

# Alameda CTC *Executive Director's Report*



June 2011

## Executive Director's Message



*I'm pleased to report that as a result of the merger that created of the Alameda County Transportation Commission, we are expecting to save almost \$3 million in taxpayer dollars in fiscal year 2011-2012. In the meantime, we forge ahead with project, program and planning activities. This first year of the Alameda CTC has resulted in the kick off of countywide transportation planning and the development of a new transportation expenditure plan (CWTP-TEP), continued project delivery including the Caldecott Tunnel, I-580 improvements, and the opening of the first high-occupancy toll lane in Northern California on I-680; and on-going distribution of funds for street maintenance, transit operations, bicycle and safety improvements and services for seniors and people with disabilities.*

*Coordination with our local, state and federal partners continues. In June, I will travel to Sacramento to continue to build support for Assembly Bill 1086, a bill sponsored by the Alameda CTC, which could allow augmentation of the existing half-cent sales tax, as well as Alameda CTC's 2011 Legislative Program. On the federal level, we've also seen growing support in some areas for policy initiatives that support mobility and expand transportation funding flexibility, many of which we specifically advocated for during our Washington, D.C. visits.*

*Next month, staff is performing outreach to local businesses and communities to expand awareness of Alameda CTC as a new agency as well as the countywide plans development. We will participate in the Business Outreach Committee Event at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission offices to share information with local businesses about upcoming contracting opportunities.*

(continued on page 2)

## Transportation Planning Updates

At its May meeting, the Commission adopted the project and program list that staff forwarded to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for use in the Regional Transportation Plan update. The same list is being used for the Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) update evaluation, which will be the basis for the development of a preliminary Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) list this fall. Visit the [Alameda CTC transportation planning page](#) for more information.

Alameda CTC is also updating other plans in addition to the CWTP-TEP, including the Congestion Management Program (CMP) and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans. The first draft of the 2011 CMP is scheduled to be available in the fall. In May, Alameda CTC staff made

presentations to the standing committees and Commission on best practices for integrating transportation and land use and alternative ways of measuring transportation impacts in the environmental process. The Commission directed staff to explore these practices and their applicability in Alameda County.

Alameda CTC is preparing for the local Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and public meetings to gather input on the vision and priorities networks for the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans updates. Staff is also beginning to draft recommendations for the priority programs including outreach and education. Visit the [Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans](#) update page for more information.

## Project Updates

Environmental studies for I-580 eastbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane conversion to an express lane facility and I-580 eastbound auxiliary lanes construction between Isabel Avenue and First Street are underway. Environmental studies and the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) for both projects are being updated to reflect concurrent project delivery. Appraisals for the right of way required for the I-580 westbound HOV lane project have been prepared and are under review by Caltrans. Alameda CTC has selected a consultant team to prepare a Project Study Report for the conversion of the planned westbound HOV lane to an express lane.

The southbound I-880 HOV lane extension from Hegenberger Road to Marina Boulevard is in the final design stage; construction is expected to begin in 2012 under two contracts. The I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvements include replacing the 23rd and 29th overcrossings and improving ramps to and from the freeway. The project design is approximately 50-percent complete and construction is scheduled to begin in fall 2012.

The Stage 1 (Subway) construction contract

for the BART Warm Springs Extension is more than 67 percent complete (contract dollars basis). BART is finalizing the procurement process for the Stage 2 (LTSS) contract and expects to issue a notice to proceed by December 2011.

BART awarded the Oakland Airport Connector design-build contract in 2010. Utility relocations and foundation work for the guideway along the westerly segments are currently underway.

For more information and additional projects, click on the project fact sheets on the back page.

### In this month's issue:

Transportation Planning Updates.....	1
Project Updates.....	1
Programming Updates.....	2
Program Updates .....	2
Finance Updates .....	3
Committee Activities .....	3
Outreach & Events.....	4
Other News.....	4
ACCMA Projects.....	4
ACTIA Capital Projects.....	4

## Executive Director's Message (cont'd)

In addition, we are hosting the South County Transportation Forum on July 21 in Union City, as well as attending the Calmentor Quarterly Meeting on July 28 in Oakland. These are just a few of the many events in June and July that Alameda CTC plans to attend or host.

Other news: I was pleased to serve on a panel hosted by Supervisor Haggerty at the National Association of Counties, League of Large Urban Counties, on June 16, which focused on the importance of investing in metropolitan areas.

CWTP-TEP activities continue, and the Steering Committee and advisory working groups have been discussing the TEP strategic parameters that will guide the development of the plan, as well as transportation financials that will affect the financing and prioritization of projects to include in the plan. The committees did not meet in June and will review the CWTP outline in July and further discuss funding strategies for the TEP. See "Transportation Planning Updates" or visit the Alameda CTC transportation planning page for more information.

