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# Managing Enforcement and The Customer Experience

***Presented by Cris Sanders  
Director of Tolling Operations***



- **State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA)**  
Overview
- Tolling Operations
- I-75 South Metro Express Lanes
- I-85 Express Lanes
- Enforcement
- Customer Experience

# SRTA

**SRTA is a state-level independent authority created by the Georgia General Assembly to:**

- Operate Georgia toll facilities
- Serve as a State transportation financing arm
  - ❖ Manage ~ \$1.3B in transportation bonds
  - ❖ Issue & service toll revenue financed debt
  - ❖ Administer GTIB (Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank)Program

**SRTA is governed by a five-member Board**

# SRTA Tolling Operations



Customer Service



Operations

Quality Assurance ✓ & TRAINING



Toll Operations Command Center



# Registered Lane

## I-75 South Metro Express Lanes

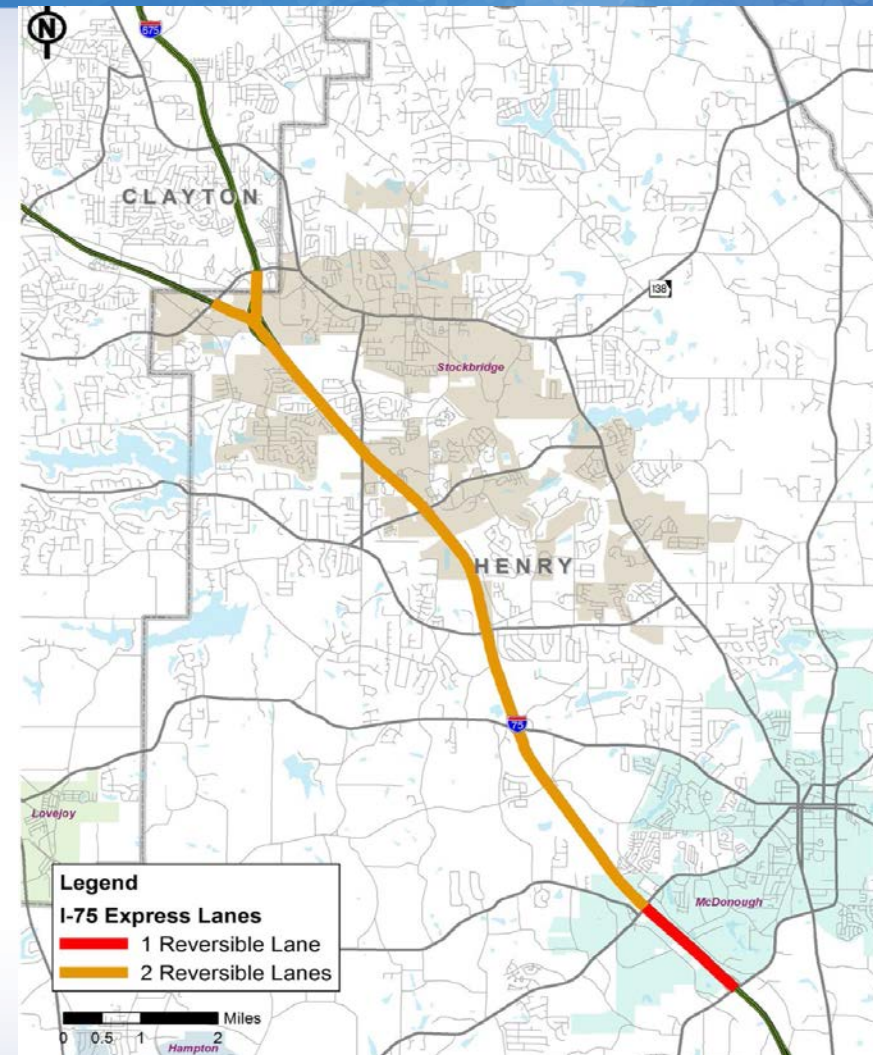
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## I-85 Express Lanes

Toll Exempt	Tolled	Prohibited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motorcycles</li><li>• Alternative Fuel Vehicles</li><li>• Over-the-road buses</li><li>3 or more person carpools</li><li>• Emergency vehicles</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single driver</li><li>• 2 Person carpools</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vehicles with more than 6 wheels</li></ul>

# I-75 South Metro Express Lanes

- 12 miles of newly constructed roadway
- Lanes extends between SR 155/McDonough Road and SR 138/Stockbridge Highway
- Express Lanes were constructed within the median of the existing roadways
- Lanes are reversible, allowing traffic to travel northbound in the morning and southbound in the evening
- Traffic flow will be adjusted to support special events such as NASCAR races and spring break travel



# I-75 South Metro Express Lanes

- Groundbreaking October 6, 2014
- Construction took approximately two years
- Lanes were opened to traffic January 2017
- Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is responsible for reversing lanes
- SRTA is responsible for setting tolls





# I-85 Express Lanes Overview

- 15.5 miles
- 1 lane in each direction
- Painted, rumble-stripped buffer; no physical barriers
- 66 active toll points, *½ mile apart*
- Dynamically priced
- Lanes operate 24/7
- Registered lane, even for toll-exempt vehicles
- 2 axles; no more than 6 wheels
- 6C transponder technology



