



San Mateo 101 Express Lanes  
Performance  
1st Quarter FY2026  
(July – Sept 2025)



# Rules of the Road

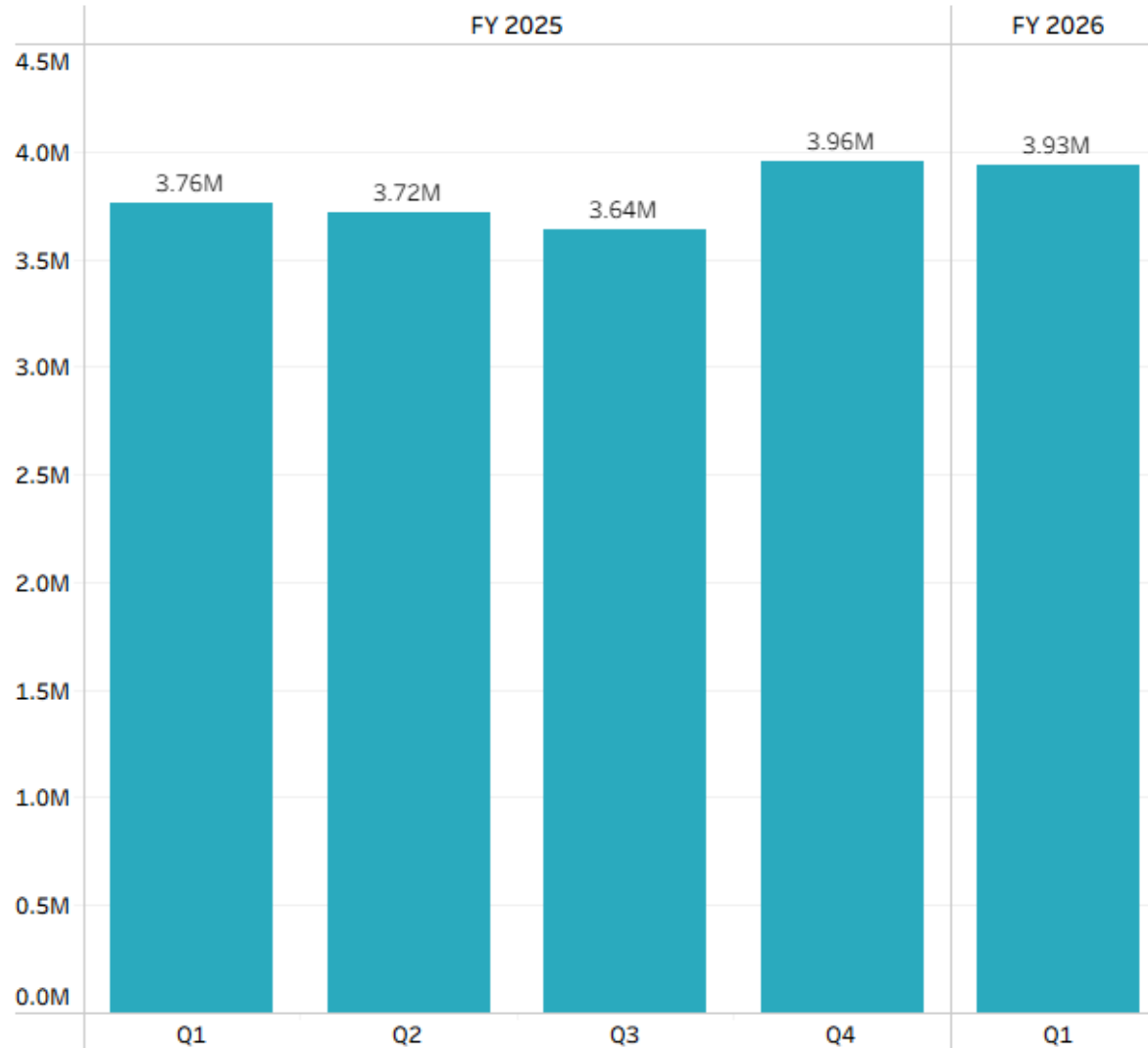
- Hours: 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday – Friday
- FasTrak® required
- Carpools (HOV 3+), buses, and motorcycles travel toll-free with FasTrak® Flex toll tags
- Carpools (HOV 2) pay half-price tolls with FasTrak® Flex toll tags
- Solo drivers in eligible clean-air vehicles pay half-price tolls with FasTrak® CAV toll tags (**expired September 30, 2025**)



