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Meeting of November 5, 2026

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I support this proposal and will be there on 10/20. I do not think any one measure, in isolation, is sufficient to address the broader issue out here but these cameras are a sensible start that will save lives and reduce the aggression in our community.

To our representatives in Sacramento, and the offices copied here:

So that nothing on October 20 comes as a surprise: at the community traffic meeting at Mountain Terrace at Four Corners, 6 to 7:30pm, we will be asking each of you whether you will author the drafted speed-camera bill for Highways 35, 84 and 9, and by when.

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It creates no new power. It adds this corridor to a pilot that already exists, with the safeguards already written.

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enough to change behavior, costs officer time without end and stops working the day the funding does. A fixed system costs what it costs and does not get tired. And this bill is written so the program funds itself — costs recovered first, everything after that spent on calming the same road, by agreement with Caltrans, with nothing going to a general fund. What we want is not more tickets. It is for these roads to stop being known as somewhere you come to drive fast. That reputation is the product, and the product only works while the road is unwatched — which is exactly what this bill ends.

And the case for urgency here is not abstract. Eric Biron was killed on his bicycle at Four Corners fourteen months ago. Jakub Solovsky was killed five miles south on Skyline three months ago. In five years this corridor produced 854 collisions, 26 deaths and 1,106 people hurt or killed, with unsafe speed the primary factor in 37 percent of them — and the twelve months to March 2026 were the worst on record.

So this is what we will ask on October 20, and what we are asking now: will you introduce this bill, and when? If something in it has to change first, say what. If the shorter route — amending the existing statute — is easier to carry, say so and we will back that instead. What we need from the meeting is an answer, not another presentation.

We would rather hand you a finished draft than a complaint. Take it, rewrite it, put your name on it — we care about the outcome, not the authorship.

Sincerely,
Dennis Bartlett

I'm part of the community effort on Highways 35, 84 and 9.

The whole case, with the bill text and the sources: https://safecorridorinitiative.com/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=speedcams

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To Senator Becker and Assemblymember Berman, and the offices copied here:

Please protect the hikers, bikers & residents that enjoy these beautiful areas. Please commit to carrying the speed-camera bill for State Routes 35, 84 and 9, and to say when you will move it.
It will improve safety for everyone along these roads where it can even be scary driving while others race past.

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With appreciation,
Michele Pierron

I'm one of the residents behind the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

The bill, the map of where each camera would go, and the sources:

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On Tue, Sep 29, 2026, 7:27 PM Cathy Gill <cathygsoleil@gmail.com> wrote:

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Allen and Irwin had to draft their bill. You do not. Ours is written, published, and formatted as a Senate bill as introduced — the bill number, the date and the author are the only blanks on the face page. A companion document lists every placeholder and every source.

Nothing in it is novel or loosened. Every privacy and equity provision is carried over from the enacted framework deliberately, so that this bill does not reopen ground the Legislature settled in 2023 and 2024.

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See you at Mountain Terrace on the 20th.

Sincerely,
Catherine Gill

I'm a constituent, and one of the residents working on safety for Hwy 35, 84 and 9. The whole case, with the bill text and the sources: https://safecorridorinitiative.com/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=speedcams

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Two cyclists have been killed on this corridor in fourteen months, and the most recent twelve months produced more collisions than any year measured. This is not improving on its own.

On October 20 we will ask for a yes, a no, or a condition — and a date. Any of those is more useful to this community than another progress update.

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In earnest,

I'm one of the residents behind the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

The whole case, with the bill text and the sources:

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To the agencies responsible for Skyline Boulevard and its trail crossings:

The status quo on this corridor now: people running across the highway, people racing along it, and parking everywhere there is a verge.

The Skyline Watershed Ridge Trail opened on August 24, 2026, and it is a good thing — six miles of hill the public had never been able to walk. What has happened on the highway outside it since is not.

The conditions reported in the first weekends include roadside parking on both highways, pedestrians in the traffic lane, vehicles stopped on blind curves, cars parked in flammable brush, and no room left for an air ambulance to land.