6C tag







# I-85 Express Lanes

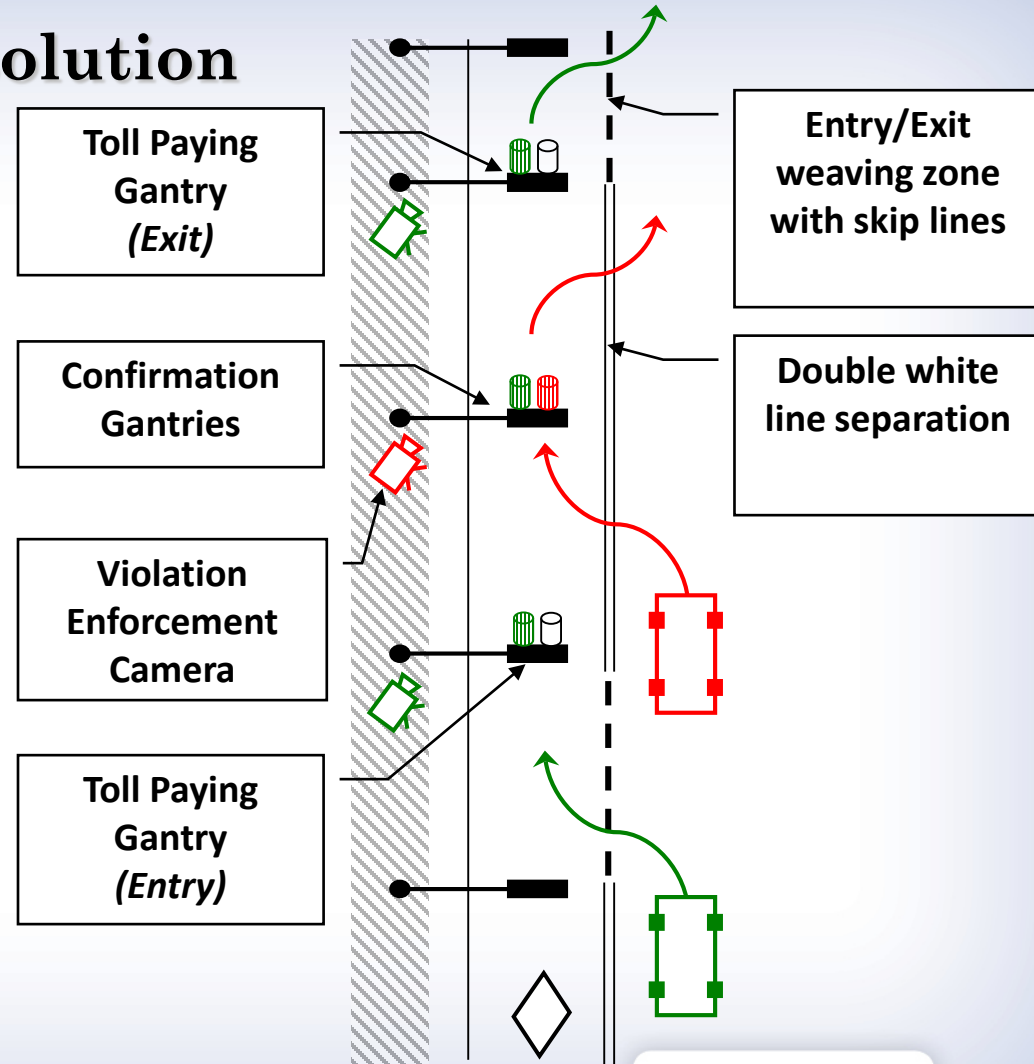


- \$182M original project budget
  - Won federal grant -\$110M
  - Express Lanes \$60M
  - Opened October 1, 2011
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Pricing Demand Management Strategy Project in GA
  - HOV2+-HOT3+ Conversion
- High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)  
High Occupancy Toll (HOT)

# I-85 Express Lanes

## “Invisible Barrier” solution

- Overhead tolling system detects vehicle entry/exit
- Gantry spacing deters dodging into the Express Lanes
- Gantry to gantry monitoring detects entry/exit violations
- Automatic toll violation notices
- Indirectly enforces double white line weaving





# Enforcement

## Violations:

- Using the Express Lanes without a Peach Pass transponder
- Occupancy (vehicle does not meet 3+ requirement to ride free) – Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR)
- Addressing crossing the solid, double white line – Gantry Controlled Access



## Penalties:

- SRTA toll violation = \$25 + toll amount
- May also be issued citation by law enforcement



# Vehicle Occupancy Enforcement

- Qualifying carpoolers self-declare HOV status by telephone, smart phones, or online account.
- Tolling Back Office transmits list of “Toll-Exempt” vehicles to a mobile Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR ) system onboard police cars
- ALPR scans license plate and notifies officer to check occupancy for vehicles registered with SRTA in the 3+ non-toll mode
- The ALPR reads license plate of passing vehicles and notify officers to check occupancy of only “Toll Exempt” vehicles
  - ❖ Full list updated daily
  - ❖ Incremental updates every 5-10 minutes throughout the day
- Officer’s on board computer system sends “stop/citation” information back to SRTA



# Customer Experience

## Toll Mode Options

- There are 2 Modes of a Peach Pass
  - ❖ Toll: when there are <3 occupants in a vehicle
  - ❖ Non-toll: when there are 3+ occupants
- Toll Mode Duration Options
  - ❖ 4 hours
  - ❖ 1 day
  - ❖ Weekdays
  - ❖ Indefinite
- Change between Modes
  - ❖ 15 minutes before using Express Lanes
  - ❖ Call, online, in person, Mobile App.
  - ❖ Automated confirmation

*\*Toll Mode Change Options apply only for the I-85 Express Lanes*

# Customer Experience

## Violation Processing

- **DWL Violations:** Entering or exiting Express Lane by crossing the solid, double white line
  - ❖ No Double penalties
  - ❖ Fine and Fee reductions
  
- **Unregistered Use:** Using the Express Lanes without a Peach Pass
  - ❖ Violator to Customer
  - ❖ Fine and Fee reductions
  
- **Occupancy:** Occupancy (vehicle does not meet the appropriate number of occupants for toll-free access)
  - ❖ Declaration status validation

# Customer Experience

## Payment Options

- Pay N Go
  - ❖ Payment card purchased at one of our retail partners location to pay violations
- Online
  - ❖ Notification provided when customers access their accounts online
- Interactive Voice Response (IVR system)
- Payment Plans
  - ❖ Violations with 10 or more transactions



