# San Mateo County Express Lanes J oint Powers Authority (SMCELJ PA) <br> Board of Directors Meeting Notice 

Meeting No. 52

| Date: Friday, January 12, 2024 | Join by Webinar: <br> Time: $\quad$ 9:00 A.M. |
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| Primary Location: //us02web.zoom.us/j/87002637950? <br> San Mateo County Transit District Office <br> 1250 San Carlos Ave, 2nd Fl. Auditorium, <br> San Carlos, CA | Webinar ID: 87002637950 |
| Teleconference Location (Alternate <br> Public Access): <br> Bay Area Metro Center <br> 375 Beale Street | Password: 011224 |
| Ohlone Conference Room, 1st Floor <br> San Francisco, CA 94105 |  |

## ***HYBRID MEETING - IN-PERSON AND BY VIDEOCONFERENCE*

This meeting of the SMCEL-JPA Board of Directors will be held in person and by teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e). Members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting remotely via the Zoom platform or in person at the location above. For information regarding how to participate in the meeting, either in person or remotely, please refer to the instructions at the end of the agenda.

Board of Directors: Alicia Aguirre (Chair), Emily Beach (Vice Chair), Rico E. Medina, Gina Papan, Carlos Romero, and Michael Salazar.

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

### 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Note: Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker. Members of the public who wish to address the Board should complete a speaker's slip to make a public comment in person or raise their hand in Zoom to speak virtually.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

This item is to set the final consent and regular agenda, and to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. All items on the consent agenda are approved by one action. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless members of the Board, staff or public request specific items to be removed for separate action.
3.1 Approval of the minutes of Board of Directors regular business meeting No. 51 dated November 17, 2023.
3.2 Accept the Sources and Uses of Funds for the FY2023 Period Ending October 31, 2023.
3.3 Accept the Sources and Uses of Funds for the FY2023 Period Ending November 30, 2023.

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### 4.0 REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Acceptance of the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023. ACTION p. 8
4.2 Receive a quarterly update on the operations of the US 101 Express Lanes.

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### 5.0 REPORTS

a) Chairperson Report.
b) Member Communication.
c) Executive Council Report - Executive Council Verbal Report.
d) Policy/Program Manager Report.

### 6.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

### 7.0 NEXT REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 2024

### 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICING: All notices of SMCEL-JPA regular Board meetings, standing committee meetings, and special meetings will be posted at the San Mateo County Court Yard, 555 County Center, Redwood City, CA, and on SMCEL-JPA's website at: http://www.ccag.ca.gov.

PUBLIC RECORDS: Public records that relate to any item on the open session agenda for a regular Board meeting, standing committee meeting, or special meeting are available for public inspection. Those public records that are distributed less than 72 hours prior to a regular Board meeting are available for public inspection at the same time they are distributed to all members, or a majority of the members, of the Board. The Board has designated the San Mateo County Express Lanes JPA (SMCEL-JPA), located at 555 County Center, 5th Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063, for the purpose of making public records available for inspection. Such public records are also available on SMCEL-JPA's website at: http://www.ccag.ca.gov. Please note that SMCEL-JPA's office is temporarily closed to the public; please contact Mima Crume at (650) 599-1406 to arrange for inspection of public records.

ADA REQUESTS: Persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids or services to participate in this meeting should contact Mima Crume at (650) 599-1406 or mcrume@smcgov.org by 10:00 a.m. prior to the meeting date.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING HYBRID MEETINGS: During hybrid meetings of the SMCELJPA Board, members of the public may address the Board as follows:

Written comments should be emailed in advance of the meeting. Please read the following instructions carefully:

1. Your written comment should be emailed to mcrume@smcgov.org.
2. Your email should include the specific agenda item on which you are commenting or note that your comment concerns an item that is not on the agenda.
3. Members of the public are limited to one comment per agenda item.
4. If your emailed comment is received at least 2 hours prior to the meeting, it will be provided to the SMCELJPA Board members, made publicly available on the SMCEL-JPA website along with the agenda. Emails received less than 2 hours before the meeting will be provided to the SMCEL-JPA Board members and included in the administrative record of the meeting as soon as practicable.

Spoken comments will be accepted during the meeting in person and through Zoom. Public comments will be taken first by speakers in person followed by via Zoom. Please read the following instructions carefully:
*In-person participation:

1. If you wish to speak to the Board, please fill out a speaker's slip located on the $2^{\text {nd }}$ floor auditorium side table against the wall. If you have anything that you wish distributed to the Board and included in the official record, please hand it to the SMCEL-JPA Clerk who will distribute the information to the Board members and staff.
*Remote participation:
2. The SMCEL-JPA Board meeting may be accessed through Zoom at the online location indicated at the top of this agenda.
3. You may download the Zoom client or connect to the meeting using an internet browser. If using your browser, make sure you are using a current, up-to-date browser: Chrome 30+, Firefox 27+, Microsoft Edge $12+$, Safari 7+. Certain functionality may be disabled in older browsers including Internet Explorer.
4. You will be asked to enter an email address and name. We request that you identify yourself by your name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
5. When the SMCEL-JPA Clerk or Chair call for the item on which you wish to speak, click on "raise hand." The Clerk will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called on to speak. If calling in via phone, press *9 to raise your hand and when called upon press *6 to unmute.
6. When called, please limit your remarks to the time allotted.

If you have any questions about this agenda, please contact SMCEL-JPA staff:
Executive Director: Sean Charpentier (650) 599-1409
Clerk of the Board: Mima Crume (650) 599-1406

# San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 

Meeting No. 51

November 17, 2023

This meeting of the SMCEL-JPA Board of Directors was held in person and by teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e). Members of the public was able to participate in the meeting remotely via the Zoom platform or in person.

Board of Directors: Alicia Aguirre (Chair), Emily Beach (Vice Chair), Rico E. Medina, Gina Papan, Carlos Romero and Michael Salazar.