Progress on capital projects and other Alameda CTC activities include:

- Facilitating the development and operation of express lanes in the I-680 and I-580 corridors, as well as high-occupancy vehicle lanes on I-880.
- Over 60 percent of construction on the BART Warm Springs Extension.
- Moving forward with the Vehicle Registration Fee Program strategic plan and guidelines.
- Updates to the Alameda Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans that will fold into the Countywide Transportation Plan.

Finance staff developed the consolidated Alameda CTC budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the many elements that go along with it such as creating a cost allocation plan. Staff is also developing a reporting methodology for the new consolidated financial system. (Read more in "Finance Updates.")

Two new staff joined the Alameda CTC in June, and I would like to give a warm welcome to our new Commission clerk, Vanessa Lee, who will work closely with me, and our new contract procurement analyst, Seung Cho.

I am looking forward to working with exemplary staff and consultant teams in the next fiscal year, and as always, I welcome your questions, comments and feedback.

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Dao  
Executive Director, Alameda CTC

## Programming Updates

### Approval of FY 2011-2012 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program

**Manager Projects:** The Alameda CTC approved 10 projects for over \$1.2 million of funding from the FY 11-12 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program Manager funds. TFCA funds are generated through the collection of a \$4 per vehicle fee per year. TFCA grants fund projects that will decrease motor vehicle emissions, and thereby improve air quality. The TFCA program can fund a wide range of project types, including clean-air vehicle projects, shuttle services, ridesharing programs, bicycle facility projects, arterial management projects, smart-growth projects, and transit information projects. A balance of about \$600,000 remains to be programmed. The Alameda CTC is scheduled

to consider additional projects in the next few months to fund with the remaining TFCA funds. On May 26, Alameda CTC approved projects for the FY 11-12 program shown below.

### 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Call for Projects

**Call for Projects:** The Alameda CTC recently released a call for projects requesting project proposals for the 2012 STIP. This call for projects applies to new projects as well as existing STIP projects that seek additional STIP funds. Additional information about the STIP and application material is available on the Alameda CTC website. Complete application packages are due to the Alameda CTC no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2011.

Alameda County	Mattox Road Bike Lanes	\$40,000
California State University, East Bay	Campus to BART Shuttle	\$194,000
California State University, East Bay	Transportation Demand Management Program	\$52,000
Fremont	North Fremont Arterial Management	\$256,000
Oakland	Traffic Signal Synchronization - Martin Luther King Jr. Way	\$125,000
Pleasanton	Pleasanton Trip Reduction Program	\$52,816
San Leandro	San Leandro LINKS Shuttle	\$59,500
Alameda CTC	Alameda County Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) Program	\$245,000
LAVTA	Route 9 Shuttle - BART/Hacienda Business Park	\$42,947
LAVTA	Route 10 - Dublin/Pleasanton BART to Livermore ACE Station	\$141,542
<b>TOTAL TEA Project Awards:</b>		<b>\$1,208,805</b>

## Program Updates



**Program Compliance:** The Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) has created a Compliance Report Subcommittee and is reviewing the compliance report process. The subcommittee plans to bring recommendations on ways to improve the process to the CWC and the Commission. Alameda CTC will release revised report forms by September 2011 for use by 20 local transportation agencies/jurisdictions.

**Grant Programs:** To date, Alameda CTC has awarded over \$27.3 million to four grant programs. The Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Commission recently approved the extension of two bicycle and pedestrian safety grants and up to \$100,000 in additional Countywide Discretionary Funds to continue operations for the Bicycle Safety Education Program, a comprehensive countywide program offered in many languages by the East Bay Bicycle Coalition, and up to \$25,000 in additional funds for the Tri-City Senior Walk Clubs in Fremont, Newark, and Union City that promote the health benefits of walking, teach safety awareness and encourage walking as a means to connect with public transit and local activity centers.

An express bus services project of note, AC Transit's [Line 1R/International Rapid Weekday and Weekend Operations](#) provides continued service in a vital corridor along Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley, through Oakland along International Boulevard and along East 14th Street in San Leandro to the Bay Fair Bart Station, then back again. AC Transit has served almost 3.6 million people since the grant began.

**8th Annual Mobility Workshop:** Join us on Tuesday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ed Roberts Campus, conveniently located at the Ashby BART station and dedicated to disability rights and universal access. This free event is sponsored by Alameda CTC and its Paratransit and Advisory Planning Committee and is open to the public. Presenters will speak on the theme "Moving into a New Era, Building on a Decade of Experience," and focus on local and regional planning and funding issues and initiatives related to senior and disabled mobility.