# Thank You!



**March 28, 2017**  
**Joseph Averkamp**  
**FHWA Webinar**

# Best Practices in Enforcement on Managed Lanes Facilities

# Overview

- ❑ High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll Lanes are a key tool used in Managed Lane Systems
- ❑ Most systems rely on people honestly declaring if they are qualified to be in the lane
  - ❑ Switchable Tag for HOT
  - ❑ Entering Lane for HOV
- ❑ Enforcement by Human Roadside Observers is challenging



# Conduent Vehicle Passenger Detection System™.....So Far

- ❑ Conduent has developed and tested an Automated Vehicle Occupancy Detection System
  - ❑ Conduent Vehicle Passenger Detection System™
- ❑ Conduent has conducted a series of pilots to assess the system
  - ❑ Halifax Harbour Bridges
  - ❑ 495 Express Lanes Northern Virginia
  - ❑ Colorado DOT I25
  - ❑ CalTrans I5 in Orange County
  - ❑ SANDAG I15
  - ❑ Jougne, France
  - ❑ LA Metro I110





# Primary Focus Of Pilots

- ☐ What level of automated accuracy can be achieved?
- ☐ What is the Violation Rate on the roadway being evaluated?
- ☐ How well can human enforcement perform?



# Primary Focus Of Pilots

- ❑ What level of automated accuracy can be achieved?  
~95%
- ❑ What is the Violation Rate on the roadway being evaluated? Varies from 11% to 28% depending on the roadway
- ❑ How well can human enforcement perform? High volume roadways are challenging and pulling vehicles over can create a Safety and Congestion issue



# Focused Discussion:

## Caltrans Trial : I-5 in Irvine, CA Testing HOV2 Lane, Three Month Trial



Front Seat Image Capture Equipment



Rear Seat Image Capture Equipment

# Conduent VPDS Produces High Quality Images For Manual Image Review



Note: Images Redacted for Privacy



# Single Occupant Vehicle Rate Accuracy: Human versus Machine

Conduent VPDS accuracy as compared to Human Roadside Observers

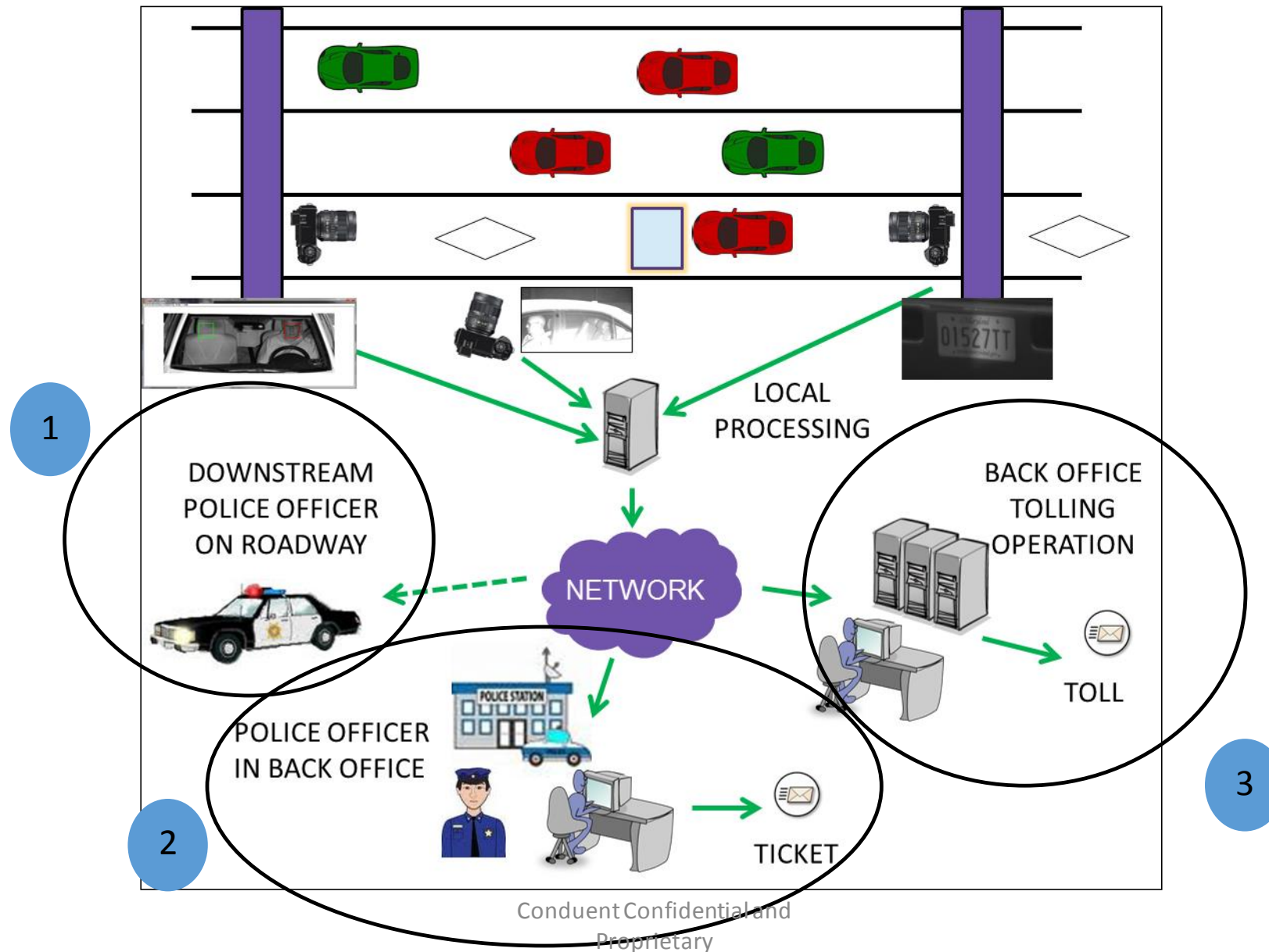
	Average Vehicle Count For A Three Hour Period	XVPDS SOV Rate Accuracy	Roadside Observer SOV Rate Accuracy
Mornings 6am-9am Jan 27, 28, 29 Tues, Wed, Thurs	1774	95.0%	35.7%
Evenings 3pm-6pm Jan 27, 28, 29 Tues, Wed, Thurs	2250	95.3%	35.6%

