



TAM Board of Commissioners Thursday August 24th, 2017

Item No. 10

MTC revised proposal on HOV
Lane hours of operation



TAM actions: Upon Unanimous approval June 1st, TAM sent a Resolution responding to MTC's proposed change in hours of operation for the High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes in Marin

On July 6th, our State Senator Mike McGuire sponsored a briefing amongst the partners to consider a revised proposal from MTC

MTC revises its proposal

Partially in response to Marin's concerns, MTC has revised its proposal regarding the change in HOV Lane hours of operation:

Existing SB Highway 101 Hours: 6:30 – 8:30 AM

Prior proposal SB Highway 101 AM hours 6:30 to 10:00 for a six month pilot

New proposal: SB Highway 101 AM hours 6:30 to 9:00 for a three month pilot

Existing NB Highway 101 hours: 4:30-7:00 PM

Prior Proposal : NB Highway 101 hours 3:00 to 7:00 PM for a six month pilot

New proposal: TBD 2018

New information shared at the July 6th briefing:

- Modified hrs. allows 8-10 Golden Gate and Marin Transit buses to utilize HOV Lane to avoid congestion
- Golden Gate buses are full- unknown if additional HOV Lane trips attracted to using HOV's.
- Additional 6-7 Minutes of Delay by each user of the general purpose lanes. These lanes carry maximum of 2200 vehicles per hour per lane, or 6600 vehicles per hour total affected.
- Public Outreach Plan will be implemented starting mid-August
- Eventual goal of extended hours 630-1000 AM will result in AM peak period congestion ending 1130 versus current 1030, raising concerns by CHP of increased incidents and/or accidents
- No plans for increased HOV Lane enforcement or support to CHP for increased congestion/ incidents/accidents
- MTC shared survey supporting change but it was pointed out that no negative arguments were tested (push poll)

- Reports of HOV Lane being full were not addressed
- No evaluation of affect on Local Roads was conducted

TAM Concerns in June 1st Resolution

remain with the new proposal

- It would be best for Marin's commuters for MTC and Caltrans to not implement this change as a stand-alone effort. A more comprehensive package of efforts should be implemented, including ramp metering, HOV Lane enforcement, and a Bus-On-Shoulder pilot.
- There needs to be a clear understanding– and agreement- on what constitutes success.
- The potential impacts of the change in HOV Lane hours must be studied and mitigations committed to prior to implementing the pilot.
- Impact to Local Roads must be evaluated and considered as well

Staff recommendation

Staff recommend affirming the TAM Board's previous concerns and continuing to work with our regional partners of MTC and Caltrans and the CHP to develop a more comprehensive systems approach on Highway 101, which will best serve our constituents.

Questions?