

## AI Adaptive Installation Delay

TAMC Board Members,

What is really going on between Caltrans and TAMC Staff regarding the installation of AI Adaptive Signal controls on Hwy 68? Last month Caltrans reported that they were in the procurement process, that the Co-op agreement was separate and not holding up the purchase of the equipment and that installation would be completed before the end of this year. Well now we are a month later and a purchase order has still not been generated and there are suggestions of problems that are holding up the process even further.

What exactly is the hold up? The Board and the Public need to know the details now! Statements from TAMC Staff and Caltrans that “we are reviewing things” and “we are in the procurement process” are vague, not transparent and do not address the real reasons for the delay.

**Remember**, it was reported **last year** that Caltrans Headquarters had approved the **AI Adaptive Pilot Study** for 4 intersections on Hwy 68 but did not have the funds available to do the installation. So, TAMC voted to supply the funds and added additional money to do all 9 intersections. Caltrans then came back with additional costs that they said were necessary to do the installation, including possible problems with running wires in existing conduit. The TAMC Board voted in **March** to supply additional funds to cover those costs as well and a **September installation date** was announced by **Caltrans** at the Board meeting. **Now we are at the end of September and the vendor has still not even received a purchase order!**

This is from an email that I received from the Caltrans Project Manager for this AI Adaptive project **LAST YEAR** on **July 17, 2024**.

Good Evening Mr. Stump,

Thank you for your continued interest in the SR68 Corridor. I wanted to provide response to your email below which also appears to draw upon some of your previous inquires in previous emails. Caltrans and TAMC staff continue to work efficiently and effectively towards implementation of an ATSC (Automated Traffic Signal Control) pilot project on the SR68 Corridor. Since direction and input from the TAMC Board, there has been ongoing communication and discussion within the Traffic Operations Division at both the District and HQ level on implementation of this pilot project. These discussions have transitioned from high level conversation at the onset, to more thorough detailed discussions involving an in depth look at firmware options, traffic counts, traffic analysis and review of existing infrastructure both in office and in the field to best support implementation of this pilot project. These detailed conversations have warranted regular monthly focus meetings with the TAMC/Caltrans team including specific functional unit input from other divisions in Caltrans as needed. We are aware of the recent TAMC Board recommendation for implementation at all nine (9) intersections. We are initiating this effort by starting with implementation at the four (4) easternmost intersections at San Benancio, Corral de Tierra, Laureles Grade and Pasadera. This exhibits our acknowledgement of the TAMC Board recommendation, and allows for the ability to best implement, make adequate observations, adjustments and learn lessons from an engineering and traffic operations perspective as we transition to additional intersections further along the corridor.

Thank you,

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**So here we are, over a year later and Caltrans has still not purchased the equipment for the installation. The Board and the Public deserve better and need a truthful and detailed explanation for the delay from both Todd and Scott Eades at Caltrans!**

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