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Chair Alicia Aguirre called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken.

| AGENCY: | IN-PERSON: | ABSENT: | REMOTE <br> AB 2449: | PemOTE <br> Teleconference Location: |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C/CAG | Alicia Aguirre |  |  |  |
| C/CAG | Gina Papan |  |  |  |
| C/CAG | Michael Salazar |  |  |  |
| SMCTA | Carlos Romero |  |  |  |
| SMCTA | Emily Beach |  |  |  |
| SMCTA | Rico E. Medina |  |  |  |


| Staff Present (In-Person): | Staff Present (Remote): |
| :--- | :--- |
| Sean Charpentier - C/CAG <br> Executive Council |  |
| Mima Crume - Clerk of the Board |  |
| Tim Fox - Legal Counsel | Members of the Public (In-Person): |
| Kaki Cheung - C/CAG |  |
| Van Ocampo - C/CAG |  |
| Lacy Vong - HNTB |  |
| Peter Skinner - TA |  |
| Connie Mobley-Ritter |  |

Other members of staff and members of the public were in attendance via in-person or remote using zoom.
2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Note: Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker. Members of the public who wish to address the Board should complete a speaker's slip to make a public comment in person or raise their hand in Zoom to speak virtually.

Clerk Crume reported that there were no public comments.

### 3.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

This item is to set the final consent and regular agenda, and to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. All items on the consent agenda are approved by one action. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless members of the Board, staff, or public request specific items to be removed for separate action.
3.1 Approval of the minutes of Board of Directors regular business meeting No. 50 dated September 15, 2023.

APPROVED
3.2 Accept the Sources and Uses of Funds for the FY2023 Period Ending June 30, 2023.

APPROVED
3.3 Accept the Sources and Uses of Funds for the FY2024 Period Ending August 31, 2023.

APPROVED
3.4 Accept the Sources and Uses of Funds for the FY2024 Period Ending September 30, 2023.

APPROVED
3.5 Review and approval of the 2024 Calendar of SMCEL-JPA Board of Directors Meetings.

APPROVED
3.6 Review and approval of Resolution SMCEL 23-17 awarding a contract to USI Insurance Services to provide insurance brokerage services to the JPA.

APPROVED
Director Medina MOVED to approve the consent agenda items 3.1 to 3.6. Director Romero SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

### 4.0 REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Review and Approval of Resolution SMCEL 23-18 authorizing the Chair to execute an Agreement with WSP USA Inc. to conduct an organizational assessment at an amount not to exceed $\$ 366,495$, covering the period of November 20, 2023, through January 31, 2025.

APPROVED
The Board received a presentation on the upcoming assessment to determine the appropriate organizational and staffing structure to efficiently and effectively implement the vision, mission, and goals of the Express Lanes Program. The JPA released a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking a consultant team to conduct an organizational assessment. This action was to award the contract to the selected consultant.

Director Medina MOVED to approve item 4.1. Vice Chair Beach SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0
4.2 By motion, approve the conceptual framework for the Next Gen Community Transportation Benefits Program.

APPROVED
The Board received a presentation on the Community Transportation Benefits Next Gen Conceptual Framework. Staff seeks confirmation and approval of the updated program goals, key assumptions, and proposed policy changes, which would inform development of the next generation program.

Vice Chair Beach MOVED to approve item 4.2. Director Romero SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0
4.3 Receive a quarterly update on the Variable Rate Bond used to fund a portion of the SMCEL-JPA Express Lanes project.

INFORMATION
The Board received an update on the Variable Rate Bond used to fund a portion of the SMCEL-JPA Express Lanes project.

### 5.0 REPORTS

a) Chairperson Report.

None.
b) Member Communication.

None.
c) Executive Council Report - Executive Council Verbal Report.

Sean Charpentier reported that the tour of the Express Lanes previously scheduled for the self-help county conference was cancelled. The December Board meeting was recommended to be cancelled due to a lack of action items. Sean has thanked the Board for their work for the past calendar year and wished everyone a happy holiday season.
d) Policy/Program Manager Report.

None.

### 6.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

### 7.0 NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The December 8, 2023, Board meeting has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is on January 12, 2024.
8.0 ADJOURNMENT - 10:40 a.m.

# San Mateo County Express Lanes J oint Powers Authority Agenda Report 

Date: January 12, 2024
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { To: } & \text { San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA) Board of } \\ \text { Directors }\end{array}$
From: Kate Jordan Steiner, Chief Financial Officer
Subject: Accept the Sources and Uses of Funds for the FY2024 Period Ending October 31, 2023
(For further information, contact Kate Jordan Steiner, CFO, at 650-647-3504)

## RECOMMENDATION

That the SMCEL-JPA Board accepts and enters into the record the Sources and Uses of Funds for the Fiscal Year 2024, period ending October 31, 2023.

The statement columns have been designed to provide the annual budget and the year-to-date current actuals for the current fiscal year.

## Fiscal Impact

Year-to-Date Sources of Funds: As of October 2023, the Total Sources of Funds are $\$ 10.2$ million. It is comprised of toll revenues ( $\$ 9.2$ million) and Toll Violation, Fees and Penalties ( $\$ 0.7$ million) from both Southern and Northern Segments of Express Lanes on U.S. 101. The Northern Segment, which is from Whipple Avenue to the I380 in South San Francisco, was officially opened on March 3, 2023. The Sources of Funds also include Allocated Bond Funds - Equity Program ( $\$ 0.1$ million) and Interest Income ( $\$ 0.2$ million).

Year-to-Date Uses of Funds: As of October 2023, the Total Uses of Funds are $\$ 3.6$ million. Major expenses are in the categories of Toll operations and maintenance costs ( $\$ 1.2$ million), FasTrak customer service costs (\$1.1 million), Consultant ( $\$ 0.4$ million), Insurance ( $\$ 0.2$ ), and Staff support ( $\$ 0.2$ million).

