



FHWA Office of Operations Webinar Series: Overcoming the Challenges of Congestion Pricing

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Operations is launching a new webinar series, entitled “Overcoming the Challenges of Congestion Pricing.” These webinars are aimed at state and local agencies that are currently or would like to implement congestion pricing, decision-makers/political leaders who want to better understand the benefits of congestion pricing, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) that may be responsible for incorporating pricing into their planning activities, and others who just want to learn more about congestion pricing strategies. There is no cost to participate in these webinars and they are open to everyone who is interested. The only things needed to participate are a computer with an Internet connection and a telephone (optional, as audio can be heard over the computer as well).

The first webinar in the series will be held on March 30, 2011 and will feature two Congestion Pricing Projects in the San Francisco Bay Area: I-680 Express Lanes and Bay Bridge Time-of-Day Pricing. More information about this webinar and a link to register is provided below. Future seminars will cover topics such institutional issues, technology, parking pricing, overcoming public opposition, economic effects on local businesses, equity, dynamic ridesharing, pay-as-you-drive insurance, and results of the Urban Partnership and Congestion Reduction Demonstration Programs.

Congestion Pricing Projects in the San Francisco Bay Area: I-680 Express Lanes and Bay Bridge Time-of-Day Pricing

Date: March 30, 2011

Time: 1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT

Description: This webinar will cover lessons learned during planning and implementation and results to date of two San Francisco Bay Area congestion pricing efforts. Dynamic pricing was recently implemented on I-680 by converting some existing carpool lanes to Express Lanes—sometimes called High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes. Carpools (HOV 2+) will continue to use the lanes for free, while solo drivers use the lanes for a toll that varies depending on the level of congestion in the Express Lanes. Time-of-day pricing was recently implemented on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, where a higher toll is charged during peak periods, and a lower toll during non-peak periods.

Presenters:

- Ray Akkawi, Alameda Corridor Transportation Commission
- Linda Lee, Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- Karen Frick, UC Berkeley

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We look forward to your participation and hope you find these webinars beneficial to your professional needs! Please forward this to anyone else you know who might be interested.

Please contact Jennifer.E.Symoun@saic.com with any questions.

