



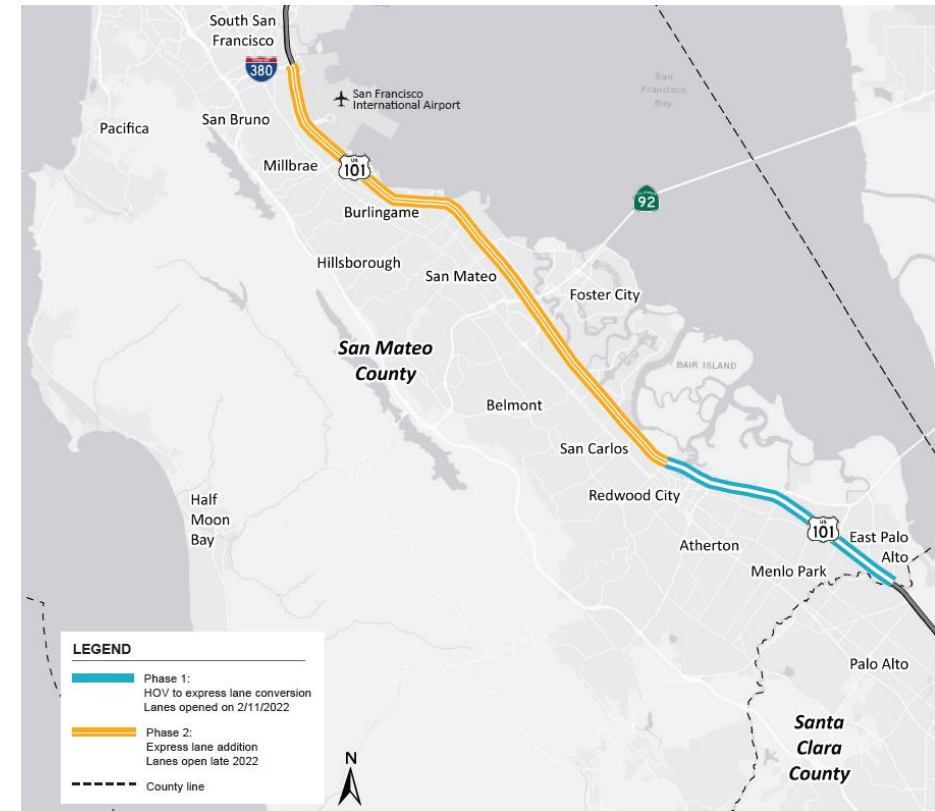
San Mateo Express Lanes
Community Transportation Benefits
Program

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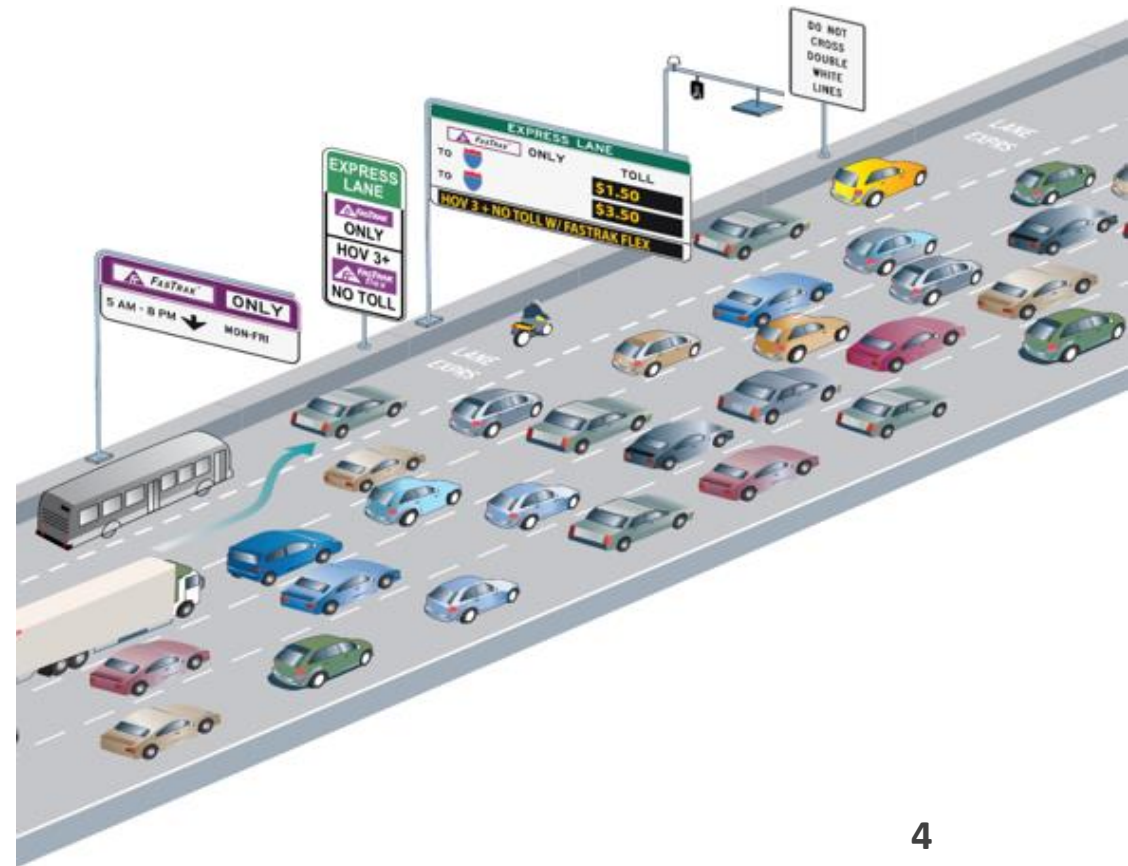
San Mateo 101 Express Lanes Overview