# Key Performance Highlights

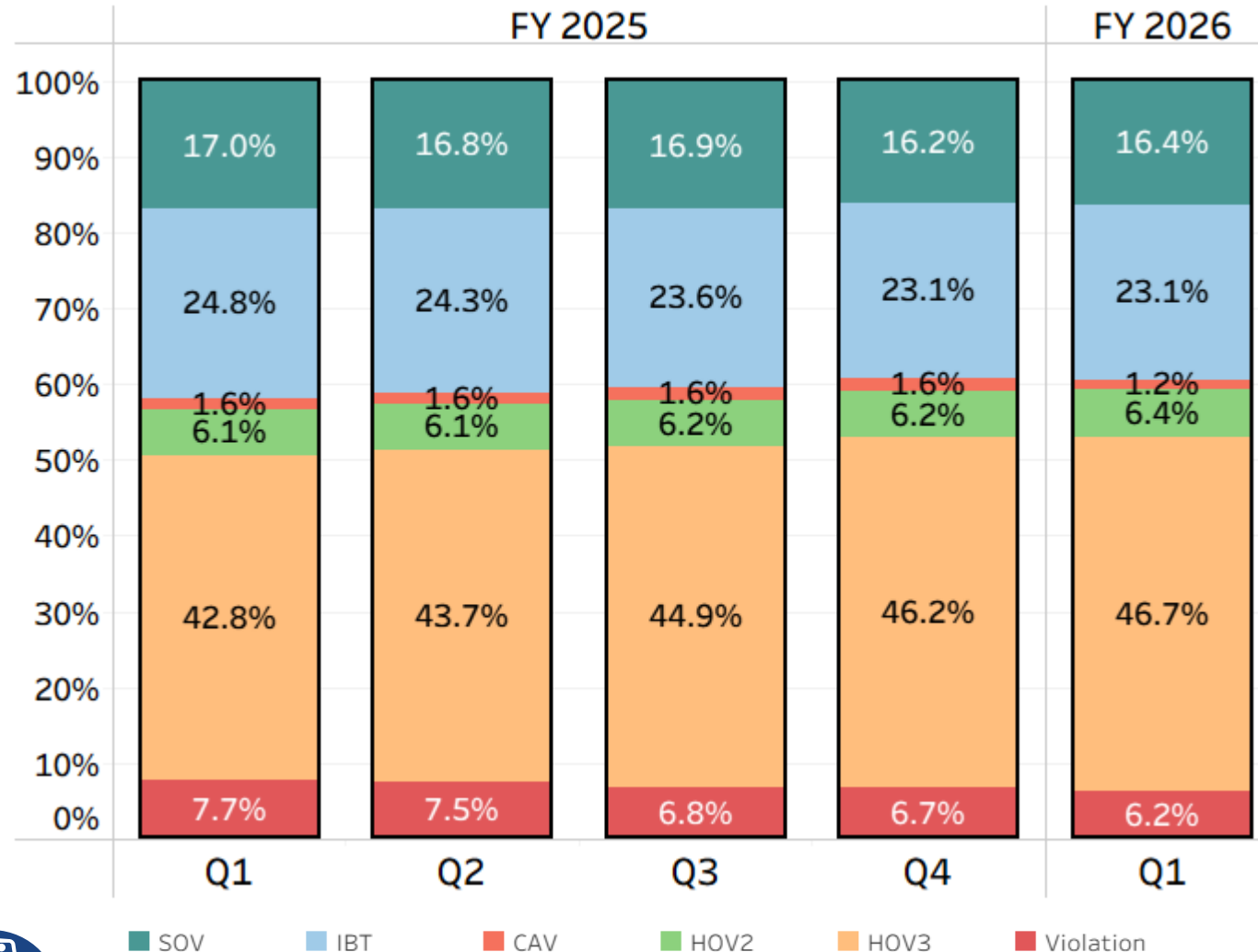
- **Express Lane Traffic Performance:** Average daily trips on the express lanes increased by 4.7% compared to the same quarter of the prior fiscal year. The express lanes continue to experience sustained year-over-year growth in trip volume.
- **Trip Occupancy Trends:** In FY26 Q1, Toll-free trips (HOV3+) rose by 3.9% compared to the same quarter of prior fiscal year, while Violations trips decreased by 1.5%.
- **Express Lane Speed Performance:** The average express lane speeds remained consistent with the same quarter of the prior fiscal year, demonstrating consistent value of the lanes.
- **Change in Average Assessed Tolls Year over Year:** Average assessed tolls increased in southbound direction and stayed almost the same in northbound direction compared to the same quarter of prior fiscal year, primarily driven by the increase in traffic volume year over year, reflecting return-to-work policies.

