BAIFA Toll Facility Ordinance Amendment

BAIFA Network and Operations Committee

June 13, 2025

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Amendment Schedule

March	April	May	June	July
Information item at BAIFA NOC (Mar. 14th)	Newspaper publication (first week of April)	Second wave of social media ads (first week of May)	**BAIFA NOC action to refer to BAIFA for adoption (Jun. 13th)**	Ordinance published in newspaper (by Jul. 10th)
Informational presentation to Policy Advisory Council	Public comment period begins (Apr. 9th)	**Public hearing at BAIFA NOC (May 9th)**	**Ordinance adoption at BAIFA (Jun. 25th)**	Ordinance effective (Jul. 25th)
	Press release; info posted to website; social media campaign begins + Webinar (Apr. 23rd)	Public comment period ends (May 9th)		

*Board meetings highlighted in **bold text***

Purpose of BAIFA Toll Facility Ordinance

- Documents BAIFA's toll policy
- Allows BAIFA to enforce toll violations on its Express Lanes
- Applies to all BAIFA-operated lanes
  - I-680 in Contra Costa County
  - I-880 in Alameda County
  - Future I-80 in Solano County

History of Toll Facility Ordinance

- July 2016
  - Original adoption before I-680 opened
- January 2020
  - Add I-880
  - Add Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) tolling
- September 2020
  - Add I-680 extension
- June 2022
  - Enable pilots on BAIFA express lanes
  - Allow changes to violation penalties by board resolution
  - Define Executive Director's authority in emergencies

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Proposed Toll Ordinance Changes in 2025

- Extend BAIFA's toll policy to the I-80 Express Lanes in Solano County, which are scheduled to open in Fall 2025
- Increase the allowable timeframe and parameters for pilot projects on express lanes
- Increase the minimum toll per zone from $0.50 to $0.75 for all BAIFA Express Lanes to cover increased costs
- Clarify that the Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) discount will end in Sep-2025, unless federal law is amended prior to that date
- Adjust the boundaries of the toll zones on southbound I-680 to reflect the gap closure between BAIFA's and Alameda CTC's express lanes on I-680.

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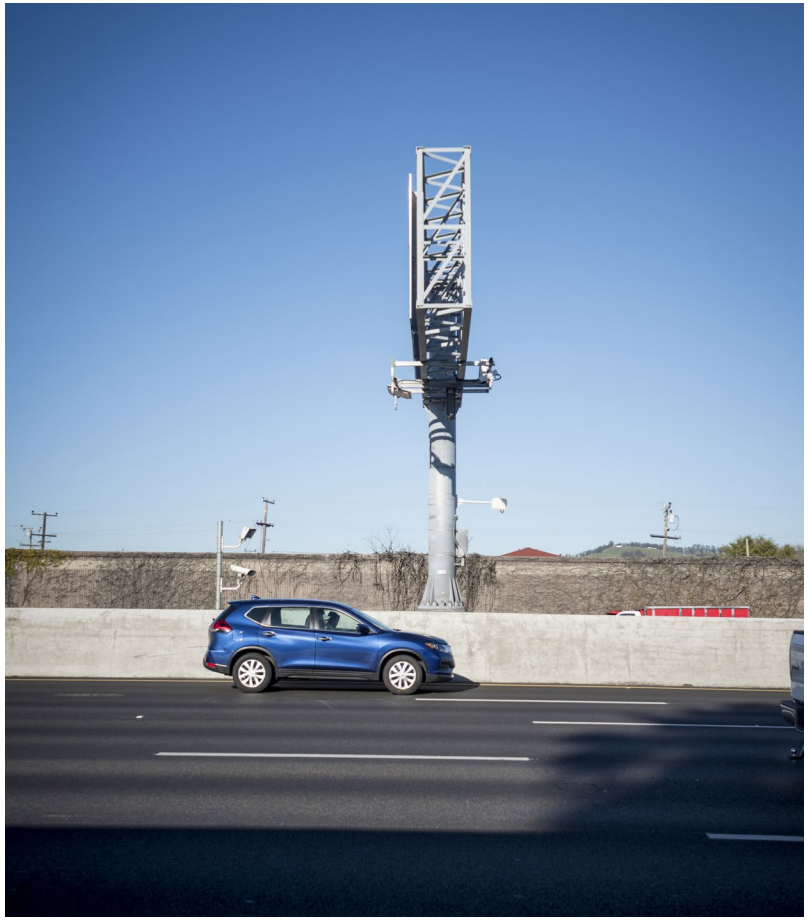
Public Information & Outreach

- Statutory requirements
  - Legal notice in newspaper
  - Public comment period
  - Public hearing on May 9
- MTC public information
  - Press release & news story
  - Web landing page with FAQs, instructions for comments, & fact sheets in 5 languages
  - Cross-posted to MTC homepage, 511.org
- Digital campaign
  - Organic posts to MTC social media accounts
  - Paid digital ads in 5 languages
  - Social media press kit shared with CBO partners
- Public webinar on April 23
- Other activities
  - Information item at Solano Transportation Authority board meeting

Public Comment Period Outcomes

- Public comment period was open for 30 days: April 9 to May 9
- Written comments were accepted via
  - Email
  - Web form
  - U.S. Mail
  - Fax
- Oral comments were received at public hearing on May 9
- Total comments received: 15
  - 6 via email
  - 9 via web form

Public Comment Themes



- Economic Burden (6)
- Fairness & Equity (5)
- No Tolling (4)

- Climate & Air Quality (4)
- Need for Alternatives to Driving (4)
- CAV and HOV Discounts (3)

- Freeway Performance (1)
- Safety & Enforcement (1)
- Process Questions (1)

Next Steps

- TODAY: Staff recommends that the Network and Operations Committee vote to refer the proposed toll ordinance amendment to the Authority for adoption.
- June 25, 2025: Authority will consider BAIFA NOC recommendation and decide whether to adopt proposed changes
- If adopted, amended and restated toll ordinance becomes effective 30 days later

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For more information visit:
https://mtc.ca.gov/express-lanes-policies