ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ORDINANCE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF TOLLS AND ENFORCEMENT OF TOLL VIOLATIONS FOR THE I-580 EXPRESS LANES

PREAMBLE

The Alameda County Transportation Commission ("Alameda CTC") is authorized pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code section 149.5 to conduct, administer, and operate a value pricing high-occupancy vehicle program ("Express Lane") on Interstate 580 ("I-580") in Alameda County. As of the date of this Ordinance, the Alameda CTC is in the process of constructing two eastbound Express Lanes which shall operate on eastbound I-580 from Hacienda Drive to Greenville Road ("I-580 Eastbound Express Lanes"), and a westbound Express Lane which shall operate on westbound I-580 from Greenville Road to San Ramon Road / Foothill Road ("I-580 Westbound Express Lane"). The I-580 Eastbound Express Lanes and the I-580 Westbound Express Lane shall hereinafter be collectively referenced herein as the "I-580 Express Lanes." Tolls on the I-580 Express Lanes shall be determined through a dynamic process pursuant to certain procedures and limitations adopted by the Alameda CTC, as may be modified from time to time.

While traveling in the I-580 Express Lanes, motorists are required to have a properly mounted transponder associated with a valid FasTrak® Account to facilitate vehicle occupancy validation and the toll collection process pursuant to California Vehicle Code ("Code") section 23302 et seq., and California Streets and Highways Code Section 194.5(b). Code Section 23302.5 provides that it is unlawful for a person to evade or attempt to evade the payment of tolls or other charges on any vehicular crossing or toll highway, and further provides that such acts are subject to civil penalties. Code Division 17, Chapter 1, Article 4, commencing with section 40250 ("Article 4"), provides for enforcement of civil penalties for violation of Code Section 23302.5 and any ordinance enacted by local authorities including joint powers authorities, pursuant to civil administrative procedures set forth in Article 4. This Ordinance establishes the administrative procedures and penalties, enacted pursuant to Article 4, to ensure that motorists who evade the payment of tolls while travelling on the I-580 Express Lanes shall be subject to civil penalties, while ensuring fairness in the treatment of violators.

Now, therefore, the governing body of the Alameda County Transportation Commission hereby ordains as follows:

ARTICLE I - GENERAL

Section 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known as the "I-580 Express Lanes Toll Enforcement Ordinance."
Section 2. Definitions

In addition to the definitions set forth hereinafter, the following definitions shall apply throughout this Ordinance:

(a) “BATA” means the Bay Area Toll Authority.

(b) “Commission” means the governing body of the Alameda CTC.

(c) “Delinquent Penalty” is the amount accessed when a Violation is deemed to be delinquent as set forth in Section 5 of this Ordinance.

(d) “Department” shall mean the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

(e) “Due Date” shall mean the date specified in the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation and Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation by which payment of the Penalty or written explanation of contest must be received.

(f) “FasTrak” or “FasTrak®” means the electronic toll collection system, managed by BATA in the San Francisco Bay Area, which allows Motorists to prepay tolls on the I-580 Express Lanes and other toll facilities in the Bay Area and elsewhere in California.

(g) “FasTrak Account” shall mean an account established with any of the California toll operators to administer the payment of tolls.

(h) “Motorist” shall mean the registered owner, rentee, lessee and/or driver of a Vehicle.

(i) “Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation” shall mean the written notice provided to the registered owner of a Vehicle when a Penalty has not been timely received by Alameda CTC.

(j) “Notice of Toll Evasion Violation” shall mean the written notice provided to the registered owner of a Vehicle which has committed a Violation.

(k) “Penalty” shall mean the monetary amounts assessed to each toll Violation, including the unpaid Tolls, the Toll Evasion Penalty and the Delinquent Penalty, and constitutes a toll evasion penalty under Code section 40252.

(l) “Processing Agency” shall mean Alameda CTC, or the contractor or vendor designated by Alameda CTC, as the party responsible for the processing of the notices of toll evasion.

(m) “Repeat Violator” means any registered owner for whom more than five (5) Notices of Toll Evasion Violation have been issued in any calendar month within the preceding twelve (12) month period.
(n) “Switchable Transponder” or “FasTrak flex®” shall each mean a Transponder with a switch which allows Motorists to self-declare the number of vehicle occupants.

