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Independent Watchdog Committee Reports Transportation Sales Tax Expenditures in Compliance with Voter-Approved Expenditure Plan for 14th Year in a Row

14th Annual Report to the Public identifies no accounting concerns with Measures B and BB expenditures

ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif. On August 23, 2016, the Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) released its 14th Annual Report to the Public, covering fiscal year 2014-2015 expenditures and IWC activities. The report concludes that Measure B and Measure BB tax dollars were spent in accordance with the intent of the two measures. The report also provides an update on the delivery of programs and projects funded by Measure B, Alameda County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, and those funded by Measure BB, which augmented the half-cent sales tax to one cent and extended the tax through 2045.

Each year, the IWC reviews and analyzes Alameda CTC's Measure B and Measure BB expenditures to help ensure that funds are spent in accordance with these voter-approved measures. For the 14th year in a row, Alameda CTC received a clean, unmodified opinion from the agency's independent auditors.

In fiscal year 2014-2015, Alameda CTC received \$132.5 million in Measure B revenue and expended \$195.2 million, which includes the expenditure of sales tax revenues received in prior years, as follows:

- \$116.8 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.
- \$33.5 million for highway and street capital projects.
- \$34.6 million for local transportation improvements, including local streets and roads and bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- \$5.6 million for debt service.
- \$3.6 million for general administration.
- \$1.1 million for direct program and project management and oversight.

Alameda CTC issued \$137.1 million of Measure B Sales Tax Revenue Bonds in March 2014 to bridge a short-term funding gap that existed while many large capital projects in the 2000 Measure B Expenditure Plan were closed out. The bonds incurred \$5.6 million of costs related to debt service in FY2014-15 and mature in March 2022.

Collections of the new Measure BB sales tax began in April 2015; therefore, FY2014-15 included only three months of revenue collections – for the period of April 1 through June 30 – in the amount of \$27.7 million.

The IWC is a continuation of the Citizens Watchdog Committee created in 2002 after reauthorization of the local sales tax measure in 2000. The 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, which guides the expenditures of Measure BB (approved by Alameda County voters in November 2014), requires the IWC to review all Measure BB expenditures for compliance with the Transportation Expenditure Plan.

The IWC reports directly to the public on the agency's Measure B and Measure BB expenditures. The [14th Annual Report to the Public](#), [Executive Summary in English](#), [Chinese](#) and [Spanish](#), and [audits of each agency receiving Measure B and Measure BB funds](#) are available to the public on the Alameda CTC website. Hard copies of the Annual Report are available by request via e-mail to hbarber@alamedactc.org, via mail to Alameda CTC offices at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94607, or via telephone to 510.208.7439.

About the Alameda County Transportation Commission

Alameda CTC plans, funds and delivers transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. Alameda CTC coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers the expenditure plan for the Measure B sales tax approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000 and the expenditure plan for Measure BB, approved by more than 70 percent of voters in November 2014. Visit www.alamedactc.org to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About the Alameda CTC Independent Watchdog Committee

The IWC is made up of 17 members, all of whom must be a resident of Alameda County. IWC members are not elected officials at any level of government, nor individuals in a position to benefit personally in any way from the sales tax.

IWC members are appointed for a two-year term, as follows:

- One per district, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
- One per district, appointed by the Mayor's Conference.
- One per representing organization specified in the Expenditure Plan:
 - Alameda County Economic Development Alliance for Business
 - Alameda County Labor Council
 - Alameda County Taxpayers' Association
 - Alameda County Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee
 - Bike East Bay
 - League of Women Voters
 - Sierra Club

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