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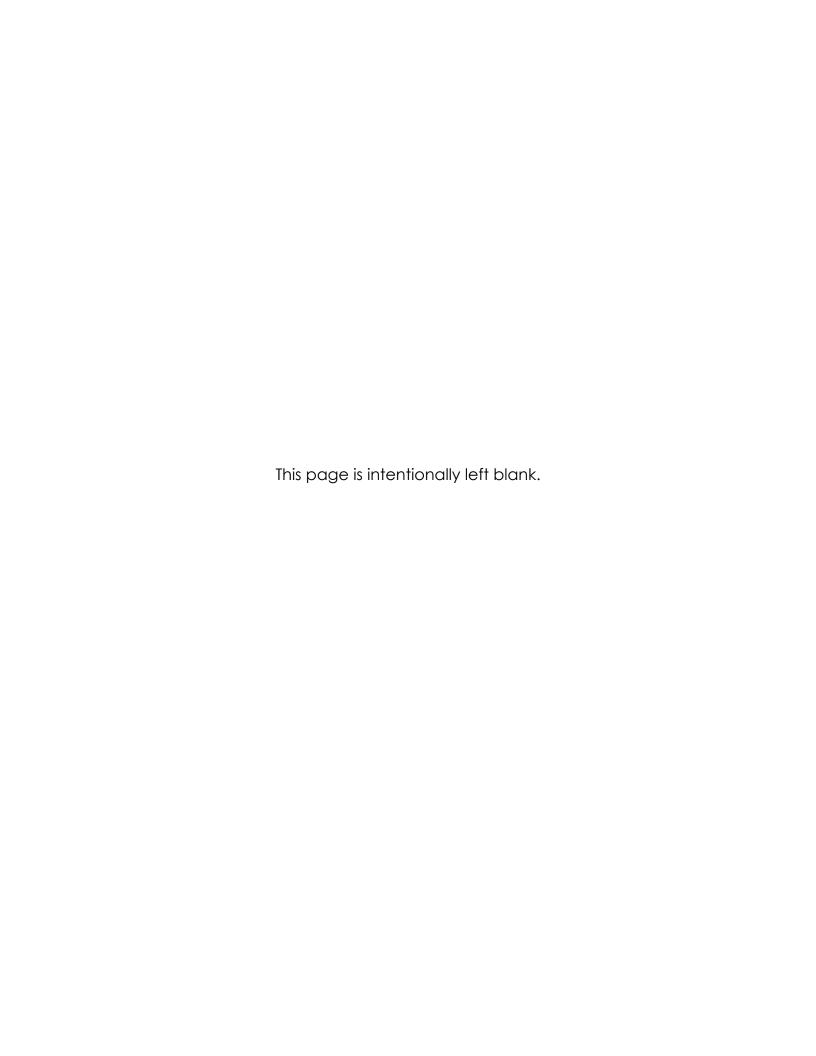


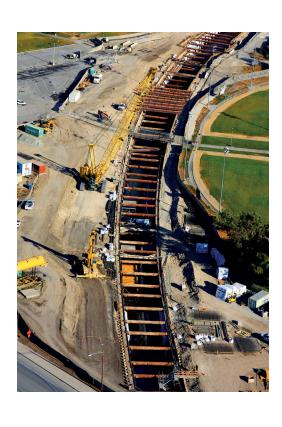






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# **Executive Summary**





California law requires urban areas to develop and biennially update a "congestion management program," or CMP—a plan that describes the strategies to assess and monitor the performance of the county's multimodal transportation system, address congestion and improve the performance of a multimodal system, and strengthen the integration of transportation and land use planning. In Alameda County, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) as the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for Alameda County prepares the CMP. Alameda CTC works cooperatively with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), transit agencies, local governments, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) to manage and update the CMP.

The CMP for Alameda County incorporates various strategies and measures to improve congestion management on the Alameda County multimodal transportation system. The CMP is required to incorporate five key elements: designated CMP roadway network, level of service monitoring, multimodal performance element, land use analysis program, and capital improvement program. The CMP also acts as a short-range plan to implement the long-range Countywide Transportation Plan.

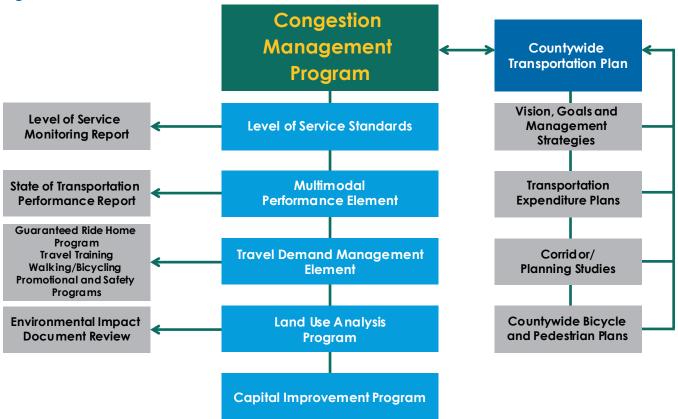
The CMP law places considerable authority with the CMAs for the CMP. Appendix A contains the full text of the pertinent sections of state law. For example, these agencies are required to oversee how local governments meet the requirements of the CMP. The legislation also forges a new relationship between local governments and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) by requiring new highway projects in urban areas to be included in a CMP if they will be part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This means that funding of highway projects is, in part, controlled by local government in the form of the CMAs. With this authority comes the responsibility to recognize federal and state funding limitations and to work with Caltrans and MTC to formulate cost-effective projects.

The CMP is designed to meet legal requirements and address the challenges in doing so. Furthermore, Alameda CTC has developed working relationships with all levels of government as well as the private sector and is prepared to demonstrate that local governmental agencies—working together—can solve regional transportation problems.

The 2013 CMP update incorporates several actions identified as next steps in the 2011 CMP and more closely aligns the CMP with the 2012 Countywide

Transportation Plan (CWTP) and the 2013 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (Plan Bay Area), and other related efforts and legislative requirements [e.g., Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32) and Senate Bill 375 (SB 375)] to better integrate transportation and land use for achieving greenhouse gas reductions. Outcomes of the update include a number of actions and recommendations by the Commission highlighted in the Table ES1, which follows (see details in the relevant chapters of the report).

Figure ES1—CMP and Five Main Elements



### Table ES1—2013 CMP Update Actions/Recommendations and Policy Changes

Chapter	Technical Review, Evaluation, and Findings	Recommended Changes
2, Designated CMP	• Reviewed the designated CMP roadway network for potential additions as required by legislation.	No new roadways were proposed by the jurisdictions.
Roadway Network	• Identified the need to review and update the CMP roadway criteria in the 2015 CMP update.	• Review and update the CMP roadway criteria in the 2015 CMP Update, including identifying ways to expand the CMP roadway network to include key rural roadways in the county. Outcomes of the Countywide Multimodal Arterial Plan should also be considered in the update of the criteria and identification of roadways.
3, Level of Service Standards	Assessed use of the most recent Highway Capacity Manual (HCM2010) to monitor LOS for auto and other modes.  • Evaluation results for auto LOS showed that the HCM2010 methodology's shift from measuring speed to measuring density to assign auto LOS would result in the loss of Alameda CTC's ability to track network performance trends and conformity, particularly for the Tier 1 network that is subject to conformity. For Tier 2 arterials not subject to conformity, both HCM1985 and HCM2000 can be applied in 2014 when the next LOS monitoring is performed.	<ul> <li>Continue to use speed-based HCM1985 for auto LOS monitoring for Tier 1 network. Apply both HCM2000 and HCM1985 to Tier 2 network as appropriate and reevaluate expanded HCM use in the 2015 CMP update.</li> <li>Use countywide modal studies to identify countywide facilities and metrics for monitoring alternative modes, and incorporate these in the 2015 CMP for future LOS monitoring efforts.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Evaluation results for LOS monitoring of alternative modes showed that HCM2010 multimodal LOS (MMLOS) is not well-designed for annual monitoring application, as it is very data-intensive.</li> </ul>	
4, Multimodal Performance Element	Updated performance report to continue tracking the performance of the CMP transportation network by mode and incorporate <i>Plan Bay Area</i> goals.	Conduct a comprehensive review and alignment of performance measures from all Alameda CTC planning efforts for use in programming and transportation investment decisions.
5, Travel Demand Management Element	Identified the need to update the 2013 CMP based on the Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategy adopted by the Commission in May 2013.	Incorporate Countywide Comprehensive TDM Strategy adopted by the Commission in May 2013 in the 2013 CMP.
6, Land Use Analysis Program	Comprehensively reviewed and reorganized the Land Use Analysis Program to better document the various related efforts of the agency and incorporate <i>Plan Bay Area</i> goals.	Incorporate the Alameda County Priority     Development Area Investment and Growth Strategy adopted by the Commission March 2013.
	• Identified that Alameda CTC will work with MTC and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to identify ways to support improvements to rural roadways that facilitate agricultural operations and agricultural tourism in East Alameda County and to develop a more comprehensive approach to mitigating impacts from rural roadway improvements that support PCA goals and objectives.	<ul> <li>Incorporate ways to address rural roadway improvement needs and efforts that support PCA goals.</li> <li>Encourage use of HCM2010 to study auto impacts on roadways but provide flexibility to conform to local requirements as needed.</li> </ul>