(o) “Terms and Conditions” shall mean the obligations of Alameda CTC and a FasTrak customer with regard to the usage and maintenance of a FasTrak Account as published by BATA or other applicable California toll operator from time to time.

(p) “Toll” shall mean the monetary charges for use of the I-580 Express Lanes as applicable at the time a Motorist enters either of the I-580 Express Lanes, as determined through the dynamic pricing system established by Alameda CTC.

(q) “Toll Evasion Penalty” is the amount accessed under Section 5 of this Ordinance.

(r) “Transponder” shall mean a FasTrak electronic device issued by any of the California toll operators that meets the specifications of California Code of Regulations Title 21 and is used to pay tolls electronically.

(s) “Vehicle” shall mean any vehicle as defined in Code section 670.

(t) “Violation” shall mean the commission of any activity proscribed in Sections 3 and 4 of this Ordinance.

Section 3. I-580 Express Lanes Usage Requirements

(a) While traveling in the I-580 Express Lanes, Motorists shall have a properly mounted transponder associated with a valid FasTrak Account to facilitate vehicle occupancy validation and the toll collection process. Motorists traveling in the I-580 Express Lanes with the minimum number of vehicle occupants to qualify for high occupancy lane use at that time must have a Switchable Transponder set to the required number of occupants or they will be charged the posted single occupancy Toll.

(1) I-580 Express Lanes users with a Switchable Transponder in the Vehicle traveling in the I-580 Express Lanes shall set the self-declaration switch to the actual number of vehicle occupants prior to travel.

(2) Motorists in single occupant vehicles authorized pursuant to California law as eligible users of high occupancy vehicle lanes shall carry a Switchable Transponder and set the self-declaration to three prior to entering the Express Lane.

(3) I-580 Express Lanes users without a Switchable Transponder in the Vehicle traveling in the I-580 Express Lanes will be charged the posted single occupancy Toll rate.

(4) Vehicle occupancy violations, including falsely self-declaring the vehicle occupancy, are subject to citation by the California Highway Patrol.
(b) The FasTrak Account associated with the Transponder contained in any Vehicle must have a balance sufficient to pay the charged Tolls each the time the Vehicle enters the I-580 Express Lanes.

(c) I-580 Express Lanes FasTrak accountholders shall adhere to the Terms and Conditions provided at the time of account opening as updated thereafter with notification to the accountholders.

Section 4. Liability for Failure to Pay Toll

(a) No person shall cause a Vehicle to enter the I-580 Express Lanes without payment of the Toll for the Vehicle by use of a Transponder, issued by Alameda CTC or any California toll agency, which is associated with a FasTrak Account containing a balance sufficient to pay those Tolls.

(b) Except as provided herein, the registered owner and the driver, rentee or lessee of a Vehicle which is the subject of any Violation shall be jointly and severally liable for any Penalty imposed under this Ordinance, unless the registered owner can demonstrate that the Vehicle was used without the express or implied consent of the registered owner. Anyone who pays any Penalty pursuant to this Ordinance shall have the right to recover the same from the driver, rentee or lessee, and not from the Alameda CTC or the Processing Agency.

(c) The driver, rentee or lessee of a Vehicle who is not the owner of the Vehicle may contest the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation in accordance with this Ordinance.

(d) Any Motorist assessed a Penalty for a Violation shall be deemed to be charged with a non-criminal, civil violation.

Section 5. Penalties and Processing of Violation(s)

(a) The Penalties for a Violation of this Ordinance shall be the amounts set forth in the Schedule of Penalties attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated by reference herein. The Schedule of Penalties was adopted by the Commission on March 26, 2015, and may be amended by action of the Commission from time to time without the need to amend or reconsider this Ordinance, provided that such Penalties but may not be greater than the amounts established under Code section 40258 as the maximum Penalties for civil toll evasion violations. If the driver of any Vehicle is arrested pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 40300) of Chapter 2 of the Code, the civil procedure for enforcement of violations established by this Ordinance shall not apply. Revenues received from the Penalties assessed pursuant to this subsection shall be returned to the Alameda CTC.