# Statistics From the CalTrans Trial

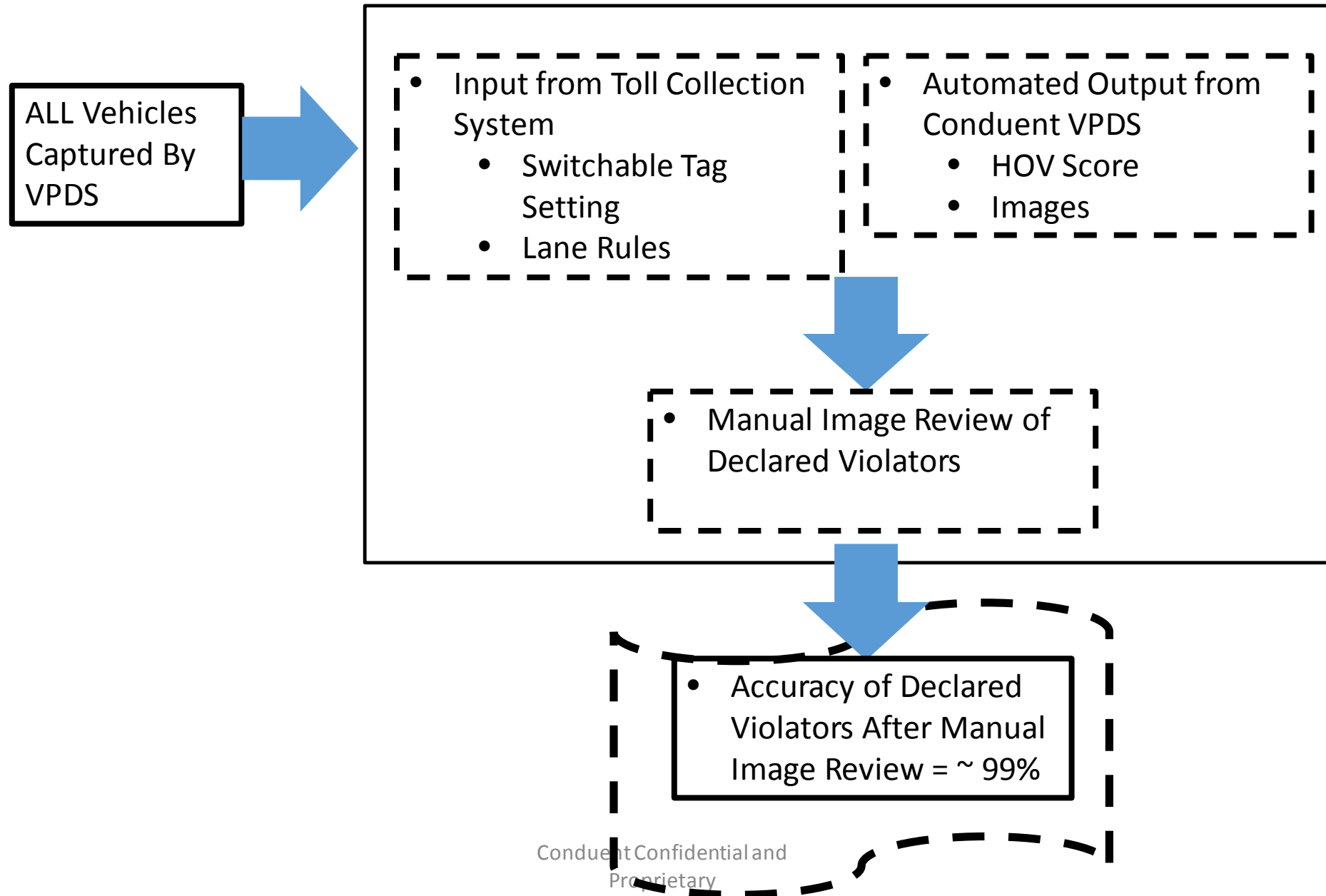
<u>Statistic</u>	<u>Measure</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Period of Analysis	January 27,28,29: 6 am-9 am, 3 pm – 6 pm	
Total Vehicles Reviewed	12,073	
Violation Rate	11.65%	17.4% adjusted down for LEVs
Total Violations	<b>1,406</b>	11.65% out of 12,073
Number of Hours During Analysis Period	18	3 days for 6 hours each day
Number of Vehicles Seen Per Hour	<b>671</b>	This represents 11 vehicles per minute or one vehicle every <b>5.4</b> seconds
Violators Per Hour	<b>78</b>	This is the average number of Violators passing this location each hour.

The Roadside Observers see a Vehicle every 5.4 seconds---Don't Look Away!

# Vehicle Occupancy Detection Concept of Operations



# Concept of Operations For High Occupancy Toll Lanes





# Economics: The Technology May Work But What About the Business Case?

## ☐ Consider a “typical” Toll Lane

- ☐ 10,000 vehicles per day
- ☐ Violation Rate of 10%-- in studies, Violation Rate was 11% -28%
- ☐ Yields 1,000 violations per day
- ☐ 250 Commuting Days a year—5 days X 50 weeks
- ☐ This yields 250,000 Violations or Toll Adjustments Per Year

## ☐ Finances

- ☐ \$10 Toll Charge X 250,000 Toll Adjustments = \$2.5 million per year in “found” revenue on one lane
  - ☐ Supported with Manual Review and Correspondence Management

# Lessons Learned

- ☐ Good news! Most people in the HOV/HOT lanes are qualified to be there: 72%-89%
  - ☐ Conversely, 11%-28% of the vehicles are not qualified
- ☐ Revenue may be important but....
  - ☐ Safety and Congestion: Stops by enforcement officers lead to Congestion and Safety concerns
  - ☐ Equity: Equity on the road is important-----if a select percentage don't adhere to the rules, others may follow if there is no visible means of enforcement
  - ☐ Improving Flow: Reducing non-qualified vehicles may help restore free flow: an 11% to 28% violation rate is the difference between Service Level E or F and Service Level A or B
- ☐ Perfection cannot be the enemy of the good
  - ☐ 95% accuracy is not good enough for completely automated enforcement, but it is a good start. When augmented by manual review, the number of mis-categorized vehicles can be reduced to ~1%
- ☐ For the naked human eye, identifying HOV/HOT violators at highway speeds is very challenging.