### Table ES1—2013 CMP Update Actions/Recommendation and Policy Changes (cont'd)

Chapter	Technical Review, Evaluation, and Findings	Recommended Changes	
6, Land Use Analysis Program (cont'd)	Reviewed the application of HCM2010 to assess impact of autos and other modes. For auto impact analysis in the land use analysis program, using HCM2010 data to perform the impact analysis was found to be	<ul> <li>Encourage study of multimodal tradeoffs of mitigation measures proposed in environmental documents, including use of HCM2010 MMLOS to perform the analysis.</li> </ul>	
	consistent with the current data requirements; therefore, use of HCM2010 is encouraged per regional direction, but flexibility to use HCM2000 is permitted where consistency is needed by local jurisdictions. Evaluation results for LOS monitoring of alternative modes showed that HCM2010 MMLOS is suitable to identify multimodal trade-offs in mitigation measures, and use of HCM2010 is encouraged.  • Implemented development of a land use database based on development approvals information from the local jurisdictions.  • Identified alternative trip generation methodologies to support infill development projects.  • Updated subarea model guidelines consistent with MTC's updated regional model consistency requirements.	<ul> <li>Include recommendations for the types of impacts to be analyzed for alternative modes in Alameda CTC's standard response for environmental review.</li> <li>Develop a database of countywide land use approvals and track local jurisdiction Housing Element progress.         This is a new requirement for local jurisdictions to submit information on development approvals that occurred in the prior fiscal year for developing a countywide land use approvals database, and provide a copy of the most recent Housing Element Annual Progress Report submitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development, starting 2014. See recommended changes under Chapter 9, Program Conformance and Monitoring.         Incorporate identified alternative trip generation methodologies for use in Traffic Impact Analysis.     </li> <li>Implement updated subarea model guidelines.</li> </ul>	
7, Database and Travel Demand Model	Included information that the countywide model is currently in the process of being updated.	No change	
8, Capital	• Updated the 2013 CMP to include new State	• Incorporate 2014 STIP.	
Improvement Program	Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects, other capital improvement projects planned to improve the CMP transportation network for the next seven years,	• Incorporate updated Capital Improvement Program projects for FY2013-14 to 2019-20.	
	and new funding sources.	<ul> <li>Develop Strategic Plan, including a comprehensive CIP/PIP as next steps.</li> </ul>	
	Identified the development of the Strategic Plan including a comprehensive Capital Improvement Program and Program Investment Plan (CIP/PIP).		
9, Program Conformance	Identified two new requirements through the Land Use Analysis Program to track land developments	Starting in 2014, local jurisdictions will submit to Alameda CTC as part of the Annual Conformity Findings process:	
and Monitoring	and to identify how well transportation investments are coordinated with the land use to support monitoring the implementation of SB Bill 375 in Alameda County.	Information on development approvals that occurred in the prior fiscal year; and	
		• A copy of the most recent Housing Element Annual Progress Report submitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development.	
10, Deficiency Plans	Updated deficiency plan guidelines to incorporate procedures for developing areawide deficiency plans to improve performance of multimodal transportation	<ul> <li>Follow updated deficiency plan guidelines for developing areawide deficiency plans when appropriate.</li> </ul>	
	infrastructure over a larger area when localized improvements are not practical or workable.	Follow updated conflict resolution process.	
	Updated Conflict Resolution process for multijurisdictional deficiency plans.		

Following the adoption of the 2013 CMP by Alameda CTC Commission, Alameda CTC will submit the CMP to MTC. As the regional transportation planning agency in the San Francisco Bay Area, MTC is required to evaluate the CMP's consistency with MTC's RTP and with the CMPs of the other counties in the Bay Area. If the Alameda County CMP is found to be consistent with the RTP, MTC will incorporate the projects listed in the CMP's Capital Improvement Program into MTC's Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

### The Transportation System

Alameda CTC must define and identify components of the transportation system that are being monitored and improved. For the purposes of the CMP, two different systems are used: the designated CMP roadway network (Chapter 2, "Designated CMP Roadway Network") and the broader Metropolitan Transportation System (MTS). The CMP roadway network is a subset of the MTS. Alameda CTC monitors performance of the CMP roadway network in relation to established level of service (LOS) standards. Alameda CTC also uses the MTS in the "Land Use Analysis Program" (Chapter 6).

#### Designated CMP Roadway Network

The designated CMP roadway network was developed in 1991 and includes state highways and principal arterials that meet all minimum criteria (carry 30,000 vehicles per day; have four or more lanes; be a major cross-town connector; and connect at both ends to another CMP route or major activity center). The system of roadways carries at least 70 percent of the vehicle miles traveled countywide and contains 232 miles of roadways. Of this total, 134 miles (58 percent) are interstate freeways, 71 miles (31 percent) are state highways (conventional highways), and 27 miles (11 percent) are city/ county arterials.

Recognizing the need to expand the CMP network to reflect the changes in land use patterns over the years, the Alameda CTC Commission in 2011 adopted a two-tier approach for the CMP network in Alameda County. The first tier (Tier 1) is the existing CMP network, and the second tier (Tier 2) consists of an expanded number of roadways identified using a set of adopted criteria. This Tier 2 network forms a supplemental network monitored for informational purposes only and is not used in the conformity findings process. The identified Tier 2 network roadways have a total length of 90 miles. Details are included in Chapter 2, "Designated CMP Roadway Network."

No new CMP roadways were proposed by the local jurisdictions during this 2013 update. For the 2015 CMP Update, Alameda CTC will review and update the CMP roadway criteria including identifying ways to expand the CMP roadway network to include key rural roadways that facilitate agricultural operations and tourism and support Priority Conservation Area goals and objectives in Alameda County. Outcomes of the Countywide Multimodal Arterial Plan should also be considered in the update of the criteria and identification of roadways.

#### MTS System

A regionally designated system, MTS includes the entire CMP network, as well as major arterials, transit services, rail, maritime ports, airports, and transfer hubs critical to the region's movement of people and freight. MTS roadways were originally developed in 1991 and updated in 2005 and include roadways recognized as "regionally significant" and all interstate highways, state routes, and portions of the street and road system operated and maintained by local jurisdictions.

### LOS Monitoring

State law requires that level of service (LOS) standards be established to monitor the CMP roadway network's LOS as part of the CMP monitoring process. The legislation leaves the choice of LOS measurement methodology to the CMAs, but mandates that the LOS be measured by the most recent version of the Transportation Research Board's Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) or a uniform methodology adopted by the CMA, in our case Alameda CTC, that is consistent with the HCM. LOS definitions describe traffic conditions in terms of speed and travel time,

volume and capacity, freedom to maneuver, traffic interruptions, comfort and convenience, and safety. LOS is represented by letter designations, ranging from A to F. LOS A represents the best operating conditions, and LOS F represents the worst.

The purpose of these standards is to provide a quantitative tool to analyze the effects of land use changes and to monitor congestion, which is a measure of system performance. Alameda CTC is required to determine how well local governments meet the standards in the CMP, including how well they meet LOS standards. The CMP legislation requires a standard of LOS E for all CMP Tier 1 roadways in Alameda County.

Alameda CTC uses LOS standards as defined in the 1985 Highway Capacity Manual (HCM1985), the nationally accepted guidelines published by the Transportation Research Board, and re-evaluated its applicability in 2005 for roadway LOS monitoring purposes and again in 2013 for roadway and alternative mode purposes. The review conducted in 2013 showed that using the HCM2000 and HCM2010 versions for roadway LOS monitoring purposes would result in applying density-based rather than speed-based LOS methodology for freeways and would result in altering speed classifications for arterials, which would hinder the ability to compare past performance trends important for determining conformity with the CMP.

Based on this review, Alameda CTC will continue to use the speed-based LOS methodology and the classifications for arterials in the HCM1985 to monitor freeways and arterials for the Tier 1 roadway network, which is subject to the conformity process. For the Tier 2 network, which is only monitored for informational purposes and has only been monitored since 2012 and is therefore not comparable to any previous performance data, LOS will be reported using the methodologies in both the HCM1985 and HCM2000. The future use of the appropriate HCM for Tier 2 purposes will be re-evaluated in the 2015 CMP update.

The evaluation of HCM2010 for the 2013 CMP update also reviewed its applicability for monitoring service

level standards for alternative modes by using Multi Modal Level of Service (MMLOS). It was found that using the 2010 HCM-based MMLOS is data and resource intensive and costly for large-scale applications such as monitoring countywide performance of alternative modes; therefore, it is not well designed for annual LOS monitoring purposes. Alameda CTC will assess how to best include the performance measurement metrics for monitoring alternative modal performance in the 2015 CMP update based on the outcomes of the following countywide modal plans—Goods Movement Plan, Multimodal Arterial Corridor Plan, and Transit Plan. A summary of the evaluation and comparison of using HCM1985, HCM2000, and HCM2010 for LOS monitoring purposes, including a comparison of approaches adopted by various CMAs in the Bay Area, is provided as Appendix B.