(b) If a Violation is detected by any means (including automated device, photograph, video image, visual observation, or otherwise), a Notice of Toll Evasion Violation shall be sent to the registered owner by first class mail at the address for the registered owner as shown on the record of the Department within twenty-one (21) days of the Violation. In the case of joint ownership, the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation shall be issued to the first name appearing in the registration. If accurate information concerning the identity and address of the registered owner is not available within twenty-one (21) days from the Violation, the Processing Agency
shall have an additional forty-five (45) calendar days to obtain such information and forward the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation, provided that where the registered owner is a Repeat Violator, the Processing Agency shall forward the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation within ninety (90) calendar days of the Violation.

Section 6. Notice of Toll Evasion Violation

(a) The Notice of Toll Evasion Violation shall contain (1) sufficient information to enable the recipient thereof to determine the date, time and location of the alleged Violation, (2) the section of the Code allegedly violated, (3) the Penalty due for that Violation, (4) the identity and address of the registered owner, (5) the alphanumeric designation of the license plate on the Vehicle that was used in the alleged Violation, (6) if practicable, the registration expiration date and the make of the Vehicle, (7) the procedure to follow for payment of the amount due, (8) a statement in bold print that payments may be sent in the mail, (9) the date and time within which the Penalty must be paid, (10) a clear and concise explanation of the procedures for filing an affidavit of non-liability in those circumstances set forth in subsections B, C and D of this Section 6, and for contesting the alleged Violation and appealing an adverse decision in accordance with Section 9 of this Ordinance, (11) the Due Date, which is also the date by which the written explanation of contest must be received by Alameda CTC, and (12) a statement that there will be additional court costs and fees incurred by the Motorist according to the local jurisdiction rules if collection is pursued through court action.

(b) The Notice of Toll Evasion Violation shall contain, or be accompanied an affidavit of non-liability and information of what constitutes non-liability, information as to the effect of executing the affidavit, and instructions for returning the affidavit to the Processing Agency.

(c) If the affidavit of non-liability is returned to the Processing Agency within twenty-one (21) days of the issuance of the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation together with proof that the driver at the time of the Violation did not possess express or implied consent to drive the Vehicle as evidenced by a stolen vehicle police report, if the Processing Agency is satisfied that the registered owner is not responsible for the Violation, the Processing Agency shall cancel the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation and make an adequate record of the reasons.

(d) If the affidavit of non-liability is returned to the Processing Agency by the Due Date with proof that the registered owner given the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation has made a bona fide sale or transfer of the Vehicle and has delivered possession thereof to the purchaser prior to the date of the alleged Violation and either (1) such owner has complied with section 5602 of the Code, or (2) the Processing Agency is satisfied with evidence that establishes that the transfer of ownership and possession of the Vehicle occurred prior to the date of the alleged Violation, and has obtained verification from the Department, then the Processing Agency shall terminate proceedings against the originally served registered owner and proceed against the new owner of the Vehicle.

(e) If the affidavit of non-liability is returned to the Processing Agency by the Due Date of the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation together with the proof of an executed written rental agreement or lease between a bona fide renting or leasing company and its customer that
identifies the rentee or lessee and provides the driver’s license number, name and address of the rentee or lessee, the Processing Agency shall serve or mail to the rentee or lessee identified in the affidavit of non-liability a Notice of Toll Evasion Violation.

(f) If payment of the Penalty is not received by Processing Agency by the Due Date on the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation, the Processing Agency shall deliver by first-class mail a Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation.

(g) If the description of the Vehicle in the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation does not match the corresponding information on the registration card for that Vehicle, the Processing Agency may, on written request of the Motorist, cancel the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation without the necessity of appearance by that person.

Section 7. Dismissal of Notice of Toll Evasion Violation

(a) If, after a copy of the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation has been sent to the Motorist, the Processing Agency determines that due to failure of proof of apparent Violation the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation shall be dismissed, the Processing Agency shall cancel the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation, and the Motorist shall be so notified by first-class mail.

(b) If the full amount of the Penalty is received by the person authorized to receive the payment of the Penalty by the Due Date and there is no contest as to that Violation, proceedings under this Ordinance shall terminate.

