

**San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority
(SMCEL-JPA)
Board of Directors Meeting Notice**

Meeting No. 36

Date: Friday, April 8, 2022 Time: 9:00 A.M.	Join by Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86473606060?pwd=WXAzUjZ4Rk9kWDdNVENFUkd1Si9JQT09 Meeting ID: 864 7360 6060 Password: 040822 Join by Phone: (669) 900-6833
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Board of Directors: Diane Papan (Chair), Rico Medina (Vice Chair), Alicia Aguirre, Emily Beach, Maryann Moise Derwin, and Don Horsley

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, which amended certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow for local legislative bodies to conduct their meetings remotely via telephonically or by other electronic means under specified circumstances. Thus, pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e), the SMCEL-JPA Board meeting will be conducted via remote conferencing. Members of the public may observe or participate in the meeting remotely via one of the options above.

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- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL
- 2.0 BRIEF OVERVIEW OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING PROCEDURES
- 3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Note: Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker. Public comment permitted on both items on the agenda and items not on the agenda.

- 4.0 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.

- 4.1 Review and approval of Resolution SCMEL 22-11 finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. ACTION p. 1
- 4.2 Approval of the minutes of Board of Directors regular business meeting No. 35 dated March 11, 2022. ACTION p. 6
- 4.3 Accept the Sources and Uses of Funds for the FY22 Period Ending February 28, 2022. ACTION p. 11

5.0 REGULAR AGENDA

- 5.1 Receive Update on the US 101 Express Lanes Operations INFORMATION p. 13

6.0 REPORTS

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

7.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

8.0 NEXT REGULAR MEETING

May 13, 2022

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

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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. The length of the emailed comment should be commensurate with the two minutes customarily allowed for verbal comments, which is approximately 250-300 words.
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3. 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.
4. When the SMCEL-JPA Clerk or Chair call for the item on which you wish to speak, click on “raise hand” and if you joined the meeting by phone, dial *9 to raise your hand. The Clerk will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called on to speak.
5. When called, please limit your remarks to the time allotted.

If you have any questions about this agenda, please contact:
Mima Crume, Secretary - (650) 599-1406

San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority Agenda Report

Date: April 8, 2022

To: San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA) Board of Directors

From: Executive Council

Subject: Review and approval of Resolution SMCEL 22-11 finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

(For further information please contact Timothy Fox at tfox@smcgov.org)

RECOMMENDATION

Review and approval of Resolution 22-11 finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no Fiscal Impact associated with this item.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

None.

BACKGROUND

On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which rescinded his prior Executive Order N-29-20 and set a date of October 1, 2021 for public agencies to transition back to public meetings held in full compliance with the Brown Act. The original Executive Order provided that all provisions of the Brown Act that required the physical presence of members or other personnel as a condition of participation or as a quorum for a public meeting were waived for public health reasons. If these waivers fully sunset on October 1, 2021, legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act would have to contend with a sudden return to full compliance with in-person meeting requirements as they existed prior to March 2020, including the requirement for full physical public access to all teleconference locations from which board members were participating.

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, a bill that formalizes and modifies the teleconference procedures implemented by California public agencies in response to the Governor's Executive Orders addressing Brown Act compliance during the COVID-19 emergency. AB 361 allows a

local agency legislative body to continue to use teleconferencing under the same basic rules as provided in the Executive Orders when certain circumstances occur or when certain findings have been made and adopted by the legislative body.

AB 361 provides that Brown Act legislative bodies must return to in-person meetings on October 1, 2021, unless they choose to continue with fully teleconferenced meetings because a specific declaration of a state or local health emergency is appropriately made. AB 361 allows legislative bodies to continue to conduct virtual meetings as long as there is a gubernatorially-proclaimed public emergency in combination with (1) local health official recommendations for social distancing or (2) adopted findings that meeting in person would present an imminent risk to health or safety. AB 361 is effective immediately as urgency legislation and will sunset on January 1, 2024.

AB 361 also requires that, if the state of emergency remains active for more than 30 days, the legislative body must make findings by majority vote every 30 days to continue using the bill's exemption to the Brown Act teleconferencing rules. Specifically, the legislative body must find that the need for teleconferencing persists due to risks posed by the ongoing state of emergency. Effectively, this means that local agencies must either agendize a Brown Act meeting once every thirty days to make these findings, or, if a local agency has not made such findings within the prior 30 days, the local agency must re-adopt the initial findings if it wishes to conduct a remote meeting.

Public Agencies that want to continue with the option for remote meetings due to the COVID-19 emergency are preparing to bring findings to their elective bodies. The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors approved a similar resolution on consent at the September 28, 2021 meeting. On October 8, 2021, the SMCEL-JPA approved resolution 21-15 making the findings necessary for remote meetings; the Board has subsequently adopted similar resolutions making findings to continue remote meetings.

DISCUSSION

The County's high vaccination rate, successfully implemented local health measures (such as indoor masking), and best practices by the public (such as voluntary social distancing) have proven effective, in combination, at controlling the local spread of COVID-19.

However, reducing the circumstances under which people come into close contact remains a vital component of the County's COVID-19 response strategy. While local agency public meetings are an essential government function, the last 18 months have demonstrated that conducting such meetings virtually is feasible.

Public meetings pose high risks for COVID-19 spread for several reasons. These meetings bring together people from throughout a geographic region, increasing the opportunity for COVID-19 transmission. Further, the open nature of public meetings makes it difficult to enforce compliance with vaccination, physical distancing, masking, cough and sneeze etiquette, or other safety measures. Moreover, some of the safety measures used by private businesses to control these risks may be less effective for public agencies.

These factors combine to make in-person public meetings imminently risky to health and safety.

