



San Mateo County 101 Express Lanes Performance
4th Quarter FY2026
(April - June 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 Q4 over FY25 Q4

KEY HIGHLIGHT

METRIC CHANGE (YEAR-OVER-YEAR)

Express Lane Traffic Performance

Average daily trips on the express lanes +2.4%.

Express Lane Speed Performance

Average express lane speeds are consistent.

Trip Occupancy Trends

Toll-free trips (HOV3+) +2.2% and Image-Based Trips (IBT) -0.3%.

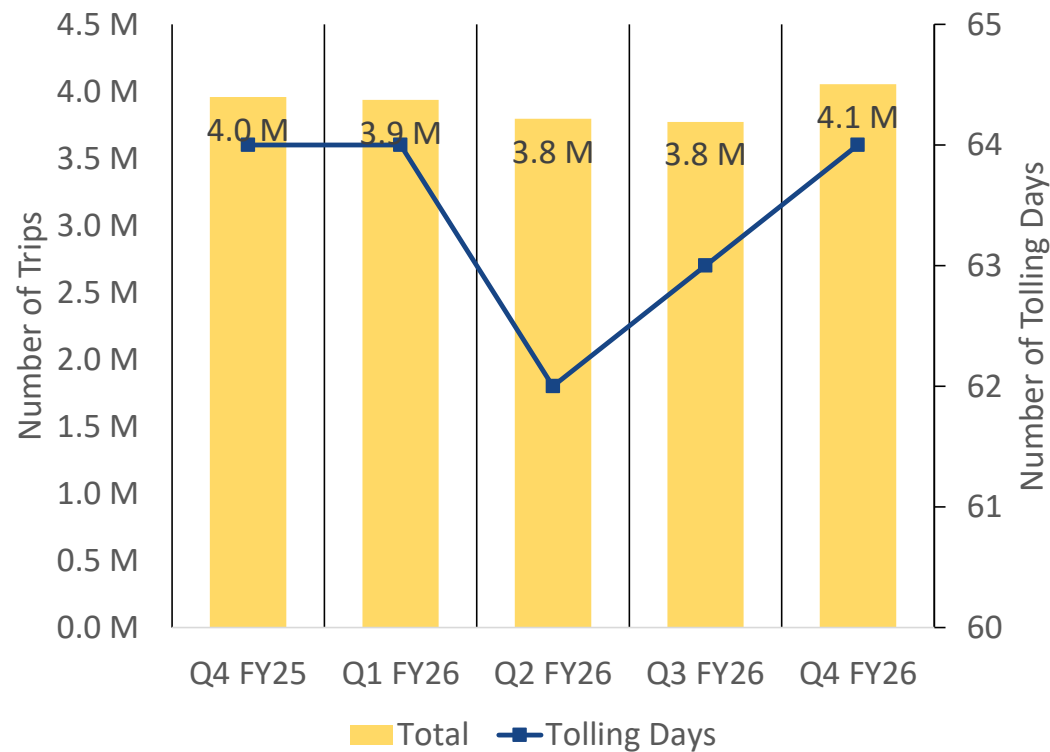
Change in Average Assessed Tolls

Average assessed tolls ↑ in NB and SB directions.

Enforcement Trends

HOV enforcement contacts -15% and overall enforcement contacts -29%.