(c) If (i) the Motorist is a holder of a FasTrak Account in good standing with BATA or other California toll operator or (ii) the Motorist has never received a prior Notice of Toll Evasion Violation under this Ordinance and opens a new FasTrak account, and such Motorist follows the procedures and meets the deadlines established by the Processing Agency, as such procedures and deadlines may be modified from time to time, to pay the Toll due on such Notice of Toll Evasion Violation from the Motorist’s FasTrak Account in a timely manner, the Toll shall be charged to such Motorist’s FasTrak Account and proceedings under this Ordinance shall terminate.

(d) If the registered owner of the Vehicle provides proof to the Processing Agency that he or she was not the registered owner on the date of the Violation as set forth in Sections 6 and 8 of this Ordinance, proceedings against the notifying party shall terminate. This does not limit the right of the Processing Agency to pursue collection of the delinquent toll evasion Penalty from the person who was the registered owner of the Vehicle on the date of the alleged Violation.

Section 8. Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation

(a) If the payment of the Penalty is not received by the Processing Agency by the Due Date on the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation, and there is no contest as to that Violation as set forth in Section 10 of this Ordinance, the Processing Agency shall deliver by first-class mail to the registered owner of the Vehicle a Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation.
(b) Alameda CTC or Processing Agency shall establish a procedure for providing, upon request, a copy of the original Notice of Toll Evasion Violation or an electronically produced facsimile of the original Notice of Toll Evasion Violation within fifteen (15) days of a request therefor. Alameda CTC may charge a fee sufficient to recover the actual costs of providing the copy not to exceed Two Dollars ($2), to be established by the Executive Director of Alameda CTC. Until the Processing Agency complies with a request for a copy of the original notice of Violation, the Processing Agency may not proceed to collection of amounts covered by such notice.

(c) The Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation shall contain the information required to be contained in the original Notice of Toll Evasion Violation and, additionally, shall contain a notice to the registered owner that, unless the registered owner pays the Penalty, contests the Violation pursuant to the procedure set forth in the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation, or completes and returns to the Processing Agency an affidavit of non-liability, as provided with the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation and in compliance with subsections D, E and F of Section 6, within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of the Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation (the Due Date): (1) the Penalty shall be considered a debt due and owing Alameda CTC, (2) the renewal of the Vehicle registration shall be contingent upon compliance with the Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation at Alameda CTC’s election, and (3) Alameda CTC may seek to recover in any lawful manner, as provided for in Section 12.

(d) The Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation shall contain, or be accompanied with, an affidavit of non-liability and information of what constitutes non-liability, information as to the effect of executing the affidavit, and instructions for returning the affidavit to the Processing Agency.

(e) If the affidavit of non-liability is returned to the Processing Agency within fifteen (15) days of the mailing of the Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation (the Due Date) together with proof that the driver at the time of the Violation did not possess express or implied consent to drive the Vehicle as evidenced by a stolen vehicle police report, if the Processing Agency is satisfied that the registered owner is not responsible for the Violation, the Processing Agency shall cancel the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation and make an adequate record of the reasons.

(f) If the affidavit of non-liability is returned to the Processing Agency by the Due Date with proof that the registered owner given the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation has made a bona fide sale or transfer of the Vehicle and has delivered possession thereof to the purchaser prior to the date of the alleged Violation and either (1) such owner has complied with section 5602 of the Code, or (2) the Processing Agency is satisfied with evidence that establishes that the transfer of ownership and possession of the Vehicle occurred prior to the date of the alleged Violation, and has obtained verification from the Department, then the Processing Agency shall terminate proceedings against the originally served Motorist and proceed against the unauthorized driver at the time of the Violation, or the new owner of the Vehicle.

(g) If the affidavit of non-liability is returned to the Processing Agency within fifteen (15) days of the mailing of the Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation (the Due Date set forth in the Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation) together with the proof of an
executed written rental agreement or lease between a bona fide renting or leasing company and its customer that identifies the rentee or lessee and provides the driver’s license number, name, and address of the rentee or lessee, the Processing Agency shall mail to the rentee or lessee identified in the affidavit of non-liability a Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation. If payment is not received within fifteen (15) days of such mailing of the Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation, the Penalty shall be considered a debt due and owing Alameda CTC, and Alameda CTC may seek to recover in any lawful manner, as provided for in Section 12, from the rentee or lessee.