We recommend that the Board avail itself of the provisions of AB 361 allowing continuation of remote meetings by adopting findings to the effect that conducting in-person meetings would present an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees. A resolution to that effect, and directing staff to take

such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of the resolution, is attached hereto.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution SMCEL 22-11

RESOLUTION SMCEL 22-11

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY EXPRESS LANES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (SMCEL-JPA) FINDING THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY, MEETING IN PERSON FOR MEETINGS OF THE SMCEL-JPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA) that,

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, pursuant to California Government Code section 8550, *et seq.*, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus, and subsequently, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors declared a local emergency related to COVID-19, and the proclamation by the Governor and declaration by the Board of Supervisors remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended certain provisions in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 *et seq.* (the “Brown Act”), related to teleconferencing by local agency legislative bodies, provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21, which extended provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 that waive otherwise-applicable Brown Act requirements related to remote/teleconference meetings by local agency legislative bodies through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 into law, and AB 361 that provides that a local agency legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet without complying with the otherwise-applicable requirements in the Brown Act related to remote/teleconference meetings by local agency legislative bodies, provided that a state of emergency has been declared and the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and provided that the legislative body makes such findings at least every thirty (30) days during the term of the declared emergency; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2022, the Governor issued Executive Order N-1-22, which suspended the original sunset date of AB 361 from January 31, 2022 to March 31, 2022, allowing local agencies to continue to conduct meetings via teleconference under modified rules of AB 361 as the pandemic continues; and

WHEREAS, the SMCEL-JPA Board of Directors concludes that there is a continuing threat of COVID-19 to the community, and that Board meetings have characteristics that give rise to risks to health and safety of meeting participants (such as the increased mixing associated with bringing together people from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to participate fully in public governmental meetings, and the challenges with fully ascertaining and ensuring

compliance with vaccination and other safety recommendations at such meetings); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) caution that the Omicron variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is much more transmissible than prior variants of the virus and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, the SMCEL-JPA Board of Directors has an important governmental interest in protecting the health and safety of those who participate in its meetings; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2021, the SMCEL-JPA Board of Directors approved Resolution 21-15 making the findings necessary to continue remote meetings and invoked the provisions of AB 361; and

WHEREAS, at subsequent meetings, the SMCEL-JPA Board of Directors has adopted subsequent resolutions making the findings necessary to continue remote meetings for SMCEL-JPA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the SMCEL-JPA Board of Directors deems it necessary to find that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and thus intends to continue to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The SMCEL-JPA Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19.
3. The SMCEL-JPA Board of Directors finds that holding meetings of the SMCEL-JPA Board of Directors would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
4. Staff is directed to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

Diane Papan, Chair

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

Meeting No. 35
March 11, 2022

In compliance with Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, and pursuant to the Shelter-in-Place Order issued by the San Mateo County Health Officer, this meeting was conducted via remote conferencing.

Board of Directors: Diane Papan (Chair), Rico Medina (Vice Chair), Alicia Aguirre, Emily Beach, Maryann Moise Derwin, and Don Horsley

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

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

Members Present:

C/CAG Members:

Diane Papan, Alicia Aguirre, Maryann Moise Derwin

SMCTA Members:

Rico Medina, Emily Beach

Members Absent:

Don Horsley

Staff Present:

Sean Charpentier – Executive Council

Carter Mau – Executive Council

Mima Guilles – Clerk

Tim Fox – Legal Counsel

Van Ocampo – C/CAG staff supporting SMCEL-JPA

April Chan, Derek Hansel, Joe Hurley, Connie Mobley-Ritter, Grace Martinez, SMCTA staff supporting SMCEL-JPA

Samantha Soules, Lacy Vong, Matt Click, Christa Cassidy – HNTB

Other members of staff and the public were in attendance.

2.0 BRIEF OVERVIEW OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING PROCEDURES

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Note: Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker. Public comment permitted

on both items on the agenda and items not on the agenda.

Clerk of the Board Mima Crume reported that there was no public comment submitted before the meeting. There was no public comment.

4.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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4.1 Review and approval of Resolution SCMEL 22-09 finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. **APPROVED**

4.2 Approval of the minutes of Board of Directors regular business meeting No. 34 dated February 10, 2022. **APPROVED**

4.3 Accept the Sources and Uses of Funds for the FY22 Period Ending January 31, 2022. **APPROVED**

Director Aguirre MOVED to approve the consent agenda. Director Medina SECONDED. Roll call was taken. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0**

5.0 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Receive a presentation providing an update on the operations of the US101 Express Lanes Southern Segment. **INFORMATION**

The Board received an update presentation on the operations of the US101 Express Lanes Southern Segment. On February 11th, 2022, the southern segment of the US 101 express lanes opened concurrently with the VTA's companion express lane project to the south. SMCEL-JPA staff have participated in daily and weekly operational meetings with BAIFA, BATA and their consultant team. The express lanes are currently in a ramp-up phase and performing well.

Director Aguirre asked if the project team is making it easier for people to get a transponder?

Matt Click said they're doing everything they can and will continue to promote the need for a transponder through press release and announcements.

Director Aguirre asked if one needs to physically get a transponder or can it be sent by mail.

Matt responded one doesn't have to physically get a transponder, as it can be sent via mail. Transponders can also be purchased at retail locations.

Director Beach commented that she assumed that she could upgrade her FasTrak transponder rather than purchasing a separate one. She would like some clarity on how one would need to set up a new account.

Director Derwin asked if there were plans for Board members to write op-eds in their local papers addressing comments raised about the express lanes.

Matt welcomes the idea if this is the direction that the Board would like to take. Matt will defer this to Robert and his team.

