

Proposed BAIFA Toll Facility Ordinance Amendment

BAIFA Network and Operations Committee
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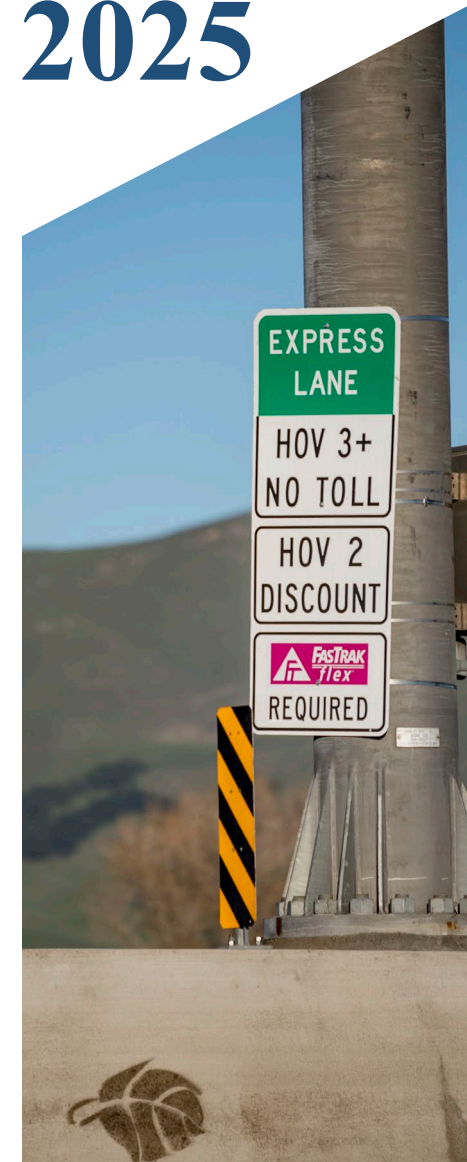
History of Toll Facility Ordinance

- Purpose:
 - 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



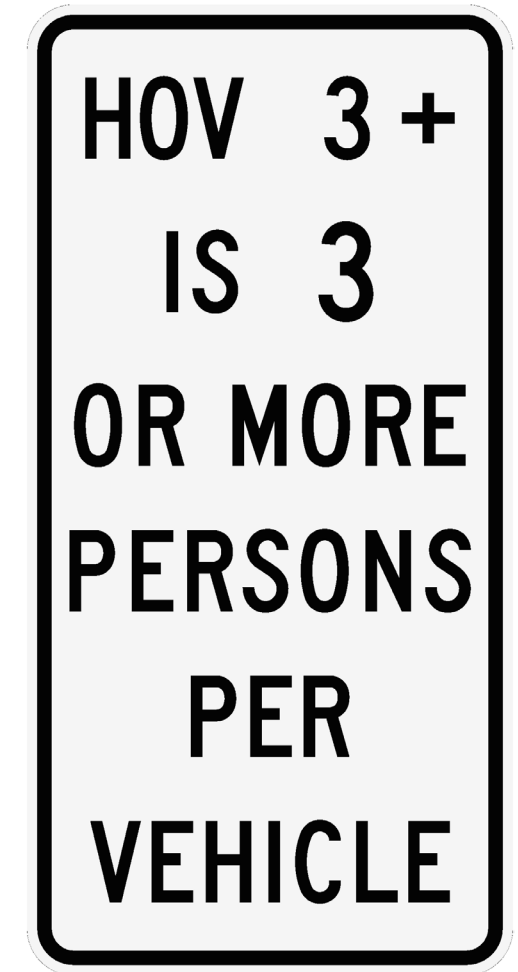
Proposed Toll Ordinance Changes in 2025

- 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[®] 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
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Public Information & Outreach

- Legal notice
 - Announces intent to amend
 - Published in 4 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 and instructions for comments
- 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

Amendment Schedule

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

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



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