



San Mateo County 101 Express Lanes Performance

3rd Quarter FY2026

(January - March 2026)



Operational Rules

- 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.



Key Performance Highlights: FY26 Q3

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METRIC CHANGE (YEAR-OVER-YEAR)

Express Lane Traffic Performance

Average daily trips on the express lanes +3.7%.

Express Lane Speed Performance

Average express lane speeds are consistent.

Trip Occupancy Trends

Toll-free trips (HOV3+) +2.9% and Image-Based Trips -3.8%.

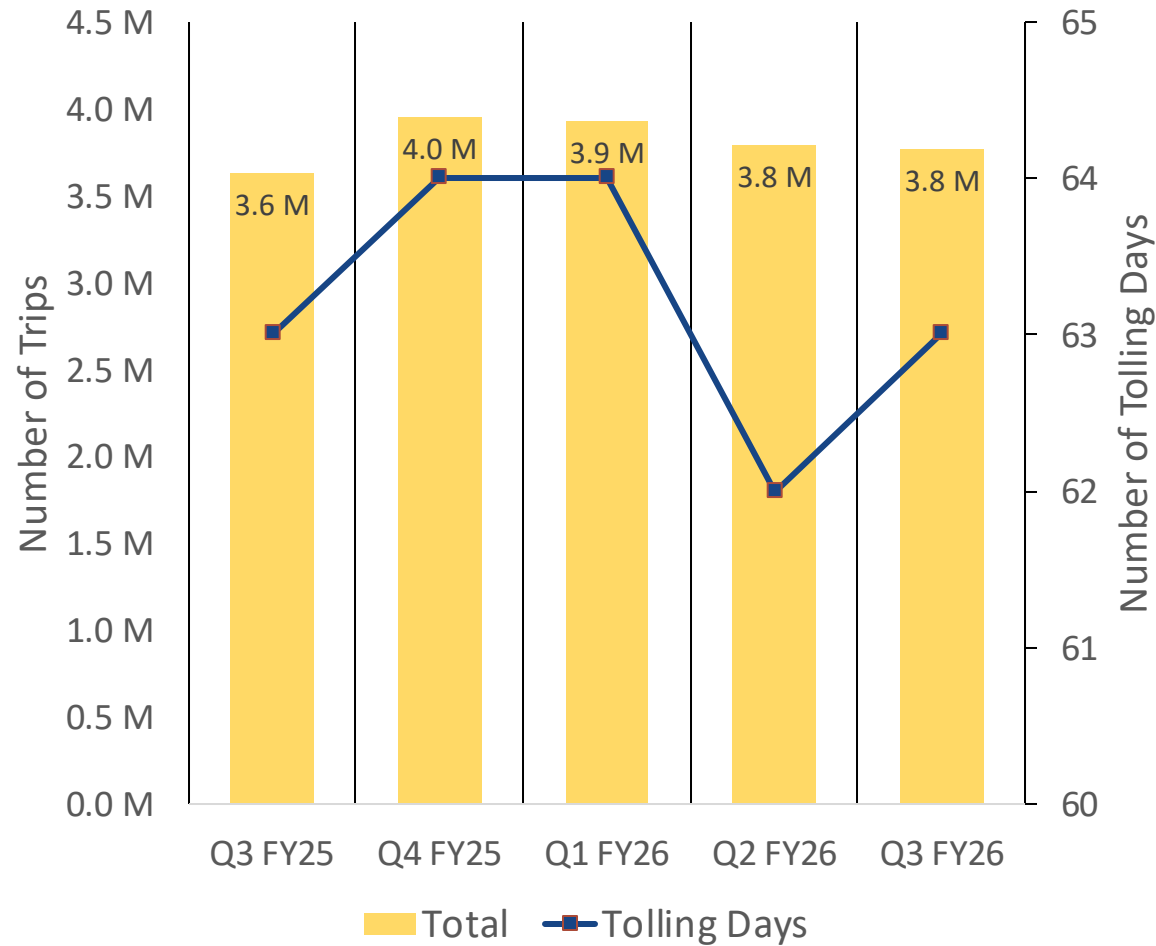
Change in Average Assessed Tolls

Average assessed tolls ↑ in NB and SB directions.