Alameda CTC conducts a LOS monitoring study every two years. The last study was conducted in spring 2012, and the next one will be in 2014. The 2013 CMP incorporates the results of 2012 LOS monitoring.

At present, Alameda CTC is monitoring the designated CMP roadway network by contracting biennially with a consultant to collect speed data. Alameda CTC analyzes the data and prepares the results. If a local government or Caltrans assumes responsibility for monitoring roadways in the CMP network within its jurisdiction, it will be required to do the following: biennially monitor the LOS on the designated system and report to the Alameda CTC by June 15 of each year relative to conformance with the adopted standards (see Chapter 3, "Level of Service Standards" for more information). Alameda CTC is exploring use of commercially available travel time data for the 2014 LOS monitoring effort.

### Multimodal Performance Element

The CMP must contain performance measures that evaluate how highways and roads function, as well as the frequency, routing, and coordination of transit services. The performance measures should support

mobility, air quality, land use, and economic objectives and be used in various components of the CMP. The legislation intends for the performance element to include multimodal performance measures, in addition to the required roadway and transit measures. However, only the roadway LOS standards will be used to trigger the need for a deficiency plan in Alameda County.

Combined with LOS standards, the multimodal performance element provides a basis for evaluating whether the transportation system is achieving the broad mobility and congestion management goals in the CMP. These include developing the Capital Improvement Program, analyzing land use impacts, and preparing deficiency plans to address problems. It helps comprehensively evaluate the performance of the countywide multimodal transportation system and includes the goals and performance measures adopted for the 2012 CWTP and Plan Bay Area (refer to Chapter 4, "Multimodal Performance Element" for a more comprehensive table listing the performance measures and related goals). The CMP performance measures appear in Table ES2 below.

Using these measures, Alameda CTC prepares an annual Transportation System Performance Report, which local agencies and transit operators review prior to publication. To minimize cost, Alameda CTC relies on established data-collection processes and regularly published reports for data. A list of established data collection resources, by agency, follows in Table ES3.

Local agencies are encouraged to provide data to MTC or to maintain their own database of maintenance needs on the MTS. However, there is no compliance requirement for local agencies or transit operators related to the multimodal performance element.

#### Table ES2—Multimodal Performance Measures

CMP Performance Measures			
Average Highway Speeds	Roadway Maintenance		
CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions*	Transit Availability		
Completion of Countywide Bicycle Plan	Transit Capital Needs and Shortfall		
Completion of Countywide Pedestrian Plan*	Transit Frequency		
Coordination of Transit Service	Transit Ridership		
Duration of Traffic Congestion	Transit Routing		
Fine Particulate Emissions*	Transit Vehicle Maintenance		
Low-income Households Near Activity Centers*	Travel Time*		
Low-income Households Near Transit*	Trips by Alternative Modes*		
Roadway Collisions*			

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes new or expanded existing performance measure resulting from integrating the measures from the 2012 CWTP. Extent of data collection for these measures depends on additional funds being available.

#### Table ES3—Agency Data Collection Resources

Agency	Resources
Alameda CTC	<ul> <li>Roadway Speeds on CMP Roads, Except Freeways</li> </ul>
	Travel Times for Origin-Destination Pairs
Caltrans	Accident Rates on State Freeways
	<ul> <li>Freeway Speed Runs and Duration of Freeway Congestion (when performed by Caltrans)</li> </ul>
	Highways in Need of Rehabilitation
Cities and County	Countywide Bicycle Plan (Cities and County Public Works Department and Alameda CTC)
MTC	<ul> <li>Freeway Speed Runs and Duration of Freeway Congestion (when performed by MTC)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Pavement Management System Data for the MTS</li> </ul>
	Roadway Maintenance Needs
Transit Agencies	Average Time Between Off-Loads (BART)
	<ul> <li>Frequency (number of lines operating at each frequency level)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Mean Time Between Service Delays (BART and ACE)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Miles Between Mechanical Road Calls (AC Transit, LAVTA and Union City Transit)</li> </ul>
	Service Coordination (number of transfer centers)
	<ul> <li>Service Schedules and On-Time Performance Transit Capital Needs and Shortfall for High Priority (Score 16) Projects</li> </ul>
	• Transit Ridership Routing (percentage of major centers served within 1/4-mile of a transit stop)
	• Transit Service Frequency During Peak Periods and Population at All Transit Stations in County

The 2012 Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 (the Executive Summary is attached as Appendix C) shows that the year 2012 marked the first time in five years that the Alameda County economy added jobs and reported increases in commuting and economic activity. Average travel speeds declined by roughly 1 mph from 2010 to 2012 and weekday freeway congestion increased by nearly 20 percent between FY10-11 and FY11-12. Transit boardings increased in 2012, reversing several years of decline; rail and ferry in particular showed strong ridership growth from 2011 to 2012, increasing ridership by 10 percent and 19 percent. State of repair improved in 2012, but major system investment needs loom on the horizon: local road pavement condition improved and transit service interruptions declined in 2012, but many miles of roadway are at risk of rapid deterioration and transit operators have a number of aging assets requiring rehabilitation or replacement. Biking and walking both saw increases in fiscal year 2012, and several key countywide projects were completed. In addition, several local pedestrian and bicycle master plans were completed, and most jurisdictions have up-to-date local master plans to guide investment in active transportation modes.

The 2012 Performance Report also revealed interesting longer term trends around commuting patterns in Alameda County. Alameda County's commuting has become more regional over the last decade, as the percent of workers employed in Alameda County who also live in the county has declined. Roughly two thirds of workers who live or work in Alameda County cross county lines as part of their daily commute. At the same time, the use of alternative modes for commuting

purposes has increased. Between 2000 and 2011, the share of workers carpooling declined by nearly 4 percent and the share of driving alone by 1 percent, while the shares working from home, riding BART, and bicycling all increased.

Based on the review of Performance Report and performance measures used in various monitoring activities, Alameda CTC identified the need for a comprehensive review to streamline the reporting timeline and availability of data for various multimodal performance measures from all Alameda CTC planning efforts for use in programming and transportation investment decisions. This will be done for the 2015 CMP update.

### **Travel Demand Management** Element

Transportation demand management (TDM) measures seek to reduce pressure on existing roadway and parking capacity by using various strategies that include incentives and disincentives to influence travel choice. They reduce peak-period vehicle trips and total vehicle miles traveled. Related benefits include reducing congestion and carbon emissions, improving public health, and increasing transportation choice. The most effective TDM programs include some form of financial incentive, either through pricing parking or subsidizing transit and other non-drive alone modes. TDM strategies tend be cost-effective ways of meeting regional goals. By making the most efficient possible use of the available system capacity, they complement the region's investments in transit systems and other alternatives to driving.

The Commission adopted a Countywide Comprehensive TDM Strategy in May 2013 that provides an inventory of the broad range of TDM programs and activities present in Alameda County and recommends a strategy for better integrating, supporting, and building on these existing efforts, including implementation of the regional commute benefit program and the Guaranteed Ride Home Program. These programs are designed to reduce the need for new highway facilities over the long term and to make the most efficient use of existing

facilities. The TDM element also incorporates strategies to integrate air quality planning requirements with transportation planning and programming. Funding generally comes from the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (from motor vehicle registration fees) and from the federal Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program. Alameda County's TDM element represents a fiscally realistic program that effectively complements the overall CMP.

A balanced TDM element requires actions that local jurisdictions, Alameda CTC, BAAQMD, Caltrans, MTC, and local transit agencies undertake. As required by state law, the Alameda County TDM program promotes alternative transportation methods (e.g., carpools, vanpools, transit, bicycles, park-and-ride lots), promotes improvements in the jobs-housing balance and SMART Growth, considers parking cash-out programs (paying employees who do not use parking), and promotes other strategies such as flextime and telecommuting.

The county's approach to TDM includes the following major actions:

- **Regional actions:** BAAQMD, Caltrans, and MTC take actions to support TDM throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Alameda County's efforts work within the context of these broader regional initiatives.
- Countywide actions: Alameda CTC takes actions to encourage, supplement, and support local governments in their TDM efforts, including allocating funds for multimodal transportation improvements, providing guidance and technical assistance to localities in developing their own TDM programs, and monitoring compliance with the Required Program in the CMP. Alameda CTC also manages certain key TDM programs, such as Guaranteed Ride Home, that work most effectively at the countywide level.
- Local jurisdiction actions: Local governments have primary responsibility for implementing TDM programs and encouraging and incentivizing TDM by private organizations. The CMP requires local governments to undertake certain TDM actions, known as the **Required Program**. The CMP also

encourages local governments to undertake TDM efforts above and beyond these requirements.

