

From: [Erin Foxcurran](#)
To: [Mima Guilles](#)
Subject: Re: Public comment on US-101 Express Lane signage from neighboring community member
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 8:53:59 AM

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Apologies but I wrote my message so late, I was writing about travel time instead of the toll cost. I have rewritten my public comment to share below:

To the Joint Powers Authority board:

I am a resident of Menlo Park, in the Flood Park Triangle neighborhood that borders highway 101. I am writing with immense concern and dismay over the decision to install US-101 electronic billboards that display toll costs for several reasons (I'm personally referencing the one installed between Almanor and Berkeley Avenues in particular).

It glares down on our quiet residential streets with an unnecessary mass and in-your-face observability. The sign itself is functionally unnecessary as well. It reflects two exits: Marsh Road and Ralston Ave. Marsh Road is quite literally the next exit on 101. Why on earth are we spending tax payer money to display toll costs to an exit just over 1 mile away? The second travel time displayed to Ralston Ave in Belmont is entirely redundant, because other installed signage is already reflecting that cost barely 1-2 minutes away.

The other signage that I've seen appears to be in more appropriate locations as well: closer to main interchanges, further away from quiet residential areas that have generally avoided visual disturbances from the nearby highway.

The freeway signage is an immense eyesore (I'm attaching a photo for visual reference walking down my otherwise lovely street), and degrading our property values.

The signage is redundant to other Ralston Ave cost displayed very close by, and a waste of taxpayer money for exits so close it doesn't make sense to show (Marsh Rd).

I urge the Joint Powers Authority board to take these neighborhood comments in serious consideration. To REMOVE the redundant, costly and overbearing express lane travel time signage between Berkeley and Almanor Avenues in Menlo Park.

Respectfully,
Erin Foxcurran

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>> On Jun 11, 2021, at 2:05 AM, Erin Foxcurran <erinfoxcurran@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: [Patricia McDonnell](#)
To: [Mima Guilles](#)
Subject: Electronic billboard signs
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 7:35:02 AM

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To the Joint Powers Authority convening this morning:

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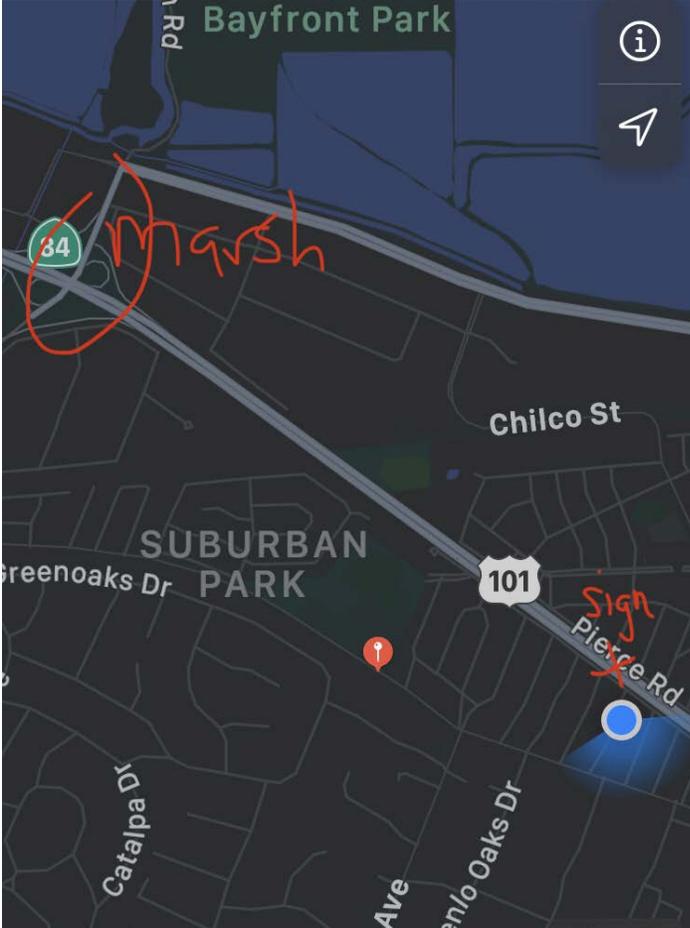
I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this.

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From: [Elin Escobar](#)
To: [Mina Gullis](#)
Subject: Re: Public comment on US-101 Express Lane signage from neighboring community member
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 2:07:39 AM
Attachments: [image0.png](#)

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From: [McDonnell, Pat](#)
To: [Mima Guilles](#)
Subject: Oversized electronic signs
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 7:58:47 AM

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SMC meeting

I live in Menlo Park on the East side of the freeway.

When I bought my house you could hear the freeway noise which I accepted. The green freeway signs were low enough so I couldn't see them as I walk out my front door.

Recently new huge Express signs have been installed. I have nothing against the Express lane. I actually think it is a good idea.

My concern is the size and height of the signs.

Why can't these signs be sized to the area? Please lower and resize these signs so we don't have to look at electronic timing signs every time we are in our front yard. These signs are way oversized and very intrusive. Make them smaller and lower so we don't have to look at them.

We paid a lot of money to just get into the neighborhood and our values have decreased with the visual of these signs.

Can you please either position them in a non-resident section or resize and lower them so we don't see them from our house?

Pat McDonnell
650-464-3744

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To: [Mima Guilles](#)
Subject: Public comment on US-101 Express Lane signage from neighboring community member
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 2:05:06 AM

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