# Express Lane Trips



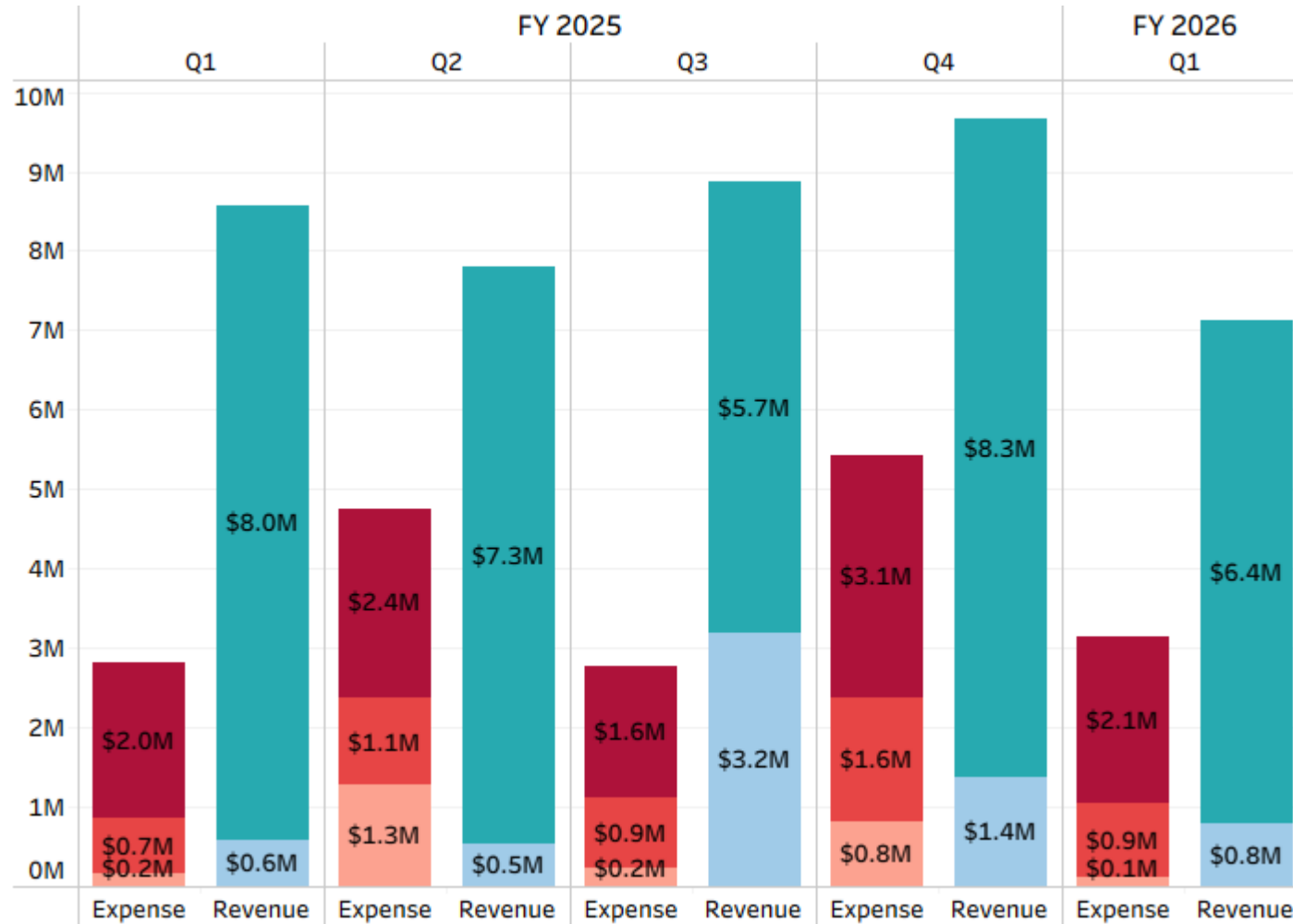
- FY26 Q1 consisted of 64 tolling days.
- In FY26 Q1:
  - 3.93M trips were made
  - An average of 61,484 express lane trips have been made daily, which is a 0.6% decrease over FY25 Q4.
  - There was a 4.7% increase in average daily trips compared to the prior fiscal year's Q1. This is approximately 2,800 more daily trips.

# Express Lane Trip Types



- Toll-free trips: 46.7%
  - HOV 3+ and Non-Revenue
- Tolloed trips: 47.1%
  - 39.5% full toll (SOV + IBT)
  - 1.2% discounted toll (CAV)
  - 6.4% discounted toll (HOV 2)
- Violation trips: 6.2%
  - Image-based Toll (IBT) trips with No FasTrak account at the time of the trip
- Tolloed trips have decreased by 2.4% from Q1 of the prior fiscal year.
  - HOV3 trips had the largest change with an increase of 3.9%.
  - Violation trips had the largest decrease of 1.5%

# Express Lanes Toll Revenue and Expense



- In Q1, \$7.2 million in toll related revenue.
- \$2.1 million in toll operations and maintenance (O&M) costs.
- Disbursed approximately \$100K in debt related payments during Q1.
- Revenues were approx. 16% lower compared to Q1 2025, related to low revenues collected in July.

*Note: Financial figures are preliminary. These figures are subject to audit and may change.*