• Private TDM actions: Private employers, developers, homeowner associations, and nonprofit organizations can undertake TDM measures on a voluntary basis or as required by a city. Alameda CTC provides resources to support these actions, including guidance on best practices and other technical resources.

Chapter 5, "Travel Demand Management Element" includes a variety of tools available to local governments for facilitating TDM. To be found in conformance with this element of the CMP, local jurisdictions must adopt and implement the **Required Program** by September 1 of each year.

### Land Use Analysis Program

The CMP incorporates a program to analyze the impacts of land use decisions made by local jurisdictions on the regional transportation systems (MTS), including estimating costs associated with mitigating those impacts. The intent of this legislatively required component of the CMP is to:

- Coordinate local land use and regional transportation facility decisions;
- Assess the impacts of development in one community on another community; and
- Promote information sharing between local governments when the decisions made by one jurisdiction will impact another.

While the Alameda CTC's land use analysis program was initially developed as a program to meet the CMP legislative mandate, the growing focus at all levels of governments on improved coordination between land use and transportation planning has resulted in the program's evolution. In this context, the Alameda CTC's Land Use Analysis Program (Chapter 6) currently includes:

- Legislatively required review of:
  - o Land use actions of local jurisdictions by Alameda CTC to ensure that impacts on the regional transportation system are disclosed and mitigation measures identified; and
  - Long-range land use projections by local jurisdictions for use in the countywide model database.
- Planning initiatives and programs that foster transportation and land use connections; and
- Strategic monitoring of transportation-land use coordination performance measures.

Although land use remains the purview of local governments, Alameda CTC can apply sanctions if local agencies do not conform to the requirements of the CMP. Local jurisdictions have the following responsibilities under the Alameda CTC Land Use Analysis Program element of the CMP:

- Throughout the year:
  - o Forward to the Alameda CTC all Notices of Preparation, Draft and Final Environmental Impact Reports and Environmental Impact Statements, and final dispositions of General Plan Amendment and development requests.
  - Analyze large development projects according to the adopted guidelines, including the use of the Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model or an approved subarea model and disclosure of impacts to the MTS, if the Alameda CTC determines the project exceeds the threshold for which CMP review is required.
  - Work with Alameda CTC on the mitigation of development impacts on the regional transportation system.
- By October 1 of each year as part of the annual conformity process:
  - o Demonstrate to Alameda CTC that the Land Use Analysis Program is being carried out.

- o Provide the Alameda CTC with 1) a list of land use development projects approved during the previous fiscal year; and 2) a copy of the most recent Housing Element Annual Progress Report submitted to the state Department of Housing and Community Development. These items are new and to be used to develop a database of land use approvals for enhanced monitoring of transportation-land use coordination and planning.
- During travel model updates:
  - o Provide an update (prepared by the jurisdiction's planning department) of the anticipated land use changes likely to occur using the most recent Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) forecast for a near-term and long-term horizon year. This land use information should be provided in a format that is compatible with the countywide travel model.

The 2013 CMP update includes expanded discussion of the Alameda CTC's activities to fulfill the legislative requirements of SB 375 and AB 32 to better integrate transportation and land use and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by curtailing vehicle miles traveled. The following enhancements are made to the Land Use Analysis Program to meet these objectives:

- Incorporate the recommendations of the Alameda County Priority Development Investment and Growth Strategy including facilitating implementation of Priority Conservation Areas as required by MTC and adopted by the Commission in March 2013; identify that Alameda CTC will work with MTC and ABAG to identify ways to support improvements to rural roadways that facilitate agricultural operations and agricultural tourism in East Alameda County and to develop a more comprehensive approach to mitigating impacts from rural roadway improvements that support PCA goals and objectives.
- Modify the agency's guidelines for environmental review consistent with action items identified in the 2011 CMP.

- o HCM2010: Alameda CTC performed an assessment of the HCM2010 including its MMLOS methodologies for use in the Land Use Analysis Program similar to the evaluation effort for the LOS Monitoring element. Based on this assessment, the following changes are made:
  - Encourage use of HCM2010 to study auto impacts on roadways but provide flexibility to conform to local requirements as needed.
  - Encourage study of multimodal tradeoffs of mitigation measures proposed in environmental documents, including use of HCM2010 MMLOS to perform the analysis.
  - Expand and clarify language as to the types of impacts to transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians that project sponsors should consider.
- o In-fill development trip generation: Alameda CTC performed an assessment of alternative project trip generation methodologies that more accurately account for the nature of trip generation in areas such as PDAs or infill sites; based on this assessment, Alameda CTC proposes three alternative methods for project sponsors to use for CMP land use analysis:
  - EPA's Mixed Use Development (MXD) model
  - Caltrans/UC Davis Smart Growth Trip Generation rates
  - MTC's Station Area Residents Study (STARS) mode share adjustment method
- Establish a development approvals database that will be populated using information provided by local jurisdictions as part of the annual conformity process starting in 2014.

Many action items identified in the 2011 CMP update for a further enhanced land use analysis program are still valid and continue to be carried forward, so that based on the resource availability and coordination with other efforts of Alameda CTC, they can be implemented.

### **Database and Travel Demand Model**

Alameda CTC has developed a uniform land use database for use in the countywide travel model. The database and travel demand model bring to the congestion management decision-making process a uniform technical basis for analysis. This includes consideration of the benefits of transit service and TDM programs, as well as projects that improve congestion on the CMP network. The model is also intended to assist local agencies in assessing the impacts of new development on the transportation system.

The most recent update to the model was completed in May 2011. It incorporates land use assumptions based on ABAG's Projections 2009. Projections of socioeconomic variables were made for the traffic analysis zones defined for Alameda County. By aggregating the projections made for each zone, Alameda CTC produced projections of socioeconomic characteristics for unincorporated areas of the county, the 14 cities, and for the four planning areas (see Table ES4).

The countywide model is being updated to include the recently adopted RTP and SCS, the Plan Bay Area. The updated model will also incorporate 2010 US Census data along with updates to the model base year from 2000 to 2010, to correspond with the 2010 US Census and to change the long-term forecast year from 2035 to 2040, along with updates to other related features of the model (see Chapter 7, "Database and Travel Demand Model" for details). In spring 2014, the

updated Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model is expected to be available for use.

### **Capital Improvement Program**

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) reflects Alameda CTC's efforts to maintain or improve the performance of the multimodal transportation system for the movement of people and goods and to mitigate regional transportation impacts identified through the Land Use Analysis Program.

Per federal requirements, Alameda CTC considers various multimodal methods to improve the existing system, such as traffic operations systems, arterial signal timing, parking management, transit transfer coordination, and transit marketing programs. Projects selected for the CIP also are consistent with the assumptions, goals, policies, actions, and projects identified in Plan Bay Area, MTC's and ABAG's basic statement of Bay Area transportation and land use policy.

The 2013 CIP covers fiscal year 2013-2014 to 2019-2020 and comprises:

- Major capital projects and rehabilitation projects programmed in the 2014 STIP and Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21); and
- · Other major highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian, and local projects intended to maintain or improve the performance of the CMP network.

#### Table ES4—Alameda County Planning Areas

Planning Area	Cities
North Planning Area	Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, and Piedmont
Central Planning Area	Hayward, San Leandro, and the unincorporated areas of Castro Valley, Ashland, and San Lorenzo
South Planning Area	Fremont, Newark, and Union City
East Planning Area	Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and the unincorporated areas of East County

The CIP projects link to the vision and projects presented in the 2012 Countywide Transportation Plan, either as a specific capital project or from funding set aside to cover categories of projects. Project types include maintaining and rehabilitating local streets and roads, transit capital replacement, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and operational improvements.

By July 31 of each odd-numbered year, to be in conformance with the CMP, local jurisdictions and project sponsors must submit to Alameda CTC a list of projects intended to maintain or improve the LOS on the CMP network and to meet transit performance standards.

In 2013, Alameda CTC initiated a new process for an enhanced Strategic Plan/CMP that will include a Capital Improvement Program/Programs Investment Plan (CIP/PIP) and Allocation Plan. To meet legislative requirements and help maintain and improve the performance of the multimodal transportation system, the CIP/PIP will be incorporated in to the 2015 CMP update. The new comprehensive CIP/PIP is anticipated to be adopted in 2014.

### **Program Conformance and Monitoring**

Alameda CTC is responsible for ensuring local government conformance with the CMP and annually monitors the implementation of four elements: LOS standards on CMP network, travel demand management including implementation of the Required Program, land use analysis program, and capital improvement program. Alameda CTC ensures local agencies are in conformance with CMP requirements for these elements as well as with payment of membership dues.

To assist local jurisdictions, Alameda CTC provides LOS standards resources (Chapter 3, "Level of Service Standards"); travel demand management resources and countywide programs to facilitate implementation of the Required Program (Chapter 5, "Travel Demand Management Element"); and a database and

Countywide Travel Demand Model (Chapter 7, "Database and Travel Demand Model"). Alameda CTC has also developed a Land Use Analysis Program for implementation by local agencies. This program analyzes the impacts and determines mitigation costs of land use decisions on the regional transportation system (see Chapter 6, "Land Use Analysis Program"). Local jurisdictions remain responsible for approving, disallowing, or altering projects and land use decisions. The program must be able to determine land development impacts on the MTS and formulate appropriate mitigation measures commensurate with the magnitude of the expected impacts.