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# 95 Express Incident Management & Enforcement Lessons Learned

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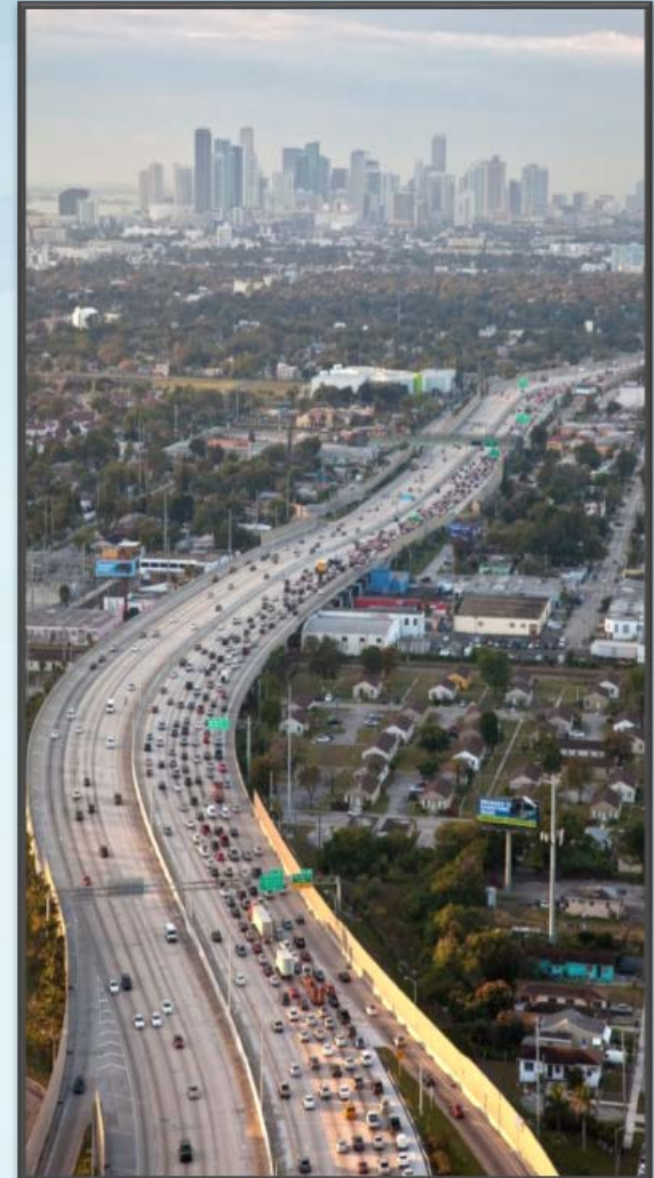


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# Agenda

- Project Overview
- Incident Management Resources
- Enforcement
- Lessons Learned



# Project Overview

- **Phase 1 Completion**
  - Northbound – Dec 2008
  - Southbound – Jan 2010
- **Phase 2 Completion**
  - Oct 2016
- **HOV to HOT Conversion**
  - 1 HOV Lane to 2 Express Lanes
- **Congestion–Priced Tolling**
- **Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**
- **Ramp Signaling**





# Incident Management Resources

## ➤ Major Elements

- Dedicated TMC Express Lane Operators
- Road Ranger Service Patrol
  - ✓ Added flatbed wrecker
  - ✓ Added heavy duty wrecker
- Incident Response Vehicle & Operators
- Law Enforcement

## ➤ Quick Clearance Procedures



# Enforcement

- **Electronic Toll Enforcement**
- **Florida Highway Patrol Support**
  - Enforcement
    - ✓ Toll Violation
    - ✓ Speeding
    - ✓ HOV
    - ✓ Improper Lane Change (Lane Diving)
    - ✓ Hard Closures
  - Incident Management
    - ✓ Relocation of Incidents
    - ✓ Crash Investigation
    - ✓ Express Lanes (EL) & Local Lanes (LL)





# Lessons Learned

## ➤ Operations

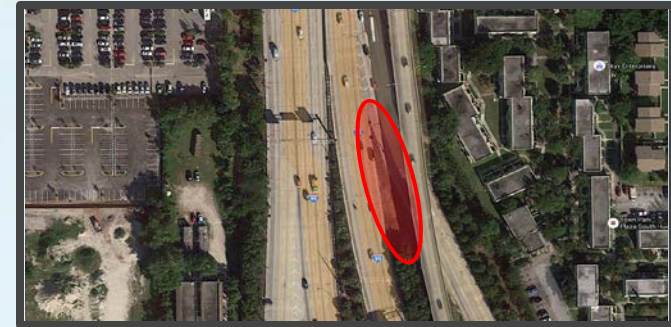
- Provide Full Width Shoulders
- Separate EL from LL
- Provide Means of Physically Closing Facility
- Operational Changes should be made 'Quickly'
  - ✓ Adequate Supporting Staff & Resources
  - ✓ Evaluate & Adjust as Necessary
  - ✓ Mitigate Bad Driver Behavior



# Lessons Learned

## ➤ Incident Management

- Dedicated Resources
  - ✓ Specially Trained & Equipped
- Multi-Agency Partnerships
  - ✓ FHP Hireback Program
  - ✓ Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Team
  - ✓ Table Top Exercises
  - ✓ Coordination Meetings
- Quick Clearance Procedures
  - ✓ Dedicated Strategic Staging Areas



# Lessons Learned

## ➤ Closing Facility

- Posting “CLOSED” – 87% Violations
- Hard Closures
- Post-Incident Pricing
- Regulatory Lane Status Signs
  - ✓ Color DMS
  - ✓ Allows for white text on black background
  - ✓ Enforceable per MUTCD
- Automated Gate System