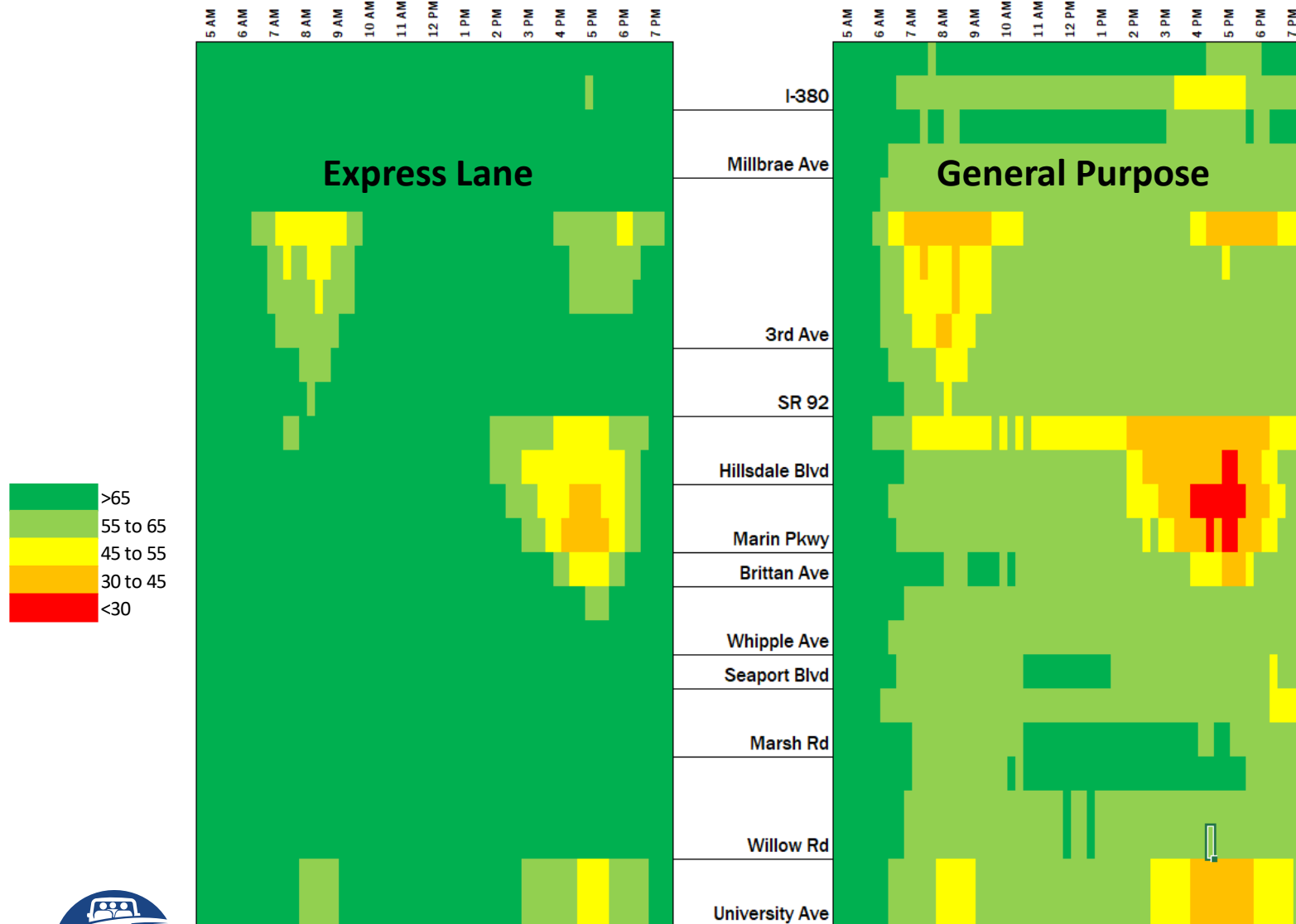


# Southbound Speeds by Location & Time – FY26 Q1



- Average southbound Express Lane speeds were 11 mph greater than general purpose lanes during tolling hours.
- Average southbound general purpose lane speeds were lowest between Woodside Rd and Marsh Rd.
- Slowest times are during AM peak period (8-9 AM) approaching Whipple Ave and Marsh Rd.