The community's summary of how these three highways are run is blunt — no crosswalks, and a highway for racers. The new trailhead is simply the newest place that shows. The window to act before someone is hurt is now, not after the next holiday weekend.

ASK 1 — CALTRANS: you can do this one now. Restrict parking alongside the highway. A posted no-parking restriction at the SR-92 pull-off and the SR-35 shoulders is the quickest thing anyone can do here, and it addresses the cause rather than the symptom. This is squarely within Caltrans' ordinary authority over state highway right-of-way, and it can be done in weeks rather than years.

ASK 2 — CALTRANS: expedited review for the Purisima Highway 35 crossing. Midpen cannot build this crossing without a Caltrans permit, and the permit process has not

started. Caltrans reviewed the consultant's findings, asked for more information, received it, and had no further comments. There is no reason this permit should take years.

ASK 3 — CALTRANS: back an Add Safe Corridor Crosswalks programme.

Add Safe Corridor Crosswalks is the alternative to what we have now: waiting for each land agency to apply, one trailhead at a time, which is what produced a corridor with no crossings on it. One corridor-wide plan for trail crossings, built with the agencies that manage the land, would achieve more than the current permit queue ever will. Please inventory the dangerous verges too. Roadside parking that forces walking in the traffic lane or costs drivers their sight distance is the same problem repeating along all three highways.

Credit where it is due: SFPUC opened this trail and the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council is funding a safe crossing of Highway 35. Please back them. They cannot build in Caltrans right-of-way, and they should not have to wait years for permission.

ASK 4 — MIDPEN: the crossing cannot wait for the whole plan to finish.

The partnership agreement dates from October 2020. Kings Mountain was consulted in July 2021, 2022 and again in 2022. The preferred design was adopted in November 2023. There is still no construction date. We are asking for a date, publicly stated, and for the crossing to be prioritised ahead of the elements that are not safety-critical.

ASK 5 — MIDPEN: take the lead on crossings and on parking alongside the highway.

Residents can report what they see. Midpen can put it in front of Caltrans as an agency with a design team behind it. Please do that. Midpen's visitors are the people at risk here. Please advocate for the crossings and the parking restrictions that would let them arrive safely. Accommodating hikers well and reducing the pull for racers are not separate aims. Crossings, lower speeds through them and clear verges do both — and give visitors a place they can hear as well as see.

A corridor built for everyone who uses it is far less appealing to anyone who came up here to race, and far quieter for everyone on the trail.

Respectfully,
Steve Foy — Redwood City
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I'm one of the residents behind the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9. Everything behind this — the data, the map, the specific fixes:
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RE: Support for the City of South San Francisco Safe Routes to Transit & Bay Trail Cycle 2 Applications

Dear MTC Review Committees,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), I am pleased to support the City of South San Francisco's applications for Regional Measure 3 Safe Routes to Transit and Bay Trail Cycle 2 funding for the Centennial Way Trail Gap Closure Project and the East Grand Avenue Corridor Project.

As the countywide transportation sales tax authority and a long-standing partner in delivering multimodal improvements in San Mateo County, SMCTA supports investments that improve safety and expand access for people walking, biking, rolling and taking transit. Through its Pedestrian and Bicycle Program and Active 101 plan, SMCTA works with local jurisdictions to close critical gaps in active transportation networks, improve access across and along U.S. 101, and enhance first- and last-mile connections to transit. These projects are also located in the Caltrans Reconnecting Communities Highways to Boulevards Connect4SSF study area and work to fix historical barriers to access across US 101 in San Mateo County.

Together, these projects would address major gaps in South San Francisco's active transportation network and improve connections between neighborhoods, regional transit, major employment centers and the San Francisco Bay Trail. Both projects advance regional goals by improving safety for people walking and bicycling, strengthening first- and last-mile access to transit, and creating a more connected active transportation network.

The Centennial Way Trail Gap Closure Project will advance design of a transformative active transportation connection between the Centennial Way Trail and the Bay Trail. The proposed 1.27-mile separated, all-ages-and-abilities route would overcome the significant barrier created by U.S. 101 and connect the 2.15-mile Centennial Way Trail to more than 7 miles of continuous off-

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street Bay Trail. The project would expand safe walking and bicycling access between San Bruno BART, the waterfront, and major East of 101 employment centers.