In addition, Alameda CTC is required to prepare and biennially update a CIP (see Chapter 8, "Capital Improvement Program") aimed at maintaining or improving transportation service levels. Each city, the county, transit operators, and Caltrans provide input to these biennial updates.

As part of Alameda CTC's annual monitoring, if it finds a local jurisdiction in non-conformance with the CMP, it will notify the local jurisdiction, which then has 90 days to remedy the area(s) of non-conformance. If the local jurisdiction fails to provide a remedy within the stipulated time, it may lose local, state, and/or federal funding (see Chapter 9, "Program Conformance and Monitoring" for more information).

### **Deficiency Plans**

CMP legislation requires preparation of deficiency plans when a CMP roadway segment does not meet the adopted level of service standard, which is LOS E for Alameda County CMP roadways. Local jurisdictions must develop a deficiency plan to achieve the adopted LOS standards at the deficient segment or intersection, or to improve the LOS and contribute to significant air-quality improvements. The two types of deficiency plans include Localized Deficiency Plans and Areawide Deficiency Plans, which address transportation impacts to more than one CMP roadway and include alternative modes in a large geographic area. To provide support to local jurisdictions in terms of

meeting any potential deficiency plan requirements, Alameda CTC updated the deficiency plan guidelines to include more details and procedures for developing Areawide Deficiency Plans (included as Appendix D) as part of the 2013 CMP update.

#### Responsibilities for Deficiency Plans

Local governments are responsible for preparing and adopting deficiency plans; however, they need to consult with Alameda CTC, BAAQMD, Caltrans, and local transit providers regarding the deficient roadway segment, and coordinate with more than one jurisdiction to develop multijurisdictional Deficiency Plans. Local public-interest groups and members of the private sector may also have an interest in developing deficiency plans.

During the process of developing a deficiency plan, a local agency needs to consider whether it is possible to make physical improvements to the deficient segment or if an areawide deficiency plan needs to be prepared. In developing the deficiency plan, the local agency must consider and describe both local and system alternatives. Local governments and Alameda CTC must consider the impact of the proposed deficiency plan on the CMP system. The local agency must also provide an action plan to implement the chosen alternative. The selection of either alternative is subject to approval by Alameda CTC, which must find the action plan in the interest of the public's health, safety, and welfare. In 2011, Alameda CTC has adopted a policy to consider providing funding priority to projects that would improve the performance of deficient segments. The procedure for assigning priority for those projects will be defined in the CIP/PIP, which is anticipated to be adopted in 2014.

### **Conclusions and Future Considerations**

The CMP has several interrelated elements intended to foster better coordination among decisions about land development, transportation, and air quality. Several conclusions can be reached about the CMP relative to the requirements of law and its purpose and intent

(Chapter 11, "Conclusions and Future Considerations"). Specifically, the CMP:

- Contributes to maintaining or improving multimodal transportation service levels;
- Conforms to MTC's criteria for consistency with Plan Bay Area;
- Provides a travel model with specifications and output consistent with MTC's regional model;
- Is consistent with BAAQMD's Clean Air Plan Transportation Control Measures;
- Specifies a method for estimating roadway LOS that is consistent with state law and expanding options to assess LOS for alternative modes:
- Identifies candidate projects for the STIP and federal Transportation Improvement Program;
- Has been developed in cooperation with the cities, the County of Alameda, transit operators, the BAAQMD, MTC, adjacent counties, Caltrans, and other interested parties;
- Provides a forward-looking approach to deal with the transportation impacts of local land use decisions: and
- Considers the benefit of greenhouse gas reductions in developing the CIP.

During the development and update of the 2013 CMP for Alameda County, several long-standing issues have been uncovered that will continue to need further action by the Alameda CTC.

- Lack of funding to support the CMP, including adequate capital resources and Alameda CTC/ local government funding;
- Limited ability of Alameda CTC to influence transportation investments when most transportation funding programs are beyond the purview of the CMP legislation;

- The need to identify the responsible agency for monitoring and maintenance of LOS on the state highway system; and
- Scope of the CMP network and lack of incentive to local jurisdictions to add new roadways.

The 2013 CMP update made recommendations as next steps in addressing issues related to addressing new and existing legislative requirements, monitoring standards and other efforts related to congestion management, and better integrating transportation and land use. The following highlights key areas identified for follow-up:

- Based on the California Environmental Quality Act reform efforts and recently enacted Senate Bill 743, in collaboration with the local jurisdictions and regional agencies, comprehensively evaluate and identify efforts and next steps for Alameda CTC to actively participate in the process of developing new standards of significance for transportation impacts and in supporting local jurisdictions in implementing the new standards.
- Continue efforts to improve land use and transportation connections in Alameda County including addressing issues related to parking standards and policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and implementing the Alameda County Priority Development Area Investment and Growth Strategy.
- Coordinate the outcome of the countywide modal plans to identify facilities to monitor and metrics to follow for monitoring performance of countywide alternative modes along with auto LOS monitoring.
- Perform a comprehensive review and alignment of performance measures from all Alameda CTC planning efforts for use in programming and transportation investment decisions.
- Develop a land use development database to track land development approvals from local

- jurisdictions for use in various planning efforts and to analyze how and whether the land development and transportation investments are coordinated.
- Develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan that includes a performance-based Capital Improvement Program/Program Investment Plan (CIP/PIP) to better inform the programming process.

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# Program Overview



California law requires urban areas to develop and biennially update a "congestion management program," or CMP—a plan that describes the strategies to assess and monitor the performance of the county's multimodal transportation system, address congestion and improve the performance of a multimodal system, and strengthen the integration of transportation and land use planning. As the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for Alameda County, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) prepares the CMP. Alameda CTC works cooperatively with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), transit agencies, local governments, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) to manage and update the CMP.

Alameda CTC, a Joint Powers Authority and countywide transportation agency, is a result of the July 2010 merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). For over two decades, ACTIA and ACCMA often collaborated to spearhead transportation programs and projects. The merger of ACCMA and ACTIA eliminated redundancies and created efficiencies. Since 2010, Alameda CTC has been the CMA for Alameda County.

### **Alameda County's Congestion** Management Agency

Alameda CTC performs congestion management activities, coordinates countywide transportation planning, and attracts federal, state, and local funding for project and program implementation (see Appendix A for full CMP legislation). The oversight and update of the CMP is one of Alameda CTC's key roles.

In addition, Alameda CTC continues to deliver the Expenditure Plan for Measure B, the half-cent sales tax approved by almost 82 percent of county voters in 2000 to fund a variety of highway, transit, local roadway projects, as wells as special transportation services for seniors and disabled individuals.

#### Mission

Alameda CTC's mission is to plan, fund, and deliver transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. This broad spectrum of projects and programs enhances mobility and improves air quality throughout Alameda County by:

 Providing streamlined methods to deliver transportation services;

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- Strengthening local jurisdictions' ability to compete for transportation funds;
- Giving Alameda County a stronger voice in state and regional transportation decisions;
- Coordinating planning and development across jurisdictional lines; and
- Generating and supporting legislation to coordinate local and regional policies on transportation investment.

#### **Key Responsibilities**

To help guide and improve Alameda County's transportation system, Alameda CTC's activities and key responsibilities can be viewed in three parts:

- Developing plans that guide transportation development and funding decisions, including the Congestion Management Program;
- Programming funds to agencies for transportation improvements; and
- Delivering the projects, programs, legislative actions, and policy efforts set forth in the planning and programming documents.

As the congestion management agency, Alameda CTC also has the following functions and responsibilities to:

- Coordinate transportation planning and funding programs within Alameda County and with contiguous counties;
- Coordinate countywide input to the:
  - California Clean Air Act and Transportation Control Measures of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD);
  - o MTC's Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP); and
  - o California Transportation Commission (CTC) State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP);

- Prepare, adopt, update, and administer federal funding programs for Alameda County including the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program;
- Levy and collect fees and charges, including administrative and operating costs; and
- Recommend projects for funding from the Alameda County share of the STIP, as specified in Senate Bill 45. The Commission also oversees project implementation to ensure that projects meet "timely use of funds" requirements and that no programmed funds are lost from Alameda County.

In addition, Alameda CTC acts as the program manager for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) in Alameda County. The TFCA program, which aims to reduce pollution by reducing the use of singleoccupant vehicles, is funded through a \$4 per-vehicle registration fee and is managed by the BAAQMD. The law requires BAAQMD to allocate 40 percent of the revenue to each county. Other functions could be added by amendments to the JPA or by actions of the state or federal government.

#### Governance

Under a Joint Powers Agreement, elected officials from throughout Alameda County—representing each city in the county, the County of Alameda, AC Transit, and BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) govern the Alameda CTC. The 22-member Commission considers the interests of local constituents and helps to include all areas of the county in guiding how the Alameda CTC plans, funds, and delivers projects and programs throughout Alameda County. The Commission's leadership from throughout the county ensures all residents are represented.