## Finance Updates

During the month of May, finance staff was engrossed in the process of developing a final consolidated Alameda CTC budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the many elements that go along with it such as augmenting budget needs and creating a cost allocation plan. This has been an extensive endeavor as the two separate agencies, the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, have historically operated in very different fashions and with different funding sources.

May also brought along financial auditors, Kevin Harper and Associates, and Maze and Associates, to perform interim audit procedures

for both agencies. Staff prepared extensive electronic files and paperwork in advance of these audits and reports that both went very smoothly.

Another concentration for finance staff over the last month has been in the area of developing a reporting methodology for the new consolidated financial system, which is expected to be in place by July, the start of the new fiscal year. The new financial system, being created in the same software that both agencies current use, is expected to have the capability to record and report information in a consolidated manner in addition to individually by agency, fund or by activity such as planning or programming.

## Committee Activities



Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans updates, elected fiscal year 2011-2012 officers and approved the schedule and bylaws.

- June 13 – The [Citizens Watchdog Committee](#) reviewed the draft 9th Annual Report to the Public, elected fiscal year 2011-2012 officers and approved the schedule and bylaws.
- June 16 – The [Citizens Advisory Committee](#) discussed the overall CAC year plan for communications and outreach, elected fiscal year 2011-2012 officers and approved the schedule and bylaws.
- June 27 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee](#) provided input on the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans “Priority Programs” chapter, elected fiscal year 2011-2012 officers and approved the schedule and bylaws.

In June, several community advisory committees met. Highlights include:

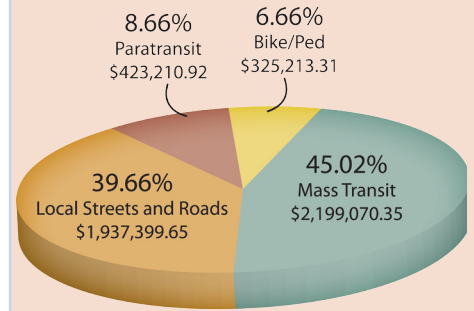
- June 7 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee](#) approved the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program Principles and provided feedback on the Congestion Management Program Roadway Network and the Vehicle Registration Fee implementation.
- June 9 – The [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#) provided input on the programs approach to the Countywide

### South County Transportation Forum

The Alameda CTC and its CAC are hosting a [South County Transportation Forum](#) on July 21, 2011 at Ruggieri Senior Center, located at 33997 Alvarado Niles Road, Union City, CA, 94587. The open house begins at 6:30 p.m., and presentations start at 7 p.m., followed by a question-and-answer session. We invite you to meet project sponsors and hear more about key projects and programs underway in South Alameda County (Fremont, Newark, Sunol, Union City): the Regional and Countywide Transportation Planning Activities Update; Bicycle Safety Education Programs; Fremont Senior Mobility Programs; the BART Extension to Warm Springs and Irvington Station Update; the Union City Intermodal Station Update; and an I-680 High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Express Lanes Update.

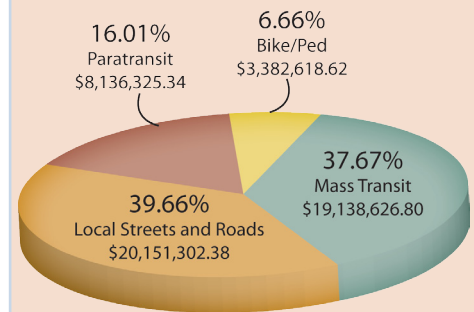
## Pass-through Funding

### One Month of Distributions



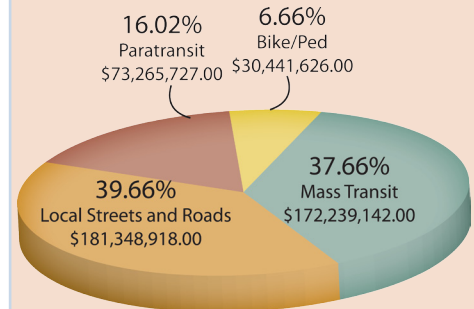
Alameda CTC allocated a total of \$4,616,241.64 in Measure B funds for four programs in March 2011 (the last reported month).

### One Year of Allocations



During fiscal year 2009-2010, \$50.8 million in Measure B pass-through funds was allocated.

### Summary of Overall Allocations



Alameda CTC allocated \$457 million in Measure B pass-through funds through June 30, 2010.

## Outreach & Events

**Public outreach:** Final documentation and findings are complete on the five workshops that Alameda CTC conducted throughout the county to educate Alameda County residents, business members and elected officials about the [Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan \(CWTP-TEP\) development](#). Six themes emerged from the workshops: maintenance, access, equity, safety, connectivity and coordination. People voiced concerns about transportation issues and shared their top priorities, including overall maintenance of local streets, roads, highways and public transit systems; dedicated funding for public transit operations; and accessibility for all users, including youth, seniors and people with disabilities.