- 5.2 Review and approval of Resolution SMCEL 22-10 authorizing the Chair to execute an Agreement with Conduent to provide preloaded FasTrak® transponders for the 101 Express Lanes Community Transportation Benefits Program for an amount not to exceed \$115,000 for an initial term of one year; and further authorize the Executive Council to make revisions to the Agreement as needed prior to execution, subject to approval by the SMCEL-JPA Legal Counsel; and further authorize the Executive Council to execute a future no-cost time extension to the Agreement for a period not to exceed 12 months, subject to approval by the SMCEL-JPA Legal Counsel. **APROVED**

Matt Click gave a brief overview on the execution of an Agreement with Conduent, the Bay Area Toll Authority's (BATA) service provider for the FasTrak® Toll Tag Retail Program. The agreement will allow preloaded FasTrak® transponders to be purchased and provided for the 101 Express Lanes Community Transportation Benefits Program.

Director Derwin **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda. Director Beach **SECONDED**. Roll call was taken. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0**

- 5.3 Receive an update on the status of the \$100 million Project Loan for construction from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority to the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority. **INFORMATION**

The Board received an update from Connie Mobley-Ritter on the status of the \$100 million project loan from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority to the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority for express lanes construction.

Chair Papan asked if it would be advisable at some point to do an analysis on the loan structure, and convert this loan to a fixed rate if interest rates go up too much.

Connie said it's possible but the expectation is that the Joint Powers Authority would have generated enough revenues to pay down the loan quickly. Secondly, once the Express Lanes have a history of revenue generation, a fixed loan is possible.

Chair Papan asked what would be considered the threshold for moving to a fixed rate loan, is it over the 2%?

Connie said yes, definitely over 2%. It's depending on market function and how much

revenues have been able to generate from the Express Lanes.

Sean Charpentier said at some point in the future, potentially, there is an option to finance the loan with other Express Lane projects, such as the managed lanes North of I-380 or a managed lanes direct connector project.

Director Beach thanked Derek and Connie for the presentation, and to the whole finance team and advisors. The finance team made sure that the JPA was fiscally responsible when taking on this loan.

6.0 REPORTS

a) Chairperson Report.

None.

b) Member Communication.

None.

c) Executive Council Report - Executive Council Verbal Report.

April Chan has reported out that Carter sends his apologies that he could not attend this meeting. He is dealing with an incident that occurred on Caltrain. She also announced that this is Derek's last San Mateo County Express Lanes JPA Board meeting. He is moving onto the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as their new Chief Financial Officer. She recognized Derek for all the work he has done. Derek has brought his financial expertise to this organization, and for the San Mateo County Transit District, Caltrain and the Transportation Authority. Grace Martinez, who has been serving as a Deputy CFO, will now be the acting CFO.

Sean echoed April's comments related to Derek and said that we wouldn't be here today without Derek and the entire Finance team's efforts. He added that Derek has managed, cultivated, and led a really phenomenal team. His legacy will continue to benefit the JPA and the County.

d) Policy/Program Manager Report.

Matt provided update on the equity program. A successful training was held on the 9th with Samaritan House, with representations from all eight core agencies. They're extremely excited to have our partnership, and appreciative of the flexibility in the program design. The Equity program will be going live on the 21st instead of the 14th. The training has been done, all the accounting and reports have been setup. The program is waiting on the transit cards from Clipper and the FasTrak transponders, which is related to today's Board action.

Chair Papan asked who will be distributing the information and conducting the public outreach for the Equity program, so eligible parties can go to Samaritan

House to sign up.

Matt said the team will send out a press release. Besides that, the team will rely on the current customer base of Samaritan House and social service agencies.

Director Aguirre asked how does the Samaritan House connect to other community organizations in different parts of the county that need this information.

Matt said that Samaritan House acts as the central administrator and information clearing house for those core eight agencies, who represent different parts of the communities throughout the county. Matt will investigate more.

Christa said they did an extensive CBO outreach as part of the equity study early on. The team will be doing a direct follow up with these organizations to let them know about the program. The team will also provide materials that organizations can use to include in their newsletters and their communications to stakeholders. Depending on the interest levels two months after the program launch, the team can continue with a marketing. Strategies include targeted Facebook campaign, other social media and outreach outdoor mailers, etc. The materials will also be translated.

7.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

8.0 NEXT REGULAR MEETING

April 8, 2022

9.0 ADJOURNMENT – 9:53 a.m.

San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority Agenda Report

Date: April 8, 2022

To: San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA) Board of Directors

From: Executive Council

Subject: Accept the Sources and Uses of Funds for the FY22 Period Ending February 28, 2022

(For further information, contact Grace Martinez, Acting CFO, at 650-508-6274)

RECOMMENDATION

That the SMCEL-JPA Board accept and enter into the record the Sources and Uses of Funds for the FY22 Period Ending February 28, 2022.

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

BACKGROUND

Year to Date Sources of Funds: As of February year-to-date, the total sources of funds are \$2,067,678, which primarily represent the loan advances for FY22 under the two operating loan agreements between the SMCEL-JPA, the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, and the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County. The sources of funds also include the toll revenue from the Express Lanes on US 101 between the Santa Clara County line and Whipple Avenue in Redwood City, which officially opened on February 11, 2022.

Year to Date Uses of Funds: As of February year-to-date, the total uses of funds are \$1,278,458. Major expenses are in the categories of consultant costs (\$433,986), staff support costs (\$390,511), insurance expense (\$171,677), and administration and costs for the Equity Program (\$154,500).

Budget Amendment:

There are no budget amendments for the month of February 2022.