# Lessons Learned

## ➤ Driver Awareness

- Lane Diving (Moving Violation)
- Toll Violation



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**





# Lessons Learned

## ➤ Express Lane Markers

- Lane Diving
- Type and Installation
- Spacing
- Maintenance

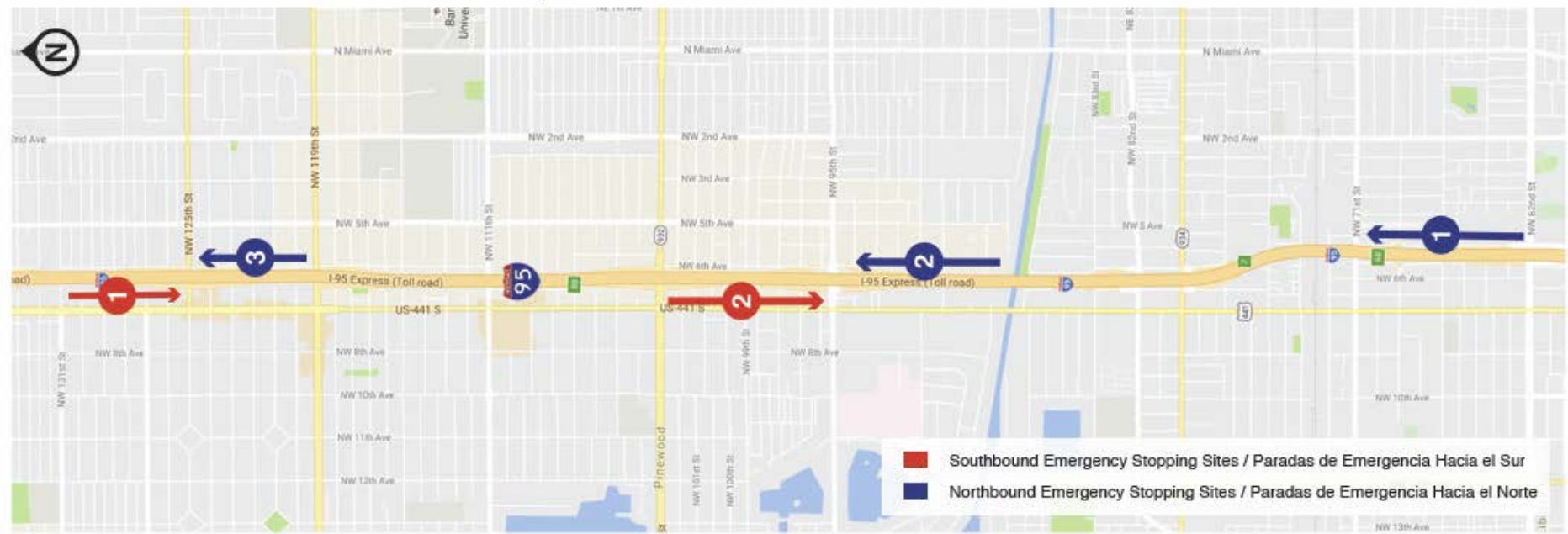


# Lessons Learned

## ➤ Roadway Design

- Reduced Shoulder Width
  - Median Emergency Stopping Sites
- ✓ February 2017 – February 2018

### SR 9/I-95 EMERGENCY STOPPING SITES (FM No. 429300-3-52-02)



# **“Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving”**

Thank you,

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# Carma Mobility Solutions

Extending mobility freedom to everyone



## CarmaCar

Carshare where people really live and work

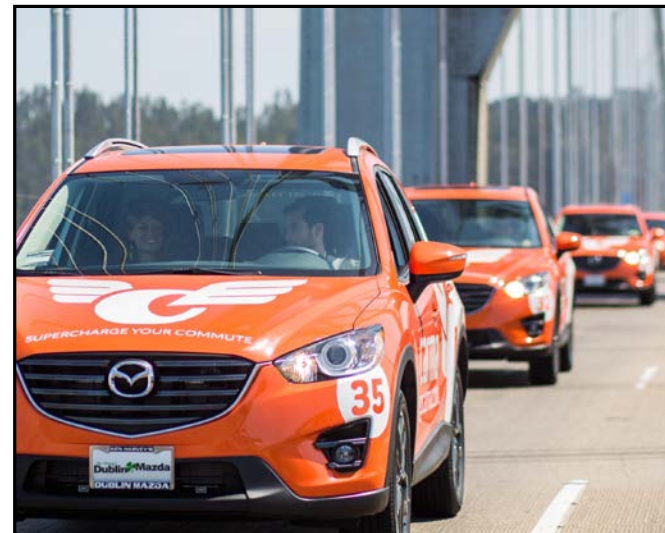


### USP:

San Francisco's original carshare service (2002); non-profit; 400 cars.

## CarmaZoom

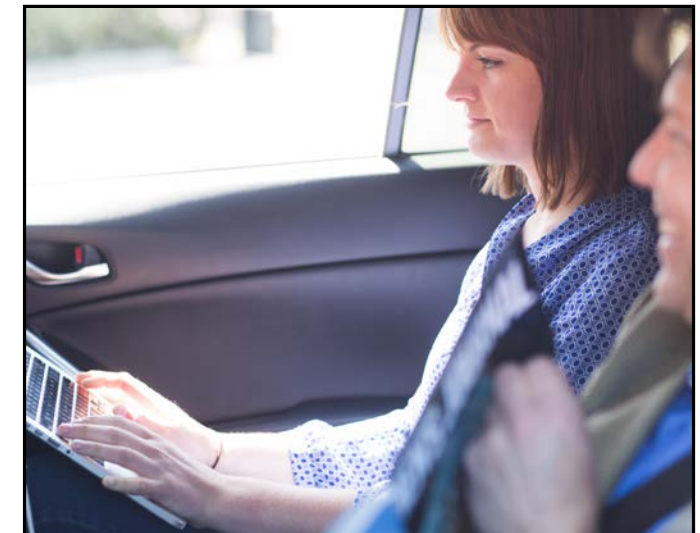
High-occupancy commute carshare



World first high-occupancy carshare service introduced 2015

## CarmaCarpool

Peer-to-peer commute carpool




World's leading commute carpool solution since 2007.