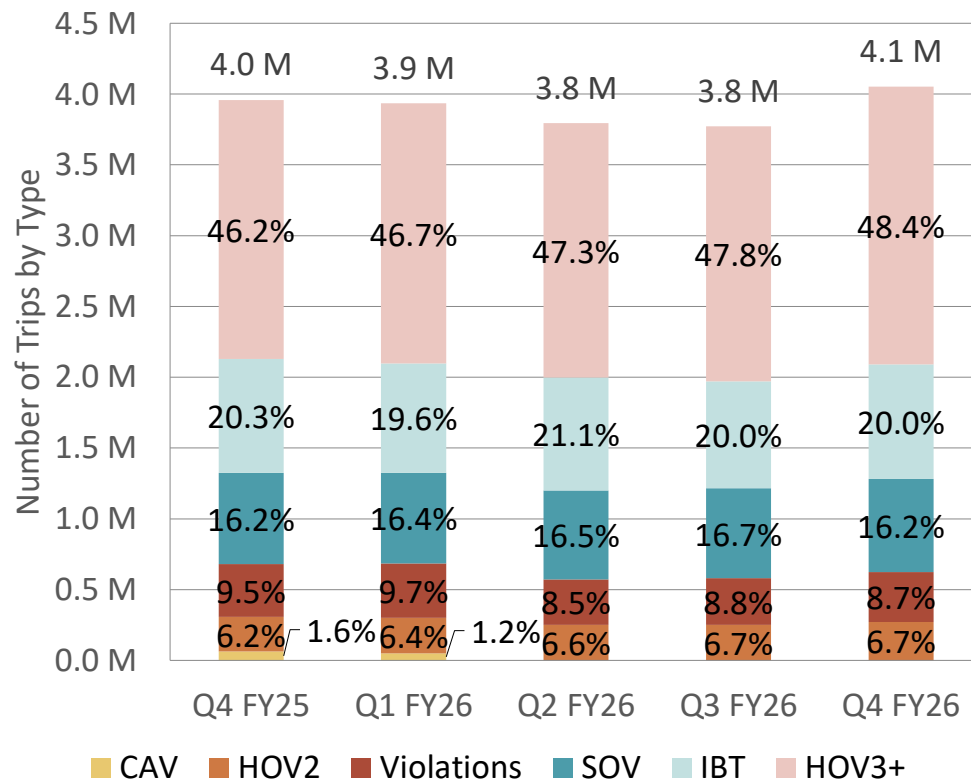
Express Lane Daily Trips: FY26 Q4



FY26 Q4:

- 64 tolling days
- 4.1M express lane trips
- 63,333 average daily express lane trips
 - 5.8% increase over FY26 Q3
 - 2.4% increase over FY25 Q4 - approximately 1,491 more trips per day

Express Lane Trip Types: FY26 Q4



Toll-free trips: **48.4%**

- HOV3+ and non-revenue

Tolled trips: **42.9%**

- 36.2% full toll (SOV + Image-Based Tolls [IBT])
- 6.7% Discounted toll (HOV 2)
- Note: Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) discounts have ended.

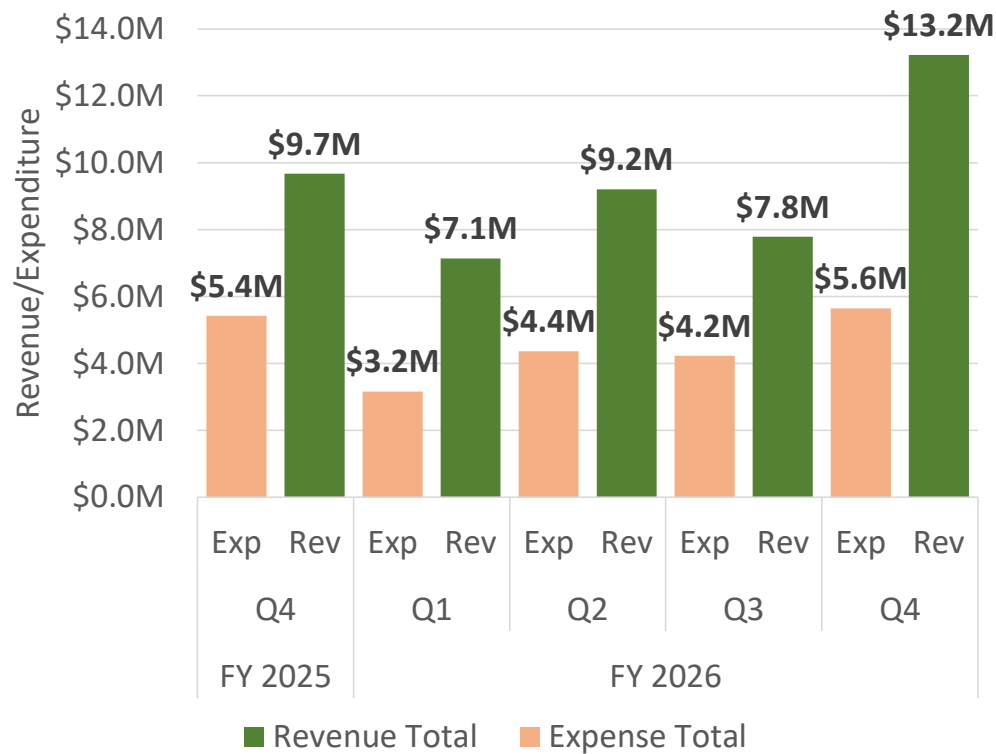
Violation trips: **8.7%**

- IBT trips with no FasTrak® account at the time of the trip

Compared with FY25 Q4:

- Overall average daily trips increase of **2.4%**
- HOV3+ trips had the largest increase of **2.2%**
- Tolled trips have increased by **0.2%**
- Violation trips had the largest decrease of **0.8%**

Express Lanes Toll Revenue and Expense



FY26 Q4:

- **\$13.2M** in toll related revenue
 - **37%** increase over FY25 Q4
- **\$2.7M** in toll operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses
- **\$1.2M** disbursed toward debt service

AM Peak Period Speed Map (6-10 AM)

Average Southbound

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

Average Northbound

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



PM Peak Period Speed Map (3-7 PM)

Average Southbound

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

Average Northbound

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

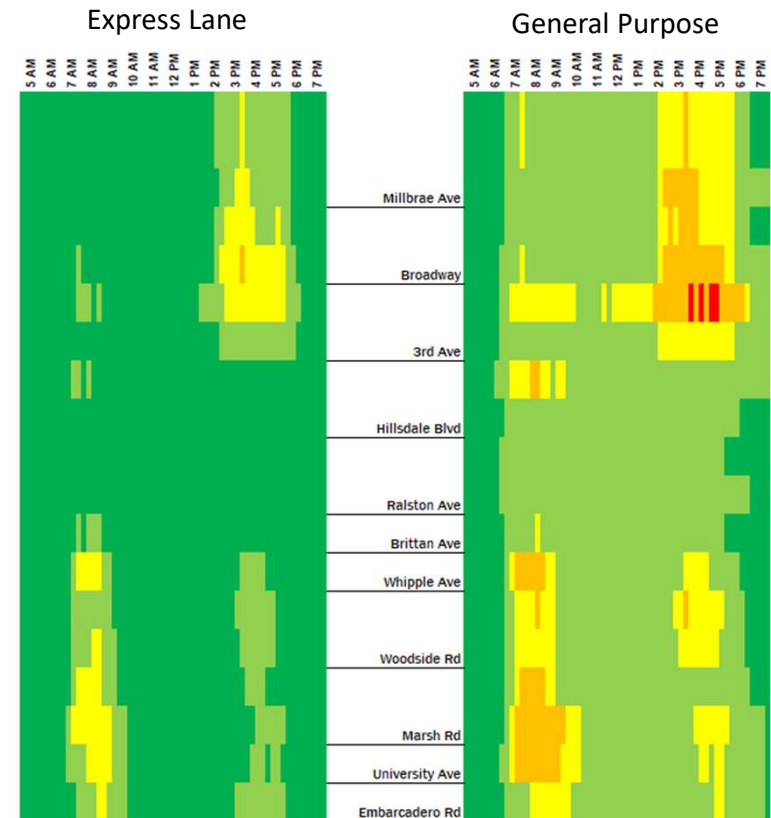


Speed by Location and Time (Full Day)

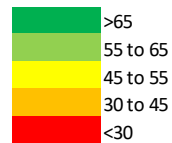
Northbound



Southbound



Speed (mph)

