LA County Congestion Reduction Demonstration Project ExpressLanes



Metro

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USDOT Grant Opportunity

•USDOT Grants for Projects that "aggressively" use the "4Ts" to relieve congestion:

- <u>Tolling</u>
- Transit
- Telecommuting
- Technology

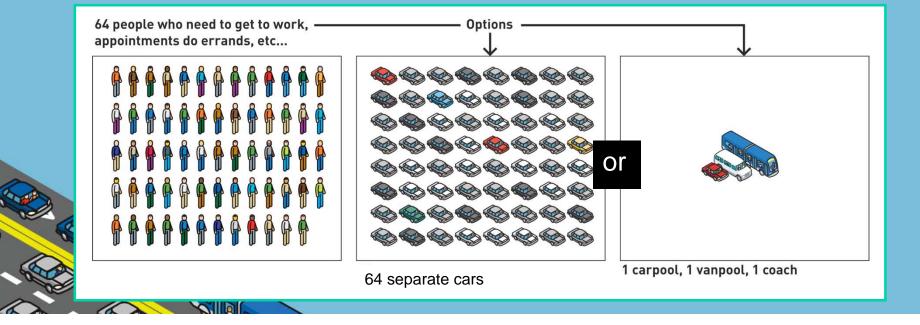
•In April 2008, USDOT announced \$210 million grant to Los Angeles



Project Goals

Move More People, Not More Vehicles

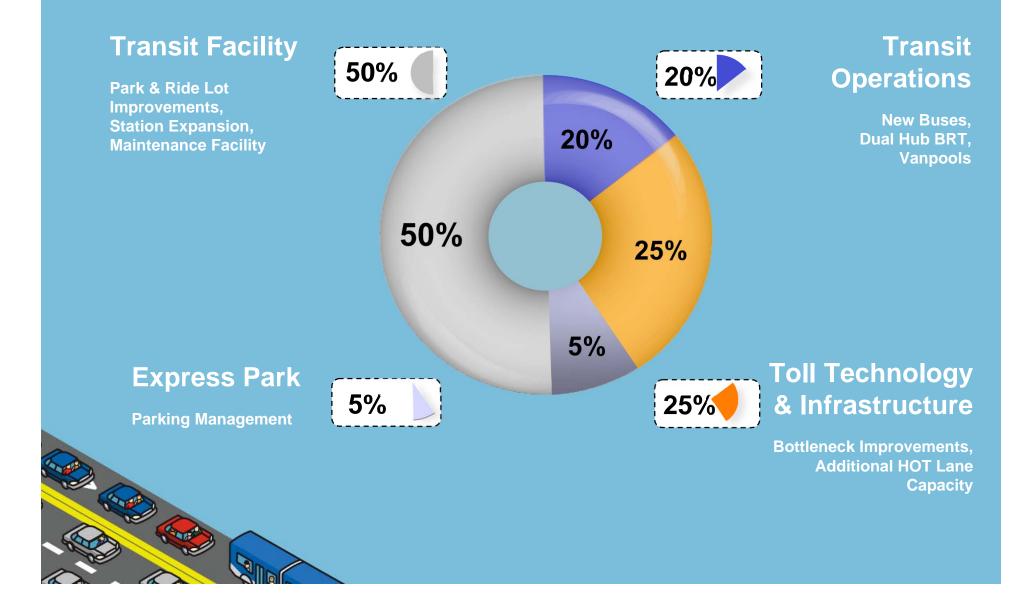
- Increase Throughput of HOT lanes
- Effectiveness (Mode Shift)
- Efficiency (Cost of Project Relative to Benefits)
- Equity (Address Impact on Low Income Commuters)
- Educate Community (Extensive Community Outreach)
- Execute by Grant Deadline (Toll Operational by December 31, 2010)



A Multi-modal Integrated Corridor Approach



ExpressLanes Budget (\$291 M)



Project Differentiators

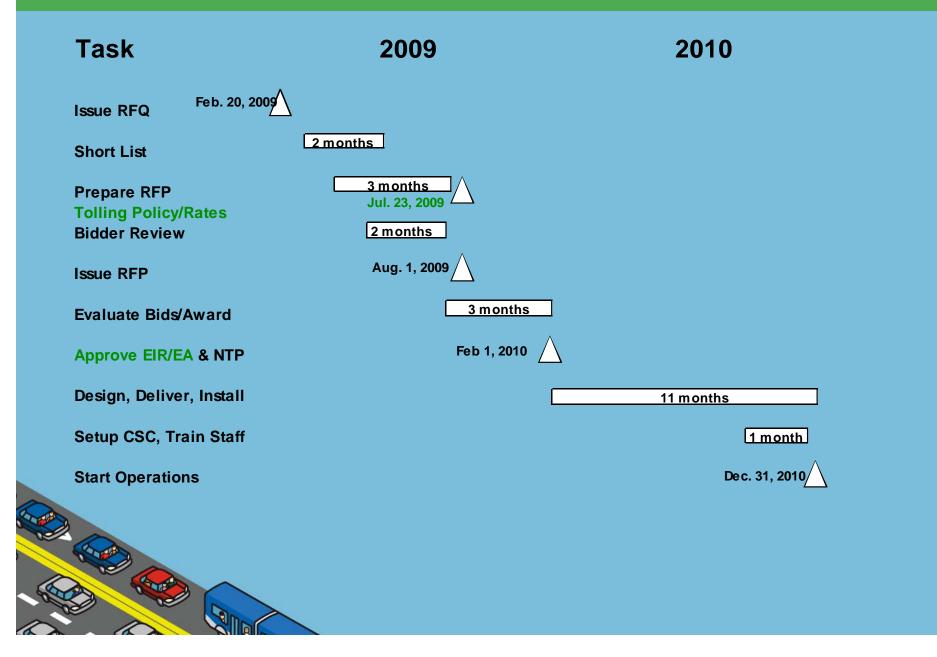
Retrofit

> No tolls currently

Anyone meeting existing HOV occupancy requirements eligible for free tolls

Using transit improvements to open HOT lane capacity

Status/Schedule



Challenges - and Options to Overcome

LA County residents not used to tolls
public information; very aggressive
public outreach, including surveys

Different HOV rules on two corridors --Self-select toll tags

Limited Capacity – Enforcement, transit improvements

Limited installation timeline – interagency cooperation, engaged producement process

Opportunities

 Develop a multi-modal system to manage traffic better
Use outcome of project to apply to other corridors
Introduce new era of active management to reduce Los Angeles congestion





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