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Dear SMCTA, C/CAG, Samtrans, and JPA Boards and Advisory Committees,

[Here is a link to NBC News' coverage](#) last night on cheating in the Express Lanes. The report covers the volume of violators, the increase in crashes, and the cost of CHP overtime to enforce the lanes.

As the SMCTA Community Advisory Committee has asked several times, I hope that we are able to get data on how many of the 40% of drivers choosing "3/free" are actually in carpools. Anecdotally, I see less than half of these drivers with three occupants in their vehicles.

Thanks for your work for transportation in SM County,

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