



## California Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition

May 12, 2010

Board of Directors  
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District

Dear GGTBD Board Members,

I am writing on behalf of the California Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition. The Coalition is an association of more than 20 natural gas vehicle and engine manufacturers, utilities, fuel providers and fleet operators serving the state. We work with legislators and regulators to develop policies that will increase alternative fuel and vehicle use, support new initiatives and provide up-to-date information on NGV technology and market developments. We are writing today to urge you to modify to the "Carpool and Multi-Axle Toll Rate Increase Proposal" prepared by your staff. Specifically we are asking that you continue existing policy which allows alternative fuel vehicles to have a free pass during peak commute hours.

Despite over three decades of efforts to reduce or stop, California is still addicted to oil. This addiction has and continues to: pollute our air and water, harm the health of California residents, generate tons of greenhouse gas emissions, and impact our national security. Increasing our use of alternative fuel vehicles is a critical part of the solution to our addiction and these related impacts.

Local and regional incentives, such as HOV lane access and free tolls during commute hours, are very significant to consumers considering purchasing alternative fuel vehicles. That is why it is so important for your Board to maintain the existing free toll policy. This incentive is easy to implement as there are white stickers on the sides of all qualified alternative fuel vehicles.

For these reasons we urge you to modify your staff's proposal and maintain the existing policy relative to alternative fuel vehicles.

If you have any questions please contact me at (916) 448-0015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Carmichael". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tim Carmichael  
President