South County Transportation Forum – July 21, 2011

Alameda County I-680 Express Lane









Traffic Congestion Polls As a Top Bay Area Concern

Express Lanes:

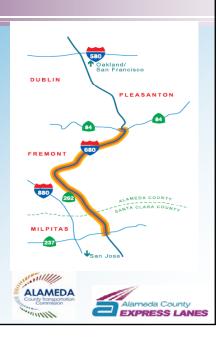
- Proven tool for managing congestion
- Support for Express Lane among all income levels
- #1 users are parents picking up / dropping off children
- Students and workers that can't be late
- Occasional users who want a choice





I-680 Express Lane

- Bay Area's First HOT Lane Project
- Converts Existing HOV
 Lane To A Combined HOV
 / HOT Lane
- 14-Mile Stretch Of Southbound I-680 Over The Sunol Grade
- Starts at Highway 84 in The North and Ends At Highway 237 In The South



Benefits of Express Lanes

- Increases efficiency of existing roadway
- Provides solo drivers with another commute option that is fast and reliable
- Revenue used to operate the lanes
- Revenue reinvested in transportation improvements





Multiple Fund Sources

- Measure B ½ Cent Sales Tax (Alameda Co.)
 over \$26 Million
- Federal Value Pricing Funds
- State Transportation Improvement Funds
- State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)
- Local Santa Clara County Funds





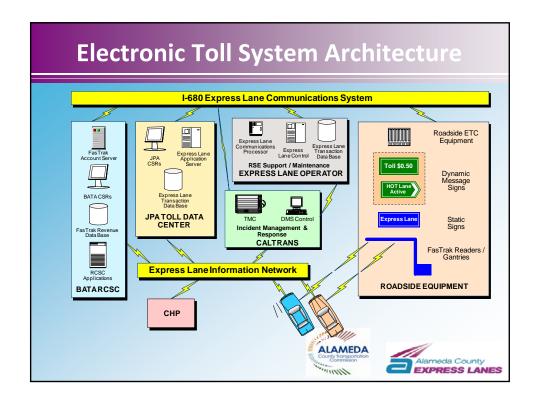
Agreements with Partners

Partnering Agencies:

- BATA Provides
 - Customer Service
 - Revenue Collection
- Caltrans Provides
 - Maintenance of Facility
- CHP Provides
 - Enforcement







Electronic Tolling System

- All Electronic Toll Collection System (ETS)
- Full Interoperability With Fastrak ETC System (Title-21)
- Integration With BATA Regional Customer
 Service And Account Management Systems
- Visual System Enforcement By The CHP Assisted By Electronic Equipment





Unique Toll System Features

- Full Traffic Monitoring in Express and Mixed Use Lanes
- Enforcement Using Hand-Held Portable Devices
- Dynamic/Congestion Pricing





Enforcement Strategy

- Enforcement Agency
 - California Highway Patrol
- Visual Enforcement From CHP
- System Enforcement Technologies:
 - FasTrak Transponder detection beacons
 - Mobile enforcement readers
 - Hand-Held enforcement devices





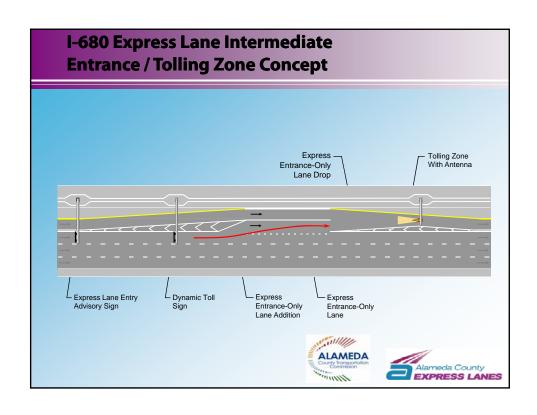
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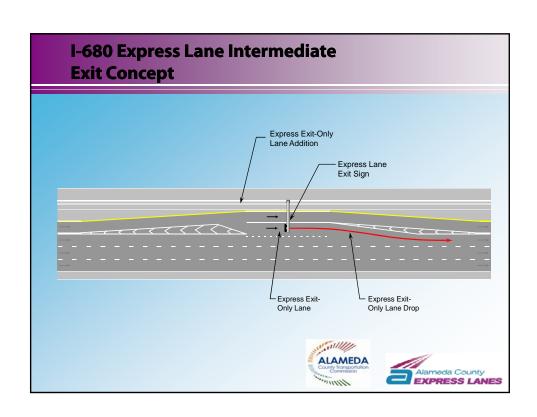
- Express Lane has Limited ingress/egress
- Express Lane is separated by 2' buffer
- Express Lane Hours of Operations
 - 5 am to 8 pm
 - Longer than most HOV Lane hours

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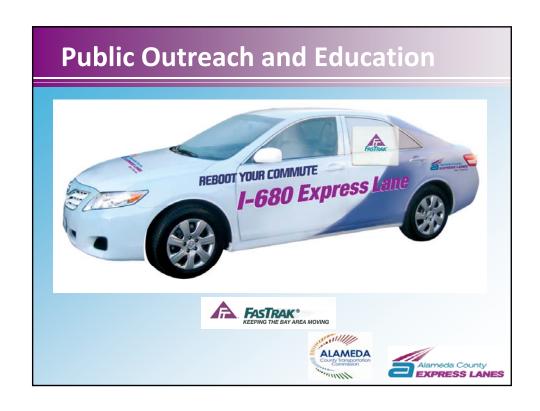
 Balancing Corridor throughput while providing a time advantage to those in Express Lane















Next Steps in Alameda County

- I-680 Northbound Express Lane
- I-580 Eastbound and Westbound HOT Express Lanes





QUESTIONS?



