



# FACT SHEET: Express Lanes

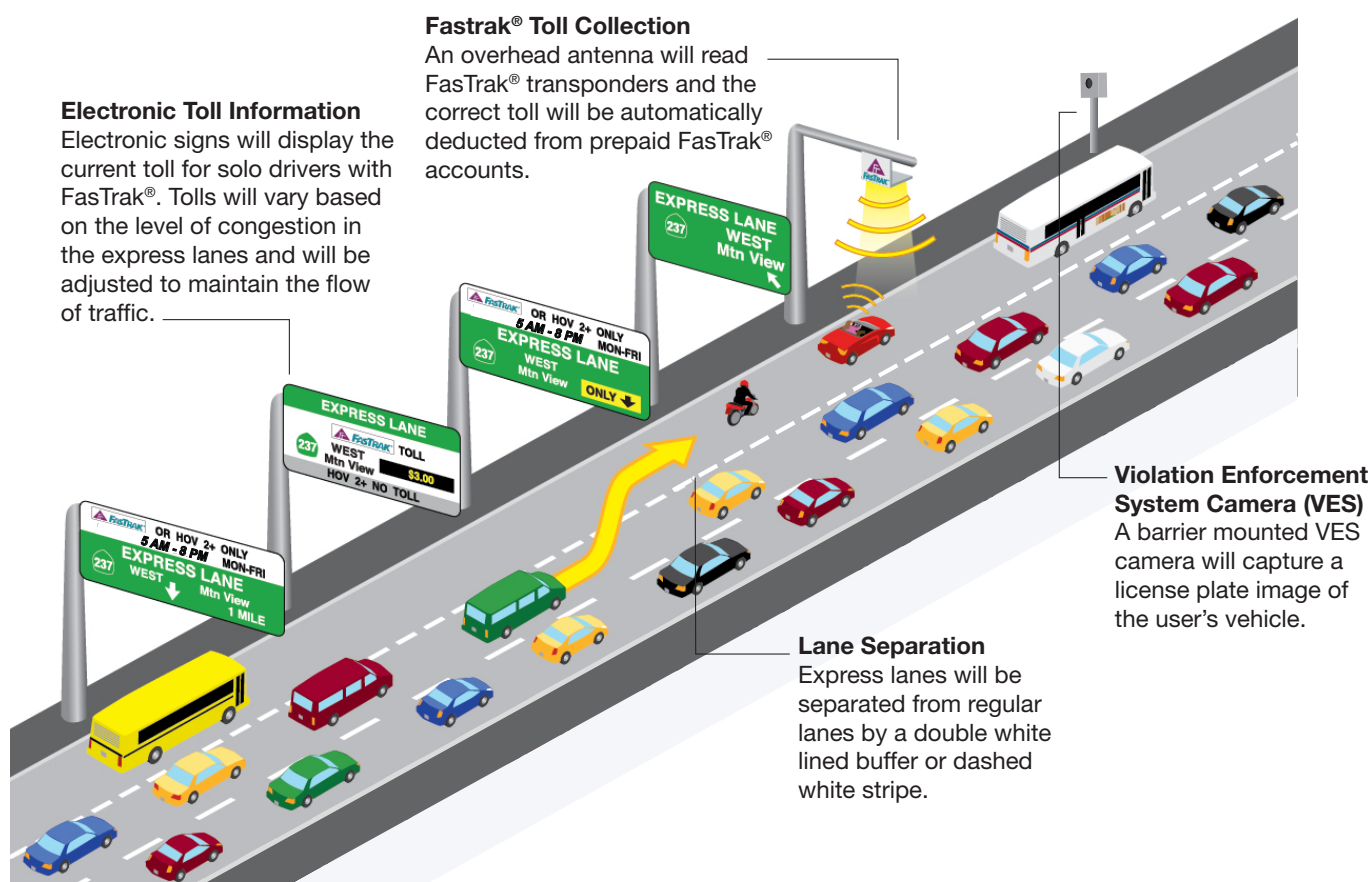
## State Route 237 Express Lanes - Phase 2

### Overview

The SR 237 Express Lanes Phase 2 Project is an extension of the SR 237/I-880 Express Connectors Phase I Project that became operational in March 2012. The Phase 2 Project proposes to convert the remaining high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on SR 237 to approximately Mathilda Avenue in Sunnyvale to express lanes operations.

The Phase 2 project will retain the open access configuration with the existing HOV lanes. This open access configuration means that carpools and other HOV-eligible vehicles, along with toll-paying single occupancy vehicles, will be able to enter the express lanes in the same manner as today, crossing over a dashed lane line (double white lined buffers were determined to not be needed).

Carpools with two or more occupants, motorcycles, and transit buses will be able to continue to use the express lanes free of charge.