#### **Advisory Committees**

Alameda CTC relies on the guidance and direction of a number of advisory committees, including (see Appendix E for detail):

- Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC)
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC)
- Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO)

### **Alameda County Congestion Managment Program**

The Alameda County CMP is a short-range plan that includes a variety of congestion management strategies, programs, and projects that meet the legislative requirements and intend to further improve the countywide transportation system to better meet the needs of all users. It also supports the long-range Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) as an implementation tool and helps to move the programs and projects included in the CWTP closer to reality. The CWTP is supported by the Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plan as well as the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans.

#### Countywide Transportation Plan

Alameda CTC updated and adopted the Countywide Transportation Plan in June 2012. The plan is a long-range policy document that guides decisions and articulates the vision for the county's transportation system over a 28-year planning horizon. Through its funding allocation program, the CWTP seeks to ensure that transportation investments—over the 28-year planning period—are efficient and productive, and that maintenance and management of the system remain high priorities.

Specifically, the CWTP:

- Documents existing and future transportation conditions;
- Documents a vision for land use that houses the region's population across all income levels in accordance with the requirements of Senate Bill 375;

- Coordinates countywide input to MTC guidelines for county transportation plans pursuant to Government Code Section 66531;
- Coordinates countywide input to the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, known as Plan Bay Area;
- Addresses all modes of transportation from goods movement to bicycle and pedestrian priorities to transportation needs for seniors and people with disabilities:
- Provides a strategy to guide transportation improvements to address changes in the regulatory and financial environment;
- Lays the groundwork for an investment program tailored to the diverse needs of the county's residents, visitors and workers; and
- Identifies projects and programs for implementation over the next 28 or more years.

#### Transportation Expenditure Plan

The sales tax expenditure plan (currently Measure B) is a key source of funding for transportation projects and programs in Alameda County. Measure B was approved by the voters in 2000, and a previous measure was approved in 1986. Of the total collected funds under Measure B, 60 percent are dedicated to programs such as local streets and roads repair, bicycle and pedestrian safety, transit and paratransit operators, and 40 percent of collected funds are dedicated to capital projects including transit and highway improvements.

Concurrently with the CWTP update, Alameda CTC developed a new Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP), derived from the CWTP that would serve as a mechanism to fund a portion of select projects and programs identified in the CWTP. In 2012, Measure B1, a measure to increase the existing half-cent county transaction and use tax for transportation by an additional half cent, and maintain this tax in perpetuity, was sponsored by Alameda CTC and placed on the

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ballot by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Measure B1 would have continued a steady stream of local funding for important transportation projects and programs, specified in the 2012 Transportation Expenditure Plan, if passed by 66.67 percent of voters in Alameda County. The measure received 66.53 percent of voter support, not enough to surpass the state's two-thirds requirement for passage of voter-approved taxes.

In August 2013, Assembly Bill 210 was approved by the governor to amend Sections 7291 and 7292 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, which allows Contra Costa County and Alameda County to impose a transactions and use tax for the support of countywide transportation programs at a rate of no more than 0.5 percent. This will allow for a TEP to be placed on the ballot again before year-end of 2020.

Reauthorization of a TEP is being considered for the following reasons:

- The majority of current Measure B capital projects have either been built or are fully funded. To proactively prepare for future transportation needs, a new plan and source of funds are needed for capital projects. These take several years to plan, design, fully fund, and build.
- The economic downturn reduced funding for many programs supported by Measure B and despite the upswing in the economy, transportation demand continues to grow as the population increases.

Because the current TEP is funded through a transportation sales tax, it is a financially constrained document. The existing half-cent sales tax will continue to be collected until 2022.

#### Purpose of CMP

The primary purpose of the CMP is to set forth fundamental congestion management strategies for implementing the long-range CWTP. The CMP deals with day-to-day congestion problems including:

- Setting level of service standards for roadways;
- Identifying multimodal performance measures to evaluate the performance of the countywide transportation system;
- Exploring ways to manage travel demand and identify TDM strategies for trip reduction and air quality improvement;
- Analyzing the impacts of land development on regional transportation system and implementing the Alameda County Priority Development Area Investment and Growth Strategy;
- Developing and maintaining a travel demand model to provide a technical basis for analysis and assess impact of local land development on regional transportation system;
- Developing a 7-year Capital Improvement Program that helps improve and maintain the countywide multimodal transportation system;
- Monitoring conformance of required CMP elements implementation by local agencies; and
- Identifying development of deficiency plans and monitoring their implementation by local governments to improve performance of nonconforming transportation systems.

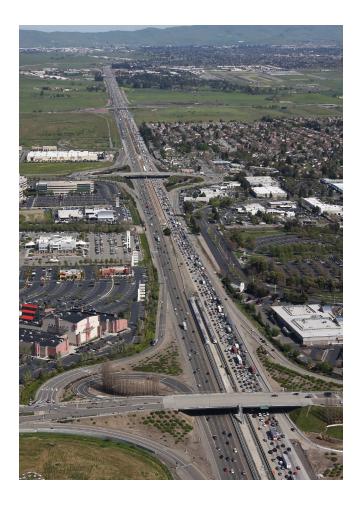
While the CMP is designed to meet the requirements of the law, to ultimately reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, and improve the ability of people and goods to move on the countywide multimodal transportation system, it also serves as an opportunity for strategic thinking to better integrate land use and transportation through collaboration with various local, regional, and state agencies, and develop transportation strategies and plan for land development that efficiently uses the transportation system, while ensuring it meets the mobility and access needs of residents and workers in Alameda County.

#### Organization

The CMP is organized into twelve chapters, with supporting appendices:

- Executive Summary
- Chapter 1, "Program Overview"
- Chapter 2, "Designated CMP Roadway Network"
- Chapter 3, "Level of Service Standards"
- Chapter 4, "Multimodal Performance Element"
- Chapter 5, "Travel Demand Management Element"
- Chapter 6, "Land Use Analysis Program"
- Chapter 7, "Database and Travel Demand Model"
- Chapter 8, "Capital Improvement Program"
- Chapter 9, "Program Conformance and Monitoring"
- Chapter 10, "Deficiency Plans"
- Chapter 11, "Conclusions and Future Considerations"

Alameda CTC updates the CMP biennually, and the next update will occur in 2015.



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The primary objective of designating a CMP roadway network is to monitor performance in relation to established level-of-service (LOS) standards. If adopted standards are not maintained on a specific roadway in the designated system, actions must be taken to address problems, or deficiency plans must be developed to improve the overall LOS of the system and improve air quality. To effectively manage congestion on Alameda County's transportation system, Alameda CTC has identified the components of Alameda County's CMP-designated roadway network, considered the core transportation network for the county.

California law requires that, at a minimum, the designated roadway system include all state highways and principal arterials. 1 Highways or roadways designated as part of the system cannot be removed from the system. The statutes also refer to the regional transportation systems as part of the required Land Use Analysis Program.<sup>2</sup> In the 1991 Alameda County CMP, the roadway system designated in the CMP

was presumed to be the highway/street component of the regional transportation system. This changed with the passage of the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). ISTEA required the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to develop a Metropolitan Transportation System (MTS)<sup>3</sup> that included both transit and highways. When the MTS was developed in 1991, it included roadways recognized as "regionally significant" and included all interstate highways, state routes, and portions of the major street and road system operated and maintained by the local jurisdictions.

MTC contracted with the congestion management agencies (CMAs) in the Bay Area to help develop the MTS and to use the CMPs to link land-use decisions to the MTS. The 1993 Alameda County CMP made a distinction between the CMP network and the MTS:

- The CMP network is used to monitor conformance with the level of service (LOS) standards; and
- The MTS<sup>3</sup> is used for the Land Use Analysis Program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> California Government Code Section 65089(b)(1)(A).

California Government Code Section 65089(b)(4).

In 2005, MTC updated the MTS to include Rural Major Collector streets and higher based on the Federal Functional Classification System. The updated MTS is used by MTC for the purposes of funding and programming as well as in estimating roadway maintenance needs. The updated MTS was reviewed by the Commission during the 2009 CMP Update to determine its usefulness and applicability to the Land Use Analysis Program. Based on this input and discussions with MTC, it was determined that the updated MTS was not appropriate for the Land Use Analysis Program because it was too detailed for planning purposes and the previous version of the MTS would continue to be used.

### Relationship to Regional **Transportation Plan**

Given the statutory requirement that MTC must find the CMP consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the designated CMP network has become a subset of the MTS. This helps to ensure regional consistency among the various CMP-designated systems, particularly for facilities that cross county borders. Alameda CTC's long-range Countywide Transportation Plan is the primary vehicle for coordination with the MTS. Continued coordination will be necessary to ensure consistency between Alameda County's CMP network and the MTS.