### Competition:

 +  +  = 95% US Market Share

First-to-market.  
Closest business is Bridj.

 (Only new entrants focus on the commute; Waze in Israel)

### Momentum:

- Aggressive pod expansion
- Introduction of corporate carshare
- Close government partnerships
- Data-driven momentum
- Roll-out of new app, hardware
- 3-minute sign-up and approval

- Extends utilization to off-peak hours
- Extends utilization to new areas
- Ideal employment campus solution
- Far less costly than a new shuttle
- Valet service, simple reservations
- 3-minute sign-up and approval

- Market leader
- 250+ APIs, being used globally
- Government partnerships
- Toll rebates for verified carpools
- Community management expertise
- Employer partnerships

### Vision:

High-occupancy in our fleet of cars; then high-occupancy in every car.

# PPP Partnerships

In partnership with local governments and transportation agencies



## Tolling

- Texas Department of Transportation, Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority; Bay Area Toll Authority; Contra Costa Transportation Authority, Caltrans



## Carpooling

- Washington State DOT; Northern Virginia Regional Council; US Dept of Defense; Metropolitan Transportation Commission; and Federal Highway Administration



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transportation  
authority



## Carsharing

- City and County of San Francisco; City of Berkeley; and University of California and Metropolitan Transportation Commission



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## Parking

- San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Authority



# Carpool Incentives



Real-time SOV / HOV travel alerts

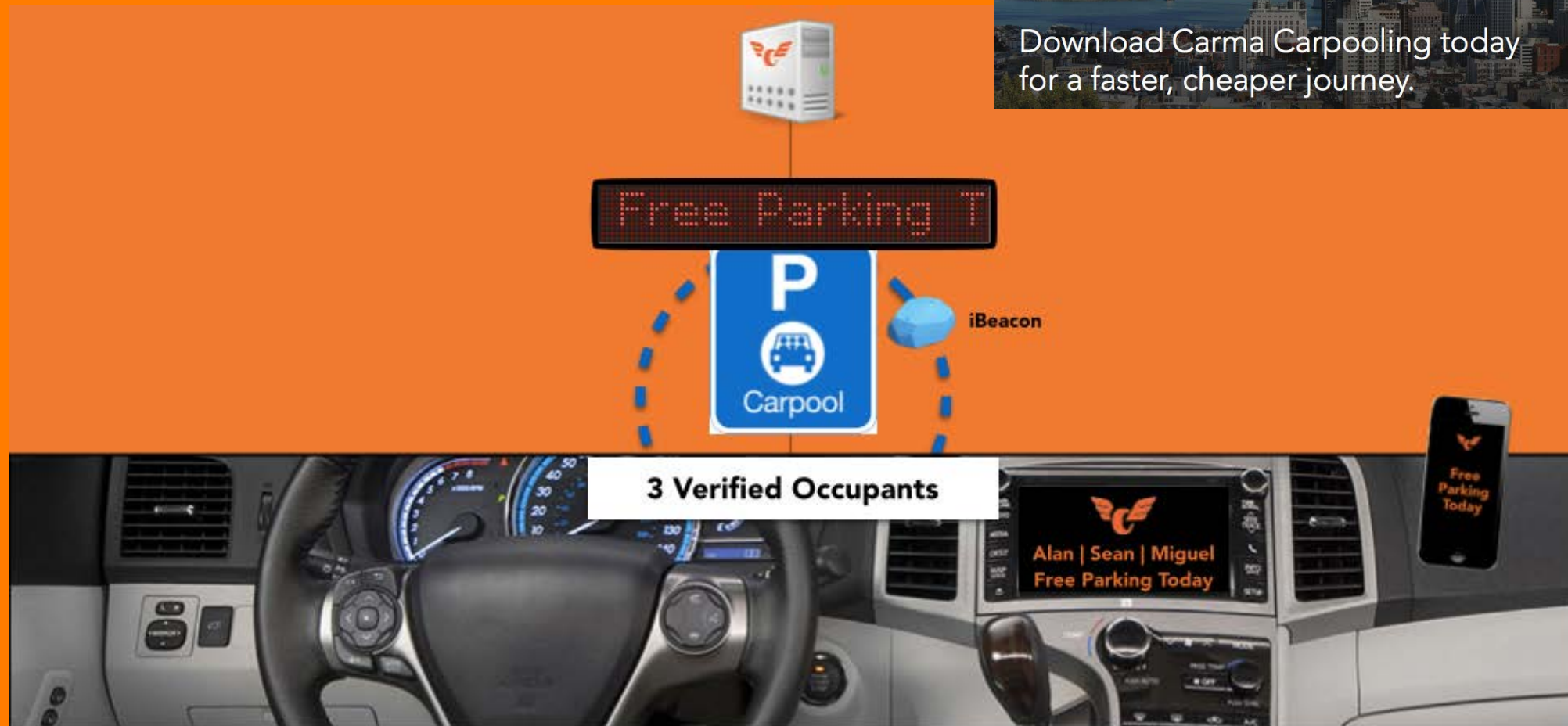
Real-time availability at parking lots

Real-time alerts on rider / driver availability at roadside pick-up zones

Real-time incentive confirmations



# Parking Discounts



## Save on Bay Area Tolls

Download Carma Carpooling today for a faster, cheaper journey.



