

# Proposed BAIFA Toll Facility Ordinance Amendment

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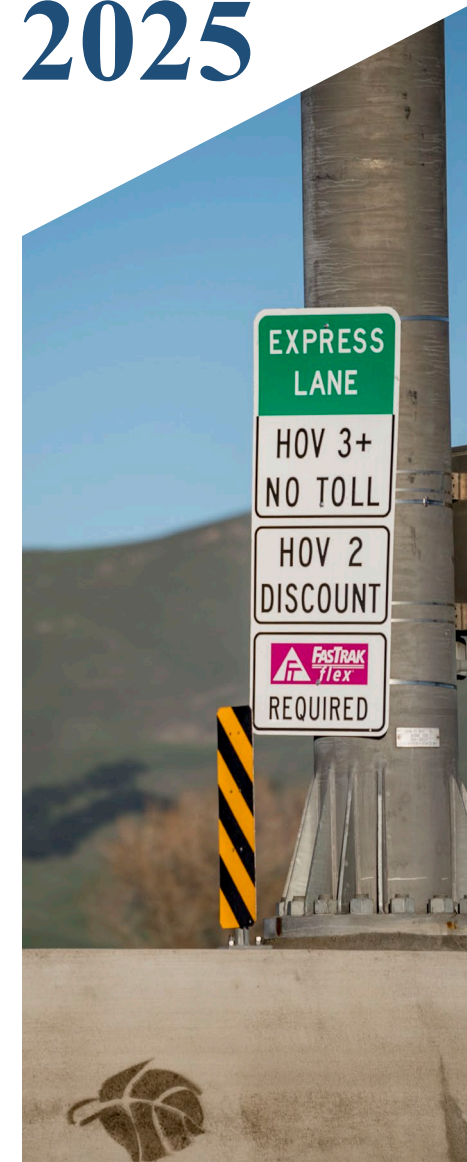
# History of Toll Facility Ordinance

- **Background:** Bay Area express lanes are operated by multiple agencies. MTC received state approval to operate a 270-mile express lane network on I-880, I-680 and I-80 from the California Transportation Commission in 2011. MTC's express lanes are operated by the Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA), a joint powers authority between MTC and the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA).
- **Purpose of Ordinance:**
  - Documents BAIFA's toll policy
  - Allows BAIFA to enforce toll violations
- Originally adopted July 2016 before I-680 opened
- Amended three times:
  - January 2020 – add I-880 and clean air vehicle tolling
  - September 2020 – add I-680 extension
  - June 2022 – enable pilots, allow changes to violation penalties by board resolution, and define Executive Director's authority in emergencies



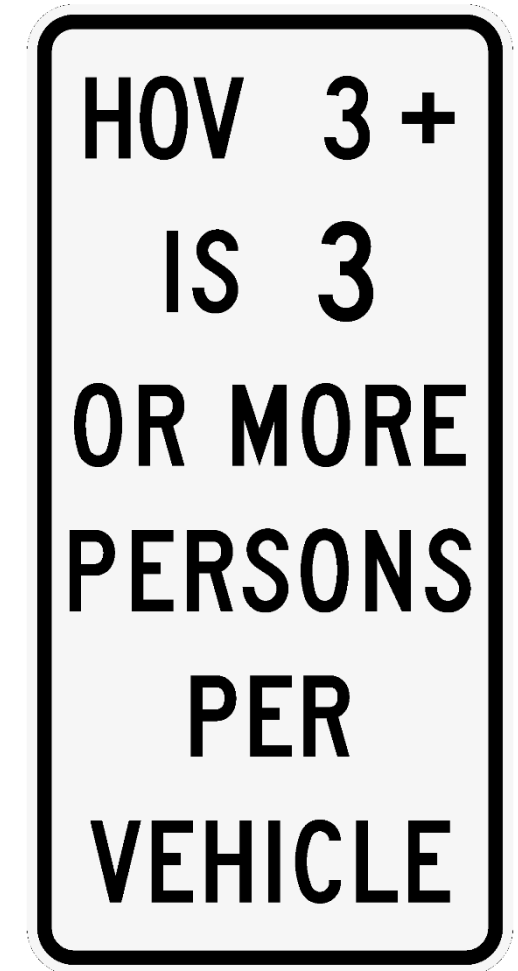
# Proposed Toll Ordinance Changes in 2025

- Add the I-80 Express Lanes in Solano County, which are scheduled to open in Fall 2025
- Increase the allowable timeframe and parameters for pilot projects on express lanes
- Increase the minimum toll per zone from \$0.50 to \$0.75 for all BAIFA Express Lanes
- Clarify that the Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) discount will end in Sep-2025, unless federal law is amended prior to that date
- Adjust the boundaries of the toll zones on southbound I-680 to reflect the gap closure between BAIFA's and Alameda CTC's express lanes on I-680.



# Operations Policies for I-80

- Existing HOV lane on I-80 operates in peak hours as HOV2
- When the Express Lanes open:
  - Hours of operation = 5 am to 8 pm
  - HOV eligibility = 3 or more persons
- BAIFA and Caltrans are partnering on a planned pilot of weekend tolling
  - Same hours and HOV eligibility would apply 7 days a week
  - Pilot would begin at the same time as start of toll operations
  - Separate BAIFA approval would be required, after toll ordinance is amended



# Toll Policies for I-80

- Proposed toll policy would be consistent with open HOV3+ Express Lanes on I-880, U.S. 101, and SR-237
  - Carpool discount – Solo drivers pay full price; HOV2 and CAV pay half price; HOV3+ pays no toll
  - FasTrak<sup>®</sup> Required – All vehicles must use FasTrak account, even those eligible for free trip
  - Enforcement and Penalties – Automatic enforcement with license plate cameras for toll violations; same penalties as other Bay Area Express Lanes; CHP enforcement for occupancy violations & safety concerns
- BAIFA is also considering expanding the Express Lanes START pilot program to the I-80 corridor
  - Current pilot offers eligible low-income drivers discounted tolls on I-880
  - Expansion to I-80 would ease transition at the start of tolling
  - Separate BAIFA approval would be required, after toll ordinance is amended

# Public Information & Outreach

- Legal notice
  - Announces intent to amend ordinance
  - Published in four major county newspapers, plus Spanish and Chinese language papers
- Public comment period
  - At least 30 days
- Public hearing
  - Interpreters provided on request
- Press release
  - Highlight opportunity for public input
- Website information
  - Landing page with FAQs
- Social media
  - Targeted digital ads in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Tagalog
  - Two waves to align with press release and lead-up to hearing
  - Social media press kit to be shared with CBO partners
- Informational Webinar

# Amendment Schedule

March	April	May	June	July
<b>Information item at BAIFA NOC (Mar. 14)</b>	Newspaper publication (first week of April)	Second wave of social media ads (first week of May)	<b>BAIFA NOC action to refer to BAIFA for adoption (Jun. 13)</b>	Ordinance published in newspaper (by Jul. 10)
	Press release; info posted to website; social media campaign begins	<b>Public hearing at BAIFA NOC (May 9)</b>	<b>Ordinance adoption at BAIFA (Jun. 25)</b>	Ordinance effective (Jul. 25)
	Public comment period begins (Apr. 9)	Public comment period ends (May 9)		

*Board meetings highlighted in **bold text***



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<https://mtc.ca.gov/express-lanes-policies>