### Designated CMP System

The Alameda County CMP roadway network was initially adopted in 1991 by the local CMA, based on CMP legislation. Since the adoption of the CMP network, land use and transportation patterns across the county have changed significantly; however, until 2011, the CMP network had very limited expansion with only the addition of Hegenberger Road between I-880 and Doolittle Drive near Oakland Airport in 2007.

Recognizing the need to expand the CMP network to reflect land use changes, the Alameda CTC Commission discussed various options in 2011 and adopted an expanded two-tier CMP network. The first tier (Tier 1) is the original adopted CMP network, and the second tier (Tier 2) consists of principal and major local arterials of countywide significance. This second tier network forms a supplemental network that Alameda CTC monitors for informational purposes only and is not used in the conformity findings process.

The characteristics of the CMP-designated network are as follows:

#### Tier 1

- When established in 1991, it carried 72 percent of the countywide vehicle miles traveled (VMT); and
- It contains 232 miles of roadways, of which 134 miles



• (58 percent) are interstate freeways, 71 miles (31 percent) are state highwys, and 27 miles (11 percent) are city/county arterials.

#### Tier 2

- All of the roadways are city/county arterials and of local or countywide significance, and
- It contains 90 miles of roadways.

### Criteria for Identifying the **CMP Network**

The roadway system must be detailed enough to identify significant impacts, yet be manageable for administration. The advantage of designating a relatively detailed CMP roadway system is that it may be easier to establish a link between proposed development projects and their impact on the CMP network. However, too large a CMP network could become difficult and expensive to monitor. The following criteria attempt to strike this balance. Alameda CTC will periodically review the effectiveness of these criteria and the CMP network to determine if changes are warranted.

#### Tier 1 network criteria

The statutes require designation of all state highways and principal arterials as part of the CMP network but do not provide guidance for determining the principal arterials to include. After evaluating several possible methods, an approach was adopted in 1991 for the CMP that provided for the systematic selection of principal arterials to include in the CMP network. The selected approach, which met MTC's expectations

for a "reasonable" CMP network designation method, relies on a concept central to the CMP legislation identifying a system that carries a majority of the vehicle trips countywide.

Using the countywide travel model, an average daily traffic volume was identified that would produce a system of roadways carrying at least 70 percent of the vehicle miles traveled countywide. This approach yielded an average daily traffic of roughly 30,000 vehicles per day as a minimum threshold. Additional criteria were included to refine the definition as described below.

#### All state highways:

- Must have a minium threshold of 30,000 vehicles per day.
- Will be evaluated according to the principal arterial criteria, if a route is relocated or removed from the State Highway System, to determine whether it should remain in the CMP network.

Principal arterials must meet all four criteria:

- Must carry 30,000 vehicles per day (average daily traffic) for at least one mile;
- Must be a roadway with four or more lanes;
- Must be a major cross-town connector, traversing from one side of town to the opposite side; and
- Must connect at both ends to another CMP route, unless the route terminates at a major activity center.

#### Tier 2 network criteria

In 2011, the Commission added 90 miles of roadways (arterials and major collectors) to the CMP network as Tier 2 roadways based on a set of qualitative criteria as follows.

Roadways must meet at least two of the following three criteria to be added to the Tier 2 network. Roadways must be:

• Major thoroughfares, not on the existing CMP network, whose primary function is to link districts

- within an Alameda County jurisdiction and to distribute traffic from and to the freeways;
- Routes of jurisdiction-wide significance not on the existing CMP network; and
- Streets that experience significant conflicts between auto traffic and transit/other modes.

#### Criteria Review

In the 1991 Alameda County CMP, the Countywide Travel Demand Model (Model) was used to identify an average daily traffic volume that would produce a system of roadways carrying at least 70 percent of the vehicle miles traveled countywide. This approach yielded the criteria used for the Tier 1 network.

During the 2011 CMP update, applying the aforementioned qualitative criteria resulted in the Tier 2 network. The Commission recommended that the criteria for adding roadways to the CMP network periodically be reviewed. Accordingly, Alameda CTC will review the criteria for adding roadways to Tiers 1 and 2 during every other CMP update year. The next review will be in 2015.

No new CMP roadways were proposed by the local jurisdictions during this 2013 update. For the 2015 CMP Update, Alameda CTC will review and update the CMP roadway criteria including identifying ways to expand the CMP roadway network to include key rural roadways that facilitate agricultural operations and tourism and support Priority Conservation Area goals and objectives in Alameda County. Outcomes of the Countywide Multimodal Arterial Plan should also be considered in the update of the criteria and identification of roadways.

### **Adding Potential Roadways**

To identify potential roadways to add to the Tier 1 or Tier 2 networks, the jurisdictions review their roadway systems for roadways that may meet the Tier 1 and Tier 2 network criteria. This will be performed following the CMP update period when criteria for adding roadways are reviewed. There were no new roadways

proposed to be added in 2013. The next review for adding roadways to the CMP network will occur in 2015. At this time, addition of roadways to the CMP network is voluntary for the local jurisdictions, particularly for the Tier 1 network in view of the conformity requirements and related funding implications.

Regarding the Tier 1 network criteria, only the criteria for inclusion of principal arterials are applied for this purpose, as any changes or additions to the state highways or freeways are by default added to the Tier 1 network of the Designated Roadway System, as mandated by state law.

For potential roadways to be added to the Tier 1 network, each jurisdiction conducts 24-hour traffic counts from Tuesday through Thursday of a typical week. Traffic counts will be taken around the first week in April of the year when adding new roadways to the CMP network is reviewed. Based on the traffic counts, each jurisdiction must submit potential CMP-designated routes to the Alameda CTC by end of June.

For potential roadways to be added to the Tier 2 network, interested jurisdictions or transit operators could propose a roadway if it meets the Tier 2 criteria. While the collected traffic counts will be used as one of the criteria for identifying Tier 1 network roadways, it is used only as supplemental information for Tier 2 network roadways.

Alameda CTC staff performs a review of the proposed roadway additions to the CMP network with reference to the adopted criteria for both Tiers 1 and 2 and submits a recommendation to the Commission for final approval. In reviewing the proposed addition of new roadways that may meet the Tier 1 or Tier 2 criteria, the previously mentioned general approach to defining the CMP network is also considered (i.e., the roadway system must be detailed enough to identify significant impacts, yet be manageable for administration, as too large a network is difficult to manage and expensive to monitor).

### Changes to the CMP Network Since 1991

The following changes were made to the CMP network after its initial adoption in 1991.

Tier 1 network changes: In 2005 and 2007 the following network changes were made:

- In 2003, Caltrans realigned State Route 84 (SR 84) in Livermore from 1st Street to Isabel Avenue-Airway Boulevard. Consequently, the new alignment was added to the CMP network in 2005. The former SR 84 alignment along 1st Street in Livermore was evaluated to see whether it met the principal arterial criteria for retention on the CMP network. Based on the results of the analysis, the 2.2-mile segment between Inman Street and I-580 was retained on the CMP network.
- In 2007, the City of Oakland conducted 24-hour traffic counts on Hegenberger Road between I-880 and Doolittle Drive. The traffic counts collected and other characteristics of the roadway met all the principal arterial criteria for inclusion in the CMP network. Accordingly, a 1.7-mile segment of Hegenberger Road between I-880 and Doolittle Drive was added to the CMP network.

Addition of Tier 2 network: Based on the new criteria approved by the Commission in 2011 for the Tier 2 CMP network, 90 miles of roadways were added during the 2011 CMP update. Alameda CTC will monitor the Tier 2 network only for informational purposes and will not be subject to conformity requirements.

### CMP Network Update Schedule

To be in conformance with the CMP, local jurisdictions must submit a list of potential CMP-designated routes based on 24-hour counts by spring 2017. Table 1 shows the schedule for review and update of designated routes on the CMP network.

Table 1—Schedule for Updating CMP-Designated System

Task	Who	When
Re-evaluate Criteria for Adding Roadways	ACTAC/Commission	November/December 2014
Identify Potential Routes	Jurisdictions	January 2015
Review Routes	ACTAC	February 2015
Collect Traffic Data	Jurisdictions	March/April 2015
Review Data	ACTAC	May 2015
Select CMP Designated Routes	ACTAC/Commission	June 2015
Incorporate Routes in 2015 CMP	ACTAC/Commission	July 2015

Note: Criteria for adding roadways will be reviewed in one CMP update and the adopted criteria will be applied to identify potential routes in the subsequent CMP update.

### **CMP Network Tier 1 Roadways**

Table 2 lists the designated Tier 1 CMP network, including all state highways and principal arterials that satisfy the Tier 1 criteria.

During the 2011 CMP update, applying the aforementioned qualitative criteria resulted in the Tier 2 network. The Commission recommended that the criteria for adding roadways to the CMP network be reviewed periodically. Accordingly, Alameda CTC will review the criteria for adding roadways to Tiers 1 and 2 during every other CMP update year. The next review will be in 2015.