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 2022 (February 2022)

SAN MATEO COUNTY EXPRESS LANE JPA
SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS
Fiscal Year 2022
February 2022

		ACTUAL	BUDGET
		As of 2/28/22	Annual
SOURCES OF FUNDS:			
1	Toll Revenue	\$ 71,991	\$ 5,300,000
2	Allocated Bond Funds	-	504,000
3	Advance from the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County	790,800	1,314,045
4	Advance from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority	1,204,887	1,407,115
5	TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	\$ 2,067,678	\$ 8,525,160
USES OF FUNDS:			
6	Staff Support	\$ 390,511	\$ 689,030
7	Administrative Overhead	48,709	45,540
8	Seminar/Training & Business Travel	3,892	10,000
9	Audit and Related Service	-	16,160
10	Office Supplies	-	3,000
11	Printing and Information Svcs	-	5,000
12	Legal Services	20,909	60,000
13	Consultant	433,986	1,779,707
14	Maintenance	-	222,400
15	Toll Operations and Maintenance	-	2,161,500
16	Fastrak Customer Service	-	680,000
17	Express Lane Enhanced Enforcement	-	125,000
18	Equity Program Administration and Costs	154,500	504,000
19	Insurance	171,677	186,648
20	Miscellaneous	54,274	83,200
21	TOTAL USES OF FUNDS	\$ 1,278,458	\$ 6,571,185
22	PROJECT SOURCES OVER USES	\$ 789,220	\$ 1,953,975

Additional Information:

Loan payables to the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County	\$ 2,194,037
Loan payables to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority	\$ 2,992,479

San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority Agenda Report

Date: April 8, 2022

To: San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA) Board of Directors

From: Policy/Program Manager (PPM)

Subject: Receive Update on the US 101 Express Lanes Operations

(For further information please contact Matthew Click, Policy/Program Manager Mclick@hntb.com.)

RECOMMENDATION

That the SMCEL-JPA Board receives update on the US 101 express lanes operations.

BACKGROUND

On February 11th, 2022, the southern segment of the US 101 express lanes (between Whipple Avenue and Embarcadero Road) opened concurrently with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)'s companion express lane project to the south. SMCEL-JPA staff continue to participate in operational meetings with Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA), Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) and their consultants. The express lanes are currently in a ramp-up phase and performing well.

The PPM will provide an operational update to the Board to obtain their feedback. The report covers the period from February 14 to March 11, 2022. Below are highlights from the presentation:

- The average potential daily revenue for the southern segment during this period was \$16,800.
- During this reporting period, the average toll rates were:

Period	Southbound	Northbound
February 14-28	\$1.10	\$0.75
March 1-11	\$1.41	\$0.80

- For southbound trips, the average daily number of trips was about 10,009.
- For northbound trips, the average daily number of trips about 11,488.
- Express Lanes continue to operate at about 10 mph faster than the general purpose lanes in both directions.
- Out of these trips, most continue to be image-based trips followed by drivers who declared as

single occupant vehicle (SOV). Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) declarations represented the smallest portion of trips at about 1%.

The general observation is the express lanes continue to be in a period of ramp-up. Reviewing the first full month of operational data relative to the first week of data does not yield significantly different findings. The largest high-level conclusion is the express lanes are providing value to customers who choose to use them. Currently, the travel speeds and volumes in the general purpose lanes are good most of the time. As congestion continues to climb back to pre-pandemic levels in the corridor, the express lane volumes and associated toll rates will increase.

ATTACHMENT

1. 101 Express Lanes Operations Update Powerpoint



Item 5.1: 101 Express Lanes Operations Update

April 8th, 2022

General Information, Tolling and Revenue

- Data covering: February 14th to March 11th
- Preliminary data, Southern Segment* only
- Average toll
 - Southbound
 - February: \$1.10
 - March: \$1.41
 - Northbound
 - February: \$0.75
 - March: \$0.80
- Average Potential Daily Revenue for Southern Segment: \$16,800**

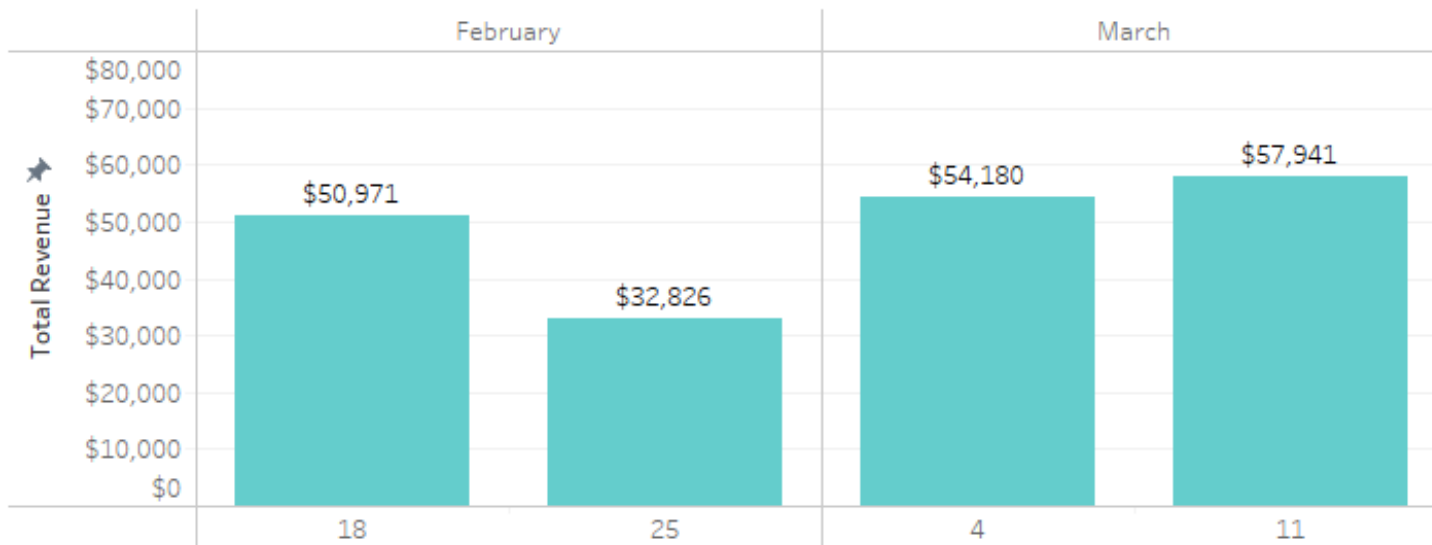
**Southern Segment is between Whipple Ave. and Embarcadero Road*

