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I am totally against 'Express' toll lanes on the 405. Unlike other areas of Los Angeles we in the San Fernando Valley (and areas to the North and West) have no other viable way to get to the Westside of Los Angeles or South to LAX and beyond than the 405. The 405 through the pass has been widened and rebuilt twice since I've lived in Encino and the traffic is still unbearable. The entire freeway through the pass, including the HOV lane is already gridlocked every night so making the HOV lane an 'express toll lane' would simply push more traffic onto the other 4 lanes and force a road tax onto those people who could afford it. Stupid, stupid, stupid! Focus on putting in a viable rapid transit line (subway not silly monorail that doesn't fit in with the long term integration of LA's rapid transit system) and expedite it quickly instead. Believe me, whomever came up with this lame idea has not heard the wrath that SFV residents who commute the 405 will voice. Again, we don't have options and the freeway is already at 120% of capacity during rush hours.