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I-680 Express Lane Celebrates Second Successful Year!

I-680 Express Lane use grows.

Alameda County - California. An ever increasing number of drivers are choosing to travel in the [southbound I-680 Sunol Express Lane](#), as the two-year anniversary of the Express Lane opening approaches. The Express Lane admits toll-paying solo drivers in addition to carpoolers (who use the lane at no cost), which optimizes capacity and increases travel time reliability. Since the southbound I-680 Sunol Express Lane opened on September 20, 2010, nearly 800,000 solo drivers have reached their destinations by traveling at speeds that are typically 10-15 miles per hour faster than motorists experience in the general purpose lanes during peak commute hours, without impacting carpooler drive times.

"The number of daily trips on the Express Lane has exceeded our expectations," said Scott Haggerty, Sunol Smart Carpool Lane Joint Powers Authority and Alameda CTC Vice-Chair.

"The success of this lane demonstrates that Alameda County drivers are enthusiastic about innovative congestion management solutions. I'm proud that the Alameda CTC continues to develop industry-leading strategies to improve commuter travel times."

The I-680 Express Lanes are operated by the Alameda County Transportation Commission ([Alameda CTC](#)) through the Sunol Smart Carpool Lane Joint Powers Authority. This project is the first of its kind in Northern California and the Alameda CTC is on the forefront of transportation technology to expand capacity from existing infrastructure to accommodate current and future transportation needs.

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Toll Revenue for Current and Future Uses

To date, the Express Lane use in 2012 is more than 30 percent higher than the use of the lane for the same period in 2011. During the first fiscal year of operation (41 weeks total), there were nearly 300,000 total trips in the Express Lane. By the end of the first fiscal year, the number of trips averaged nearly 1,600 per day during commute hours (5am-11am), with a daily revenue over \$3,600.

During the second fiscal year (52 weeks), there were nearly half a million total trips in the Express Lane, with an average number of trips per day at more than 2,050, and daily revenue of over \$4,400.

Tolls are dynamically priced, operating on a supply and demand principal that ensures increased lane capacity without compromising travel time for carpool lane users. The average peak time toll is under \$3.00, and the minimum toll is 30 cents. To date the Express Lane has generated over \$1.7 million, which is used for corridor improvements along with lane maintenance and operations. Future revenue will support transit service. Environmental work has begun on a proposed Northbound [I-680 Sunol Express Lane Project](#), which could be funded from the 2012 Transportation Expenditure Plan, known as Measure B1 on the November 6, 2012 ballot.

For more information:

[Fiscal Year 2010-11 I-680 Annual Report](#)
[I-680 Sunol Express Lanes - Northbound Fact Sheet](#)
[I-680 Sunol Express Lanes - Southbound Fact Sheet](#)
[Alameda County Express Lanes](#)
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The Alameda County Transportation Commission

The mission of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is to plan, fund and deliver transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. Alameda CTC coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers the expenditure plan for the half-cent sales tax approved by 81.5% of county voters in 2000. For more information, visit www.alamedactc.org.

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