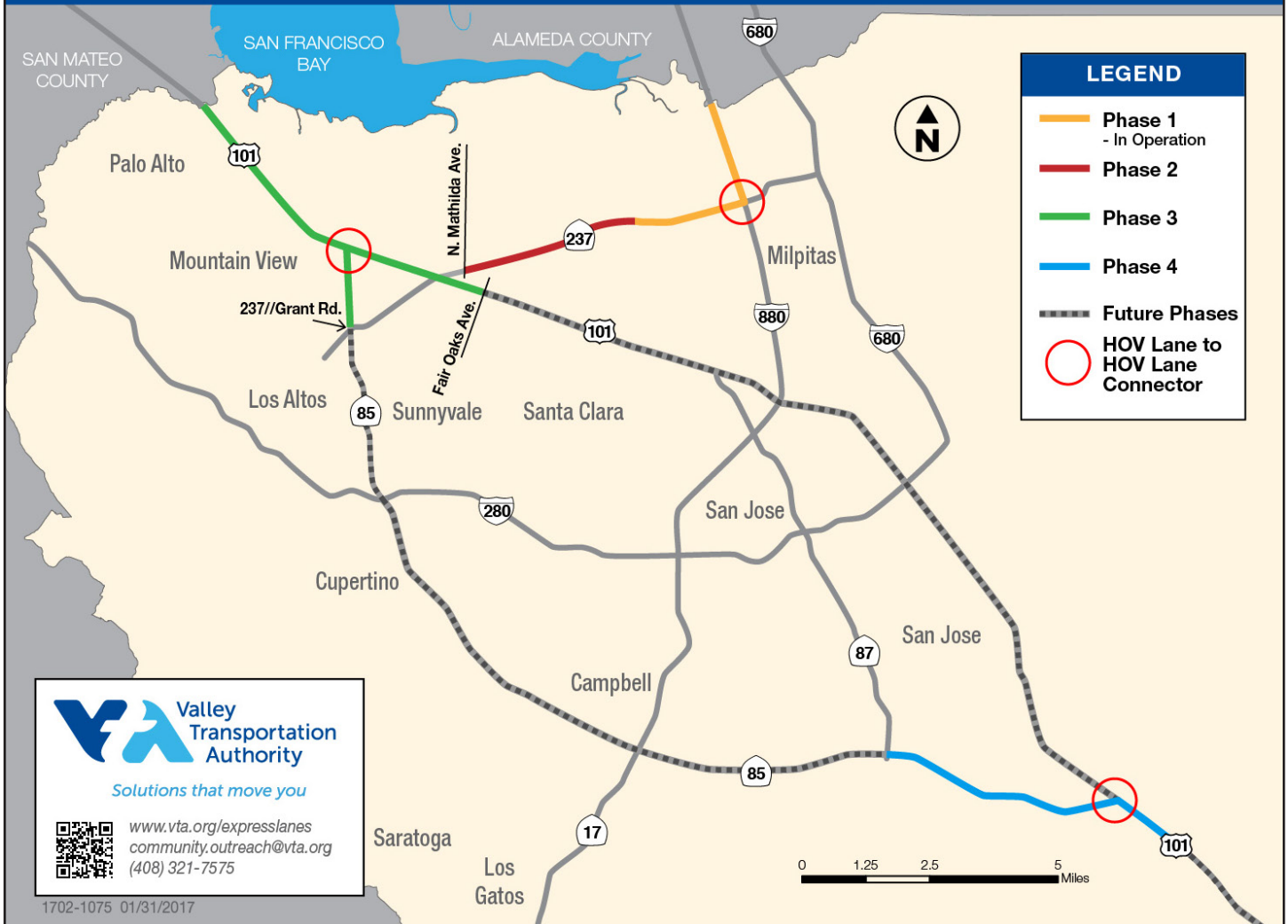
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## Operations

Increase efficiency of existing roadway: Existing carpool lanes have the available capacity to accommodate more vehicles. Express lanes offer an opportunity for more efficient use of existing roadways by allowing commuters the option to pay a fee to access the lanes as needed, while still maintaining system reliability for transit users and carpoolers.

- **Fast, reliable travel:** Through the use of dynamic pricing, VTA can manage the amount of traffic in the express lanes and maintain the flow of traffic even when the general purpose lanes are congested. Motorists who choose to use the express lanes will benefit from reliable travel times.
- **Revenue reinvested in the corridor:** Revenue from tolls would maintain the facility, enhance transit improvements, and provide new funding for enforcement by the California Highway Patrol.

## Schedule

June 2015: Completed project approval and environment document  
 August 2017: Completed final design  
 January 2018: Begin construction  
 Fall 2019: Open express lanes for service

## How to Reach Us

If you have any questions about the VTA Express Lanes Project, please contact VTA's Community Outreach Department at (408) 321-7575, (TTY) for the hearing-impaired at (408) 321-2330. You may also visit us on the web at [www.vta.org](http://www.vta.org), or e-mail us at [community.outreach@vta.org](mailto:community.outreach@vta.org).