

## Regional Express Lanes Strategic Plan Recommendations and Near-Term Actions for Express Lane Partners

Note: The Strategic Plan recommendations differ from near-term actions in two ways:

1. The recommendations are longer term; and
2. All recommendations require partner support and coordination for successful execution. The near-term actions are MTC's to lead except for the execution of a Consistent Operating Policy Memorandum of Understanding, which will require all partners' participation. The designated lead for each item is noted in parentheses below.

RECOMMENDATIONS	
<b>GHG/VMT Reduction</b>	Promote regional- and county-level mitigation solutions. (All partners)
	Advocate for legislation to allow general purpose to express lane conversion pilots. (CTAs and MTC)
<b>Express Bus</b>	Work with transit planners and operators to enhance transit priority and improve accessibility to the express lanes for express buses and other high-occupancy modes. (All partners)
	Since express buses will not perform well everywhere, establish clear criteria and performance metrics to prioritize investments. (TBD)
	Advocate for operators and planners to increase connectivity and communication. (All partners)
	Identify opportunities to link transit and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) investments with SB-743 mitigation strategies while acknowledging operations funding challenges. (All partners)
<b>Strategic Investment Principles</b>	Evaluate projects for future funding by:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Merit (Connected Mobility, Benefits and Costs, and Equity)</li> <li>2. Readiness</li> </ol> (MTC)
<b>Funding and Financing Strategies</b>	Advocate and seek opportunities for state and federal funding (All partners).
	Monitor future regional funding initiatives (All partners).
NEAR-TERM ACTIONS	
<b>Equity</b>	Execute a means-based tolling pilot that ties into the FasTrak® Customer Service Center Equity Action Plan to analyze how providing reduced toll rates to low-income users delivers equitable benefits and affects express lane operations. Undertake other equity initiatives and coordinate where applicable. (MTC)
<b>Consistent Operating Policies</b>	Come to a regional consensus on a process for reviewing toll and operating policies for consistency and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CTAs, BAIFA, Caltrans, and CHP. (All partners)
<b>Enforcement</b>	Continue work on current, automated HOV enforcement pilots, including camera-based occupancy detection and app-based occupancy declaration; Track other emerging technologies. (MTC)
<b>Road Pricing Strategies</b>	Incorporate key Express Lanes Network questions in a study of highway pricing strategies to begin in 2022. (MTC)
<b>Plan Bay Area 2050</b>	Integrate the findings and recommendations from the Express Lanes Network Strategic Plan to inform the Implementation Plan of Plan Bay Area 2050, where appropriate, to further advance regional strategies. (MTC)