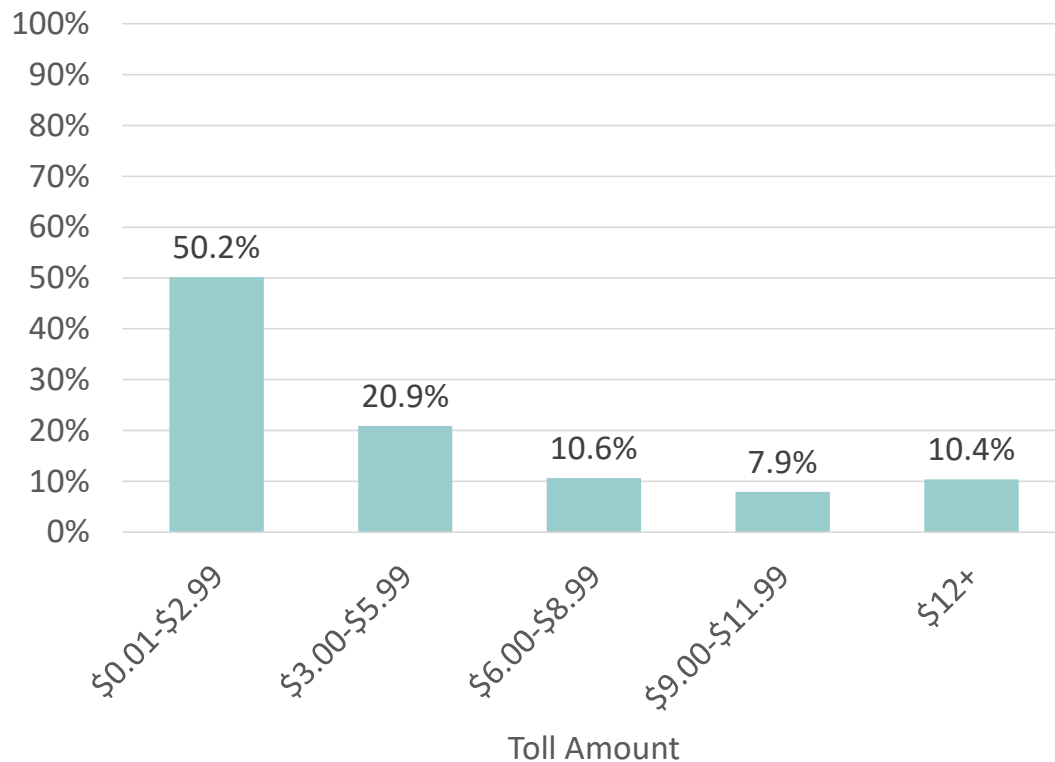


Average Paid Tolls Comparison: FY26 Q4

	Quarter	Average Daily Toll	Peak Hour	Average Peak Hour Toll
SM-101 NB	Q4 FY25	\$4.06	5 PM	\$8.85
	Q3 FY26	\$4.01	5 PM	\$7.98
	Q4 FY26	\$4.34	5 PM	\$8.77
SM-101 SB	Q4 FY25	\$5.14	8 AM	\$9.84
	Q3 FY26	\$5.38	8 AM	\$10.60
	Q4 FY26	\$5.38	4 PM	\$9.14

- **The northbound average** paid toll in FY26 Q4 was \$4.34.
- **The southbound average** paid toll in FY26 Q4 was \$5.38.