# Northbound Speeds by Location & Time - FY26 Q1

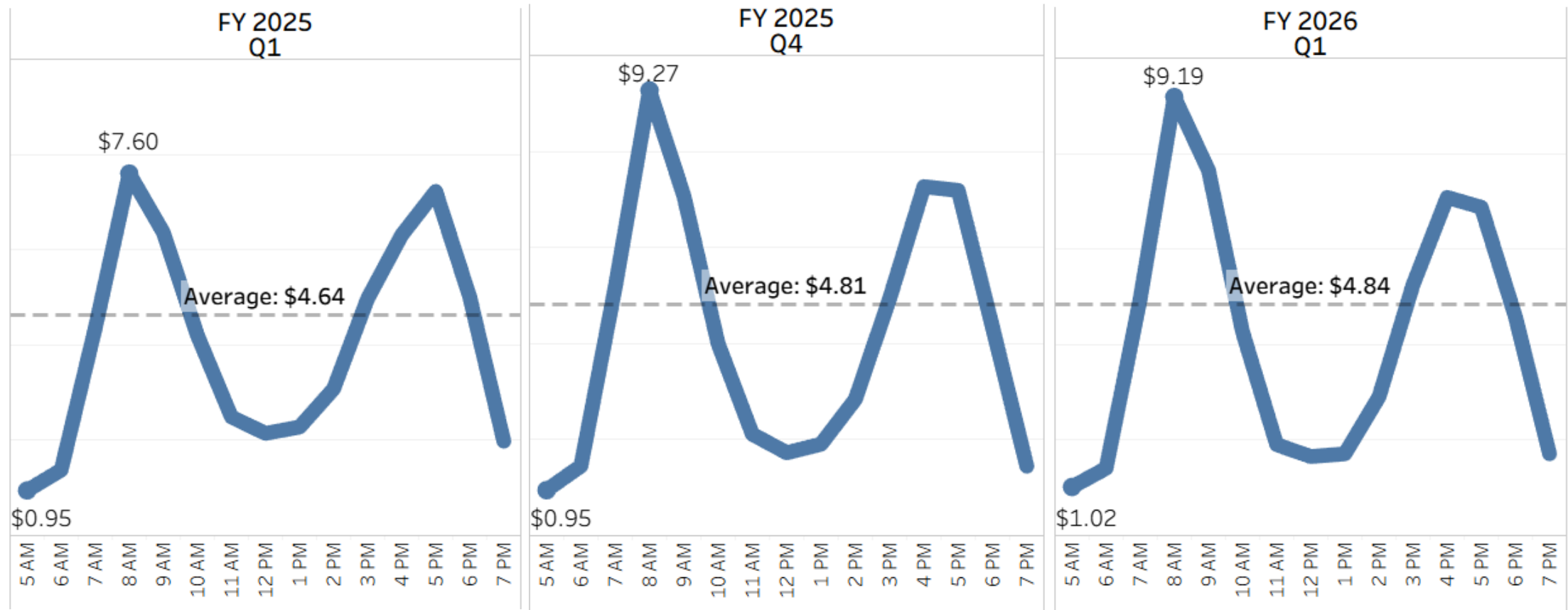


- Average northbound Express Lane speeds were 10 mph greater than general purpose lanes during tolling hours.
- Average northbound general purpose lane speeds were lowest in the approach to SR 92 in the PM.
- Slowest times are during PM peak period (3-6pm) approaching SR-92.



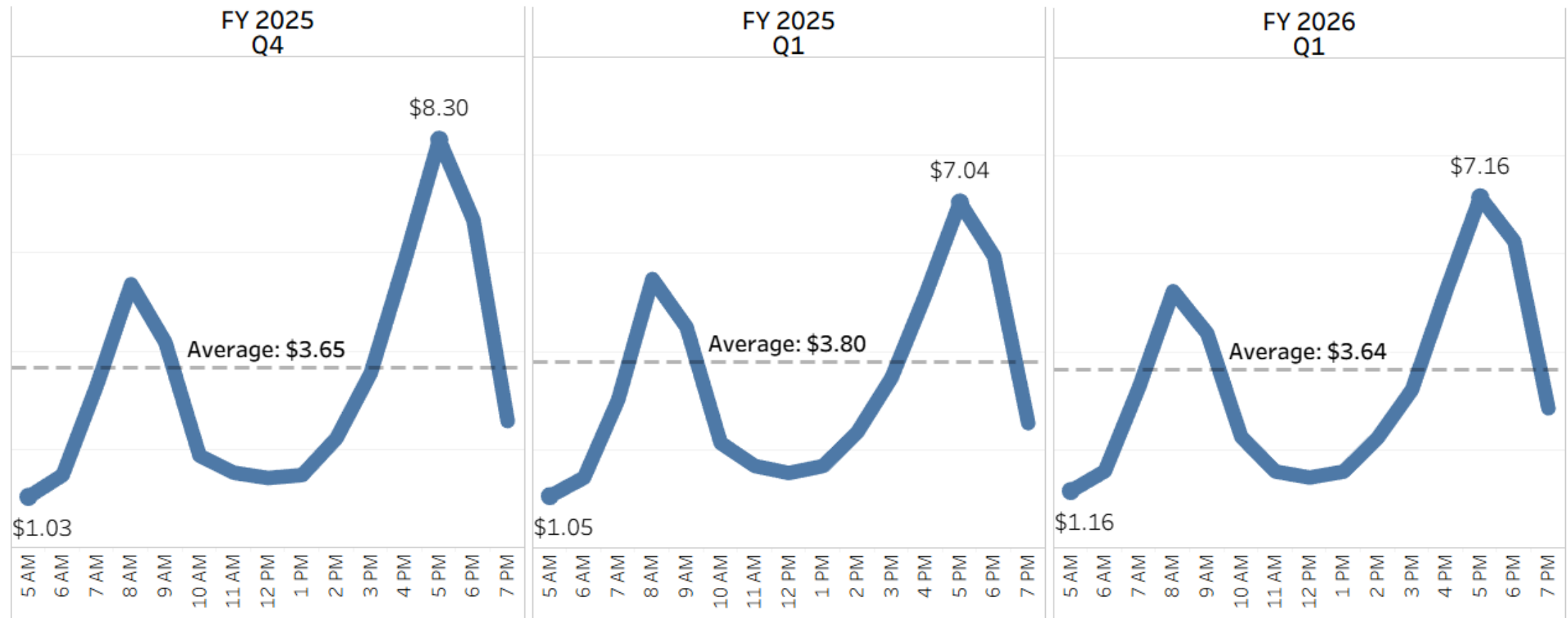
# FY26 Southbound Average Assessed Tolls Comparison

The southbound average assessed toll in Q1 was \$4.84.

