

Public Hearing: BAIFA Toll Facility Ordinance Amendment

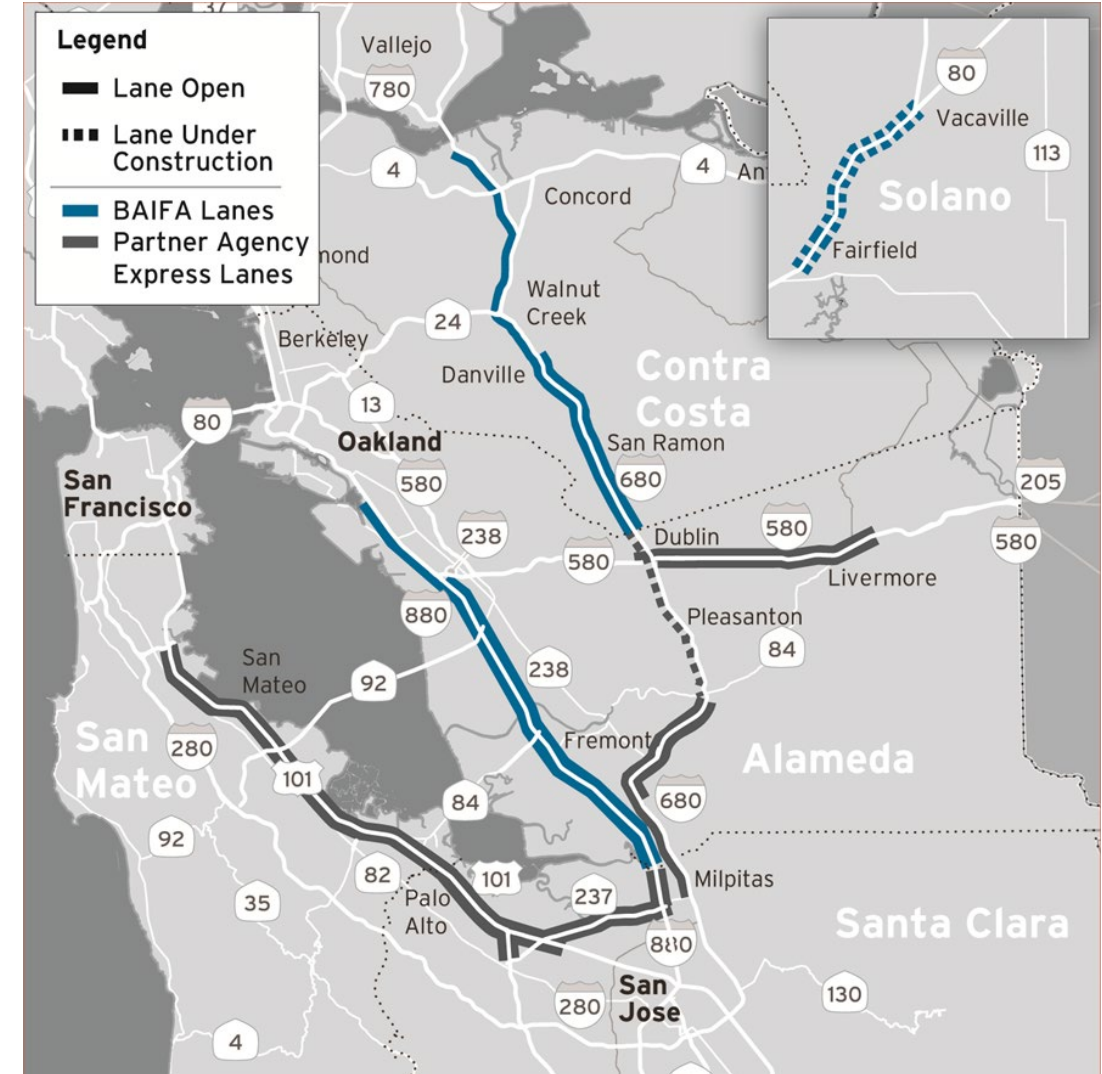
BAIFA Network and Operations Committee

May 9, 2025



Purpose of BAIFA Toll Facility Ordinance

- Documents BAIFA's toll policy
- Allows BAIFA to enforce toll violations on its Express Lanes
- Applies to all BAIFA-operated lanes
 - I-680 in Contra Costa County
 - I-880 in Alameda County
 - Future I-80 in Solano County



