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Alameda CTC Holds First Board Meeting Announcing Chair and Vice Chair

Alameda County – California. On July 22nd the Alameda County Transportation Commission (**Alameda CTC**) held its first meeting and elected its **Chair, Mayor Mark Green, Union City,** and **Vice-Chair, Supervisor Scott Haggerty.** The Alameda County CTC 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. In the midst of a down economy, the merger is an economical move to streamline costs, eliminate redundancies and create efficiencies in planning, programs and project delivery.

In this respect, the Alameda CTC stresses accountability and transparency in administering public funds, as well as forward thinking reforms to improve the County's ability to effectively plan and build transportation for the future. "This is good for the cities, good for the county and transit operators, and over the long run will provide greater efficiencies in delivering transportation improvements and services to the residents and businesses of Alameda County," noted newly elected Chair, Mayor Mark Green, who successfully spearheaded the year and a half merger process.

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Board members for the Alameda CTC are as follows:

**Alameda County Transportation Commission
as of July 22, 2010**

Jurisdiction	Member	Alternate
Alameda County, District 1	Supervisor Scott Haggerty	Councilmember Bill Harrison
Alameda County, District 2	Supervisor Gail Steele	
Alameda County, District 3	Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker	Councilmember Michael Gregory
Alameda County, District 4	Supervisor Nate Miley	
Alameda County, District 5	Supervisor Keith Carson	Councilmember Kriss Worthington
City of Alameda	Mayor Beverly Johnson	Councilmember Frank Matarrese
City of Albany	Vice Mayor Farid Javandel	Councilmember Peggy Thomsen
City of Berkeley	Councilmember Laurie Capitelli	Councilmember Kriss Worthington
City of Dublin	Mayor Tim Sbranti	Vice Mayor Kasie Hildenbrand
City of Emeryville	Mayor Ruth Atkin	Vice Mayor Kurt Brinkman
City of Fremont	Vice Mayor Robert Wieckowski	Mayor Robert Wasserman
City of Hayward	Councilmember Olden Henson	
City of Livermore	Mayor Marshall Kamena	Councilmember Jeff Williams
City of Newark	Councilmember Luis Freitas	Councilmember Alberto Huevo
City of Oakland	Councilmember Larry Reid	Councilmember Patricia Kernighan
City of Oakland	Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan	Councilmember Jane Brunner
City of Piedmont	Vice Mayor John Chiang	Councilmember Garrett Keating
City of Pleasanton	Mayor Jennifer Hosterman	Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio
City of San Leandro	Councilmember Joyce Starosciak	Mayor Tony Santos
City of Union City	Mayor Mark Green	Councilmember Carol Dutra-Vernaci
AC Transit	Director Greg Harper	Director Rocky Fernandez
BART	Director Tom Blalock	Director Robert Franklin

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Full implementation of the merger will require many steps as outlined below:

Event	Target Date
First Alameda CTC meeting	July 22, 2010
Selection of new Executive Director	September 23, 2010
New Executive Director on Board	By November 2010
Employees transition to new Commission	January-March, 2011
Single accounting system begins	July 1, 2011
Complete integration of operations	January 2012
Consolidation of office space	November 2014

MERGER BACKGROUND

In January 2009, ACTIA and the ACCMA initiated a study to identify service sharing and/or consolidation opportunities between the two agencies. The study examined whether mission critical responsibilities could be delivered in a more streamlined and cost effective manner if the two agencies operated on a more integrated basis.

In May 2009, the Boards reviewed opportunities for service sharing and potential merger of operations, opportunities for cost efficiencies and estimated annual savings. This review demonstrated a very good return on investment, with up-front costs relatively minor considering the long-term goals and benefits. The greatest opportunities for consolidation and efficiency improvement were in the areas of financial services, administrative services and capital project delivery. Members also discussed the potential for blending the Boards of Directors into one Board. The initial analysis was compelling enough for the Boards to move forward with an implementation analysis and plan.

In January 2010, the Boards expressed support for a proposed merger of the two agencies, including a new structure for a combined Board of Directors and support for the title of Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) as the name of the agency.

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In February 2010, the joint Boards approved a draft Joint Powers Agreement and directed staff to present it to the Board of Supervisors, the City Councils for all 14 cities in the County, and the Boards of AC Transit and BART. Over the next few months, ACTIA and ACCMA obtained approval of the new Joint Powers Agreement and the necessary parallel changes to the ACCMA joint powers agreement from each of these entities. The ACTIA Board also amended the 2000 Transportation Expenditure Plan, following a 45 day review period, to change the composition of the ACTIA Board so that it is the same as that of the Alameda CTC Board. On June 24th, the Alameda County Transportation Authority (originally created in 1986 to implement the first transportation sales tax measure in the County) was terminated and the Agency's assets and liabilities were transferred to ACTIA. As the merger continues, these will be turned over to the new Alameda CTC.

ACTIA and ACCMA are becoming the Alameda CTC

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