



TA Community Advisory Committee  
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# Subject

1. Huzzah, HOV lane conversion rather than a lane addition.
2. TA CAC Way2Go Pass

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MTC announced last week that starting this week that construction will start on a project to convert a GP lane to an HOV lane, <https://mtc.ca.gov/news/work-start-i-580-carpool-lane-extension-oakland>. Of particular note is the recognition that this is a:

- comparatively low-cost capital projects
- to help move more people in fewer cars through the Bay Bridge corridor;
- speed travel times and
- improve schedule reliability for bus riders;
- and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

What's not to like: cheaper, fewer cars/trips, faster, more reliable, and it reduces climate impact.

We need to come to the same conclusion for future San Mateo County projects. In particular, we need to stop looking at adding a lane for the 101 Managed Lane north of 380 project, to stop the 101/92 Direct Connector project which simply adds lane(s) and other car capacity, and similar projects in the pipeline.

The funds saved can then be redirected to highway projects that will actually reduce congestion and increase safety. For example:

- Add dedicated mass and active transit lanes to highway projects like the ECR Grand Boulevard Initiative
- Fill the funding gap for the Broadway Grade Separation, which will reduce car congestion and increase safety for everyone.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) today announced that construction work will begin next week on a six-month project to convert the far-left lane of westbound Interstate 580 to a high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane from just east of the Piedmont Avenue undercrossing in Oakland to the start of the existing westbound carpool lane near the foot of the MacArthur Maze.

The 2.3-mile project — undertaken in partnership with Caltrans and the Alameda County Transportation Commission — marks the Bay Area's first conversion of a general-purpose lane to a carpool lane. This is a key element of MTC's [Bay Bridge Forward](#) initiative to fund comparatively low-cost capital projects to help move more people in fewer cars through the Bay Bridge corridor; speed travel times and improve schedule reliability for bus riders; and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Beginning next Monday, April 20, drivers headed westbound on I-580 can expect

to see crews installing concrete K-rails to protect workers and equipment from moving traffic. Because most work will take place during the overnight hours, drivers can expect night-time lane closures over the next few months. Once the project is completed this fall, use of the left lane in this segment of westbound I-580 will be restricted to buses and other vehicles with three or more occupants on weekdays from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thank you,

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Drive a bike a bit more often and cars a bit less. You'll be healthier and happier, and so will our world.

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Hello TA CAC Members,

As mentioned in last month's TA CAC staff report, members are now eligible to receive a Way2Go pass, which provides unlimited rides on San Mateo County Transit District fixed-route services.

If you're interested in obtaining a pass, please review the attached guidelines and complete the acknowledgement form. Please return the completed form to [DistrictSecretarysOffice@samtrans.com](mailto:DistrictSecretarysOffice@samtrans.com).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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## **SamTrans Way2Go Pass**

The Way2Go pass provides free transportation on the District's fixed-route bus services and facilitated through the Clipper® fare payment system. Effective May 1, 2026, SMCTA's Citizen Advisory Committee members ("CAC Members") may be provided a pass to access unlimited free rides on all fixed routes in the SamTrans bus system. The goal is to provide safe, seamless transit service for CAC Members to travel throughout San Mateo County.

### **Some general guidelines about using the Way2Go Pass:**

- All passes are issued on an Adult C2 Clipper card. If you have a C2 Clipper card, the pass may be loaded to your Clipper card (please provide Clipper card number in the form below and we will upload the pass accordingly). If you do not have a C2 Clipper card, one may be issued to you. **Youth or Senior Clipper cards are not valid with the Way2Go pass.** Currently, C2 cards cannot be converted to mobile.
- Clipper cards are only allowed one replacement, and the next replacement will cost \$3.
- After completing your Way2Go form below, please allow 5 - 7 business days for processing; after 5 - 7 business days, you must **TAP** your Clipper card on a SamTrans Bus Clipper validator within 90 days to prevent any issues in the future, as it could automatically be deactivated.
- The Way2Go Pass is valid only for **SamTrans bus service** and not valid on any other transit system.
- The Way2Go Pass is **non-transferable** and may be used by the CAC Member only.
- If you separate from the CAC, your pass will be deactivated as you are no longer eligible to use the Way2Go Pass.

**SamTrans Way2Go Pass Use Acknowledgement**

1. I understand that as a Way2Go Pass User, I am eligible to receive and use a Way2Go Pass from the District.
2. I understand that I must tap my Clipper Card on a SamTrans bus within 180 days to load the Way2Go Pass to my card and continue to tap the card each time I board to validate fare.
3. I understand that the Way2Go Pass will expire on December 31, 2027 at midnight.
4. I understand that I may not sell or transfer the Clipper Card with the Way2Go Pass to any other person. I also understand that allowing the use of my Way2Go Pass by anyone other than me is not permissible and may result in my Way2Go Pass being revoked.
5. I understand that if my Clipper Card with the Way2Go Pass becomes lost or stolen, I must immediately notify the District Secretary’s Office at [districtsecretarysoffice@samtrans.com](mailto:districtsecretarysoffice@samtrans.com) so that the Way2Go Pass can be blocked. If I am no longer with the CAC, I understand that my Way2Go Pass will be deactivated and I will be responsible for paying the appropriate fare when riding SamTrans.

By signing, I acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions as stated above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Contact and Clipper Card Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an Adult C2 Clipper Card?  No  Yes

If yes, please provide Clipper card serial number (CSN) located on the back of your Clipper card: \_\_\_\_\_

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