

# Express Lanes START<sup>SM</sup>: Pilot Extension on I-880

BAIFA Network and Operations Committee

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# MTC means-based equity initiatives

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Transit Fare  
Discount Pilot



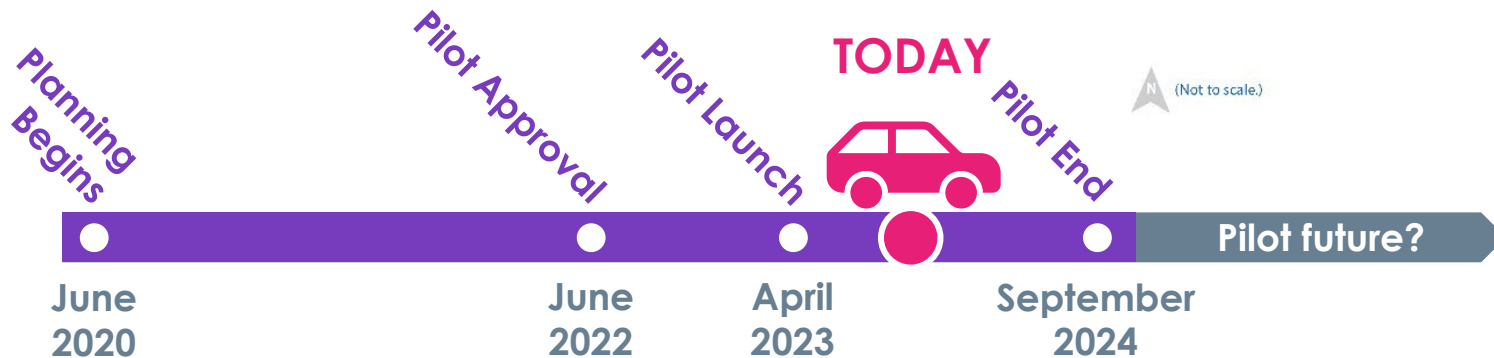
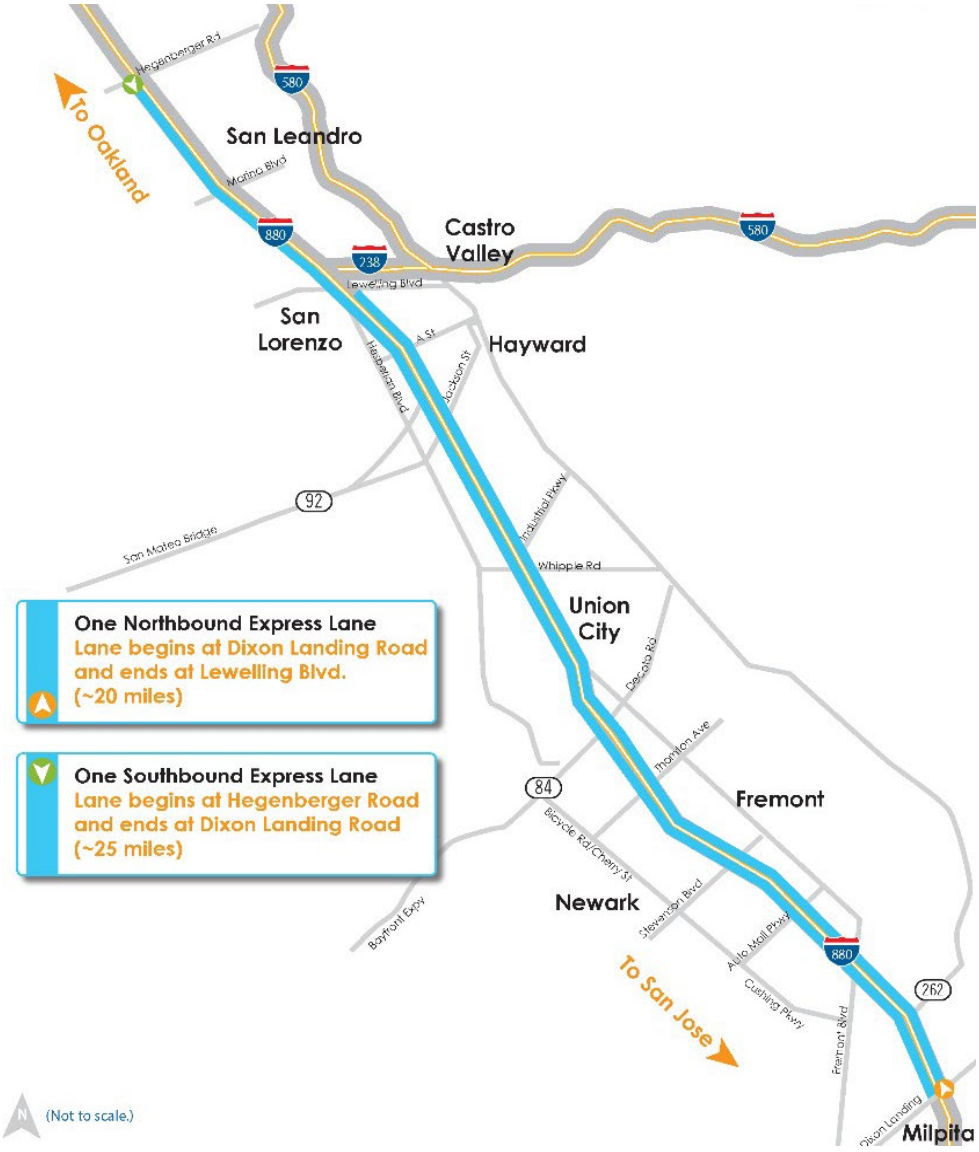
Equity Action Plan



Express Lanes  
Toll Discount Pilot

# Pilot scope

- Toll discount of 50% or more in the I-880 Express Lanes for 18 months
- Same eligibility requirements as Clipper<sup>®</sup> START<sup>SM</sup>:
  - Proof of identification and income
  - Income at or below 200% Federal poverty level
- Toll discount applied to FasTrak<sup>®</sup> account
- 1,931 enrollees as of March 31, 2024



# Pilot goals

- Improve I-880 express lanes access for low-income drivers,
- Provide these drivers with a good experience, and
- Understand the effect on express lane operations.

# Pilot evaluation topics



# Cross-cutting challenges for MTC means-based programs

- Different programs in different phases:
  - Clipper START Pilot – 4 years operating
  - Express Lanes START Pilot – 1 year operating
  - Bay Area Toll Payment Plan – 1 year operating
  - Highway 37 – earliest operation est. 2027
- Undertaking internal technical analysis of strategy options:
  - Reach more eligible residents
  - Expand access to more residents

# Recommendation and next steps

- Extend pilot to March 31, 2026 to allow time to:
  - Prepare 12-month pilot evaluation (underway)
  - Present 12-month pilot evaluation results and preliminary recommendations to BAIFA (fall 2024)
  - Complete internal means-based projects technical analysis (fall 2024)
  - Engage stakeholders (fall 2024/winter 2025)
  - Recommend pilot future to BAIFA (winter 2025)
  - Implement pilot future (timeline to be determined)
- Amend budget with Polytechnic to add \$700,000 for enhanced outreach and communications