The project would also complement the South Linden Avenue and Scott Street Grade Separation Project being advanced by SMCTA in partnership with the cities of South San Francisco and San Bruno. The grade separation project includes a planned Class I shared-use connection beneath the railroad corridor. By coordinating these investments, the Centennial Way Trail Gap Closure Project can build upon the new railroad crossing to create a more complete regional walking and bicycling connection between Centennial Way, San Bruno BART, U.S. 101, and the Bay Trail.

The East Grand Avenue Corridor Project would create a continuous low-stress walking and bicycling connection among the South San Francisco Caltrain Station, major East of 101 employment centers and the Bay Trail. Separated bicycle facilities, pedestrian improvements, and safer intersections would close gaps in the existing network and make walking and bicycling more practical first- and last-mile options for residents and workers. SMCTA identified the East Grand Avenue corridor as a priority project in its 101 Corridor Connect North County Multimodal Strategy, which aims to deliver active transportation, public transit, and highway and local road improvements along the Highway 101 corridor.

SMCTA supports the City of South San Francisco's applications and urges MTC to fund both projects through the Safe Routes to Transit and Bay Trail Program. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact Patrick Gilster, Director of Planning and Fund Management, at gilsterp@samtrans.com with any questions.

Sincerely,



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RE: Support for the City of South San Francisco Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Applications

Dear City of South San Francisco,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), I am pleased to support the City of South San Francisco's applications for Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funding for the **Connect4SSF project and the Safe Routes to School Walk and Roll Maps project**.

Connect4SSF would develop a strategic plan to improve multimodal connectivity across major transportation and infrastructure barriers in South San Francisco, including El Camino Real, the Colma Creek flood control channel and other corridors. The project would identify opportunities to reconnect neighborhoods such as Lindenville and Downtown with transit, jobs, housing, parks and other destinations, while improving access for historically underserved communities. The resulting plan would provide an actionable roadmap for future transportation investments and advance safer, more connected alternatives to driving.

Connect4SSF builds directly on SMCTA's earlier Caltrans Reconnecting Communities Highway to Boulevards concept by advancing a focused set of corridors where additional planning level analysis, community engagement, and conceptual design are needed to move improvements toward implementation. This planning effort would carry that earlier work forward along Linden Avenue, Spruce Avenue, and Colma Creek by developing alternatives, planning-level designs and costs, phasing strategies, and potential funding pathways.

The project aligns with SamTrans' goals to provide safe, convenient access to transit. By examining walking and bicycling connections between South San Francisco neighborhoods and major transit corridors, including El Camino Real, Connect4SSF can identify solutions to first- and last-mile barriers and help make transit more accessible for residents in areas that experience gaps in the pedestrian and bicycle network.

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The Safe Routes to School Walk and Roll Maps project would develop walking and bicycling maps to help students and families identify safer routes to school. The maps would be informed by existing conditions analysis and direct engagement with school staff, students, and families, complementing infrastructure improvements by helping people understand preferred walking and bicycling routes, available facilities, and potential barriers.

Together, these projects would strengthen South San Francisco's multimodal transportation network at both the citywide and neighborhood levels. SamTrans and SMCTA support the City's efforts to advance these planning projects and look forward to working with the City as these efforts move forward. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Officer Michaela Wright Petrik at petrikm@samtrans.com with any questions.

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On Tuesday, October 20, 6–7:30pm, at The Mountain Terrace at Four Corners, Caltrans, the CHP, the Sheriff’s Office, Supervisor Mueller, Senator Becker and Assemblymember Berman are all expected in one room to answer for Highways 35, 84 and 9. Public and hybrid. In five years of reported collisions these roads produced 854 collisions, 26 deaths and 1,106 people hurt or killed. The twelve months to March 2026 were the worst on record. Two cyclists have been killed since — one at Four Corners in August 2025, one five miles south on Skyline in July 2026.