Section 9. Payment After Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation

If a Motorist who was mailed a Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation pursuant to Section 8 of this Ordinance, or any other person who presents the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation or Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation, deposits the Penalty due with a person authorized to receive it, then the Processing Agency shall follow the procedures set forth in Section 40266 of the Code.

Section 10. Contest of Notice of Toll Evasion Violation or Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation

(a) A person may contest a Notice of Toll Evasion Violation or Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation within twenty-one (21) days of the issuance of the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation, or within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of the Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation, as applicable.

(b) The Processing Agency shall establish a fair and impartial investigation process to investigate the circumstances of the notice with respect to the contestant’s written explanation of reasons for contesting a Violation. The Processing Agency shall investigate with its own records and staff the circumstances of the notice with respect to the contestant’s written explanation of reasons for contesting the Violation. If based upon the results of that investigation, the Processing Agency is satisfied that the Violation did not occur or that the registered owner was not responsible for the Violation, the Processing Agency shall cancel the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation or Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation and make an adequate record of the reasons for cancelling the notice. The Processing Agency shall mail the results of the investigation to the person who contested the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation or the Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation.

(c) A person who contests a Notice of Toll Evasion Violation or Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation and is not satisfied with the results of the investigation may, within fifteen (15) days of the mailing of the results of the investigation, deposit the amount of the Penalty as set forth in subsection D of this Section 10 and request an administrative review. The Processing Agency shall hold the administrative review within ninety (90) calendar days following the receipt of the request for an administrative review accompanied by the required deposit amount. The person requesting the administrative review may request one (1) continuance, not to exceed twenty-one (21) calendar days. The person requesting the administrative review shall indicate to the Processing Agency his or her election for a review by mail or personal conference.
(d) The deposit for requesting an administrative review shall be as follows:

(1) Except as provided herein, an individual seeking an administrative review shall deposit the full amount of the Penalty due at the time of the request.

(2) Individuals unable to pay the required deposit may apply for a hardship exception, which may be granted by the Processing Agency in its discretion.

(e) If the person requesting an administrative review is a minor, that person shall be permitted to appear at an administrative review or admit responsibility for a Violation without the necessity of the appointment of a guardian. The Processing Agency may proceed against that person in the same manner as if that person were an adult.

(f) As evidence of the Violation the Processing Agency shall produce the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation or a copy thereof, information received from the Department identifying the registered owner of the Vehicle, and a statement under penalty of perjury from the person authorized to issue a notice of Violation that the Tolls or other charges and any applicable fee were not paid in accordance with Alameda CTC’s policies. This documentation in proper form shall be prima facie evidence of the Violation.

(g) The reviews shall be conducted in accordance with the written procedures established by the Processing Agency which shall ensure a fair and impartial review of the contested Violations. The Processing Agency shall provide its decision by first-class mail to the contestant. If a notice of appeal to the California Superior Court is not filed within the period set forth in Section 11, the decision shall be deemed final.

(h) The Processing Agency shall designate one or more individuals to serve here as the hearing officer(s) appointed to conduct administrative reviews pursuant to this Section 10. Each hearing officer shall demonstrate the qualifications, training and objectivity necessary to perform fair and impartial reviews. No hearing officer’s employment, performance evaluation, compensation and benefits shall be directly or indirectly linked to the outcome of reviews or the revenue generated by such reviews.

Section 11. Appeal to Superior Court

A person who requests an administrative review and is not satisfied with the results of the review, may within twenty (20) days after the mailing of the Processing Agency’s final decision seek review by filing an appeal to the Alameda County Superior Court, where the case shall be heard de novo, except that the contents of the Processing Agency’s file in the case on appeal shall be received in evidence. For the purposes of computing the twenty (20)-day period, section 1013 of the Code of Civil Procedure shall be applicable. The Processing Agency shall admit into evidence as prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein, a copy of the Notice of Toll Evasion Violation and/or Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation. A copy of the notice of appeal shall be served in person or by first-class mail upon the Processing Agency by the contestant. Notwithstanding section 72055 of the Government Code, the fee for filing the notice of appeal shall be Twenty-Five Dollars ($25). If the appellant prevails, this fee, together with the deposit of the Penalty made by the contestant, shall be promptly refunded by the Processing Agency in accordance with the judgment of the court.
Section 12. Collection of Unpaid Penalties

If payment is not received within the time periods set forth herein, and no contest has been timely filed, or has been resolved, Alameda CTC and the Processing Agency are authorized to proceed under one or more of the following options for the collection of unpaid Penalties:

(a) Transmit an itemization of unpaid Penalties with the Department for collection with the registration of the Vehicle. Alameda CTC shall pay the fees assessed by the Department associated with the recording of the Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation and may charge the amount of the fee to the Motorists to be collected by the Department.

