

ZIPPER MERGE

What is it and why is it effective?

A dynamic late merge (zipper merge) allows drivers to utilize all lanes of traffic until the merge area is reached. At this point, motorists should merge in an alternating fashion, like a zipper.

What are the benefits of a zipper merge?

When a vehicle slows down to merge early in heavy traffic situations, it puts all drivers in danger, slowing traffic down too quickly, leading to unexpected crashes or angry motorists. These dangers are decreased using the zipper merge. Traffic backups can be reduced as much as 40 percent.

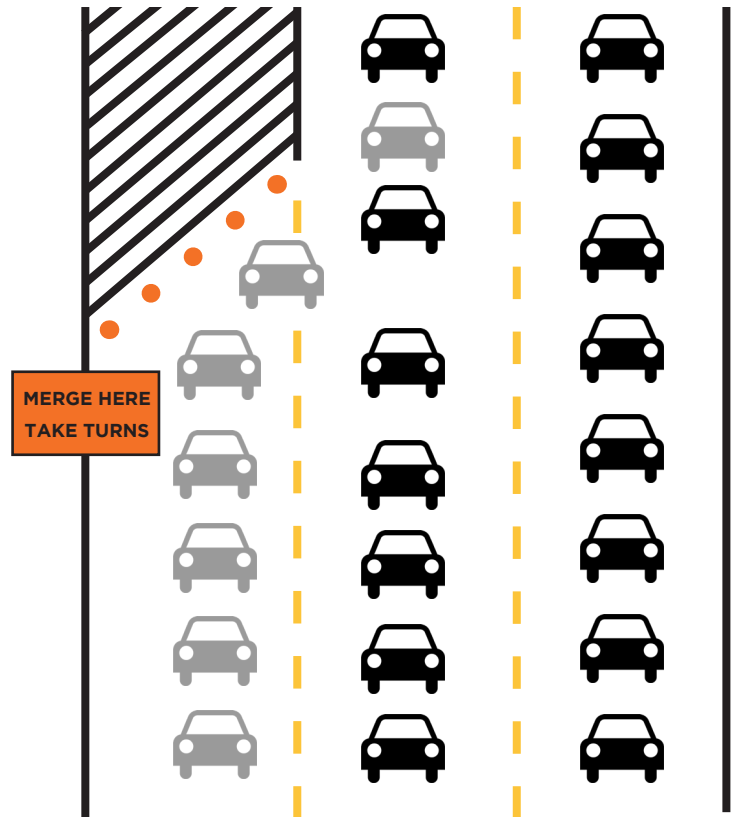
How does it all work?

When you see a Lane Closed Ahead sign, continue to drive in your lane until you are prompted to merge. When you reach this point, take alternating turns with other drivers to merge into the single lane of traffic.

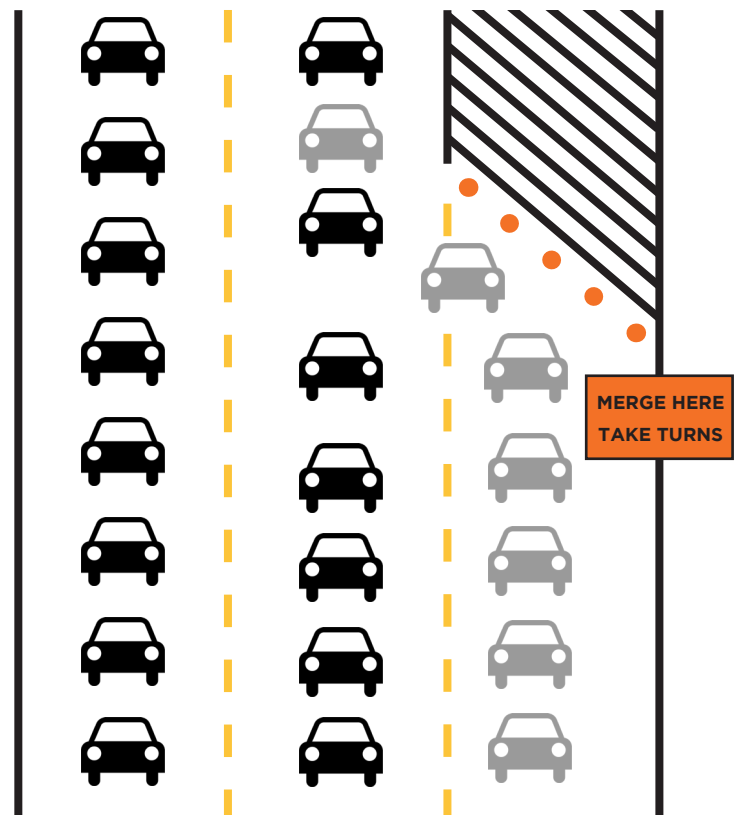
Can we make it happen?

The only way this can be effective is if we are all aware of the zipper merge and follow its rules. When driving in this situation, allow extra time, slow down, and alternate while merging. The zipper merge allows for everyone to move at the same rate, minimizing delays for all.

LEFT LANE ZIPPER MERGE



RIGHT LANE ZIPPER MERGE



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