What we are asking, of whoever it applies to

1 — Carry the open invitation. Nobody has ever invited the families of the people killed on these roads to any of this. Twenty-four of the dead were named in reporting; the rest were never named at all. We are not approaching them and would decline an introduction —

the ask is only that the October 20 invitation is visible somewhere they might find it. 2 — Send someone from parks and open space. A large share of the people on foot here are park and preserve visitors, parked on the shoulder and crossing live traffic to reach a trailhead. Midpen, County Parks and State Parks should be in the room asking Caltrans for marked crossings at the trailheads and continuous roadside trail along the ridge. 3 — Commit to the bill. The speed-camera legislation for this corridor is already drafted, modelled line-for-line on SB 1297 — the law passed after the four Pepperdine students were killed, which went from crash to chaptered in 346 days. It names eight sites, each placed mid-straightaway where speed accumulates. It needs an author and a date. 4 — Turn up on the 20th and say which of the above you will do. The input has already been gathered, more than once.

Do the one that is yours, and come on the 20th. That is the entire request.

Sincerely,

I'm among the residents pressing for a safe corridor on these three highways.
Everything we have documented on this corridor: https://safecorridorinitiative.com/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=sendall

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With appreciation,

Kai Wiedman

I'm writing as a neighbor on the Hwy 35/84/9 corridor.

The whole case, documented: https://safecorridorinitiative.com/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=sendall

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Cc: [petition@safecorridorinitiative.com](#)
Subject: Oct 20, Four Corners: please do any one of these before Oct 20 — 26 dead in five years
Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 6:19:30 AM

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A single message with the whole ask, rather than four separate ones.

October 20, 6pm, The Mountain Terrace at Four Corners. Public and hybrid, with every agency and elected with authority over these three highways expected there. The five-year record: **854 collisions, 26 deaths, 1,106 people hurt or killed**, with the twelve months to March 2026 the worst of them. Two cyclists have died since.

What we are asking, of whoever it applies to

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If only one of these is yours, do that one. **All of them are overdue.**

Thank you,

I'm one of the people who signed the Safe Corridor petition for these highways. Everything we have documented on this corridor: https://safecorridorinitiative.com/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=sendall

Cheers,
Randi

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I'm one of the residents that deeply cares about and supports the Safe Corridor Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9. Traffic on these roads has been out of control for years. Drive up there and see for yourself! People speed and race without accountability. It's not a surprise that people are literally dying there. It's only surprising that no one is doing anything.

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With urgency,
Yuval Fisher

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rather than a listening posture. This community has supplied the input several times over. Take the part that belongs to you and act on it before the 20th. None of this needs another study. In hope, I%20♦♦♦m one of the residents behind the Safe Corridor

Initiative for Highways 35, 84 and 9. The whole case, documented: https://safecorridorinitiative.com/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=sendall

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From: Public Comment
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2026 9:51 AM
To: Board (@smcta.com)
Subject: FW: Sen. Becker, Asm. Berman — please come to Oct 20 ready to say how you will pass this

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Senator Becker, Assemblymember Berman — and everyone copied here:

So that nothing on October 20 comes as a surprise: at the community traffic meeting at Mountain Terrace at Four Corners, 6 to 7:30pm, we will be asking each of you whether you will author the drafted speed-camera bill for Highways 35, 84 and 9, and by when.

We are asking because there is a precedent, and it is exact. On October 17, 2023, a driver travelling 104 miles per hour killed four Pepperdine students on the Pacific Coast Highway. Senator Ben Allen introduced SB 1297 four months later, with Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin as coauthor. The Governor signed it on September 27, 2024 — 346 days after the crash.

The difference between their position and yours is that they started from nothing. We have handed you a finished draft, in the Legislature's own form, with only the number, the date and the author left blank.

The bill takes nothing new. It extends the same pilot the Legislature has already granted to seven jurisdictions, one of them on a Caltrans state highway, and it carries every safeguard across intact: citations only at 11 mph or more over, a 60-day warning-only period, a civil penalty with no DMV points and no report to insurers, an 80 percent reduction for indigent recipients, rear plate only, images destroyed in five business days if no citation issues, and a flat ban on facial recognition.

