



### **2014 AM 3 Breakout Session Recap**

## **AM 3: The Future of Tolling and Road Pricing Policies for California: Why It Matters**

### **Moderator:**

Greg Le Frois, Vice President, Fellow and Vice Chairman of Toll Services, HNTB

### **Panelists:**

- Darrell Johnson, CEO, Orange County Transportation Authority and Board Member, Mobility 21
- Samuel Johnson, Director of Operations, San Diego Association of Governments
- Michael Kraman, Acting CEO, Transportation Corridor Agencies and Advisory Board Member, Mobility 21
- Joseph Rouse, Director of Managed Lanes, Caltrans
- Stephanie Wiggins, Executive Director, Vendor/Contract Management, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

## **Summary**

This session discussed how existing and future tolling projects can be effectively utilized to fund transportation improvements and manage traffic congestion. What do we want our future generations to inherit? As California expands its use of tolling and road pricing it is imperative to revisit existing tolling policies and discuss what those policies look like moving into the future. The discussion will include (but will not be limited to) answers to the questions below:

- The appropriate roles and responsibilities for regional entities, the state and the private sector
- Centralization of toll collection and processing
- Standardization of Express Lane occupancy standards and toll rate setting
- Equity programs for low-income users
- Flow of toll revenues and what the revenues support
- The legislation toll agencies need to move forward

## **Takeaway**

The overall takeaways from this session included the following key words and concepts:

- Importance of choice
- Tolling is a tool in the tool box
- Revenue provides investment for other improvements
- Multimodal
- Reliability
- Partnerships
- Incentives and not subsidies
- Focus on customer service
- Community and public acceptance is critical for tolling moving forward
- Define focus and goals
- Tolling is not a universal solution
- Legislative authority needs to be sorted out
- Optimize use of infrastructure
- Consider technology as we move forward