***Assumes full collection of image-based tolls and no leakage from all account types*

Southbound Trips and Potential Revenue

- Opening day saw the highest trips
- Average Daily Southbound Trips were 10,009

Potential Revenue - SB



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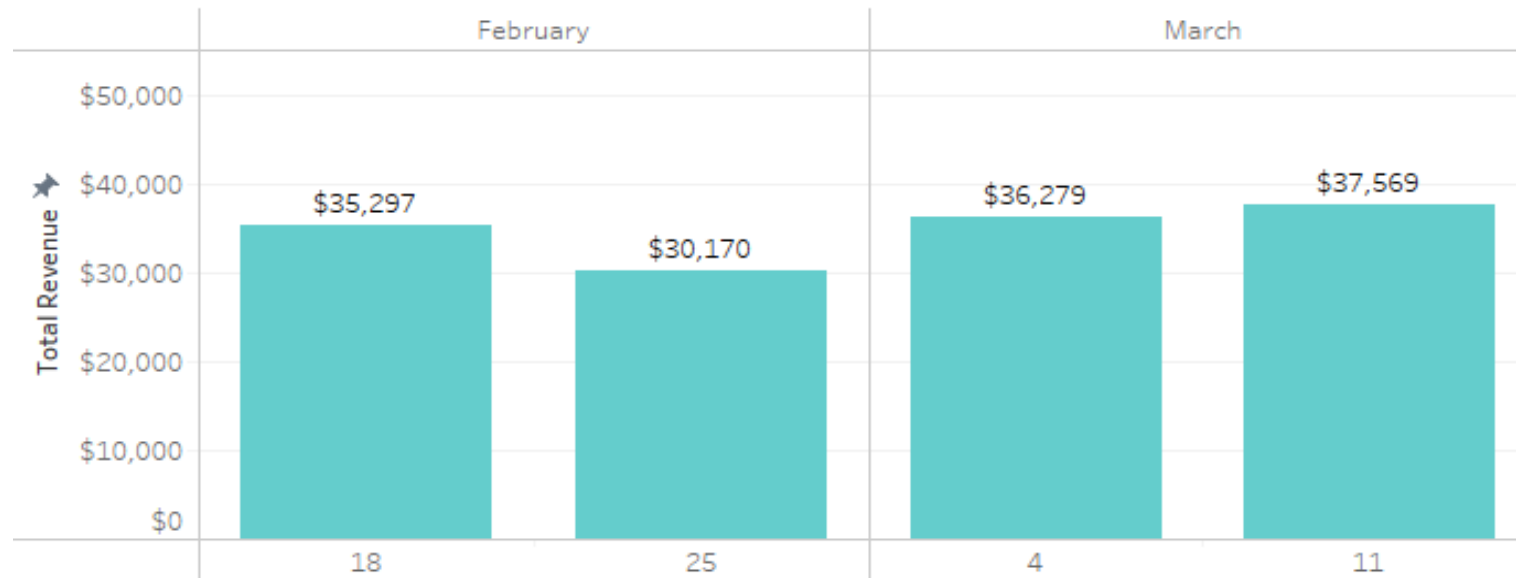
■ Total Potential Revenue

Note: Dates shown in chart are week ending dates.