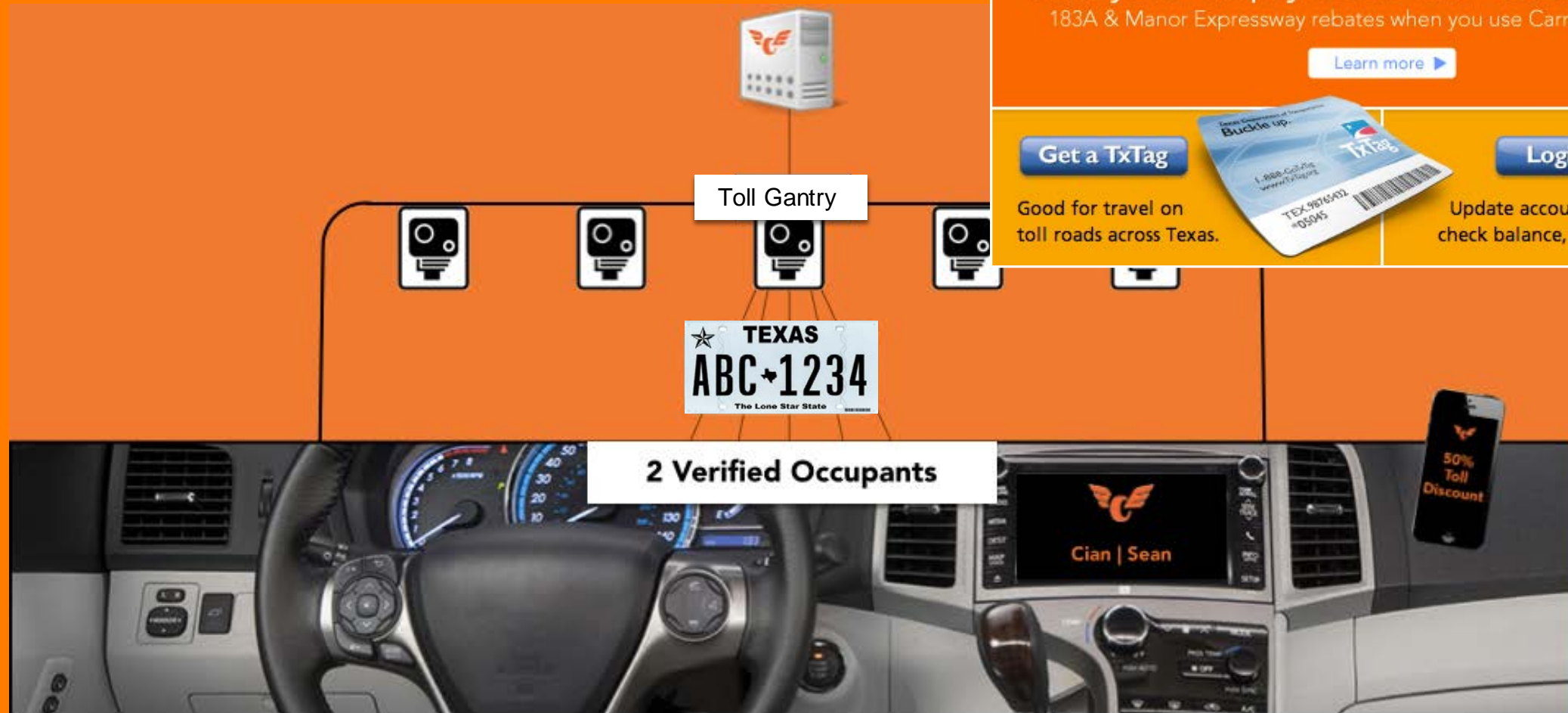
Shift from cars-per-lot to people-per-lot

Near-field occupancy detection at fixed locations

World's first iBeacon implementation for transportation



# Managed Lane Discounts






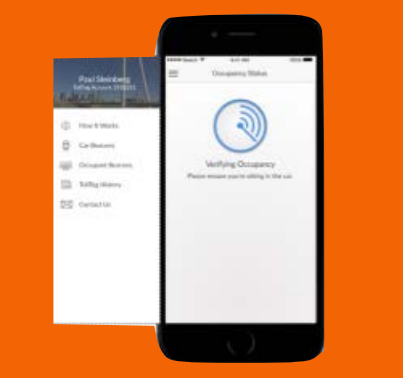


- Interoperable with any tolling network via back-end reconciliation
- Real-time toll discounts with optional in-car alerts for *verified carpools*
- Toll sharing amongst vehicle occupants

# Tolling Enforcement vs Verification

Dominated by legacy roadside systems provided by giant vendors



<i>Highway Patrol Support Systems</i>	<i>Switchable Transponders</i>	<i>Video Analytics (Geometric)</i>	<i>Infrared</i>	<i>In Car Sensors</i>	<i>Mobile Verification</i>
<i>3M, Kapsch Trafficcom, Transcore, Siemens, IBM, Schneider Electric</i>	<i>Sirit, Transcore, Kapsch TrafficCom, Telematic Wireless</i>	<i>Xerox (VPDS), Cubic (NextCity)</i>	<i>Siemens, Vehicle Occupancy Detection Corporation (Dtect)</i>	<i>Delphi, Siemens</i>	<i>Carma</i>
					

## “The Wildcard is Smartphone Tolling”

- Mark Cantelli, Xerox, VP, State Government Transportation

- Invulnerable to weather conditions, sun reflections, vehicle geometry, window tint, posture, skin color, travel speed
- No roadside infrastructural investment required
- High reliability, accessibility and scalability

# Carma Occupancy

Automated Occupancy Verification Using Mobile Technology



## Ambient Occupancy Detection

- Beacon technology or embedded in Toll Tag
- Near Field Communications for detection upon vehicle entry / exit

## Occupant Devices

- Smartphone, with Carma app installed
- Optional Beacon for occupants without a smartphone

## Continuous Monitoring of Coordinated Proximity

- Occupancy verified throughout a trip
- Patent-pending (US US 20110059693)
- Enabling non-PII travel pattern analysis

## Occupancy API

- Toll Authority queries web-API for verified occupancy at any time and location in network.

## In-App Occupancy Display

- Verified occupancy status can be inspected in the app, but no user interaction required at any time.

## Offline Reconciliation

- Smartphones without data connection report occupancy once reconnected to data.