## BACKgRound

Budget Amendment: There are no budget amendments for the month of October 2023.
Other Information:
Loan payables represent loan advance payments received since the formation of the SMCEL-JPA from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority and the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County. Loan advances will be repaid on a monthly basis and no later than five years after the San Mateo County 101 Express Lanes Project begins operations and receives toll revenues.

## Attachment

1. Sources and Uses of Funds Fiscal Year 2024 (October 2023)

## SAN MATEO COUNTY EXPRESS LANE JPA SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

|  | ADOPTED BUDGET |  | ACTUALS |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Annual |  | As of 10/31/23 |  |
| SOURCES OF FUNDS: |  |  |  |  |
| Toll Revenues | \$ | 20,200,000 | \$ | 9,174,600 |
| Toll Violation, Fees and Penalties |  | 4,200,000 |  | 743,577 |
| Allocated Bond Funds - Equity Program |  | 577,550 |  | 110,428 |
| SMCTA Measure A (ACR TDM) - Equity Program |  | 400,000 |  | - |
| Misc. Income |  | - |  | 155,454 |
| TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS | \$ | 25,377,550 | \$ | 10,184,059 |
| USES OF FUNDS: |  |  |  |  |
| Staff Support | \$ | 1,055,611 | \$ | 167,639 |
| Administrative Overhead |  | 117,139 |  | 65,610 |
| Seminar Training/Business Travel |  | 40,500 |  | 1,399 |
| Audit \& Bank Fees |  | 22,636 |  | 1,200 |
| Promotional Advertising |  | 50,000 |  | 16,668 |
| Utilities |  | 50,000 |  | 16,668 |
| Software Maintenance \& License |  | 33,600 |  | 14,881 |
| Legal Services |  | 60,000 |  | 20,000 |
| Insurance |  | 500,000 |  | 171,075 |
| SMCEL-JPA Bond Related Debt Fees |  | 520,000 |  | - |
| Miscellaneous |  | 29,350 |  | 2,736 |
| Consultant |  | 2,206,700 |  | 448,000 |
| Express Lane Maintenance |  | 847,000 |  | 80,000 |
| Toll Operations and Maintenance (BAIFA) |  | 8,350,000 |  | 1,169,208 |
| FasTrak Customer Service (BATA) |  | 5,200,000 |  | 1,065,841 |
| Express Lanes Enhanced Enforcement (CHP) |  | 240,000 |  | 80,000 |
| Equity Program Adminsitration and Costs |  | 1,435,000 |  | 110,428 |
| Interest Expense on Operating Advances |  | 269,098 |  | 67,947 |
| Credit Enhancement Fee |  | 400,000 |  | 133,332 |
| SMCEL-JPA Bond Interest |  | 1,000,000 |  | - |
| TOTAL USES OF FUNDS | \$ | 22,426,634 | \$ | 3,632,632 |
| PROJECT SOURCES OVER USES | \$ | 2,950,916 | \$ | 6,551,427 |
| Additional Information: |  |  |  |  |
| Loan payables to the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County Loan payables to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority |  |  | \$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,800,527 \\ & 3,295,909 \end{aligned}$ |

# San Mateo County Express Lanes J oint Powers Authority Agenda Report 

Date: January 12, 2024
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { To: } & \text { San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA) Board of } \\ \text { Directors }\end{array}$
From: Kate Jordan Steiner, Chief Financial Officer
Subject: Accept the Sources and Uses of Funds for the FY2024 Period Ending November 30, 2023
(For further information, contact Kate Jordan Steiner, CFO, at 650-647-3504)

## RECOMMENDATION

That the SMCEL-JPA Board accepts and enters into the record the Sources and Uses of Funds for the Fiscal Year 2024, period ending November 30, 2023.

The statement columns have been designed to provide the annual budget and the year-to-date current actuals for the current fiscal year.

## Fiscal Impact

Year-to-Date Sources of Funds: As of November 2023, the Total Sources of Funds are $\$ 13.0$ million. It is comprised of Toll revenues ( $\$ 11.8$ million - line 1 ) and Toll violation, fees and penalties ( $\$ 0.9$ million - line 2) from both Southern and Northern segments of Express Lanes on U.S. 101. The Northern segment, which is from Whipple Avenue to the I-380 in South San Francisco, was officially opened on March 3, 2023. The Sources of Funds also include Allocated bond funds - Equity program (\$0.1 million - line 3) and Interest income ( $\$ 0.2$ million - line 5).

Year-to-Date Uses of Funds: As of November 2023, the Total Uses of Funds are $\$ 4.4$ million. Major expenses are in the categories of Toll operations and maintenance costs ( $\$ 1.5$ million - line 19), FasTrak customer service costs ( $\$ 1.3$ million - line 20), Consultant ( $\$ 0.6$ million - line 17), Insurance ( $\$ 0.2$ - line 14), and Staff support ( $\$ 0.2$ million - line 6 ).

## BACKGROUND

Budget Amendment: There are no budget amendments for the month of November 2023.
Other Information:
Loan payables represent loan advance payments received since the formation of the SMCEL-JPA from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority and the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County. Loan advances will be repaid on a monthly basis and no later than five years after the San Mateo County 101 Express Lanes Project begins operations and receives toll revenues.