Enforcement Trends

HOV enforcement contacts +26% and overall enforcement contacts -10%.

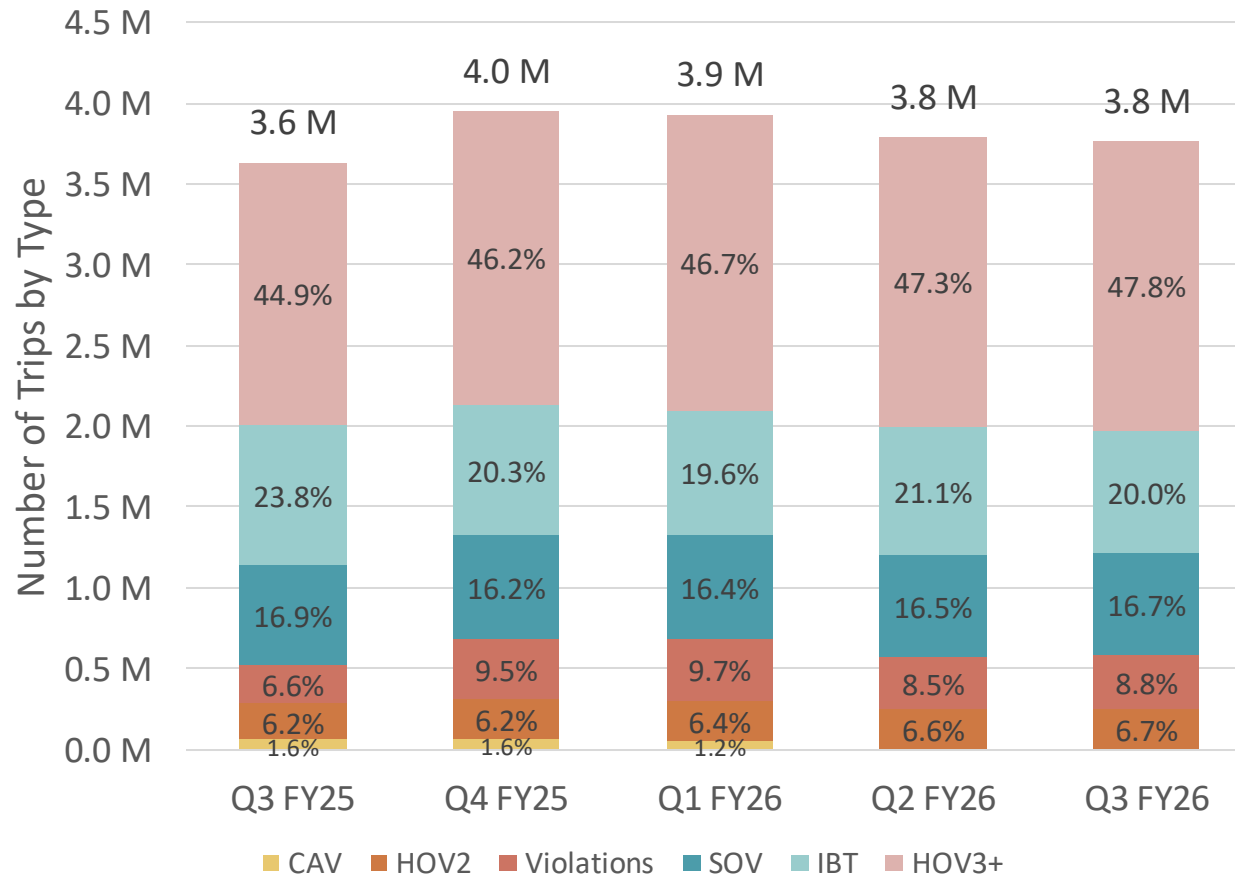
Express Lane Daily Trips: FY26 Q3



FY26 Q3:

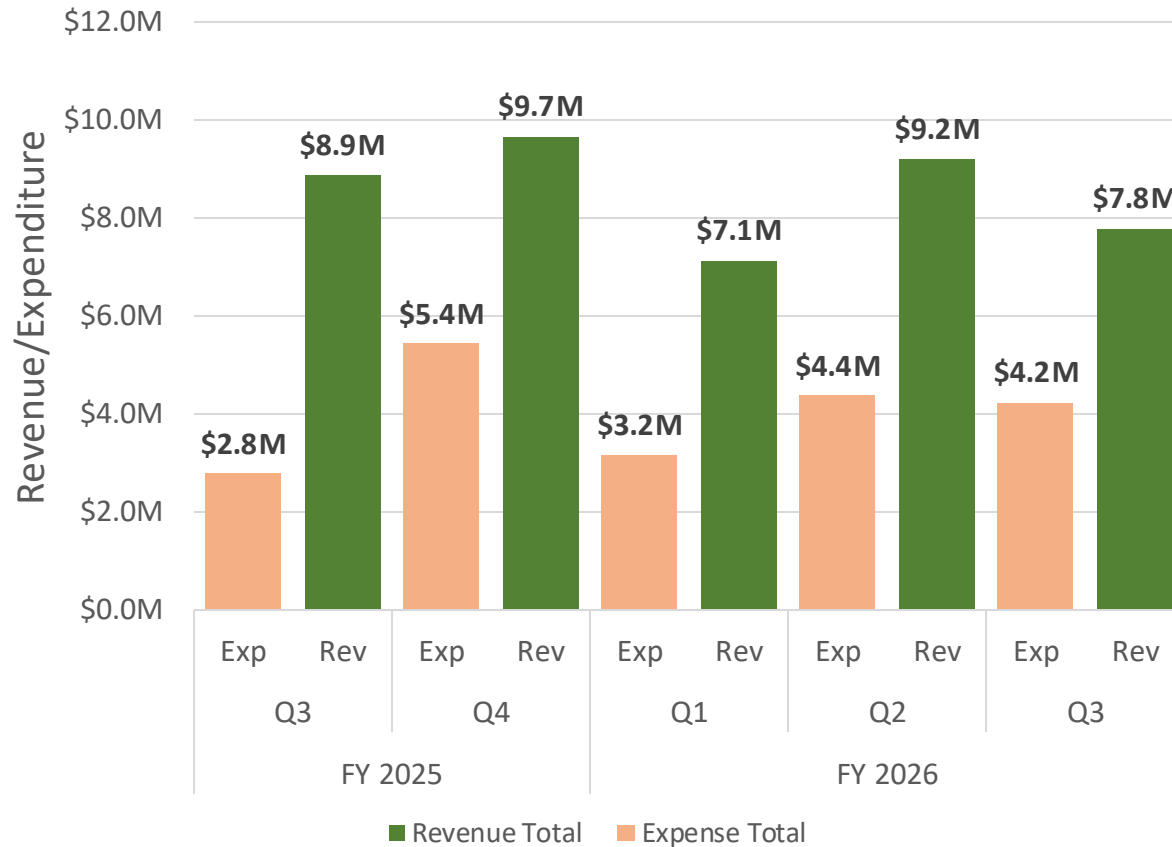
- Consisted of 63 tolling days.
- 3.77M trips were made.
- An average of 59,865 express lane trips have been made daily, which is a 2.2% decrease over FY26 Q2.
- There was a 3.7% increase in average daily trips compared to the prior fiscal year's Q3. This is approximately 2,100 more daily trips.

Express Lane Trip Types: FY26 Q3



- **Toll-free trips: 47.8%**
 - HOV 3+ and Non-Revenue.
- **Tolled trips: 43.4%**
 - 36.7% full toll (SOV + Image-Based Tolls [IBT]).
 - 6.7% discounted toll (HOV 2).
 - Note: Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) discounts have ended.
- **Violation trips: 8.8%**
 - IBT trips with No FasTrak account at the time of the trip.
- **While overall daily trips increased by 3.7% from FY25 Q3, changes differ by trip type:**
 - Tolled trips have decreased by 5.1%
 - HOV 3+ trips had the largest increase of 2.9%.
 - IBT trips had the largest decrease of 3.8%

Express Lanes Toll Revenue and Expense



- In FY26 Q3, \$7.8 million in toll related revenue.
- \$2.6 million in toll operations and maintenance (O&M) costs.
- Disbursed approximately \$519K in debt related payments.
- Revenues decreased 12% compared to FY25 Q3.