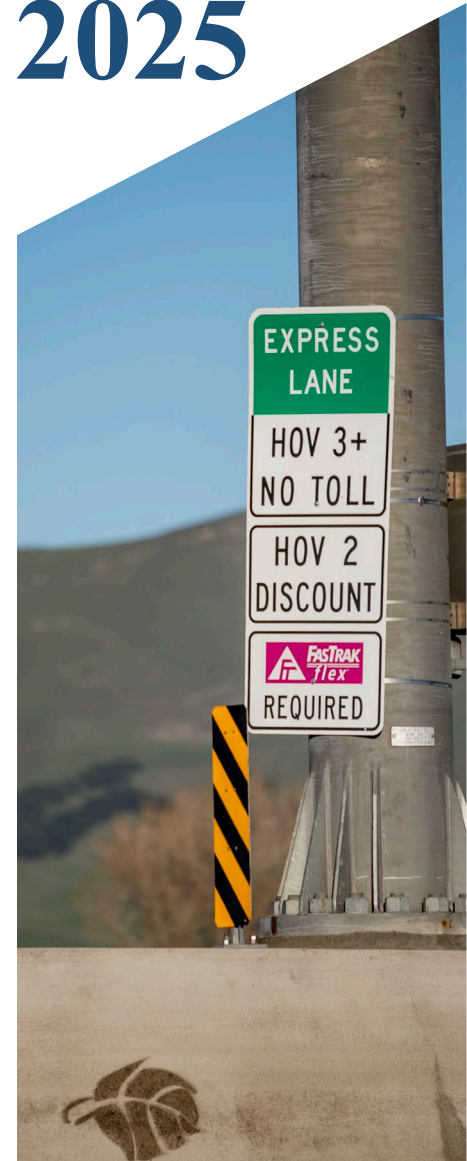
History of Toll Facility Ordinance

- July 2016
 - Original adoption before I-680 opened
- January 2020
 - Add I-880
 - Add Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) tolling
- September 2020
 - Add I-680 extension
- June 2022
 - Enable pilots on BAIFA express lanes
 - Allow changes to violation penalties by board resolution
 - Define Executive Director's authority in emergencies



Proposed Toll Ordinance Changes in 2025

- Extend BAIFA's toll policy to 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 to cover increased costs
- 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.



Opportunity to Listen

- Touch base with public on policies
- Regional consistency across express lanes operators is a goal
- Listening & collaboration matters, but may take time to incorporate feedback
- Example: Express Lanes START low-income toll discount program pilot program



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)
	Public comment period begins (Apr. 9th)	Public hearing at BAIFA NOC (May 9th)	Ordinance adoption at BAIFA (Jun. 25th)	Ordinance effective (Jul. 25th)
	Press release; info posted to website; social media campaign begins + Webinar (Apr. 23rd)	Public comment period ends (May 9th)		

Board meetings highlighted in **bold text**

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

Past Public Comment Themes



- Cost, fairness, equity →
 - Express Lanes START pilot
 - Reduced violation penalties
 - Toll payment plan
 - BATA Equity Action Plan
- Enforcement, cheating →
 - Initial pilot of app-based occupancy verification is complete
 - Currently planning next steps for evaluating apps and other enforcement technologies

Next Steps

- Public comment period formally closes May 9 (today) at 5:00 p.m.
 - Staff will collect and synthesize all comments received
- BAIFA NOC Meeting on Friday, June 13, 2025
 - Staff will present a summary of public comments & key themes
 - Committee members will consider whether to recommend the proposed changes to the toll facility ordinance
- BAIFA Meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2025
 - Full Board will consider BAIFA NOC recommendation and decide whether to adopt proposed changes
 - If adopted, amended and restated toll ordinance becomes effective 30 days later



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