Distribution of Paid Tolls: FY26 Q4

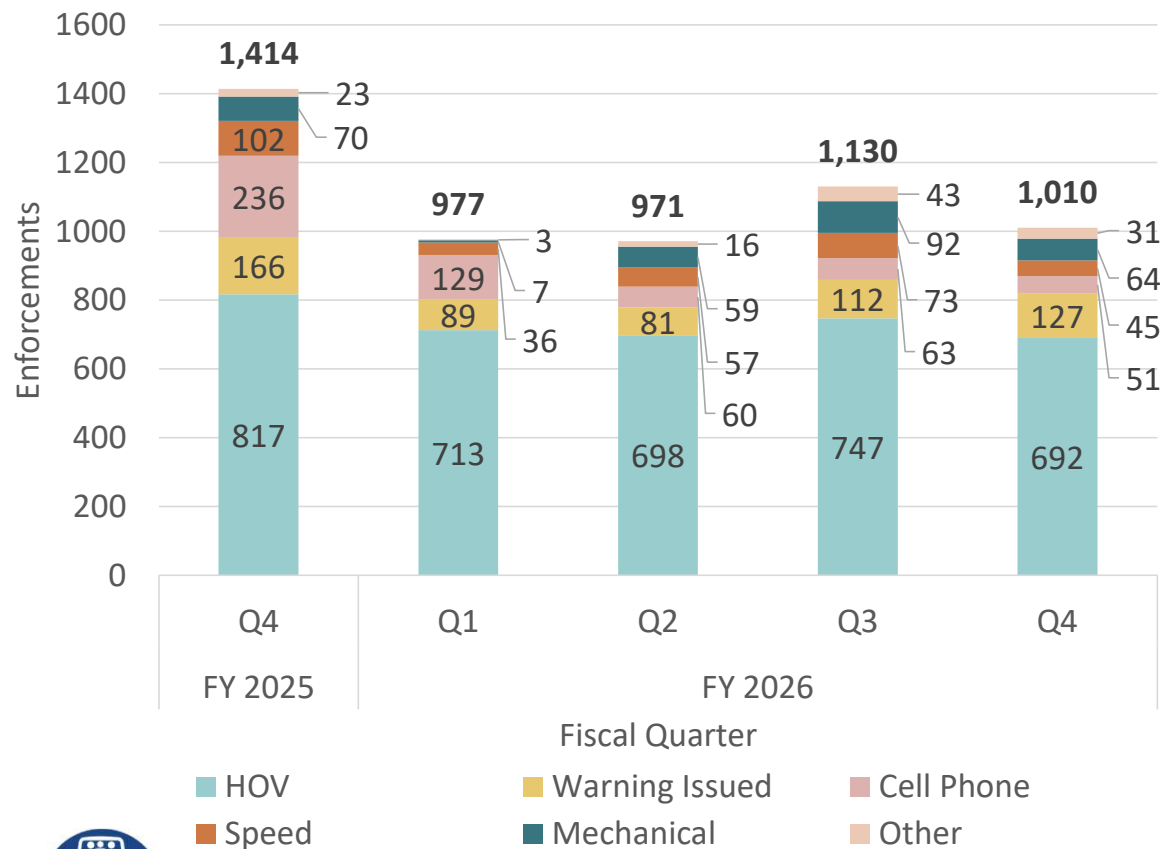


FY26 Q4

- **More than 1.7M tolled express lane trips**
- **50.2% of trips were less than \$3**
 - Down 2% from FY26 Q3
 - Down 3.6% from FY25 Q4
- **10.4% of trips were \$12 or more**
 - Up 0.3% from FY26 Q3
 - Up 1.3% from FY25 Q4

Note: Includes all tolled trip types and trip lengths.

CHP Enforcement: FY26 Q4



FY26 Q4

- **812 hours** of express lane enforcement
- **1,010** enforcement contacts
- **69%** of the contacts resulted in HOV occupancy citations
- **\$162,382 in enforcement costs**
 - Approximately \$161 per enforcement contact

Go Card Program: FY26 Q4



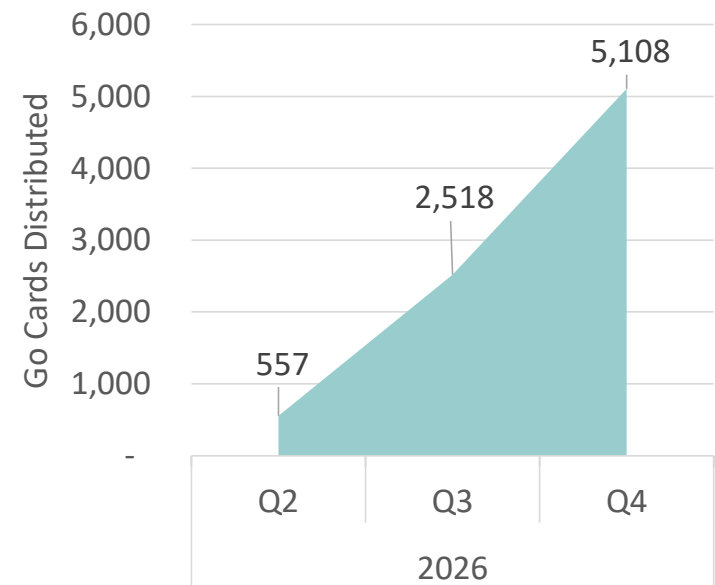
The Go Card Program* **launched in late November 2025 (FY26 Q2).**

Eligible participants receive a **\$200 prepaid card** for qualifying transportation purchases.

