

## Express Lanes Privacy Policy- Effective February 2024

### Who We Are

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (“SBCTA”) is the County Transportation Commission, local transportation authority, service authority for freeway emergencies, and local congestion management agency. SBCTA operates the SB Express Lanes (Interstate 10 and 15) in San Bernardino County, California.

### Overview

User privacy and personal information are important to SBCTA. SBCTA cares about how User information is collected, used, stored, shared, and protected and appreciates Users interest in the agency-wide commitment to privacy.

This document explains policies and practices with respect to the information – including Personal Information –collected from, about, and concerning Users through SBExpressLanes.com (“Website”), use of the San Bernardino County Express Lanes (SB Express Lanes), and interactions with SBCTA or third-party vendors.

Continued use of the Website and the SB Express Lanes constitutes User acceptance of the Privacy Policy, Terms of Use and the practices described. SBCTA may change or add to the Privacy Policy at any time, so Users are encouraged to carefully review it periodically. The current Privacy Policy can be found at (LINK will be added once website is established)

The collection and use of personally identifiable information (PII) for SB Express Lanes electronic toll collection will be managed largely under the auspices of the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA), with the assistance of its contractors and subcontractors, in accordance with the TCA Privacy Policy ([https://www.thetollroads.com/media/qctb313b/privacy\\_policy.pdf](https://www.thetollroads.com/media/qctb313b/privacy_policy.pdf).) The TCA Privacy Policy applies to customers utilizing electronic toll collection on the SB Express Lanes; please read it. In addition, the following Privacy Policy applies to SB Express Lanes collection and use of PII.

Use of accounts or invoices to pay tolls constitutes Users agreement with this Privacy Policy and any updates. Use of the SBCTA website constitutes User agreement with this Privacy Policy and any updates.

### Definitions

1. **Clean Air Vehicle** is a Vehicle registered by the California Department of Motor Vehicles according to California Vehicle Code Sections 5205.5 and 21655.9
2. **Express lane** is a dedicated lane that requires all vehicles to pay a Toll in order to use the lane, but may provide incentives such as discounted or no tolls for disabled veterans, electric vehicles or vehicles carrying a minimum number of occupants.
3. **FasTrak®** is the trademarked brand name used in California to identify interoperable toll facilities that accept transponders issued by other California toll agencies.
4. **Personally Identifiable Information** (PII) is any information that identifies or describes a person, including, but not limited to: name, social security number, home address,

telephone number, billing address, e-mail address, credit card number and expiration date, bank account information, state or federal tax returns, employment information, tracking information for checks or money orders, license plate numbers, photographs, and travel pattern data, including the date, time and location of toll transactions, and other personally identifiable information as defined by California or federal law.

5. **SB Express Lanes** are the express lanes facilities on the I-10 and I-15 corridors operated by SBCTA.
6. **Toll** is the monetary charge established by SBCTA for use of the SB Express Lanes.
7. **Transponder** is a Fastrak® electronic device issued by any of the California toll operators that meets the specifications of Chapter 16 of Division 2 of the California Code of Regulations Title 21, and is used to pay Toll(s) electronically.
8. **Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA)** are two joint powers authorities formed by the California legislature in 1986 to plan, finance, construct and operate Orange County's toll roads. TCA is contracted to provide back office and customer services for the SB Express Lanes.
9. **User(s)** is any person who uses the SB Express Lanes.
10. **Vehicle** is any vehicle as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 670.
11. **Violation** is the use of the SB Express Lanes without proper payment of the Vehicle Toll or express permission as described in this Express Lanes Policy.

## **Policy.**

### *Collection and Use of PII.*

SBCTA collects, uses, and may disclose, as necessary, Users' PII for billing and account settlement purposes, in order to collect payments, and to process and enforce Toll Violations. SBCTA also uses certain User PII, such as travel pattern data, to manage and enhance operations, including the operation of the SB Express Lanes, website, and other toll related services. SBCTA may also use PII to respond to questions from Users. SBCTA may require presentation of PII to facilitate the administration of the Express Lanes Equity Program, which includes the Low-Income Program and Disabled Veterans Program. PII may be required to be presented to customer service representatives to determine eligibility for these programs. Information reviewed for the Express Lanes Equity Program by customer service representatives will not be maintained by the agency or its customer service agents.

Upon use of an SB Express Lanes facility, the following information is automatically collected from users:

- Facility used along with the date, time and direction of travel
- Hardcase Transponder and/or sticker Transponder unique identifier, occupancy setting and transponder type
- Vehicle type information (such as motorcycle or clean air vehicle)
- Photographs of vehicle in order to capture license plate images (which may also identify the vehicle's make, model, color, license plate number, and state)
- The name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle, along with the vehicle make, model, and year (when attempting to collect a Toll and/or processing a Violation)

*Information provided directly to SBCTA or its third party vendors directly by Users*

- Identifiers like name, email address(es), mailing address(es), phone number(s)
- Names of individuals authorized to manage, give, and/or receive information regarding account and transactions
- Account numbers
- Hardcase Transponder and/or Sticker Transponder numbers
- Transaction and payment information (including bank information and credit or debit card numbers)
- Information about the vehicle registered to accounts (for example, the vehicle type, license plate number, state of registration, year, make, model, color, and clean air vehicle expiration date)
- Data entered when paying on website
- Correspondence and communication information
- Social Security Number, tax information and income information
- Low-income program eligibility (for example, household income, government benefit assistance)

