

## Group 3 – Capstone Final Project

### **Final Recommendations:**

1. **Resource Planning for Peaks** - Add staff and active lane management during 20%+ seasonal peaks and major holiday windows.
2. **Expand EZ Pass Adoption** - Increase automation and incentives to recover 6–9% lane efficiency lost due to violations and manual payments.
3. **Balanced Pricing Strategy** - Adjust toll differentials to limit overload on cheaper routes while still encouraging off-peak usage.
4. **Truck Management** - Use dedicated truck lanes and night-time policies to reduce the 35% congestion impact from heavy vehicles.

*Our top recommendation is to expand EZ Pass and automated tolling*

*Our Power BI analysis showed that EZ Pass is the strongest driver of traffic flow, reducing congestion by improving lane speed and lowering violations. With AutoML forecasting a steady increase in traffic over the next decade, automation is the most impactful investment for improving efficiency, capacity, and customer experience.*