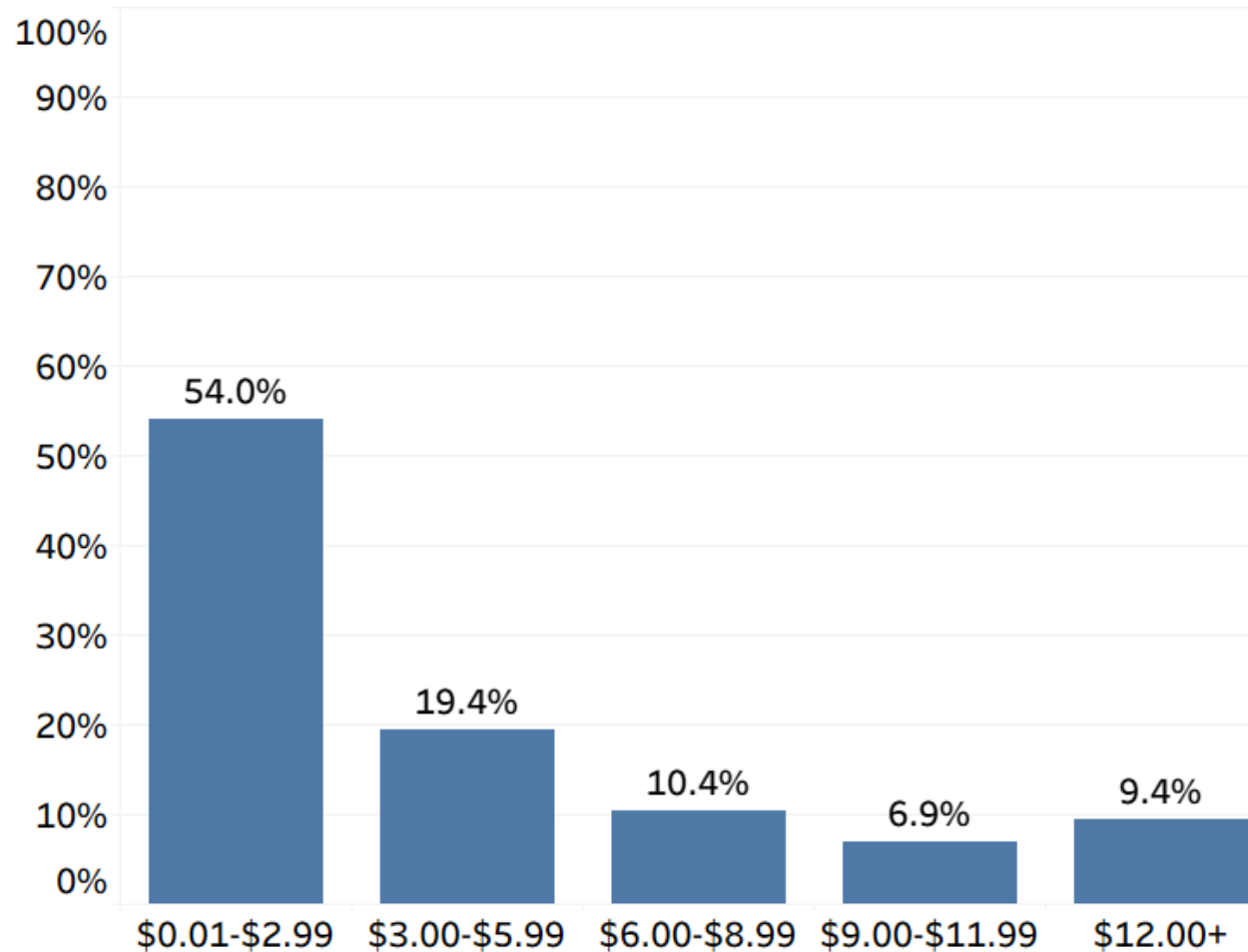


# FY26 Northbound Average Assessed Tolls Comparison

The northbound average assessed toll in Q1 was \$3.64.

