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Are high-occupancy vehicle lanes working? Despite decades of general success, the strategy is encountering new opposition, raising concerns for policy makers.

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Although each high-occupancy vehicle facility is unique, historic experience shows what works and what does not work, and what trends might develop.

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Chris Wellander and Kathy Leotta

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Catherine C. McGhee

Because a few installations have underperformed, do not discount the high-occupancy vehicle lane concept, this researcher maintains. Studies show that the facilities have stimulated formation of new carpools and have increased the person-carrying efficiency of roadways.
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