

Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority

Notice of Public Hearing

The Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA) proposes to adopt a Toll Facility Ordinance for high-occupancy vehicle (carpool) lanes in Alameda County, Contra Costa County, and Solano County that will be 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. BAIFA's express lanes on I-680 between Walnut Creek and San Ramon are currently under construction and are expected to begin operations in 2017. Additional express lanes will be constructed and operated by BAIFA in Alameda County, Contra Costa County, and Solano County in the future.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish tolls and a toll collection process for the BAIFA toll facilities, to establish civil penalties for the evasion of those tolls or noncompliance with other policies set forth in the ordinance, and to establish a program that addresses how motorists can enroll and participate in BAIFA's toll facility program.

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 will hold two public hearings to receive oral testimony and written comments about the proposed ordinance. Beginning June 15, 2016, the ordinance will be posted on MTC's website (www.mtc.ca.gov), and copies will be available at MTC's offices at the Bay Area Metro Center, 7th Floor Receptionist, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California, 94105. Copies will also be available at the hearings.

The public hearings will be held during BAIFA's regular meetings on:

Wednesday, June 22, at 9:35 a.m.

and

Wednesday, July 27

(at a time to be announced)

at

Bay Area Metro Center
Board Room, First Floor
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, California 94105

Written comments will be accepted until July 20, 2016. Written comments should be submitted to: MTC Public Information Office, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA 94105; or faxed to MTC at 415.536.9800; or sent via email to <info@mtc.ca.gov>. Oral testimony will be received until the close of the public hearing on July 27, 2016.

After receipt and review of public comments and testimony, BAIFA will consider the adoption of the ordinance at its July 27, 2016 meeting. The 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 written materials in large type or in Braille to participate in MTC, BATA or BAIFA meetings? Do you need a sign language interpreter or other assistance? Is English your second language? Do you need one of our documents translated? Do you need an interpreter who speaks your language present at one of our meetings?

We can help! You can request assistance by calling 415.778.6757 or 415.778.6769 for TDD/TTY. Visit www.mtc.ca.gov for more information. We require at least three days' notice to provide reasonable accommodations. We prefer more notice if possible. We will make every effort to arrange for assistance as soon as possible.

###