

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM
3.36
(ID # 10870)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

FROM : SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES AND SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL :

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES and SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL: Board Support for Continued Utilization of Free HOV 2+ Carpool Lanes on SR 91 in the City of Riverside. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Riverside County Board of Supervisors support continued utilization of free HOV 2+ carpool lanes on SR 91 in the City of Riverside, 2) Add this opposition to our Legislative Platform, and 3) Transmit this opinion to the Riverside County Transportation Commission, CalTrans, the California Transportation Commission, and our legislative advocates.

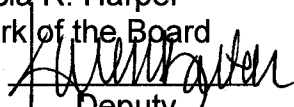
ACTION: Consent


Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, Chairman 9/5/2019

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: Washington
Date: September 10, 2019
xc: Supvr. Jeffries, Supvr. Spiegel

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

At the July 10th meeting of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), members voted to pursue the possible conversion of existing car pool lanes into Express/Toll Lanes from the current terminus on SR 91 near McKinley Avenue through Downtown Riverside and on to SR 60 in Moreno Valley. While this vote simply moved the planning process forward without details on operations, such a conversion could eliminate the existing 2+ car pool lanes in each direction and instead require all users to pay a toll.

Current RCTC toll policies allow for a 50% reduction in tolls for vehicles with three or more occupants in Express Lanes during peak hours and free during "off peak" hours. Continuing this policy would force two person carpools to either pay the full toll, or begin driving in the regular lanes, further adding to the congestion there.

Although California has adopted significant increases in fuel and DMV related fees and taxes, there is a belief that the utilization and collection of toll revenues from new toll/express lanes is required to add additional freeway capacity. It is not certain that the proposed toll/express lanes for SR-91 will actually result in any additional capacity on SR-91. The only certainty from the proposed toll/express lanes is that additional fees will be paid by the motoring public.

On August 20th, the Riverside City Council voted 6-1 to oppose converting the existing car pool lanes into toll/express lanes. The purpose was to ensure that if RCTC proceeds with their planning process, they would be put on notice that the largest city in their jurisdiction, and the one most affected by these changes, does not support the loss of the HOV 2+ lanes.

It is further alleged that Caltrans may also be studying this stretch of the freeway for a potential conversion to toll lanes under their own authority. Either of these controversial proposals would require approval by the California Transportation Commission.

If approved, this Form 11 would put the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on record as opposing the conversion of existing carpool lanes into toll/express lanes within our jurisdiction without protecting the right of "2+" carpools to continue to drive for free. It would also add this issue to the Legislative Platform, so that our legislative advocates can pursue these policies on our behalf.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses:

Preserving free access for 2+ HOV commuters and businesses will prevent them from being charged tolls without any added benefit to them or their passenger.

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Riverside County Board of Supervisors Request to Speak

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: JOHN DONALDSON

Address: 2087 APPLEGATE

City: CORONA Zip: 92882

Phone #: 951-371-5244

Date: 9/10/19 Agenda # 3.36

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

Support Oppose Neutral

Note: If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below:

Support Oppose Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to: _____

BOARD RULES

Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda/Public Comment:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, a member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. Donated time is not permitted during Public Comment.

Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, insuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please ensure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo.

Individual Speaker Limits:

Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin to flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. ***Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.***

Group/Organized Presentations:

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chairman's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the bottom of the form.

Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chairman:

The Chairman will determine what order the speakers will address the Board, and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles in order to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the general public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chairman, may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.