Note: Financial figures are preliminary and subject to audit and change. In addition, revenue is recognized as cash payments are received month to month, except for year-end adjustments. As a result, Q4 FY25 reflects four months of revenue, while Q1 FY26 reflects only two months.

AM Map

Average southbound

- Express Lane speeds were 8 mph greater than general purpose lanes during AM Peak (6–10 AM).

Average northbound

- Express Lane speeds were 9 mph greater than general purpose lanes during AM Peak



PM Map

Average southbound

- Express Lane speeds were 10 mph greater than general purpose lanes during PM Peak (3–7 PM).

Average northbound

- Express Lane speeds were 10 mph greater than general purpose lanes during PM Peak

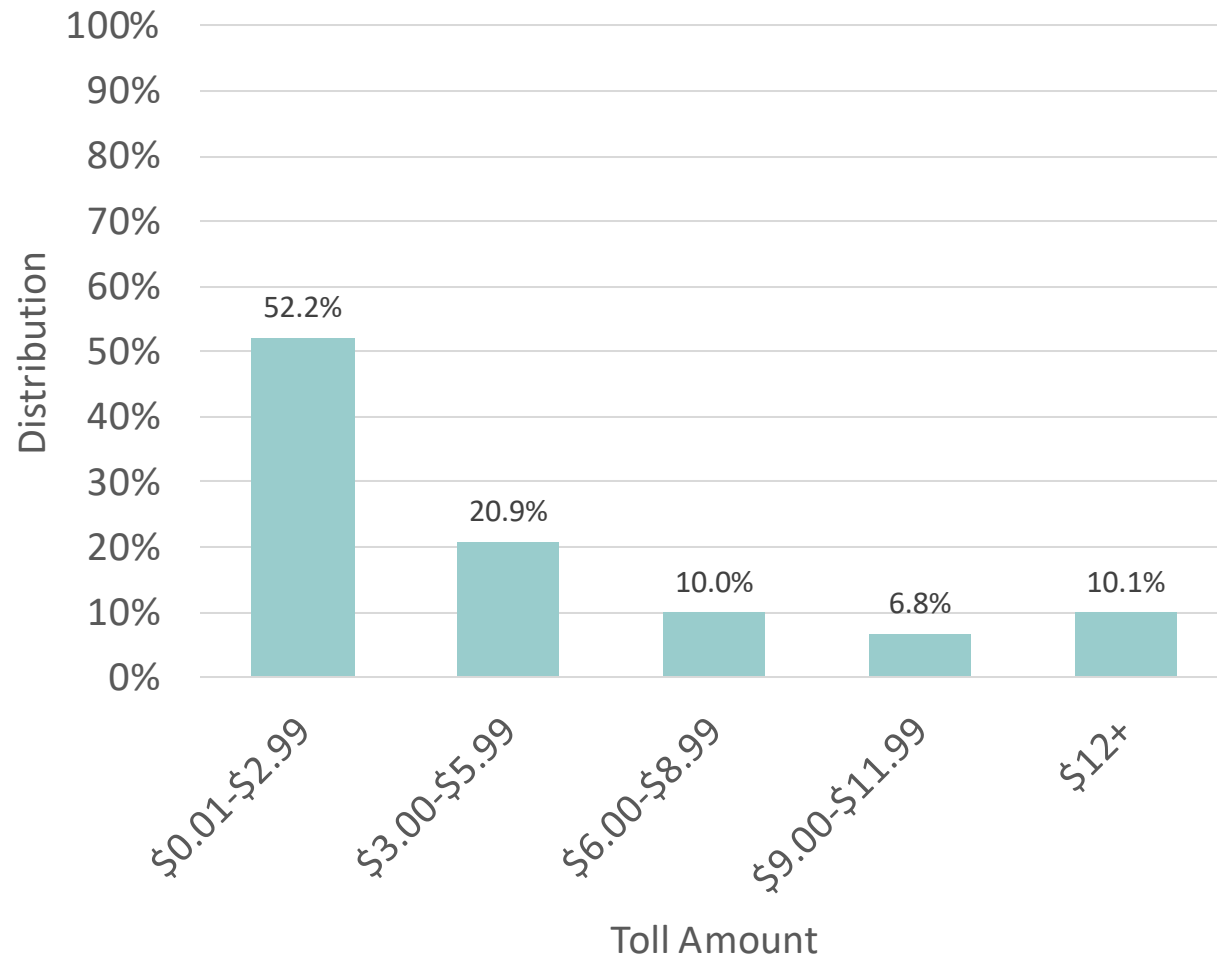


Average Paid Tolls Comparison: FY26 Q3

	Quarter	Average Daily Toll	Peak Hour	Average Peak Hour Toll
SM-101 NB	Q3 FY25	\$3.85	5 PM	\$8.57
	Q2 FY26	\$4.05	5 PM	\$7.99
	Q3 FY26	\$4.01	5 PM	\$7.98
SM-101 SB	Q3 FY25	\$4.36	8 AM	\$9.75
	Q2 FY26	\$5.29	8 AM	\$10.39
	Q3 FY26	\$5.38	8 AM	\$10.60

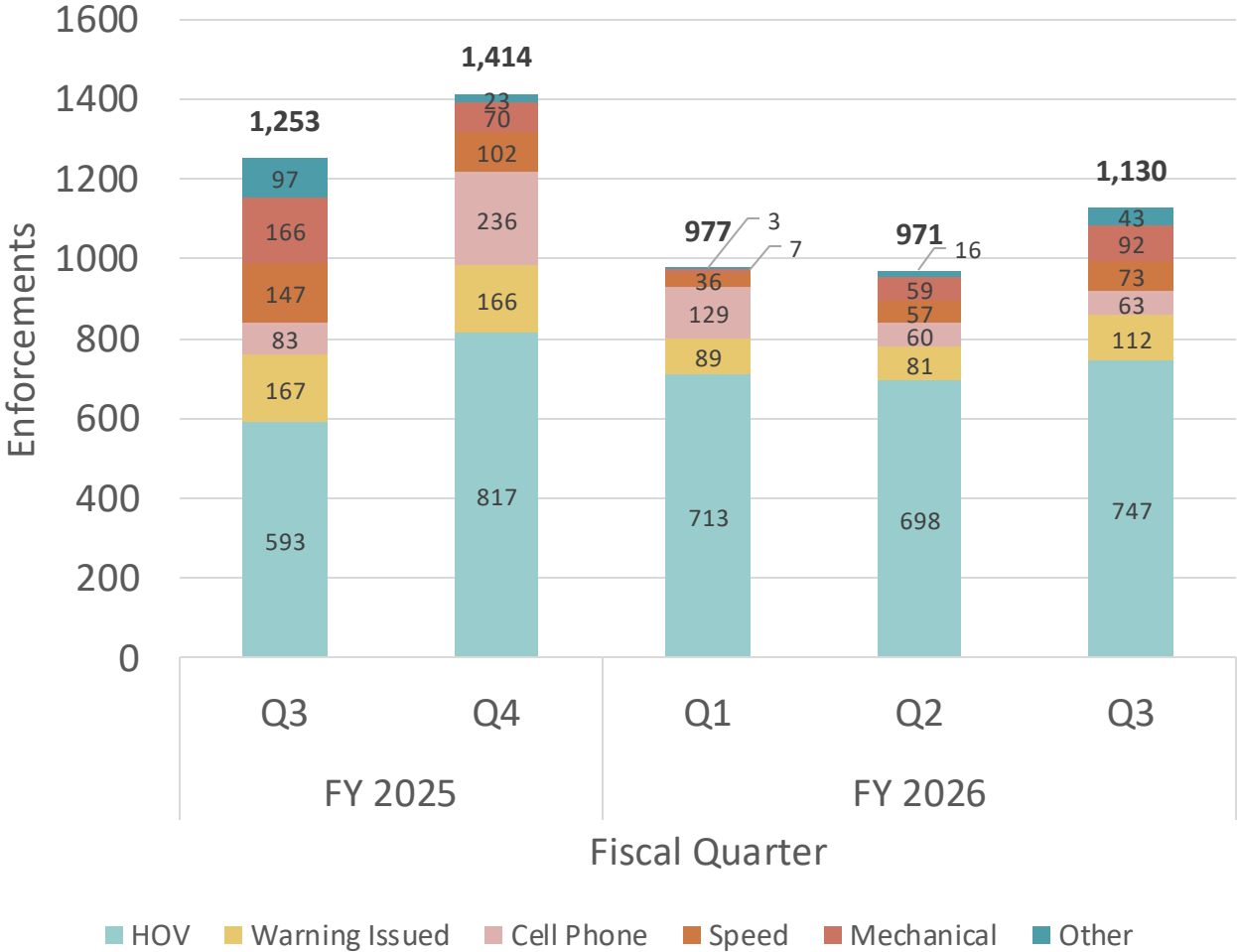
- The northbound average paid toll in Q3 was \$4.01.
- The southbound average paid toll in Q3 was \$5.38.