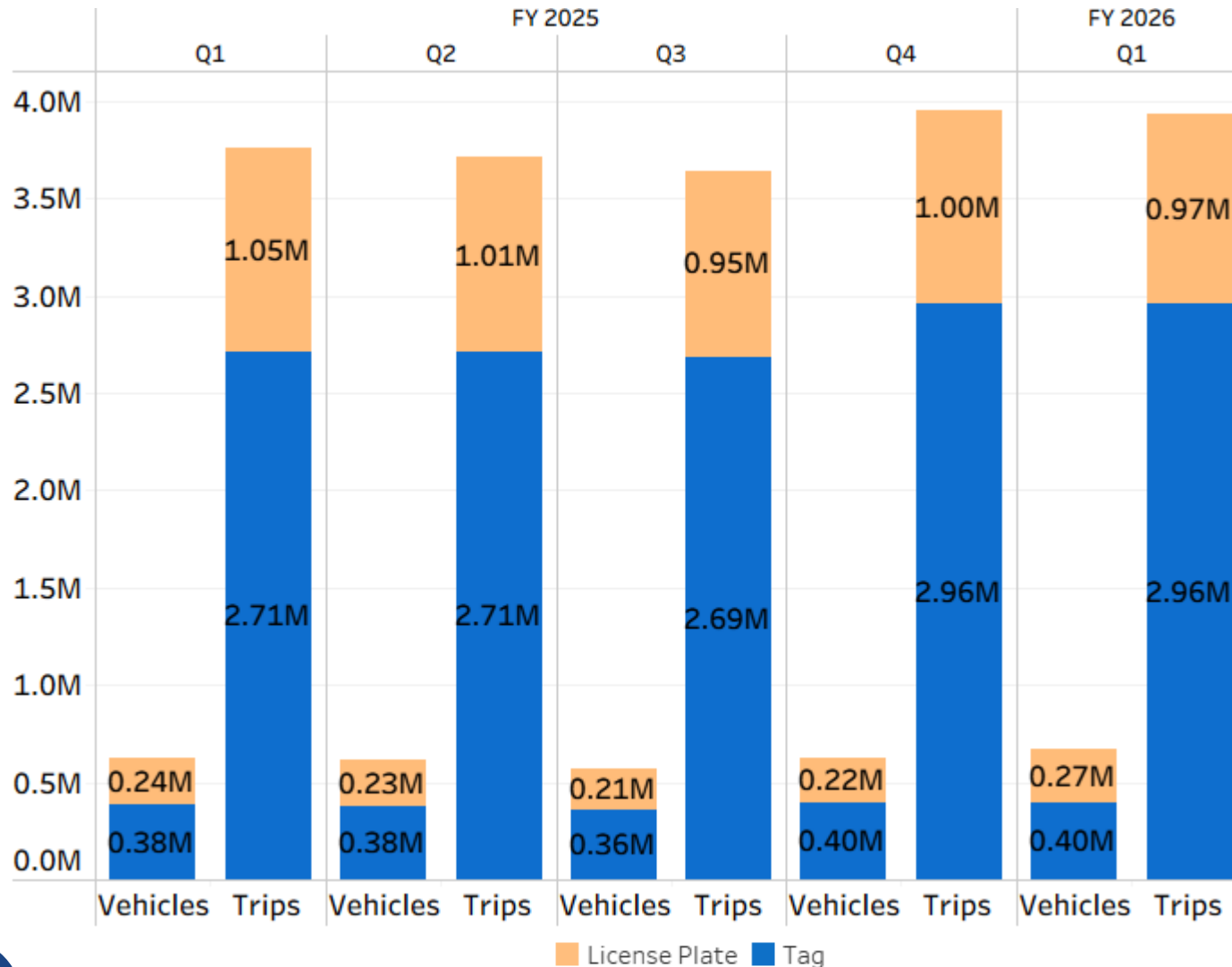


# Distribution of Assessed Tolls – FY26 Q1



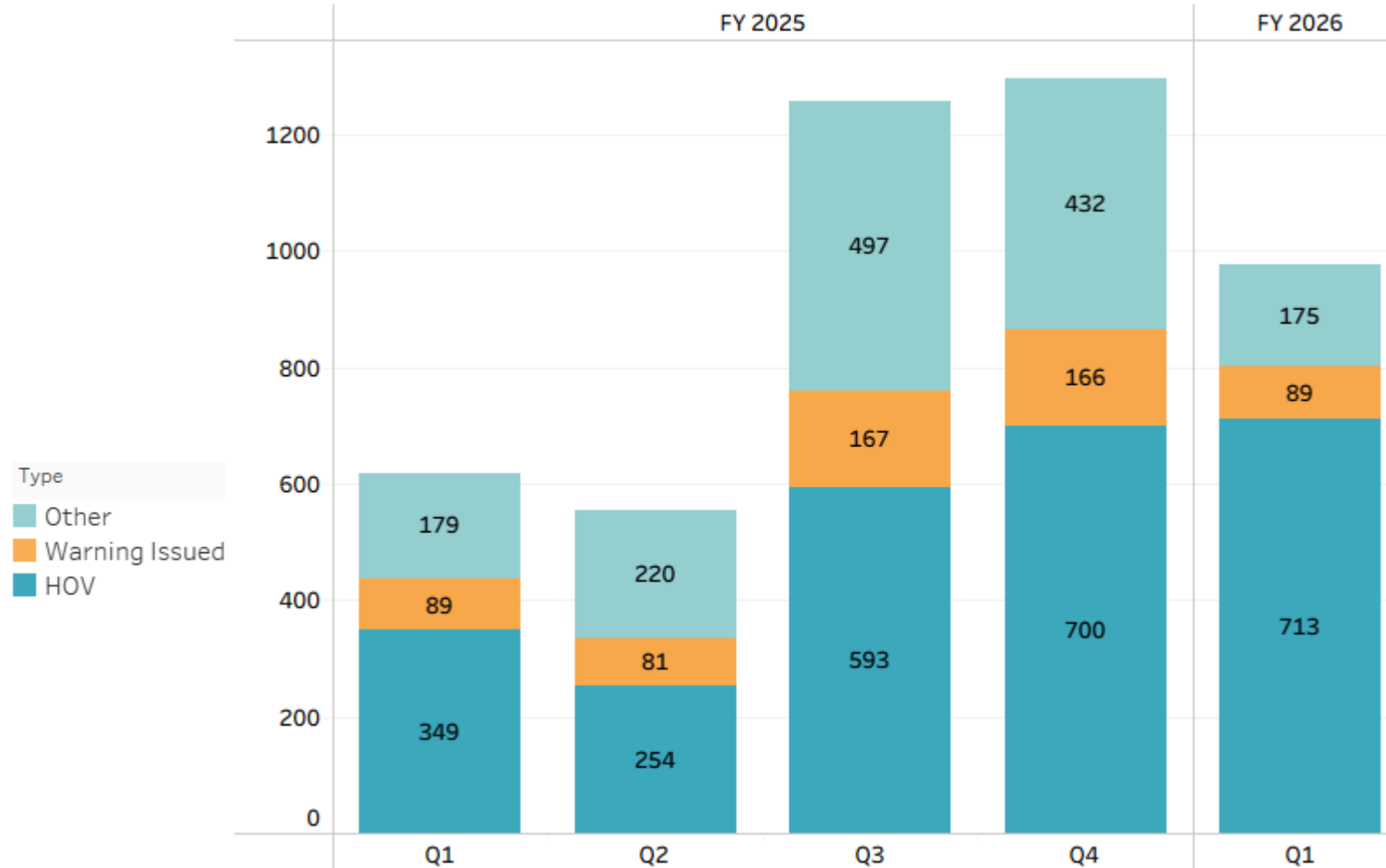
- Drivers made nearly 2 million tolled express lane trips in FY26 Q1.
- 54.0% of these trips incurred a toll less than \$3, up about 0.2% from the prior quarter but down 0.9% from prior fiscal year's Q1.
- This quarter, 9.4% of trips were \$12 and over, down about 0.3% from the prior quarter and about the same as prior fiscal year's Q1.

