# BAIFA Toll Facility Ordinance Amendment

BAIFA Network and Operations Committee June 13, 2025







### **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)
Informational presentation to Policy Advisory Council	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** 



BAIFA
BAY AREA INFRASTRUCTURE
FINANCING AUTHORITY

- 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.





#### **Public Information & Outreach**

- Statutory requirements
  - Legal notice in newspaper
  - Public comment period
  - Public hearing on May 9
- MTC public information
  - Press release & news story
  - Web landing page with FAQs, instructions for comments, & fact sheets in 5 languages
  - Cross-posted to MTC homepage, 511.org

- Digital campaign
  - Organic posts to MTC social media accounts
  - Paid digital ads in 5 languages
  - Social media press kit shared with CBO partners
- Public webinar on April 23
- Other activities
  - Information item at Solano Transportation Authority board meeting



#### **Public Comment Period Outcomes**

- Public comment period was open for 30 days: April 9 to May 9
- Written comments were accepted via
  - Email
  - Web form
  - U.S. Mail
  - Fax
- Oral comments were received at public hearing on May 9
- Total comments received: 15
  - 6 via email
  - 9 via web form





#### **Public Comment Themes**



- Economic Burden (6)
- Fairness & Equity (5)
- No Tolling (4)
- Climate & Air Quality (4)
- Need for Alternatives to Driving (4)
- CAV and HOV Discounts (3)
- Freeway Performance (1)
- Safety & Enforcement (1)
- Process Questions (1)



## **Next Steps**

- TODAY: Staff recommends that the Network and Operations
   Committee vote to refer the proposed toll ordinance amendment
   to the Authority for adoption.
- June 25, 2025: Authority 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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