Northbound Trips and Potential Revenue

- Fairly steady daily trips
- Average Daily Northbound Trips were 11,488

Potential Revenue - NB

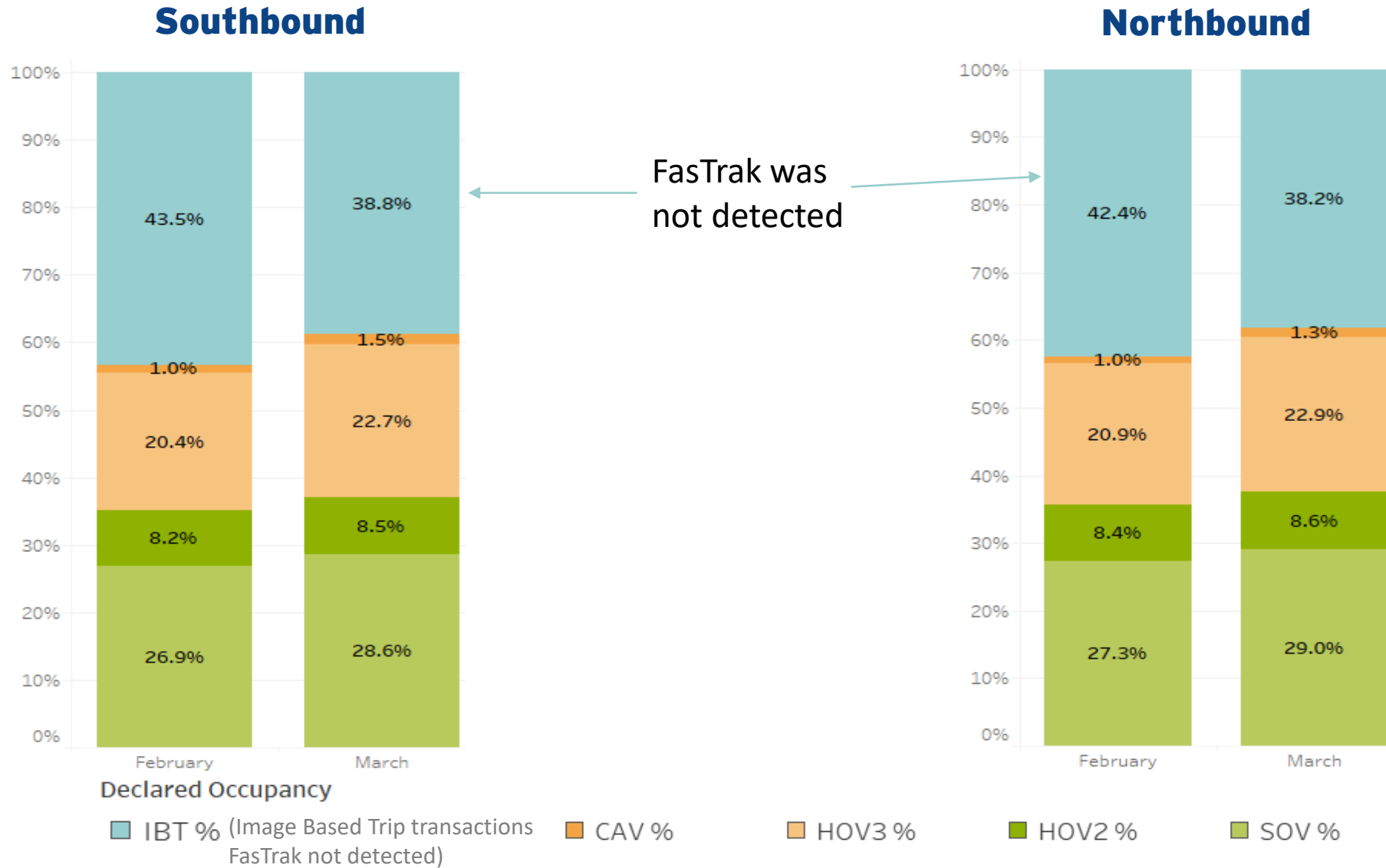


Legend

■ Total Potential Revenue

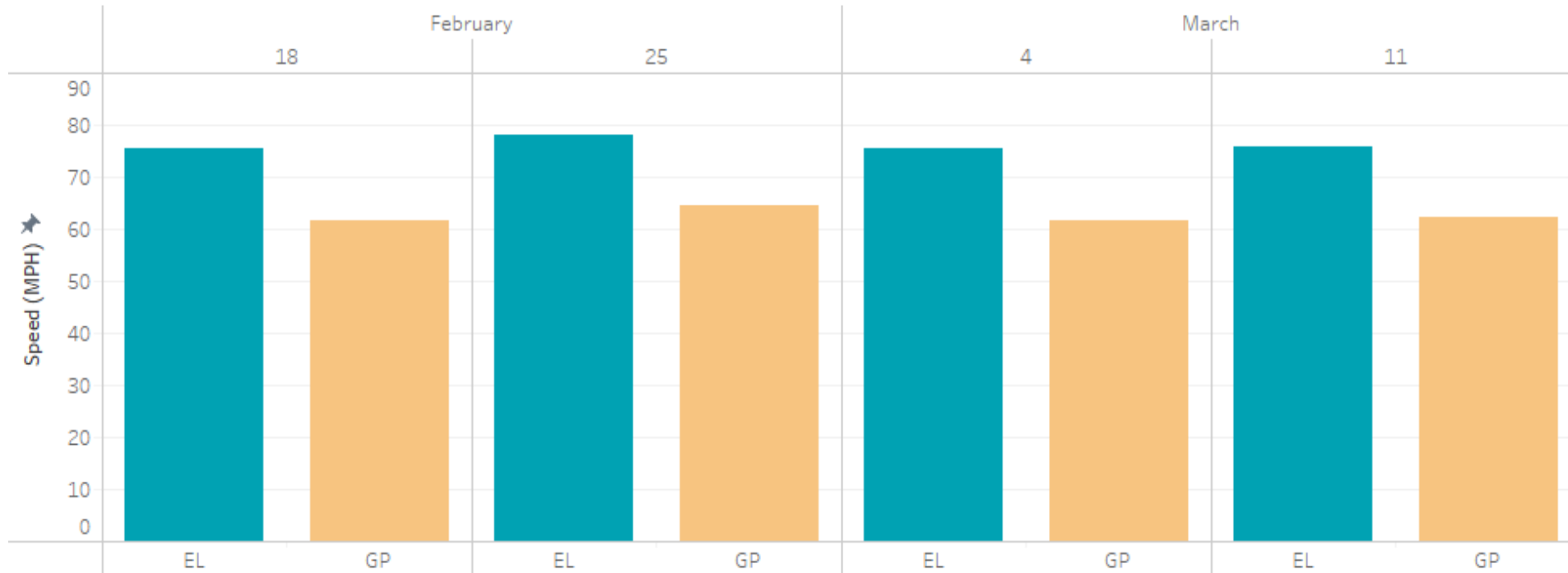
Note: Dates shown in chart are week ending dates.