*Information collected from other sources*

Outside of direct interactions with Users, SBCTA may collect information, including PII, from other sources to communicate information and to carry out business functions including billing, accounting, enforcement, operation and management of the SB Express Lanes. The sources of this data include but are not limited to service providers, law enforcement, government records or other publicly accessible directories and sources, public record and information service providers, Departments of Motor Vehicles. This information may include:

- Identifiers like name, email address(es), mailing address(es), phone number(s)
- Social security number to enforce unpaid Toll Violations
- Information sent by Users' web browsers (such as IP address, type of operating system)
- SB Express Lanes website browsing activity

*Information collected from Other Toll Agencies and Operators*

Where applicable, SBCTA receives information, including PII, from other toll agencies and operators, and any private contractors and/or vendors of those toll agencies and operators. This information may include:

- Transponder type and unique identification number(s)
- Transponder protocol
- Vehicle type (such as motorcycle or clean air vehicle)
- License plate number and state
- FasTrak® Account number
- Toll transaction data
- Date, time and Toll amount

- Toll facility name
- Toll entry and exit point, where applicable
- Transponder occupancy indicator setting
- Vehicle type

SBCTA may place a ‘cookie’, which is a piece of data stored on a computer when browsing the SB Express Lanes website. This cookie data has information about that person’s use of the website and helps improve functionality of the site. A cookie file contains information that can identify information such as the IP address of the computer and network that a visitor uses to browse the website and network traffic patterns. Cookies track information related to a person’s use of the website, such as date and time of use, and pages visited. This information may be used to improve the website experience. Most cookies are automatically deleted from the computer at the end of the browsing session. A person may change their browser security settings to accept or reject cookies; however, rejection of cookies may affect website functionality.

### *Sharing and Disclosure of PII*

SBCTA may use third party service providers, including the services of another public transportation agency, to facilitate toll services, and may disclose PII to such service providers to the extent necessary for that purpose. PII will also be provided to contractors and subcontractors (of SBCTA or of another public transportation agency facilitating SBCTA services) who process Toll collections, Toll Violation notices and enforce toll requirements. Information disclosed may include name, address, account number, license plate number, phone number, email address, the date, time and location of toll transactions, the amount of unpaid Toll and Toll evasion penalties, and other similar information. To facilitate enforcement of unpaid Tolls and associated penalties, we may disclose information about Users to third parties to confirm an address and/or phone number or to obtain an updated address and/or phone number. SBCTA may also obtain and use a User’s social security number during the collection and enforcement process.

SBCTA shares PII with operators of other transportation agencies operating toll facilities and their designated third-party vendors to facilitate the use of a single FasTrak® transponder on multiple toll facilities – referred to as “interoperability.” Those other transportation agencies provide similar information to SBCTA about their FasTrak® account holders. This allows participating transportation agencies to recognize valid FasTrak® accounts. For Users with FasTrak® accounts, basic information will be sent to other transportation agencies about such Users’ use of the SB Express Lanes so that those transactions can be included on the Users’ account statement. That information may include, but is not limited to, transponder identification number, account number, license plate number, the Toll amounts owed and/or other charges, and the date, time and location of each transaction.

SBCTA may have to disclose PII if required to do so by law, such as to the government or third parties pursuant to a search warrant, court order or other legal process. SBCTA may disclose PII about Users to SBCTA service providers, necessary or appropriate in connection with

investigations of activities that could expose SBCTA to liability, including investigation of fraud, intellectual property infringement, piracy, or other similar activities.

SBCTA may aggregate information about Users and their use of the SB Express Lanes with information about others, and we may disclose such information in the aggregate to the companies that provide our funding, technology and corporate expertise, or our advertisers, analysts, alliance partners, or service providers. Aggregate information may also be publicly released in reports presented to the SBCTA Board of Directors, State of California, or the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). Any such aggregate information will not contain information that could be used to contact or identify individual Users.

SBCTA and its third-party vendors retain PII for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes of PII collection, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements. Note that retention periods may vary (usually between 18 and 54 months) depending on the type of information, how it is used, and relevant legal requirements in accordance with applicable law.

#### *Changes in the Express Lanes Policy Regarding Privacy*

SBCTA reserves the right to update, modify, or rescind this Express Lanes Privacy Policy, from time to time and in a manner consistent with state law. If there is a material change to the Express Lanes Privacy Policy, the revised Policy will be posted on the SBCTA website. In addition, notification of changes to the Express Lanes Privacy Policy will be prominently posted on the SBCTA website. Any person who signs up on the SB Express Lanes website to receive emails about the SB Express Lanes also will receive an email notification of material changes to the Express Lanes Privacy Policy.

#### *How to Contact Us.*

For questions about this Express Lanes Privacy Policy, please write to:

SB Express Lanes  
1170 W. 3rd St. 2nd Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92410  
ATTN: Chief of Express Lanes

Questions also may be directed to the SBCTA Chief of Express Lanes by phone at (909) 884-8276, or via email at [info@gosbcta.com](mailto:info@gosbcta.com).

#### *Reviewing or Changing PII*

Any person wishing to review and correct or change any of their PII maintained by SBCTA may request to do so by contacting SBCTA either by mail, phone or email as described above. SBCTA will retain PII only for as long as it is necessary for the purposes identified in this Express Lanes Privacy Policy or as authorized by applicable law.