

Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority Notice of Public Hearing

The Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA) proposes to adopt an amended and restated Toll Facility Ordinance for high-occupancy vehicle (carpool) lanes in Alameda County, Contra Costa County, and Solano County operated by BAIFA as express lanes (BAIFA toll facilities).

Express lanes are high-occupancy vehicle (carpool) lanes that also allow any driver to choose to pay a toll to use the lanes during high-occupancy vehicle (carpool) hours of operation, subject to toll facility rules. BAIFA is a joint powers authority of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA). BAIFA is authorized by California Streets and Highways Code Section 149.7 and California Vehicle Code Section 40250 et seq to adopt the ordinance and construct and operate the express lanes. BAIFA currently operates the express lanes on I-880, between Oakland and Milpitas, and on I-680, between Martinez and San Ramon. BAIFA's express lanes on I-80 between Fairfield and Vacaville are under construction and expected to begin operations in Fall 2025.

The purpose of the Toll Facility Ordinance is to establish tolling rules for BAIFA toll facilities and to establish civil penalties for the evasion of those tolls or noncompliance with other policies set forth in the ordinance. BAIFA proposes to amend its Toll Facility Ordinance to: 1) add the I-80 Express Lanes in Solano County, which are scheduled to open in Fall 2025; 2) increase the allowable timeframe and parameters for pilot projects on express lanes; 3) increase the minimum toll per zone from \$0.50 to \$0.75 for all BAIFA Express Lanes; 4) clarify that the Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) discount will end as of September 30, 2025, unless the federal law that allows the discount is amended prior to that date; and 5) adjust the boundaries of the toll zones on southbound I-680 to reflect the gap closure between BAIFA's and Alameda County Transportation Commission's express lanes on I-680. Other minor language clarification and clean-up language is also proposed.

BAIFA will hold one public hearing to receive oral testimony and written comments about the amended and restated ordinance. Copies of the amended and restated Toll Facility Ordinance, together with certain statutes, rules or regulations incorporated therein by reference, being considered for adoption are on file with the Secretary of the Board of BAIFA and open to public inspection at <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/events/public-hearings>. Should you require a hard copy of the amended and restated ordinance, please submit your request to info@bayareametro.gov or call 415-778-6757 and one will be mailed to you. To learn more about express lanes and the proposed amended and restated Toll Facility Ordinance visit www.mtc.ca.gov/legal-notices.

The public hearing will be held during the BAIFA Network and Operations Committee's regular meeting on:

Friday, May 9, at 9:35 a.m.

Bay Area Metro Center
Board Room, 1st Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105

Prior to the meeting, BAIFA will hold a public webinar with a presentation and an opportunity for questions regarding the proposed amended and restated Toll Facility Ordinance. The public webinar will be held:

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Zoom link:

<https://bayareametro.zoom.us/j/84200502355?pwd=MhJtYgPcMFT7t9NJ6yYGKdFNFBikSG.1>

Webinar ID: 842 0050 2355

Passcode: 828986

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Oral testimony will be received at the public hearing both in-person and via Zoom. Detailed instructions on participating via Zoom and phone are available at: <https://mtc.ca.gov/how-provide-public-comment-board-meeting-zoom>. The meeting Zoom link, phone and accessibility instructions will be posted to: <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/events/public-hearings> no less than 72 hours prior to the hearing.

Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on May 9, 2025. Written comments can be submitted by any of the following methods: 1) online via MTC's website: www.mtc.ca.gov/legal-notices; 2) mail: MTC Public Information Office, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105; 3) fax: 415.536.9800; or 4) email at expresslanes@bayareametro.gov. Please include "BAIFA Toll Facility Ordinance" in the subject line of any correspondence. Oral testimony will be received until the close of the public hearing on May 9, 2025.

After receipt and review of public comments and testimony, BAIFA will consider the adoption of the amended and restated Toll Facility Ordinance at its June 25, 2025 meeting. The amended and restated Toll Facility Ordinance will be effective 30 days after its adoption. For more information, call the MTC Public Information Office at 415-778-6757.

Do you need an interpreter or any other assistance to participate? Please call 415-778-6757. We require at least three working days' notice to accommodate interpreter requests. For TDD or hearing impaired, call 711, California Relay Service, or 1-800-735-2929 (TTY), 1-800-735-2922 (voice) and ask to be relayed to 415-778-6700.

¿Necesita un intérprete u otra asistencia para participar? Por favor llámenos con tres días de anticipación al 415-778-6757. Para telecomunicaciones para Personas Sordas y Discapacitadas (DDTP), favor de llamar 711, el Servicio de Retransmisión de California (CRS) para TTY/VCO/HCO a Voz y también Voz a TTY/VCO/HCO al 1-800-855-3000 o pedir que lo retrasmitan al 415-778-6700.

您是否需要翻譯員或任何其他幫助才能參加呢？請提前三天致電 415-778-6757。有聽覺或者語言障礙的人士，請打電話到 711，加州傳達服務。電傳打字機的聯繫號碼是 1-800-735-2929。需要語音服務可以打電話到 1-800-735-2922，然後要求傳達到 415-778-6700。

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