Distribution of Paid Tolls: FY26 Q3



- **Drivers made over 1.8 million** tolled express lane trips in FY26 Q3.
- **52.2% of these trips** incurred a toll less than \$3, nearly equal to the previous quarter and down 7.5% from the previous fiscal year's Q3.
- **10.1% of trips** were \$12 and over, up about 0.4% from the previous quarter and up 1.7% from the previous fiscal year's Q3.

CHP Enforcement: FY26 Q3



FY26 Q3:

- Patrolled the express lanes for 925 hours.
- Made 1,130 enforcement contacts.
- 66% of the contacts resulted in HOV occupancy citations.

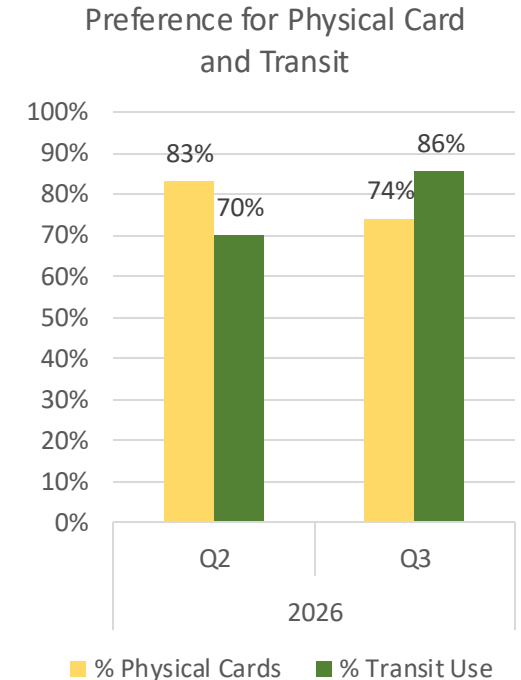
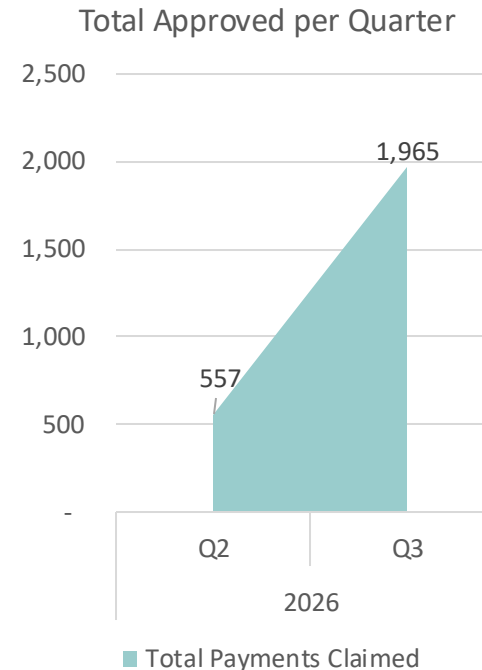
FY26 Q3 enforcement costs

were approximately \$145,214, resulting in an average cost per enforcement contact of approximately \$129.

Go Card Program: FY26 Q3



- The Go Card Program **launched in late November 2025***.
- Eligible participants receive a **\$200 prepaid card** to be spent on qualifying transportation purchases.
- **Q3 Numbers:**
 - **1,965** benefits approved.
 - **86%** of funds used for public transportation.
 - **74%** of users chose physical cards over virtual.



**The Express Lanes Community-Based Equity Program launched in 2022 and distributed 11,960 transportation benefits to income-qualified San Mateo County residents prior to the launch of the new Go Card program. The new Go Card expands the program through increased mobility options and card flexibility.*



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