- Multi-year, multi-agency project lead by Caltrans in conjunction with C/CAG and SMCTA to **reduce traffic congestion and encourage carpooling and transit use.**
- **22 miles of Express Lanes** on U.S.101 from the San Mateo County/Santa Clara County line to I-380 in South San Francisco.
- **Connects to other Express Lanes** being constructed in Santa Clara County.



What is an Express Lane?

- Buses, vans and HOV 3+ generally use the lane for free; HOV 2 people in a car receive a discount
- Other drivers can choose to pay
- Toll prices are dynamic to keep the lane free flowing
- Toll prices will be displayed on overhead signs



San Mateo 101 Express Lanes Benefits



Reduce congestion in the corridor



Increase the number of people moved



Encourage carpooling and transit use



Improve travel times and reliability for express lane users



Use technology and design to help manage traffic



Make upgrades to pavement and lane striping

Get FasTrak to Use the Express Lanes



How many people are in your vehicle?



Set the switch accordingly

1

Full Price

2

50% Discount

3+

Free

1

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Free

Full Price

Community Transportation Benefits Program Goals

1. Provide meaningful transportation benefits to eligible San Mateo residents to **help address inequities**
2. **Invest toll revenue** in historically underserved communities in San Mateo County
3. Remain flexible enough to **evolve over time** in response to **changing community needs**

Community Transportation Benefits Program Background

- Conducted a study in 2020/2021 to understand transportation challenges and needs in historically underserved communities. The study included:
 - Technical analysis
 - Geospatial and travel pattern analysis to better understand the community demographics and transportation needs
 - Two phases of community engagement
 - Phase I – Identify mobility challenges & how revenue should be invested
 - Phase II – Gathered input on four equity program alternatives



Program Options

Options	Why select this option?
1. Clipper Card* with a value of \$100 (<i>annual benefit</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't own vehicle • Transit-dependent • Transit is convenient or preferred mode of travel
2. FasTrak® Flex toll tag/transponder with value of \$105 (<i>one-time benefit</i>) - \$100 for tolls and \$5 to cover the refundable tag deposit**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of travel done by vehicle and would like to use the Express Lanes • Don't have a FasTrak Flex toll tag/transponder



**Other discount program available include: Clipper START (means-based discount), youth, and seniors.*

***If the client has a standard FasTrak, they can obtain a Flex through this program and go to <http://getfastrak.org> to return the standard FasTrak toll tag.*

Clipper START, Youth, & Senior Programs

Did you know you may also be eligible for a 50% discount on Caltrain and SamTrans? You or a member of your household may be eligible for other regional transit discounts through Clipper. Clipper START, Youth, and Senior Programs offer either 20% or 50% discounted fares depending on the transit provider.

Clipper START Eligibility*

- Resident of the nine-county Bay Area
- 19-64 years old
- Not have an RTC Clipper Card for people with disabilities
- Have a household income of 200% of the federal poverty level or less*

People in Household & Income Limit

- 1 : \$27,180
- 2 : \$36,620
- 3 : \$46,060
- 4 : \$55,500

**Clipper START has Clipper START's income eligibility is different from the US 101 Express Lanes Community Transportation Benefits Program*



Youth & Senior Program Eligibility

- **Senior program:** 65 and over
- **Youth program:** Age 5-18



101 Express Lanes Community Transportation Benefits Program Eligibility

- Resident of San Mateo County; and
- Age 18 or older; and
- Eligible to receive at least one service provided through the Core Service Agencies Network; or
- *Individual Income* at or below **60%** of the county AMI



Enrollment locations

<p>Daly City Community Center</p> 	<p>Samaritan House</p> 	<p>Coastside Hope</p> 	<p>Pacifica Resource Center</p> 
<p>Puente de la Costa Sur</p> 	<p>YMCA Community Resource Center</p> 	<p>Fair Oaks Community Center</p> 	<p>Samaritan House South</p> 



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Questions?