# How Drivers Use the Lanes



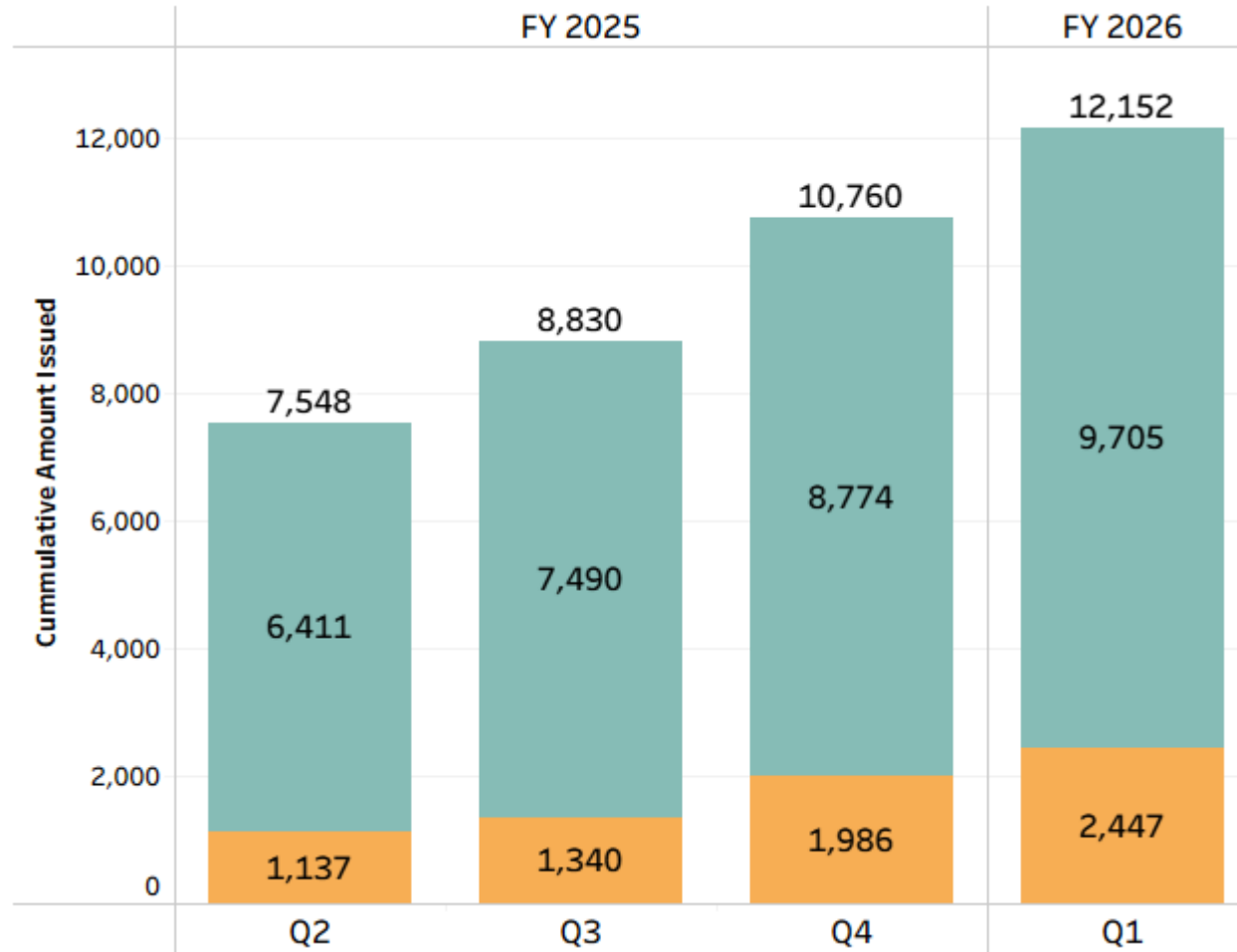
- In FY26 Q1, about 670,000 unique vehicles made about 3.93 million express lane trips.
- 60% of these vehicles utilized FasTrak® toll tags and made 75% of the total trips.
- The other 40% of these vehicles did not carry toll tags and instead were captured as image-based trips for the remaining 25% of the total trips.

# CHP Enforcement



- CHP patrolled the express lanes for 882 hours in FY26 Q1.
- CHP made 977 enforcement contacts in FY26 Q1.
- 73% of the contacts resulted in HOV occupancy citations.
- FY26 Q1 enforcement costs were approximately \$133,448, resulting in an average cost per enforcement contact of approximately \$136.59

# Community Transportation Benefits Program – Cumulative Benefits Issued



- The program issued 1,392 total benefits in FY26 Q1.
- Note: Go Card program is launching in November 2025, which may change data reporting going forward.



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