## Attachment

1. Sources and Uses of Funds Fiscal Year 2024 (November 2023)

## SAN MATEO COUNTY EXPRESS LANE JPA SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

Fiscal Year 2024
November 2023

|  | ADOPTED BUDGET |  | ACTUALS |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Annual |  | As of 11/30/2023 |  |
| SOURCES OF FUNDS: |  |  |  |  |
| Toll Revenues | \$ | 20,200,000 | \$ | 11,756,494 |
| Toll Violation, Fees and Penalties |  | 4,200,000 |  | 901,006 |
| Allocated Bond Funds - Equity Program |  | 577,550 |  | 112,552 |
| SMCTA Measure A (ACR TDM) - Equity Program |  | 400,000 |  | - |
| Misc. Income |  | - |  | 207,412 |
| TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS | \$ | 25,377,550 | \$ | 12,977,464 |
| USES OF FUNDS: |  |  |  |  |
| Staff Support | \$ | 1,055,611 | \$ | 169,183 |
| Administrative Overhead |  | 117,139 |  | 81,538 |
| Seminar Training/Business Travel |  | 40,500 |  | 4,375 |
| Audit \& Bank Fees |  | 22,636 |  | 5,553 |
| Promotional Advertising |  | 50,000 |  | 20,835 |
| Utilities |  | 50,000 |  | 20,835 |
| Software Maintenance \& License |  | 33,600 |  | 16,736 |
| Legal Services |  | 60,000 |  | 25,000 |
| Insurance |  | 500,000 |  | 213,854 |
| SMCEL-JPA Bond Related Debt Fees |  | 520,000 |  | - |
| Miscellaneous |  | 29,350 |  | 7,903 |
| Consultant |  | 2,206,700 |  | 550,516 |
| Express Lane Maintenance |  | 847,000 |  | 23,775 |
| Toll Operations and Maintenance (BAIFA) |  | 8,350,000 |  | 1,461,510 |
| FasTrak Customer Service (BATA) |  | 5,200,000 |  | 1,332,302 |
| Express Lanes Enhanced Enforcement (CHP) |  | 240,000 |  | 100,000 |
| Equity Program Adminsitration and Costs |  | 1,435,000 |  | 112,552 |
| Interest Expense on Operating Advances |  | 269,098 |  | 85,545 |
| Credit Enhancement Fee |  | 400,000 |  | 166,665 |
| SMCEL-JPA Bond Interest |  | 1,000,000 |  | - |
| TOTAL USES OF FUNDS | \$ | 22,426,634 | \$ | 4,398,677 |
| PROJECT SOURCES OVER USES | \$ | 2,950,916 | \$ | 8,578,787 |

Additional Information:

| Loan payables to the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County | $\$ 2,808,611$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Loan payables to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority | $\$, 327,111$ |

# San Mateo County Express Lanes J oint Powers Authority Agenda Report 

Date: January 12, 2024

To: $\quad$ San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA) Board of
From: Kate Jordan Steiner, CFO
Subject: $\quad$ Acceptance of the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 (For further information, contact Kate Jordan Steiner, CFO, at 650-647-3504)

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the SMCEL-JPA Board accepts and enters into the record the the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended on June 30, 2023.

## BACKGROUND

Annually, staff is responsible for preparation of an annual report on the financial position and financial results of the SMCEL-JPA. The SMCEL-JPA contracts with an independent auditor, Eide Bailly LLP to conduct yearly audits of the Financial Statements. These audits adhere to auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, including the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. The independent auditor has provided an unmodified, or "clean", opinion on the Financial Statements.

The SMCEL-JPA presents these audited financial statements, along with the auditor's opinion, in a document called the Annual Financial Report (AFR). The AFR serves as the SMCEL-JPA's primary source of disclosure to the public and to the financial community regarding the status of the SMCELJPA's financial position.

## Attachment

1. Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (JPA)
San Carlos, California


## Annual

# Financial Report 

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority

## Annual Financial Report

Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022
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# Independent Auditor's Report 

Governing Board
San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority
San Carlos, California

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

## Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCELPA) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise SMCELPA's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of SMCELPA, as of June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of SMCELJPA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the SMCELJPA ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of SMCELPPA's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about SMCELPA's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

## Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by the missing information.

DRAFT - EB Signature
Menlo Park, California
Month XX, 2023

## San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority

Statements of Net Position June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022

|  | 2023 |  | 2022 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Current Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 8,446,256 | \$ | 2,040,853 |
| Project loan proceeds held by the Transportation Authority |  | 9,959,666 |  | 13,365,426 |
| Accounts receivable |  | 3,090,926 |  | 492,174 |
| Prepaid items |  | 22,260 |  | 88,218 |
| Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation |  | 30,139,007 |  | 7,579,187 |
| Total Assets |  | 51,658,115 |  | 23,565,858 |
| Liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Current Liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts payable |  | 73,188 |  | 542,000 |
| Accrued liabilities |  | 3,115,892 |  | 844,819 |
| Due to SamTrans |  | 722,179 |  | 13,943 |
| Due to Transportation Authority |  | - - |  | 7,444 |
| Total Current Liabilities |  | 3,911,259 |  | 1,408,206 |
| Noncurrent Liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Operating loan payable |  | 6,028,489 |  | 5,525,821 |
| Long term project loan payable |  | 100,000,000 |  | 100,000,000 |
| Total Noncurrent Liabilities |  | 106,028,489 |  | 105,525,821 |
| Total Liabilities |  | 109,939,748 |  | 106,934,027 |
| Net Position |  |  |  |  |
| Investment in capital assets Unrestricted |  | $\begin{gathered} 30,139,007 \\ (88,420,640) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 7,579,187 \\ (90,947,356) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Total Net Position | \$ | $(58,281,633)$ | \$ | $(83,368,169)$ |

# San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority 

Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position Years Ended June 30, 2023 and June 302022

|  | 2023 |  | 2022 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating revenues |  |  |  |  |
| Toll revenue | \$ | 14,105,732 | \$ | 1,759,533 |
| Total operating revenue |  | 14,105,732 |  | 1,759,533 |
| Operating expenses |  |  |  |  |
| Operations and maintenance |  | 8,103,745 |  | 3,169,871 |
| Project loan disbursement |  | 3,405,757 |  | 21,116,893 |
| Depreciation expense |  | 2,644,029 |  | 479,695 |
| Total operating expenses |  | 14,153,531 |  | 24,766,459 |
| Operating loss |  | $(47,799)$ |  | $(23,006,926)$ |
| Nonoperating revenues (expenses) |  |  |  |  |
| Interest income |  | 15,533 |  | - |
| Other nonoperating revenue |  | 47,234 |  | - |
| Interest expense |  | $(132,281)$ |  | $(45,155)$ |
| Total nonoperating revenues (expenses) |  | $(69,514)$ |  | $(45,155)$ |
| Net loss before capital contributions |  | $(117,313)$ |  | $(23,052,081)$ |
| Capital contributions |  | 25,203,849 |  | 8,058,882 |
| Change in net position |  | 25,086,536 |  | $(14,993,199)$ |
| Net Position, beginning |  | $(83,368,169)$ |  | $(68,374,970)$ |
| Net Position, ending | \$ | $(58,281,633)$ | \$ | (83,368,169) |