Average Declared Occupancy (Feb 14-Mar 11)



Express Lanes Speeds - Southbound

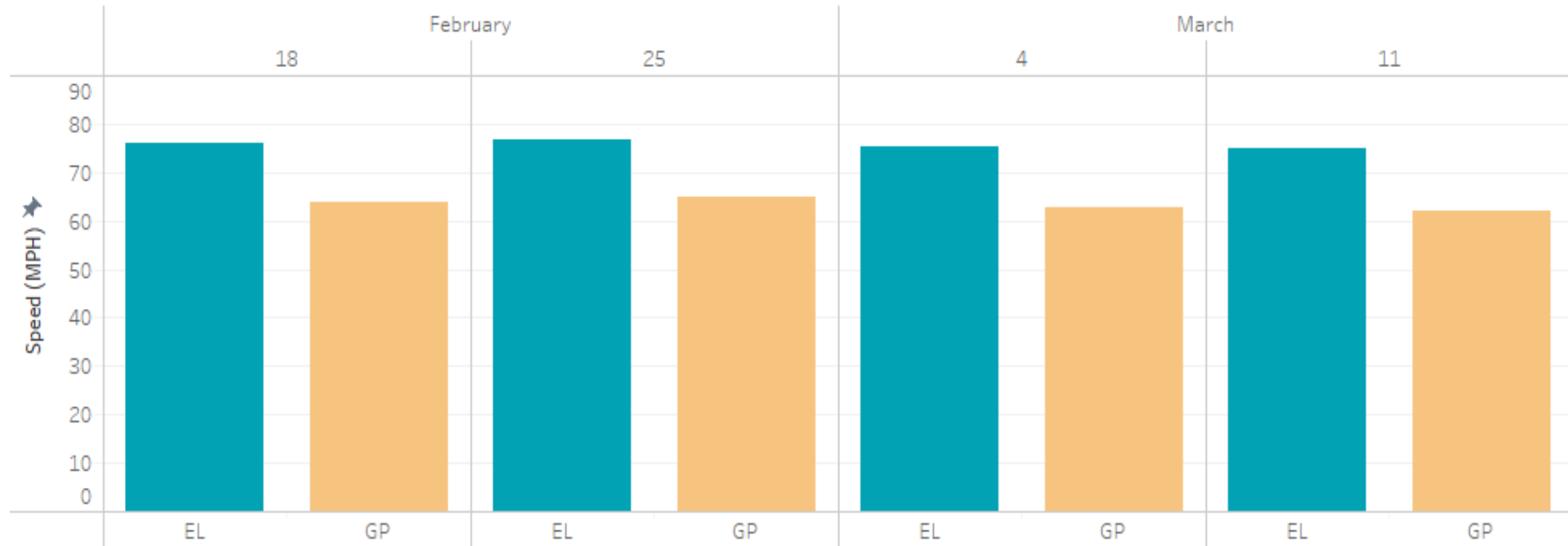
Average Weekly Speed - Southbound



- Express lanes operating at ~10 mph faster than general purpose
- EL = Express Lanes / GP = General Purpose