(b) If more than Four Hundred Dollars ($400) in unpaid Penalties have been accrued by any person or registered owner, Alameda CTC may file proof of that fact with the Superior Court with the same effect as a civil judgment. Execution may be levied and other measures may be taken for the collection of the judgment as are authorized for the collection of any unpaid civil judgments entered against a defendant in an action on a debt. The court may assess costs against a judgment debtor to be paid upon satisfaction of the judgment. The Processing Agency shall mail a notice by first-class mail to the person or registered owner indicating that a judgment shall be entered for the unpaid Penalties and that after thirty (30) days from the date of the mailing of the notice, the judgment shall have the same effect as an entry of judgment against a judgment debtor. The notice shall include all information required by Code section 40267. The filing fee and any costs of the collection shall be added to the judgment amount.

(c) If the Processing Agency has determined that registration of the Vehicle has not been renewed for sixty (60) days beyond the renewal date, and the Penalty has not been collected by the Department pursuant to section 4770 of the Code, file proof of unpaid Penalties with the court with the same effect as a civil judgment as provided above, except that if the amount of the unpaid Penalty is not more than Four Hundred Dollars ($400), the filing fee shall be collectible by the court from the debtor.

(d) Contract with a collection agency to collect Penalty amounts.

(e) Submit a request to the California State Controller for an offset of unpaid Penalty owing by a Motorist against any amount owing the person or entity by a claim for a refund from the Franchise Tax Board under Personal Income Tax Law or the Bank and Corporation Law or from winnings in the California State Lottery, as authorized by California Government Code section 12419.12. Alameda CTC shall provide notice of intent to request an offset by first-class mail to the Motorist thirty (30) days prior to the request date.

(f) Pursue such other remedies and enforcement procedures that are authorized under the laws of the State of California.

Section 13. Termination of Proceedings

The Processing Agency shall terminate proceedings on the Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation in any of the following cases:
(a) Upon receipt of collected penalties remitted by the Department under Code section 4772 for that Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation.

(b) If the Notice of Delinquent Toll Evasion Violation was returned to the Processing Agency pursuant to Code section 4774 and five (5) years have elapsed since the date of the Violation.

(c) The Processing Agency receives information that the Penalties have been paid to the Department pursuant to Code section 4772.

Section 14. Confidentiality

Any information obtained during the enforcement of Violations shall not be used for any purpose other than to pursue the collection of Violations or process Tolls.

Section 15. Other Notices

Nothing herein shall prohibit Alameda CTC or the Processing Agency from establishing informal methods of notifying Motorists of Violations and from collecting Tolls and Penalties for Violations through such means.

Section 16. Implementation

Alameda CTC’s Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to develop procedures, forms, documents and directives which may be necessary to implement the terms of this Ordinance, and the Executive Director may delegate such duties and obligations under this Ordinance to staff of, or consultants under contract to, the Alameda CTC.

Section 17. Severability

If any term, covenant or condition of this Ordinance shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, then the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected and each remaining provision shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law unless any of the stated purposes of this Ordinance would be defeated.

ARTICLE II - PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE.

Upon adoption on the second reading hereof, the Clerk of the Commission shall cause the publication of this Ordinance, within fifteen days of its adoption, once each in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published within Alameda County, and the Clerk of the Commission shall attest to such adoption and publication of this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after adoption.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Commission of the Alameda County Transportation Commission on July 23, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: 25

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: 2

Date Published: August 18, 2015

Attested to:

Dated: 8/19/15

 Clerk of the Commission

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APPENDIX A

SCHEDULE OF PENALTIES

(as adopted by the Commission on March 26, 2015)

Toll Evasion Penalty: $25 (plus original toll)

Delinquent Penalty:  $70 ($25 Toll Evasion Penalty plus $45 late fee; plus original toll).
   If toll is paid within 15 days, penalty is reduced to $25.