# San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority 

Statements of Cash Flows
Years Ended June 30, 2023 and June 302022

|  | 2023 |  | 2022 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash flows from operating activities |  |  |  |  |
| Cash receipts from customers | \$ | 11,506,979 | \$ | 1,267,358 |
| Payments to suppliers for goods and services |  | $(8,893,256)$ |  | $(23,131,315)$ |
| Net cash used for operating activities |  | 2,613,723 |  | $(21,863,957)$ |
| Cash flows from noncapital financing activities |  |  |  |  |
| Interest paid |  | $(132,281)$ |  | $(45,155)$ |
| Loan advances |  | 3,908,428 |  | 23,474,338 |
| Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities |  | 3,776,147 |  | 23,429,183 |
| Cash flows from investing activities |  |  |  |  |
| Investment income received |  | 15,533 |  | - |
| Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities |  | 15,533 |  | - |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents |  | 6,405,403 |  | 1,565,226 |
| Cash and cash equivalents - Beginning |  | 2,040,853 |  | 475,627 |
| Cash and cash equivalents - Ending | \$ | 8,446,256 | \$ | 2,040,853 |
| Reconciliation of operating income |  |  |  |  |
| to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities | \$ | (47 799) | \$ | (23, |
| Adjustments to reconcile operati |  |  |  |  |
| cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation expense |  | 2,644,029 |  | 479,695 |
| Other nonoperating revenue |  | 47,234 |  | - |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| (Increase) in receivables |  | $(2,598,752)$ |  | $(492,174)$ |
| Decrease (increase) in prepaid items |  | 65,958 |  | 36,214 |
| Increase (decrease) in liabilities |  | 2,503,053 |  | 1,119,234 |
| Net cash used by operating activities | \$ | 2,613,723 | \$ | $(21,863,957)$ |
| Schedule of Noncash Capital Activities |  |  |  |  |
| Contribution of capital assets | \$ | 25,203,849 | \$ | 8,058,882 |

## Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCELJPA) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applied to government units (hereinafter referred to as generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standardsetting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. SMCELPA adheres to accounting and financial reporting principles issued by GASB. The SMCELPA's significant accounting policies are described below.

## Reporting Entity

The SMCELPA is a joint powers authority, organized in May 2019 pursuant to a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (Agreement) between the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (Transportation Authority). The Agreement was entered into pursuant to the Government Code of the State of California, commencing with Section 6500. The SMCELJPA is governed by a six-member governing body. The governing body is composed of three members from each of the organizing entities. Both Transportation Authority and C/CAG have three members.

The SMCELPA was formed to own, manage, and operate the San Mateo County U.S. 101 Express Lanes Project ("Project"). The Project includes (i) the conversion of the existing High Occupancy Vehicle ("HOV") lanes into express lanes from the northern terminus of the Santa Clara County express lanes to the Whipple Road Interchange and (ii) the construction of new express lanes from Whipple Road to north of I-380 in San Mateo County. Since full corridors became operational in March 2023, the Project has provided continuous express lanes in San Mateo County in both the northbound and southbound directions of U.S. 101. Resulting toll revenues will fund transportation and transit improvements in the corridor, as well as Project operations and maintenance. Members of the SMCELPA's Board of Directors are local-elected officials (City Councilmembers and/or County Board of Supervisors) from San Mateo County. The Express Lanes were scheduled for a two-phase opening, south segment opened February 11, 2022, and the north segment was officially opened on March 3, 2023.

## Managing Agency

Under the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, the San Mateo County Transit District (as managing agency for the Transportation Authority) and C/CAG both provide staff support to the SMCELPA. The San Mateo County Transit District's staff support the SMCELJPA's financial activities (e.g., budgeting, accounting, audits, and treasury), marketing (including marketing use of the lanes and promoting the broader benefits of the lanes), and communications (including media and community relations, and the SMCELPA's website). The C/CAG staff provide contracts, procurement and board clerk and support services. All of the SMCELIPA's operating costs are included in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.

# San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority 

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022

## Basis of Presentation and Accounting

All activities of the SMCELJPA are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applicable to governmental agencies. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with operations are included on the Statement of Net Position. Revenues are reported when earned and expenses are reported when the related liabilities are incurred.

Enterprise funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the SMCELPA's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of the SMCELJPA is the collection of toll revenue.

## Net Position

Net position is reported in the following categories:

- Investment in capital assets - This category includes all capital assets offset by accumulated depreciation. The SMCELJPA has no capital related debt.
- Unrestricted - This category represents net position of the SMCELJPA that is not restricted for any project or other purpose.

Sometimes the SMCELJPA will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the SMCELJPA's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purpose of the statement of cash flows, the SMCELJPA considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents include money market and cash in bank accounts.

## Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and related disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

# San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority 

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022

## Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation plus ancillary charges, if any. Depreciation is calculated using the straightline method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Toll revenue equipment 3 to 20 years

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset, nor materially extend its life is not capitalized. The SMCELJPA's policy is to capitalize all capital assets with a cost greater than $\$ 5,000$ and a useful life of more than one year.

## Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses are distinguished from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of SMCELJPA are toll revenues to customers. Operating expenses include the cost of sales and services, toll operations and maintenance, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

## Project Construction

The SMCELJPA does not retain ownership of the assets improved when the original assets are owned by other entities.

