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PROJECT COST
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PROPOSED: Subject to BAIFA Toll Ordinance Approval

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HOW THE I-880 EXPRESS LANES WORK
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I-880 EXPRESS LANE OPERATIONS
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• The minimum toll is $0.50 per toll zone; the maximum toll is determined by traffic congestion
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