Express Lanes Speeds - Northbound

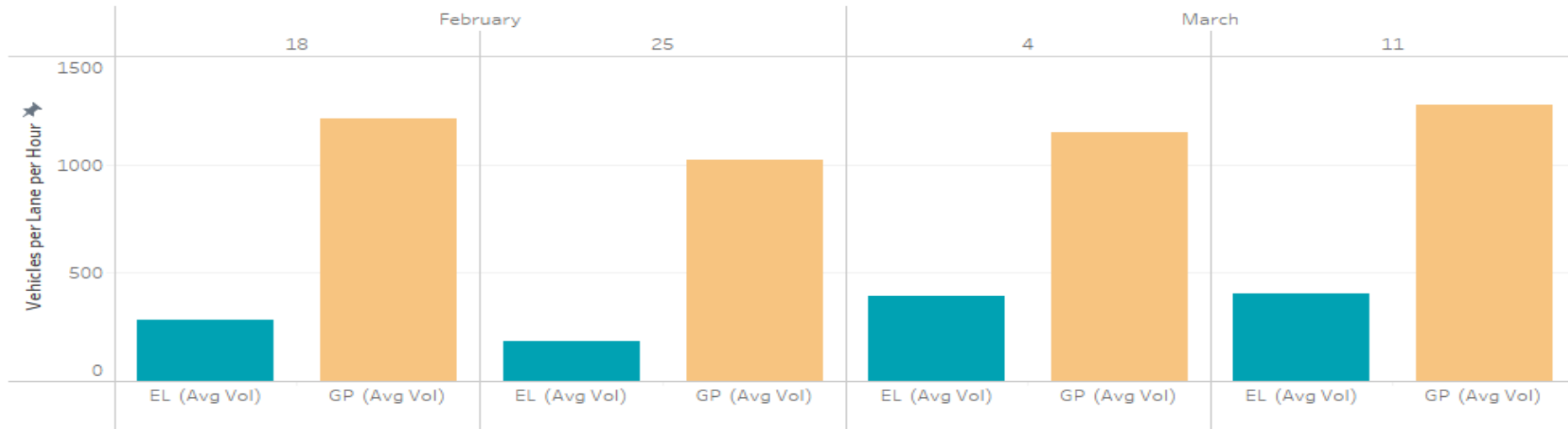
Average Daily Speed - Northbound



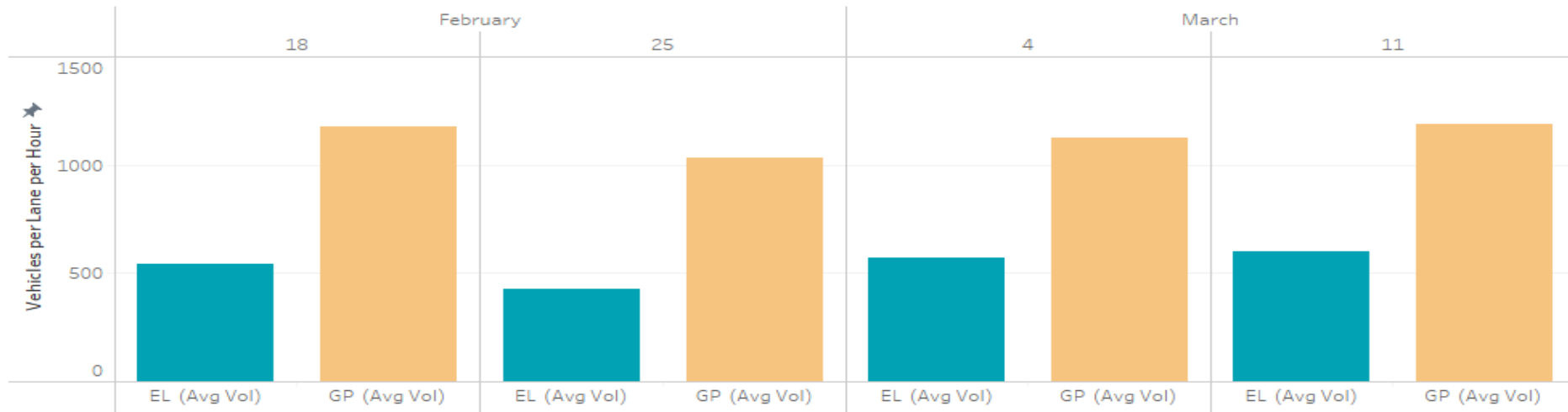
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Average Hourly Lane Volume Differential – AM Peak Period (6am-9am)

Average AM Volume - Southbound

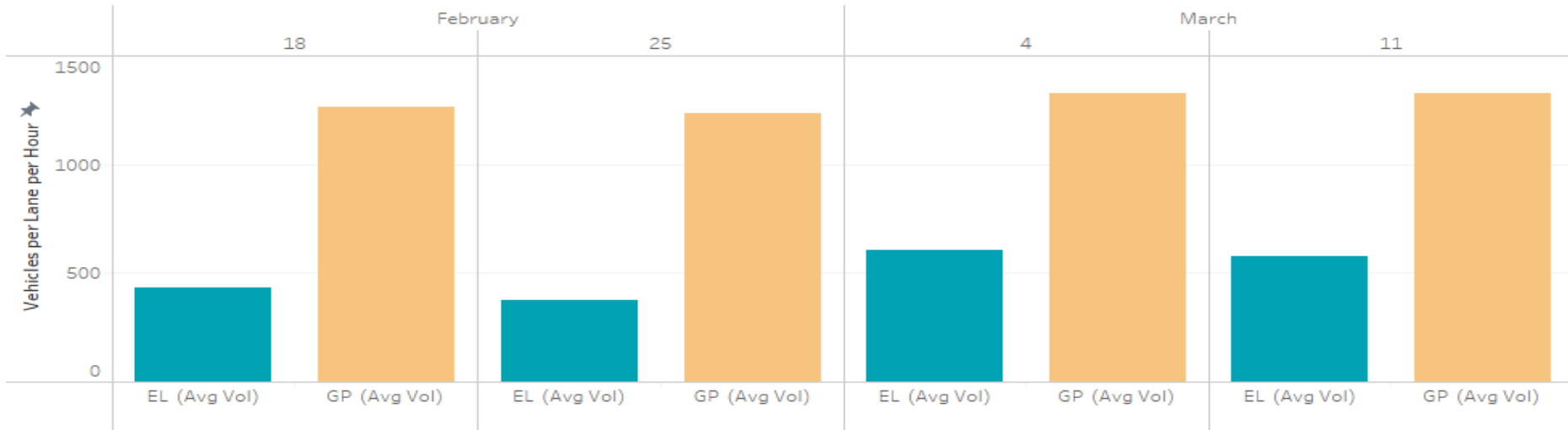


Average AM Volume - Northbound

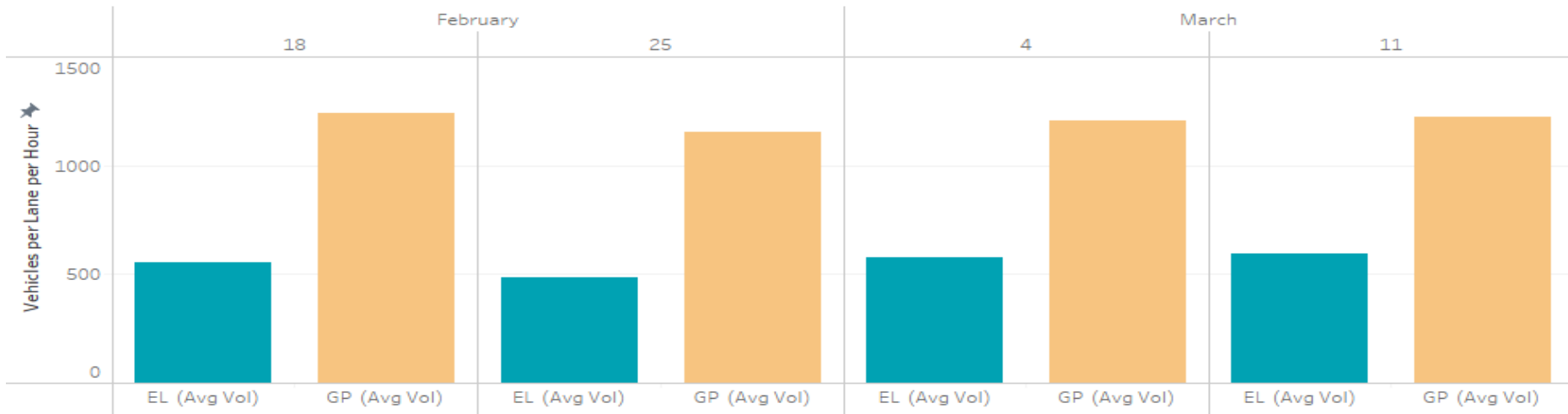


Average Hourly Lane Volume Differential – PM Peak Period (3pm-6pm)

Average PM Volume - Southbound



Average PM Volume - Northbound





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