## Repayment of Operating Loans

The SMCELJPA has agreed to repay all loans to the Transportation Authority and C/CAG in accordance with the loan agreements, once the project begins operations. Interest on amounts advanced to SMCELJPA will be compounded monthly on the first business day of every month based on the net earnings rate of the San Mateo County Investment Pool Fund ("Monthly Earnings Rate"), as published by the San Mateo County Treasurer's Office for the applicable month. Amounts due to the Transportation Authority and/or C/CAG as the result of ongoing operations will be presented separately as they are not subject to the same terms.

## Note 2- Cash and Cash Equivalents

SMCELJPA had $\$ 8,446,256$ and $\$ 2,040,853$ on June 30,2023 and 2022 of cash and cash equivalents. As of June 30,2023 , SMCELJPA had $\$ 991,362$ in money market accounts rated AAA. The remainder of cash and cash equivalents is cash held in banks amounting to $\$ 7,454,894$ collateralized by the bank holding the deposit. California laws requires banks and savings and loan institutions to pledge government securities with a market value of 110 percent of the deposit or first trust deed mortgage notes with a value of 150 percent of the deposit as collateral for all municipal deposits (pool). This collateral remains with the institution but is considered to be held in the pool's name and places SMCELJPA, which is a participant in the pool, ahead of general creditors of the institution.

## Cash and cash equivalents

Cash in bank
Money market accounts

## Total Cash and cash equivalents

| 2023 | 2022 |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$ 7,454,894 | \$ 2,040,853 |
| 991,362 |  |
| \$ 8,446,256 | \$ 2,040,853 |

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event a financial institution or counterparty fails, SMCELPA would not be able to recover the value of its deposits and investments. On June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation insured SMCELJPA's cash deposits up to \$250,000 and the financial institution's trust department collateralized the remainder in SMCELJPA's name.

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the SMCELJPA would not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. SMCELJPA's investments are not exposed to custodial credit risk.

## Note 3 - Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivables as of June 30 consist of amounts owed by other governmental agencies and miscellaneous receivables as follows:

|  | 2023 | 2022 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Metropolitan Transportation Commission | \$ 3,041,810 | \$ | 485,128 |
| Others | 49,116 |  | 7,046 |
| Total accounts receivable | \$ 3,090,926 | \$ | 492,174 |

## Note 4 - Capital Assets

Capital asset balance as of June 30, 2023, and activity for the year then ended are as follows:

Toll revenue equipment

| July 1, 2022 |  | Additions |  | Deletions |  | June 30, 2023 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | 8,058,882 | \$ | 25,203,849 | \$ | - | \$ | 33,262,731 |
|  | $(479,695)$ |  | (2,644,029) |  | - |  | $(3,123,724)$ |
| \$ | 7,579,187 | \$ | 22,559,820 | \$ | - | \$ | 30,139,007 |

Capital asset balance as of June 30, 2022, and activity for the year then ended are as follows:

Toll revenue equipment
Accumulated depreciation
Net book value

| June 30, 2021 |  | Additions |  | Deletions |  | June 30, 2022 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | - | \$ | 8,058,882 | \$ |  | \$ | 8,058,882 |
|  | - |  | $(479,695)$ |  | - |  | $(479,695)$ |
| \$ | - | \$ | 7,579,187 | \$ |  | \$ | 7,579,187 |

## Note 5 - Loans Payable

Loan payables represent loan advance payments received since the formation of SMCELPA from the Transportation Authority and the C/CAG. Loan advances will be repaid in accordance with the loan agreements after the San Mateo County U.S. 101 Express Lanes Project begins operations and receives toll revenues. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the loans payable consists of $\$ 2,769,314$ and $\$ 2,337,997$ operating loans payable to the C/CAG, and as of June 30, 2023 and $2022 \$ 3,259,175$ and $\$ 3,188,424$ operating loans payable to the Transportation Authority, respectively. Additionally, as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 SMCELJPA's project loan payable to the Transportation Authority was $\$ 100,000,000$.

|  | Balance at <br> July 1, 2022 | Additions |  | Balance at June 30, 2023 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Loans payable - - |  |  |  |  |
| Operating loan payable to C/CAG | \$ 2,337,397 | \$ | 431,917 | \$ 2,769,314 |
| Operating loan payable to |  |  |  |  |
| Transportation Authority | 3,188,424 |  | 70,751 | 3,259,175 |
| Long term project loan payable |  |  |  |  |
| to Transportation Authority | 100,000,000 |  | - | 100,000,000 |
| Total loans payable | \$ 105,525,821 | \$ | 502,668 | \$ 106,028,489 |
|  | Balance at July 1, 2021 | Additions |  | Balance at June 30, 2022 |
| Loans payable - July 1,2021 - June 30,2022 |  |  |  |  |
| Operating loan payable to C/CAG | \$ 1,393,648 | \$ | 943,749 | \$ 2,337,397 |
| Operating loan payable to |  |  |  |  |
| Transportation Authority | 1,774,727 |  | 1,413,697 | 3,188,424 |
| Long term project loan payable |  |  |  |  |
| to Transportation Authority | 100,000,000 |  | - | 100,000,000 |
| Total loans payable | \$ 103,168,375 | \$ | 2,357,446 | \$ 105,525,821 |

Accrued interest as of June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 was $\$ 132,281$ and $\$ 45,155$, respectively.

# San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority 

Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022

SMCELJPA shall repay the Transportation Authority and the C/CAG the loan amounts plus accrued interest with toll revenues from the project. The loan payments and accrued interest will be repaid on a monthly basis no later than five years after the project begins operations and receives toll revenue unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

On September 1, 2020, the SMCELSPA entered a non-revolving loan agreement with the Transportation Authority for a loan in the amount of $\$ 100,000,000$. The loan proceeds were to be used to finance the costs of construction and improvements to the U.S. 101 Express Lane project, as well as to fund an initial contribution to express lane related equity programs. The long-term project loan payable is to be repaid and secured by a pledge of net toll revenues. The first principal payment is payable on May 1, 2024, and annually thereafter on May 1 of each year through 2049 in accordance with the terms and provisions of the bond loan agreement. Interest is accrued on the bond loan at a rate equal to the interest rate of the Transportation Authority's 2020 Series A and B Limited Tax Bonds, which have an assumed interest rate as of the fiscal year ended June 30,2023 of $2.75 \%$ for each of the subsequent years. The SMCELJPA shall pay to the Transportation Authority the enhancement rate pursuant to terms of project loan agreement. The outstanding project loan payable as of June 30,2023 , is $\$ 100,000,000$. The southern segment of the 101 Express Lane was opened in February 2022. The northern segment of the 101 Express Lane became operational on March 3, 2023. In future years the debt service payments as a ratio of pledged toll revenues will be disclosed.

