

# Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA)

October 28, 2020

Agenda Item 3a - 20-1414

## Cooperative Agreement – Express Lane Operations: Alameda County Transportation Commission

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**Subject:** A request for approval to enter into a cooperative agreement with Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) under which BAIFA will manage the operations of the I-580 and I-680 Sunol Express Lanes. Alameda CTC will reimburse BAIFA for these services.

**Background:** The Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA) operates its I-680 Contra Costa Express Lanes and I-880 Express Lanes in Alameda County, and will operate future express lanes on I-80 in Solano, Contra Costa and Alameda counties. Additionally, BAIFA will operate the San Mateo 101 Express Lanes when they open in 2021, based on an agreement under development with the San Mateo Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority, which is responsible for those lanes.

Alameda CTC currently operates its I-580 Express Lanes, located in the Tri-Valley corridor through the cities of Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore. In addition, Alameda CTC operates the I-680 Sunol Express Lanes that span from State Route (SR) 84 near Pleasanton to SR 237 in the City of Milpitas, on behalf of the Sunol Smart Carpool Lane Joint Powers Authority (Sunol JPA).

Over the past several months, Alameda CTC and BAIFA staffs have explored integrating our respective express lane operations in a single location. The staffs recommend an arrangement under which BAIFA will manage, through its operational services contract with Iteris, the day-to-day operation of the Alameda I-580 and I-680 Sunol Express Lanes including real-time monitoring of the lanes during tolling hours. The contract with Iteris, approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) on April 22, 2020, provides operational services for MTC's 511 and BAIFA's Express Lanes Programs.

This proposed arrangement brings several benefits to the region. First and foremost for drivers, this will facilitate consistent and coordinated traffic management and incident response with California Highway Patrol and Caltrans across approximately 120 directional miles of express lanes improving regional freeway operations. In addition, this will allow agency and public cost savings through operational economies of scale.

This arrangement supports efforts by Alameda CTC and BAIFA to ensure our express lanes provide a consistent set of tolling rules for the public. That is the case today, and the two staffs will continue to work with their respective boards to continue this alignment.

Staff seeks approval from BAIFA to enter into a cooperative agreement with Alameda CTC to manage the day-to-day operations of the Alameda I-580 and I-680 Sunol Express Lanes based on the financial arrangement and schedule developed jointly by the agency staffs, as follows:


- Alameda CTC agrees to pay BAIFA a one-time fee of \$68,000 in Fiscal Year 2020-21 to cover implementation and transition costs.
- Alameda CTC agrees to pay BAIFA a fixed monthly fee, equal to \$17,500, for operational costs in Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- The transition steps will occur by June 30, 2021 at which time BAIFA will begin actively managing operations for I-580 and I-680 Sunol Express Lanes.
- The current terms apply through June 30, 2023, which coincides with the initial term of BAIFA's express lanes operations contract with Iteris. Subject to future approval, BAIFA may extend the Iteris contract or enter into agreement with a new contractor for express lanes operations. BAIFA and Alameda CTC staff will reevaluate operational costs and the cost share between the two agencies with the ability to extend the coop at that time.

On October 22, the Alameda County Transportation Commission will consider their staff's recommendation to enter into the cooperative agreement with BAIFA. Subject to approval of the cooperative agreement by both BAIFA and Alameda CTC, staff will seek approval by the MTC Operations Committee to amend the contract with Iteris to include operations of the Alameda I-580 and I-680 Sunol Express Lanes.

**Issues:** None identified.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Authority to authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a cooperative agreement between BAIFA and the Alameda CTC for operations of the Alameda I-580 and I-680 Sunol Express Lanes.

**Attachments:** Request for Authority Approval

  
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## REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY APPROVAL

### Summary of Proposed Cooperative Agreement

Work Item No.:	6852
Agency:	Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) 1111 Broadway, Suite 800 Oakland, CA 94607
Work Project Title:	Express Lanes Operations for Alameda I-580 and I-680 Sunol Express Lanes
Purpose of Project:	Assume the day-to-day operational management of Alameda CTC's Alameda I-580 and I-680 Sunol Express Lanes.
Brief Scope of Work:	BAIFA to manage, through its 511 and Express Lanes operational services contract, the day-to-day operation of Alameda CTC's Alameda I-580 and I-680 (Sunol) Express Lanes including real-time monitoring of the lanes and associated infrastructure during tolling hours.
Project Budget Not to Exceed:	\$488,000
Funding Source:	Alameda CTC will compensate BAIFA for these services.
Fiscal Impact:	Iteris operating costs to be approved at the MTC Operations Committee and are subject to inclusion in the FY 2020/21 BAIFA budget amendment, as well as the FY 2021/22, and FY2022/23 BAIFA budgets. Alameda CTC will compensate BAIFA for these costs.
Motion by Committee:	That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Alameda CTC to assume operational responsibility of the Alameda I-580 and I-680 Sunol Express Lanes as described above and in the BAIFA Summary Sheet dated October 28, 2020.
BAIFA:	<hr/> Scott Haggerty, Chair
Approved:	October 28, 2020