

= Adams Avenue Parkway =

The Adams Avenue Parkway is a one @-@ half @-@ mile @-@ long (800 m) private toll road in the U.S. state of Utah connecting U.S. Route 89 (US @-@ 89) to Interstate 84 (I @-@ 84) near Washington Terrace , Utah . The roadway opened in 2001 at a cost of \$ 8 @-@ 9 million and was created after decades of requests by locals to connect the existing Adams Avenue to I @-@ 84 . This allowed commuters to bypass the rest of US @-@ 89 through Washington Terrace to I @-@ 84 .

= = Route description = =

The main access to the south end of the parkway is from I @-@ 84 at exit 85 , a pre @-@ existing diamond interchange with a local road in South Weber named 475 East . The four @-@ lane , 35 mph (56 km / h) toll road , which has no shoulders or sidewalks , begins at Cottonwood Drive , I @-@ 84 's north side frontage road . It immediately crosses a bridge over the Weber River (the Davis @-@ Weber County line and north limit of South Weber) and the Union Pacific Railroad 's Evanston Subdivision (the south limit of Washington Terrace) . The parkway then curves northwest and climbs out of the Weber River 's floodplain with a maximum grade of nine percent , reaching the toll plaza most of the way up the hill .

After one intersection with 5900 South , which presently serves only the toll road company 's headquarters and a single commercial building , private maintenance gives way to a four @-@ lane city street with sidewalks just shy of 5800 South . The roadway continues northeasterly to the top of the hill near 5600 South , where pre @-@ existing Adams Avenue (500 East) heads north , passing the Ogden Regional Medical Center to an intersection with Washington Boulevard (US @-@ 89) on the Washington Terrace @-@ South Ogden border . Adams Avenue continues through South Ogden and into Ogden as a minor street one block east of US @-@ 89 , with a gap near 4600 South and more north of downtown Ogden . In 2006 approximately 1 @-@ 400 cars traveled the parkway on an average weekday .

= = Tolls = =

Tolls are collected in cash or via an ExpressCard account , a prepaid system that offers a discount for a \$ 10 deposit to the account . The current toll is \$ 1 in each direction for two @-@ axle vehicles and \$ 0 @-@ 50 for each additional axle . Previously emergency vehicles (ambulances) were not charged a toll , however beginning July 3 , 2003 , they must pay the standard \$ 1 toll . To allow quick passage through the toll barrier , these vehicles pay through a charge account . The Utah Department of Transportation worked out an agreement during local road construction for four days in 2003 to allow commuters to use the parkway free of charge .

= = History = =

The parkway was opened in 2001 after just under a year of construction and almost two decades of community requests . Local residents led by Doug and Bruce Stephens urged the state to connect I @-@ 84 directly to Adams Avenue , bypassing the congested US @-@ 89 . Then @-@ governor Mike Leavitt suggested that a private company rather than the state would need to build the road .

The roadway cost \$ 8 @-@ 9 million (equivalent to \$ 13 @-@ 3 million in 2015) to build , of which the state provided \$ 2 million (equivalent to \$ 3 million in 2015) . Additional funds came from taxes levied on property owners along the parkway . The entire stretch of road between Washington Boulevard and I @-@ 84 was built by the Adams Avenue Turnpike LLC ; however , they returned most of the road to local authorities . The only portion not kept was a one @-@ half @-@ mile @-@ long (0 @-@ 80 km) segment between about 5800 South and I @-@ 84 .

The roadway is defined under Weber County Ordinance , Title 31 , which grants a franchise to Adams Avenue Turnpike LLC for an initial term of 50 years (expiring in 2051) .

= = Major intersections = =