This is a fraction of what it would cost to hold this corridor by patrol alone, and unlike patrol it does not evaporate when a budget cycle turns. The bill also closes the obvious objection about revenue: costs are recovered first, the surplus is restricted to traffic-calming on the route it came from, and anything unspent within three years goes to the Active Transportation Program. What we want is not more tickets. It is for these roads to stop being known as somewhere you come to drive fast. That reputation is the product, and the product only works while the road is unwatched — which is exactly what this bill ends.

Fourteen months ago a cyclist was killed at Four Corners. Three months ago another was killed five miles south. The last twelve months were the worst on record for collisions on this corridor. That is the clock we are measuring against.

So this is what we will ask on October 20, and what we are asking now: will you introduce this bill, and when? If something in it has to change first, say what. If the shorter route — amending the existing statute — is easier to carry, say so and we will back that instead. What we need from the meeting is an answer, not another presentation.

See you at Mountain Terrace on the 20th.

Sincerely,

Pam McReynolds

I signed the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9, and I live on this corridor.

Everything behind this — the draft, the eight locations, the data:

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SILICON VALLEY EXPRESS LANES

FY 2026 Operations Report (July 2025 – June 2026)



Dear San Mateo County Transportation Leaders,

When San Mateo County recently widened US 101 to install Express Lanes, it told taxpayers that a primary goal of the project was to [encourage carpooling and transit use](#). Over the three years since this project launched, we have seen an increasing number of drivers declaring HOV-3/free; HOV-3 now makes up ~50% of all Express Lane users. At recent presentations on Express Lane performance, members of the [SMCTA Community Advisory Committee](#) have asked for confirmation that the project is indeed achieving its carpool/transit goals. The response from staff and consultants was that the ~50% HOV-3 selection suggests that

carpooling and transit has increased. CAC Members pointed out that relying on driver declarations was problematic given anecdotal evidence of cheating (by looking at overhead monitors on the freeway).

VTA of Santa Clara County just released its [FY26 Express Lane Operations Report](#). The report includes the results of an Occupancy Verification System (OVS) test; this technology verifies vehicle occupancy and identifies violators. The results confirm what many of us have long seen on the roads: **a vast majority of drivers declaring HOV-3/free are cheating**. Similar to San Mateo County, roughly 50% of Express Lane drivers are declaring HOV-3/free. **Of those electing HOV-3/free, the OVS identified at least three out of those claiming HOV-3/free to be evading tolls.**

While San Mateo County has discussed OVS or similar testing to quantify the scope of the problem (and potentially aid with enforcement), the VTA study suggests that the project's attempt to increase carpooling and transit is not working. Thus, transportation authorities and consultants should stop claiming that high HOV-3/free declarations suggest the project is increasing carpooling and transit use. Furthermore, with multiple Express Lane focused highway widenings in the queue, we should cease promising the public that these efforts will increase carpooling and transit use. Also, these findings should be incorporated into the EIRs for these projects to assess the true impact on VMT, GHG emissions, air pollution, etc.

Sincerely,

Mike Swire
San Mateo resident
writing as an individual

VTA Occupancy Verification System (OVS) Pilot - 2026 Express Lane Operations Report

The Occupancy Verification System (OVS) pilot was conducted to evaluate the feasibility of using automated technology to verify vehicle occupancy in the express lanes and identify potential occupancy misdeclarations. The pilot was deployed on the existing SR 237 Express Lanes in the eastbound direction and operated under actual express lane conditions.

During the pilot, one month of vehicle data was collected from November 17 through December

17, 2025. The OVS captured and analyzed vehicle images to compare observed occupancy with

transponder declarations and identify potential misdeclarations. During the first week, more than

40,000 images were manually reviewed to validate the system's results. Approximately 50% of daily users declared HOV 3+. Of these, the OVS identified approximately 74% as potential full

or partial toll violators, while 12% were verified as legitimate HOV 3+ vehicles and 14% could

not be conclusively verified. Additional reviews of vehicles declaring HOV 2, which represented

approximately 7% of daily users, also identified potential incorrect declarations. These preliminary results indicate that a significant number of vehicles receiving toll-free or discounted

travel may not have met the required occupancy requirements.