## Note 6- Risk Management

SMCELSPA is exposed to various risks of loss including but not limited to those related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions, and natural disasters. SMCELPA is selfinsured for a portion of its property and liability coverages. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, coverage for the SMCELDPA can be summarized as follows:

| Type of Coverage | Self-Insured Retention |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Commercial General Liability | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 10,000,000$ per occurrence/ aggregate |
| Public Officials Liability | $\$ 10,000$ self-insured retention | $\$ 3,000,000$ per occurrence / aggregate |
| Property | $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 5,000,000$ per occurrence $/ \$ 30,000,000$ aggregate |
| Equipment Breakdown-Property Insurance | $\$ 1,000$ | $\$ 30,000,000$ per occurrence/ aggregate |

Real Property is insured for total insurable values (TIV) of $\$ 30,696,440$. Coverage extends to SMCELPA's roadway infrastructure and tolling equipment against the perils of damaged equipment due to the fault of others, vandalism, fire, and theft. Equipment Breakdown provides coverage against power surges, electrical shorts and arcing, mechanical breakdowns, and motor burnout. Terrorism coverage extends to Property.

## Note 7- Related Parties and Joint Ventures

## Operating Loan Payable

In Fiscal Year 2023, the Transportation Authority and the C/CAG authorized loans to fund operating costs in the amount of $\$ 2,537,852$ and $\$ 1,350,000$ respectively from each agency. As of June 30, 2023, the SMCELSPA had an operating loan payable of $\$ 3,259,175$ and $\$ 2,769,314$ to the Transportation Authority and the C/CAG respectively.

In Fiscal Year 2022, the Transportation Authority and the C/CAG authorized loans to fund operating costs in the amount of $\$ 1,407,116$ and $\$ 1,314,045$ respectively from each agency. As of June 30,2022 , the SMCELPA had an operating loan payable of $\$ 3,188,424$ and $\$ 2,337,397$ to the Transportation Authority and the C/CAG respectively.

## Long Term Project Loan Payable

On September 1, 2020, the Transportation Authority entered a non-revolving loan agreement with the SMCELPA. The Transportation Authority will use the proceeds of its 2020 Series A and B Limited Tax Bonds to fund a portion of the U.S. 101 Express Lane Project construction. The SMCELJPA agrees to apply future toll revenues to repay the Transportation Authority in accordance with the terms and provisions of the bond loan agreement. The initial bond loan balance was $\$ 100,000,000$ (calculated as the amount of bond proceeds deposited to the funds and accounts under the Bond Indenture plus the underwriters' discount upon initial sale of the Bonds to the underwriters thereof). The Principal is payable on May 1, 2024, and annually thereafter on May 1 of each year through 2049 in accordance with the loan agreement. Interest is accrued on the bond loan at a rate equal to the interest rate of the Transportation Authority's 2020 Series A and B Limited Tax Bonds.

As of June 30, 2023, the Transportation Authority has spent $\$ 90$ million bonds proceeds on the U.S. 101 Express Lane Project. The unspent bond proceeds of $\$ 10$ million was presented as an asset on the Statement of Net Position.

# San Mateo County Express Lanes J oint Powers Authority Agenda Report 

Date: January 12, 2024
To: San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA) Board of Directors

From: Policy/Program Manager (PPM)
Subject: Receive a quarterly update on the operations of the US 101 Express Lanes
(For further information please contact Lacy Vong, Policy/Program Manager, LVong@hntb.com)

## RECOMMENDATION

Receive update on the US 101 Express Lanes operations from Interstate 380 to the San Mateo /Santa Clara County line for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2023-2024. No Board action is required.

## Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to this informational item.

## Source of Funds

N/A

## BACKGROUND

## US 101 Express Lanes Operations

On March $3^{\text {rd }}$, 2023, the northern segment of the US 101 Express Lanes (between Interstate-380 and Whipple Avenue) opened, establishing the complete 22-mile San Mateo 101 Express Lanes corridor. There is now a seamless express lanes network along the US 101 from Interstate 380 through San Mateo County connecting to the express lanes in Santa Clara County owned and operated by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

The following are the operational highlights for the $1^{\text {st }}$ quarter of fiscal year 2024 (July 1 - September 30, 2023).

## Trips and Revenue

- About 3.45 million express lane trips were taken on the US-101 Express Lanes in San Mateo County over 63 tolling days. This represents a $2 \%$ increase in express lane trips compared to the previous quarter.
- An average of 54,822 daily express lane trips were taken in Q1, which is roughly a 4\% increase compared to the fourth quarter in FY 23.
- Single-occupant vehicle (SOV) trips utilizing a valid transponder made up $21.1 \%$ of total trips in Q1. Trips receiving a discounted toll (either HOV2 or CAV) accounted for $8.3 \%$ of trips. Toll-free trips (HOV3+) accounted for $36.5 \%$ of trips, while the remaining $34.1 \%$ of trips were captured by license plate (image-based tolls and violations).
- The SMCEL-JPA collected $\$ 7.2$ million in toll revenue in the $1^{\text {st }}$ quarter of FY24.


## Speeds \& Volumes

- For the northbound direction, vehicles traveling in the express lanes during the peak hours were on average 11 mph faster than vehicles in the general-purpose lane. Southbound express lane speeds were on average 12 mph faster than the general-purpose lanes during peak hours.
- Express Lane speeds continued to stay above the federal speed requirement of 45 mph most of the tolling day.


