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RE: SCH #2020060297

The California Highway Patrol, Contra Costa Area, received the "Notice of Preparation" for environmental review of the Interstate 680 (I-680) Express Lane project. After review, we have concerns with the potential impact this proposed project could have on our operations.

Our first concern relates to the fact the Express Lane will convert a general-purpose lane into a preferential lane. This will result in fewer general-purpose lanes, which will increase traffic congestion and change traffic patterns. This may lead to a significant increase in traffic collisions and create additional demands on our operations. Our second concern is Express Lanes violations cannot be visually observed, as High Occupancy Lane violations currently are. This severely limits our enforcement abilities, since violations can only be observed at the toll reading gantries.

Please direct any questions regarding these comments to Lieutenant Ara Gregorian, ID 15929, at (925) 646-4980.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D.G. Seaman".

D.G. SEAMAN, Captain
Commander

