CA 94232-3450

Step 4: Upon receipt of your DMV-issued stickers, affix them to your hybrid vehicle according to the mounting instructions provided by the DMV.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why does the new law require that hybrid vehicle owners residing in the Bay Area open a FasTrak™ account?

Single-occupancy hybrid vehicles using designated carpool-only lanes in the Bay Area must still pay for tolls if crossing one of the eight toll bridges. The FasTrak™ requirement is written into the law so that single-occupant hybrids approaching a bridge can stay in the designated carpool-only lane and drive non-stop through the toll plaza without having to slow down to merge out of the carpool lane and into a regular toll lane to pay tolls.

2. How do I know if my hybrid vehicle qualifies under the new law?

To find out whether your hybrid vehicle qualifies, you can go to the California Air Resources Board's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/carpool/carpool.htm> to see a list of qualified vehicles. Only those vehicles listed will be issued a hybrid transponder.

3. I am driving my hybrid vehicle, as a single-occupant, across the bridge in a designated carpool-only lane. How do I pay for the tolls?

You must mount your FasTrak™ transponder on the windshield of your vehicle, as instructed in the FasTrak™ Customer Handbook (provided to you when you opened your account). When you drive through the carpool's toll lane, your tolls will be automatically deducted from your FasTrak™ account.

4. I am in my hybrid vehicle, and I have the required number of occupants to qualify as a carpool vehicle. Do I still have to pay tolls when driving across the bridge?

No. If you have the minimum number of occupants in your vehicle to qualify as a carpool vehicle (i.e., either 2 or 3, depending on the carpool policies of the bridge you are crossing), you are allowed to drive toll-free across the bridge. To avoid being charged the toll, you MUST insert your FasTrak™ transponder into the Mylar bag (provided to you when your account was opened) before driving through the toll lane. No credits will be issued to your FasTrak™ account if you fail to use the Mylar bag as described.

5. Now that I have a FasTrak™ transponder in my hybrid vehicle, can I use it in other toll lanes?

Yes. You can pay all your tolls electronically using your transponder in all lanes and on every Bay Area bridge – not just in the HOV/carpool lanes.

6. Can I use my hybrid transponder with my other vehicle or use my “regular” transponder with my hybrid vehicle?

No. Your hybrid transponder can only be used in your hybrid vehicle. You cannot use your hybrid transponder in a non-hybrid vehicle, nor can you use your “regular” transponder in your hybrid vehicle.

7. Where can I get more information about FasTrak™?

For more information about your FasTrak™, please refer to your “FasTrak™ Customer Handbook”. You can also obtain information at www.bayareafastrak.org or call our FasTrak™ Customer Service Center at 1-877-229-8655 (BAY-TOLL).