## Tolls

- Northbound and Southbound have 2 distinct peak periods during the AM and PM commutes. Average tolls by direction in FY 24 Q1 were:
- Southbound
- AM Peak (6 am - 9am): \$4.26
- PM Peak ( $3 \mathrm{pm}-6 \mathrm{pm}$ ): \$4.98
- Northbound
- AM Peak (6 am - 9 am): $\$ 2.89$
- PM Peak ( $3 \mathrm{pm}-6 \mathrm{pm}$ ): $\$ 3.74$
- Southbound average tolls increased $15 \%$ in the AM peak compared to the prior quarter and there was a $32 \%$ increase during the PM peak. Northbound average tolls decreased $21 \%$ during the AM peak and decreased $5 \%$ in the PM peak.
- The increase in average tolls for southbound during peak hours is attributed to the rise in volume quarter over quarter for this corridor. Specifically, the AM peak and PM peak saw a $2.1 \%$ and $0.6 \%$ growth in volume, respectively. Conversely, the northbound corridor experienced a decline in volume, leading to a decrease in average tolls during peak hours. Specifically, the AM peak and PM peak saw a $0.6 \%$ and $0.3 \%$ decline in volume, respectively.
- The average assessed toll collected across the entire tolling day in the southbound direction was $\$ 3.57$ and in the northbound direction was $\$ 2.74$.
- $65 \%$ of tolled trips were less than $\$ 3$, and only $5 \%$ of drivers assessed tolls paid in excess of $\$ 12$ during the $1^{\text {st }}$ quarter of FY 24.


## Enforcement

- CHP made 842 enforcement contacts in Q1 of FY24, 51\% of which resulted in HOV occupancy citations.
- Enforcement costs were approximately $\$ 103,163$, resulting in an average cost per enforcement contact of approximately \$122.52.


## Lane Users

- An estimated 608,000 unique vehicles made trips in the SM101 express lanes.
o $61 \%(371,000)$ of the vehicles did so with a FasTrak ${ }^{\circledR}$ toll tag in the vehicle.
o $39 \%(237,000)$ of the vehicles without a FasTrak ${ }^{\circledR}$ toll tag are captured by license plates.
- Vehicles carrying FasTrak® toll tags made an average of 7.1 trips per vehicle in the quarter, while vehicles identified by license plate made an average of 3.1 trips. This indicates that FasTrak ${ }^{\circledR}$ customers tend to be more frequent users of the facility.


## Community Transportation Benefits Program

- By the end of Q1, a total of 3,104 program benefits were issued in San Mateo County.
o 2,480 (80\%) Clipper cards were issued.
- This represents a $26 \%$ growth quarter over quarter.
o 624 (20\%) FasTrak® Flex toll tags were issued.
- This represents a $35 \%$ growth quarter over quarter.


## Attachment

1. US 101 Express Lanes Performance 1st Quarter FY 2024

101 Express Lanes Performance $1^{\text {st }}$ Quarter FY2024 (July - September 2023)

## Rules of the Road

- Hours: 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday - Friday
- FasTrak ${ }^{\circledR}$ required
- Carpools (HOV 3+), buses, and motorcycles travel toll-free with FasTrak ${ }^{\circledR}$ Flex toll tags
- Carpools (HOV 2) pay half-price tolls with FasTrak ${ }^{\circledR}$ Flex toll tags
- Solo drivers in eligible clean-air vehicles pay half-price toll with FasTrak ${ }^{\circledR}$ CAV toll tags



## Express Lane Trips



- Q1 of FY24 consisted of 63
- In Q1 of FY24, an average of 54,822 express lane trips have been made daily, totaling 3,453,767 trips for
tolling days. the quarter.


## Express Lane Trip Types



- Toll-free trips: 36.5\%
- HOV 3+ and Non-Revenue
- Tolled trips: 63.5\%
- 55.2\% full toll (SOV + IBT)
- 6.9\% half toll (HOV 2)
- 1.4\% half toll (CAV)
- Violation trips: 11.2\%
- IBT trips with No FasTrak account at the time of the trip


## Express Lanes Actual Cumulative Collected Toll Revenue



- To date in FY2024, SMCEL-JPA has received $\$ 7.2$ million in toll revenue.
- To date in FY2024, SMCEL-JPA has expended $\$ 2$ million in toll operations and maintenance (O\&M) costs.


## Notes:

- Toll revenue collected includes toll and violation fees.
- Toll O\&M consists of Caltrans Maintenance, BAIFA O\&M, BATA CSC, and CHP enforcement.
- Admin Expense includes all other program expenses (legal, advertising, consultants, staff, CTBP costs, etc.)
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## Northbound Speeds by Location \& Time



- Average northbound Express Lane speeds were 11 mph or greater during tolling hours.
- Average northbound general purpose lane speeds were lowest in the approach to SR 92.
- Most congested during PM peak period (3-6pm) approaching SR-92.


## Southbound Speeds by Location \& Time



- Average southbound Express Lane speeds were 12 mph or greater during tolling hours.
- Average southbound general purpose lane speeds were lowest between $3^{\text {rd }}$ Ave and Broadway.
- Most congested during PM peak period (3-6pm) north of SR-92.


## Southbound Average Assessed Tolls

This quarter's southbound average assessed toll was \$3.57.



## Northbound Average Assessed Tolls

This quarter's northbound average assessed toll was $\$ 2.74$.



## Distribution of Assessed Tolls



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## How Drivers Use the Lanes



## CHP Enforcement

- CHP patrolled the express lanes for 821 hours in Q1 of FY24.
- CHP made 842 enforcement contacts in Q1 of FY24.
- 51\% of the contacts resulted in HOV occupancy citations.
- Q1 of FY24 enforcement costs were approximately $\$ 103,163$, resulting in an average cost per enforcement contact of approximately \$122.52.


Community Transportation Benefits Program - Cumulative Benefits Issued



For additional information, please visit: https://101expresslanes.org