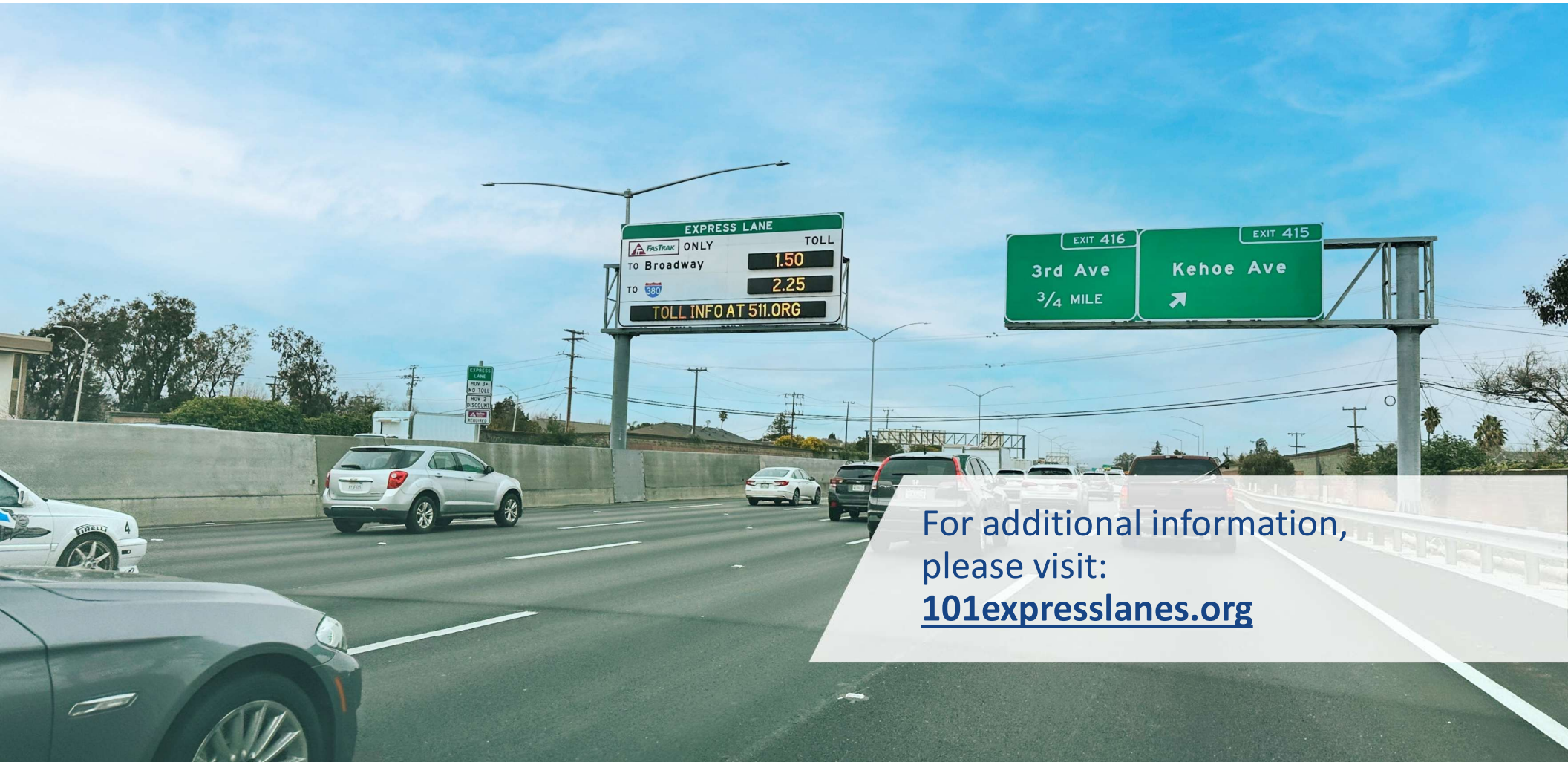
FY26 Q4 Results:

- **2,590** Go Cards distributed (**5,108** in FY26)
- **84%** of purchases were used for public transit
- **61%** of participants selected physical cards rather than virtual cards

Cumulative Go Card Distribution



*The Go Card Program builds on the previous Community Transportation Benefits Program, which distributed more than 11,000 transportation benefits between 2022 and 2025.



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