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Alameda County Transportation Commission to Hold Community Workshops for the Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan

Alameda County - California. The Alameda County Transportation Commission is currently updating its Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) and developing a new Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) to fund critical transportation maintenance, operations and projects that support local jobs. The public is invited to attend any of a series of five community meetings to be held throughout the county in October and November to provide their input into the process.

The purpose of the community workshops is to:

- Provide an overview of the purpose of the CWTP and the TEP;
- Present and gather input on preliminary TEP projects and programs; and
- Engage participants in prioritizing transportation improvements.

Dates and locations of the workshops are as follows (all workshops run from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.):

- Tuesday October 18 - South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley
- Wednesday October 19 - San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th Street, San Leandro
- Monday October 24 - East Oakland Senior Center, 9255 Edes Avenue, Oakland

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- Thursday October 27 - Union City Sports Center, 31224 Union City Boulevard, Union City
- Wednesday November 2 - Dublin Public Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin

All workshop locations are ADA and transit accessible.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is a new agency that was formed in July 2010 by the merger of two existing organizations, the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). Alameda CTC is a joint powers authority whose members include the 14 cities in Alameda County, the County of Alameda, AC Transit, and BART.

The Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) is a long-range policy document that guides transportation funding decisions for Alameda County's transportation system over the next 25 years. The CWTP is updated every four years and includes capital, operating and maintenance funding for roads and highways, public transit (including senior and disabled transportation), and projects that support walking and biking. All transportation projects and programs requesting state, federal or regional funding must be consistent with this Plan. For the first time, the Plan must be closely coordinated with land use decisions to reduce the impacts of greenhouse gases, consistent with State legislation.

The Transportation Expenditure Plan (currently known as Measure B) is a major source of local funding for transportation projects and programs, such as operations and maintenance, in Alameda County. A reauthorization of the TEP is being considered because the current Measure B capital projects have been largely built or committed, and the economic downturn has reduced funding for many programs supported by Measure B, resulting in fewer funds to operate and maintain the County's transportation system. The local measure funds far exceed state and federal funding amounts for the County's transportation system.

The first Measure B was approved in 1986 and was extended with a new set of projects and programs in 2000 by 81.5% voter approval. In the existing measure, 60% of the collected funds are dedicated to programs such as local street and road repair, bicycle and pedestrian safety, transit, and paratransit operations. Forty percent of the collected funds are dedicated to

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capital projects including transit and highway infrastructure improvements. The Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) will be submitted to the voters of Alameda County for approval. If the plan appears on the 2012 ballot, as anticipated, it will require a two-thirds majority to pass.

The development of the CWTP began in October 2010, with a first round of community workshops held in February-March 2011. Input from those workshops was used to develop the draft CWTP. The final CWTP is expected to be approved in mid-2012. Currently, plans call for the TEP to appear on the November 2012 ballot.

For more information about the workshops, contact Holly Kuljian at 510-845-7549. Language interpreters, accessible seating, and other special accommodations will be available with a minimum of 72 hours notice.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission

The Alameda County Transportation Commission is a newly-formed countywide transportation agency, resulting from a merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). Its mission is to plan, fund and deliver a broad spectrum of transportation projects and programs to enhance mobility throughout Alameda County. This merger eliminates redundancies and creates efficiencies in planning, programs and projects delivery and also streamlines legislative, policy and funding efforts. For more information on the Alameda CTC, ACCMA and ACTIA, visit www.alamedactc.org.

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