The public will have another opportunity to get involved in workshops this fall, after the Steering Committee and working groups finalize their strategy for selecting TEP projects and programs. We will also conduct a second poll during the same period.

**Events:** In June and July, Alameda CTC is hosting or participating in these outreach events:

- June 15 – Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Webinar at Alameda CTC: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Design within a Constrained Right-of-Way
- June 21 – San Leandro Kiwanis Club in San Leandro
- June 21 – ITS - NORCAL in Pleasanton
- June 23 – 5th Annual Health and Resource Fair in Oakland
- July 12 – Business Outreach Committee Public Invitation Event in Oakland
- July 15 – United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County Healthy Living Festival in Oakland
- July 20 – Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Webinar at Alameda CTC: Crosswalk Policies, Designs and Signals



plan



fund



deliver

4

## ACCMA Projects

## ACTIA Capital Projects

*Fact sheets are updated as projects progress or, at a minimum, quarterly.*

- [I-580 Corridor Environmental Mitigation](#)
- [I-580 Corridors Right of Way Preservation](#)
- [I-580 Eastbound Auxiliary Lane](#)
- [I-580 Eastbound Express \(HOT\) Lanes](#)
- [I-580 Soundwalls - San Leandro](#)
- [I-580 Soundwalls - Oakland](#)
- [I-580 Westbound \(HOV\) Lane \(PN 424.0\)](#)
- [I-580 Westbound Express \(HOT\) Lane \(PN 424.1\)](#)
- [I-680 Express Lane Project](#)
- [I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility](#)
- [I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvements](#)
- [I-880 Southbound HOV Lane Extension Hegenberger Road - Marina Boulevard](#)
- [Regional Measure 2 Projects: Express Bus Improvements and Bay Bridges](#)
- [Smart Corridors Operation and Management](#)
- [SolutionsonSunol](#)
- [Webster Street SMART Corridors Management](#)

- July 21 – South County Transportation Forum in Union City
- July 28 – Calmentor Quarterly Meeting in Oakland

## Other News

### Guaranteed Ride Home Program:

The Commission recently approved the annual evaluation report, including recommendations for next year's Guaranteed Ride Home Program, a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategy that encourages people to take alternative modes of transportation to work. Alameda CTC is currently undertaking this strategy to meet state requirements in the Congestion Management Program, and it contributes toward the Alameda CTC's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as required by state legislation, Senate Bill 375 and Assembly Bill 32.

- [ACTIA 1 - Altamont Commuter Express Rail](#)
- [ACTIA 2 - BART Warm Springs Extension](#)
- [ACTIA 3 - BART Oakland Airport Connector](#)
- [ACTIA 4 - Downtown Oakland Streetscape Improvements](#)
- [ACTIA 6 - Union City Intermodal Station](#)
- [ACTIA 7a - Telegraph Avenue Corridor Bus Rapid Transit](#)
- [ACTIA 8 - I-680 Sunol Express Lanes](#)
- [ACTIA 9 - Iron Horse Transit Route](#)
- [ACTIA 10 - I-880/Broadway Jackson Interchange Improvement](#)
- [ACTIA 11 - I-880/Washington Avenue Interchange Improvement](#)
- [ACTIA 12 - I-580/Castro Valley Interchange Improvements](#)
- [ACTIA 13 - Lewelling/East Lewelling Boulevard Widening](#)
- [ACTIA 14b - I-580 WB Auxiliary Lane \(Airway Boulevard to Fallon Road\)](#)
- [ACTIA 14c - I-580 EB Auxiliary Lane \(El Charro Road to Airway Boulevard\)](#)
- [ACTIA 15 - Route 92/Clawiter-Whitesell Interchange and Reliever Route](#)
- [ACTIA 17b - Hesperian Boulevard/Lewelling Boulevard Intersection Improvement](#)
- [ACTIA 18b - Westgate Parkway Extension](#)
- [ACTIA 19 - E. 14th Street/Hesperian Boulevard/150th Street Intersection Improvements](#)
- [ACTIA 21 - I-238 Widening](#)
- [ACTIA 22 - I-680/I-880 Cross Connector Studies](#)
- [ACTIA 23 - Isabel Avenue - Route 84/I-580 Interchange](#)
- [ACTIA 24 - Route 84 Expressway](#)
- [ACTIA 25 - Dumbarton Rail Corridor](#)
- [ACTIA 26 - I-580 Corridor/BART to Livermore Studies](#)
- [ACTIA 27B - I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project](#)