

I-580 Express Lanes Hours of Operation

A Presentation for the
I-580 Express Lane Policy Committee
May 11, 2015

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Statutes

- **Section 149.5 of California Streets and Highway Code:**
 - Express lanes (ELs) operate within the HOV hours, without degrading the operation of the general purposes lanes.

- **Sections 21655.5 (a) & (b) and 21655.6 (a) of the California Vehicle Code:**
 - Authorize Caltrans for studying, designating occupancy and selecting the hours of operations of the lane; in consultation with Regional Transportation Planning Agency (i.e. MTC)

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HOV Lane Committee (Comprised of Caltrans, MTC and CHP)

- Reviewed the studies for expanding the current HOV Hours
- Formally met on April 21, 2015 to review Alameda CTC's request
 - Caltrans:**
 - Emphasized corridor benefits, congestion relief within limited hours
 - Agreed to expand the hours to match Toll Bridge HOV Hours
 - MTC:**
 - Emphasized benefits of full-day operation to provide consistency, new choice to travelers, travel reliability in corridor
 - Requested additional time for review

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HOV Lane Committee

- Reconvened on May 6, 2015 to deliberate and decide
 - Caltrans and MTC staff did not agree on principles
 - CHP staff chose to elevate the request to Freeway Management Executive Committee (FMEC)
 - Impasse
- FMEC to meet on June 11, 2015
- Staff will report back to committee at July 13, 2015 meeting

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Delayed Decision - Impact to Project

- Public outreach
 - Robust campaign is underway
 - Delay in educating public about operational hour changes
- Project signs
 - Have been erected
 - Delay in revising sign messages; via change orders
- No decision
 - No change to current HOV Hours
 - Fail to provide congestion relief during shoulder hours

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Questions & Answers



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