#### Table 2—CMP-Designated System, Tier 1 Roadway List

#### Table 2.1—Cities of Albany and Berkeley

Route	From	То	Criteria 45
SR-123 (San Pablo)	Contra Costa County line	Emeryville city limit	State Route
University Avenue	I-80	Milvia Street	Satisfies criteria
University Avenue	Milvia Street	Shattuck Avenue	Connectivity <sup>6</sup>
Shattuck Avenue	University Avenue	Haste Street	Connectivity
Shattuck Avenue	Haste Street	Derby Street	Satisfies criteria
Adeline Street	Derby Street	MLK Jr. Way	Satisfies criteria
MLK Jr. Way	Adeline Street	Oakland city limit	Satisfies criteria
SR-13 (Ashby Avenue)	I-80	Tunnel Road	State Route
SR-13 (Tunnel Road)	Ashby Avenue	Oakland city limit	State Route
I-80/I-580	University Avenue	Central	State Route

Principal arterial criteria: a) must carry 30,000 average daily traffic for at least one mile; b) must be a 4- or more lane roadway; c) must be a major cross town arterial, traversing from one side of town to the opposite side; and d) must connect to another CMP route or major activity center.

State highways and interstate freeways are included in their entirety within each jurisdiction and include all mileage within Alameda County.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Connectivity" indicates that the segment has been included in the designated system to provide continuity and avoid stub ends.

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#### Table 2.2—City of Alameda

Route	From	То	Criteria
SR-61 (Doolittle Drive)	Oakland city limit	Fernside Boulevard	State Route
SR-61 (Otis Drive)	Fernside Boulevard	SR-61 (Broadway)	State Route
SR-61 (Broadway)	Otis Drive	SR-61 (Encinal Avenue)	State Route
SR-61 (Encinal Avenue)	SR-61 (Broadway)	Sherman Street	State Route
SR-61 (Central Avenue)	Sherman Street	SR-260 (Webster Street)	State Route
SR-260 (Webster Street)	SR-61 (Central Avenue)	Posey/Webster tubes	State Route
SR-260 (Posey/Webster tubes)	SR-260 (Webster Street)	Oakland city limit	State Route
Atlantic Avenue	SR-260 (Webster Street)	Poggi Street	Satisfies criteria
Atlantic Avenue	Poggi Street	Main Street	Connectivity
Park Street	Oakland city limit	Central Avenue	Satisfies criteria
Park Street	Central Avenue	SR-61 (Encinal Avenue)	Connectivity

### Table 2.3—City of Hayward

Route	From	То	Criteria
SR-185 (Mission Boulevard)	Ashland (unincorporated)	SR-92 (Jackson Street)	State Route
SR-92 (Jackson Street)	I-880	SR-185 (Mission Boulevard)	State Route
SR-238 (Foothill Boulevard)	Ashland (unincorporated)	SR-185 (Mission Boulevard)	State Route
SR-238 (Mission Boulevard)	SR-92 (Jackson Street)	Union City city limit	State Route
A Street	I-880	SR-238 (Foothill Boulevard)	Satisfies criteria
Hesperian Boulevard	San Lorenzo (unincorporated)	Tennyson Road	Satisfies criteria
Tennyson Road	Hesperian Boulevard	SR-238 (Mission Boulevard)	Satisfies criteria
SR-92	San Mateo County line	I-880	State Route
I-880 <sup>7</sup>	A Street	Alvarado-Niles	State Route

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> A portion of this route to the Hayward border includes the city of Union City.

Table 2.4—Cities of Emeryville, Oakland and Piedmont

Route	From	То	Criteria
MLK Jr. Way	Berkeley city limit	SR-24	Satisfies criteria
SR-123 (San Pablo)	Berkeley city limit	35th Street	State Route
SR-13 (Tunnel Road)	Berkeley city limit	SR-24	State Route
SR-260 (Posey/Webster tubes)	Alameda city limit	I-880	Satisfies criteria
23rd/29th Avenue	Alameda city limit	I-880	Satisfies criteria
SR-77 (42nd Avenue)	I-880	SR-185 (E. 14th Street)	State Route
SR-185 (E. 14th Street)	SR-77 (42nd Avenue)	San Leandro city limit	State Route
Hegenberger Road	I-880	Doolittle Drive	Satisfies criteria <sup>8</sup>
Hegenberger Road	I-880	Hawley Street	Connectivity
Hegenberger Road	Hawley Street	SR-185 (E. 14th Street)	Satisfies criteria
SR-61 (Doolittle Drive)	Alameda city limit	San Leandro city limit	State Route
SR-13	SR-24	I-580	State Route
SR-24	I-980	Contra Costa County line	State Route
I-80 <sup>9</sup>	SF County Line	University Avenue	State Route
I-580	I-80	MacArthur Boulevard	State Route
I-880	I-980	Hegenberger Road	State Route
I-980	I-880	SR-24	State Route

# Table 2.5—City of San Leandro

Route	From	То	Criteria
SR-61 (Doolittle Drive)	Oakland city limit	SR-61/112 (Davis Street)	State Route
SR-61/112 (Davis Street)	SR-61 (Doolittle Drive)	SR-185 (E. 14th Street)	State Route
SR-61 (Broadway)	Otis Drive	SR-61 (Encinal Avenue)	State Route
SR-185 (E. 14th Street)	Oakland city limit	Ashland (unincorporated)	State Route
150th Avenue	Hesperian Boulevard	I-580	Satisfies criteria
Hesperian Boulevard	SR-185 (E. 14th Street)	San Lorenzo (unincorporated)	Satisfies criteria
I-880 <sup>10</sup>	Hegenberger Avenue	I-238	State Route
I-580 <sup>11</sup>	MacArthur Boulevard	I-238	State Route

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 8}$   $\,$  Found to meet principal arterial criteria in 2007.

A portion of this route to the Emeryville border includes the City of Berkeley.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> A portion of this route to the San Leandro border includes the City of Oakland.

A portion of this route to the San Leandro border includes the cities of Hayward and Oakland.

Table 2.6—San Lorenzo, Castro Valley and Ashland (unincorporated areas)

Route	From	То	Criteria
SR-185 (Mission Boulevard)	San Leandro city limit	Hayward city limit	State Route
Hesperian Boulevard	San Leandro city limit	Hayward city limit	Satisfies criteria
SR-238 (Foothill Boulevard)	I-238	Hayward city limit	State Route
I-880 <sup>12</sup>	I-238	A Street	State Route
I-238 <sup>13</sup>	I-880	I-580	State Route
I-580 <sup>14</sup>	I-238	I-680	State Route

Table 2.7—Cities of Union City, Fremont and Newark

Route	From	То	Criteria
SR-238 (Mission Boulevard)	Hayward city limit	I-680	State Route
Decoto Road	I-880	SR-238 (Mission Boulevard)	Satisfies criteria
Mowry Avenue	I-880	SR-84 (Peralta Boulevard)	Satisfies criteria
SR-262 (Mission Boulevard)	I-880	I-680	State Route
SR-84 (Thornton Avenue)	I-880	Fremont Boulevard	State Route
SR-84 (Fremont Boulevard)	SR-84 (Thornton Avenue)	SR-84 (Peralta Boulevard)	State Route
SR-84 (Peralta Boulevard)	SR-84 (Fremont Boulevard)	SR-84 (Mowry Avenue)	State Route
SR-84 (Mowry Avenue)	SR-84 (Peralta Boulevard)	SR-238 (Mission Boulevard)	State Route
SR-84 (Niles Canyon)	SR-238 (Mission Boulevard)	I-680	State Route
SR-84	San Mateo County line	I-880	State Route
I-880	Alvarado-Niles	Dixon Landing	State Route
I-680	Scott Creek	SR-238	State Route

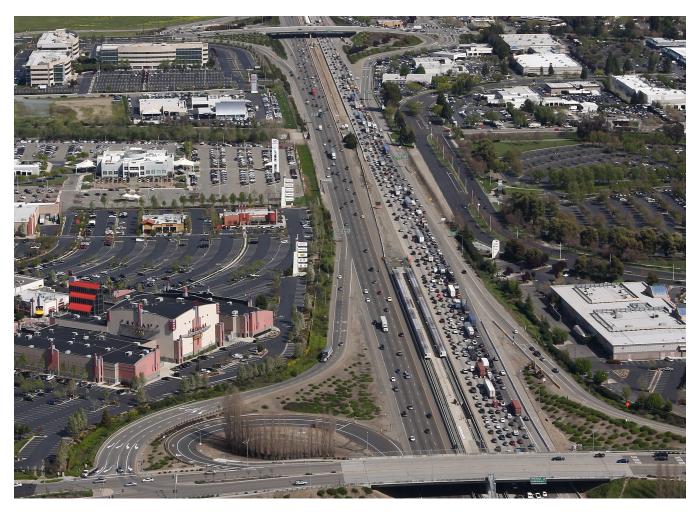
 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 12}\,$  A portion of this route in the county includes the City of Hayward.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 13}\,$  A portion of this route in the county includes the City of San Leandro.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> A portion of this route in the county includes the City of Pleasanton.

Table 2.8—Cities of Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and unincorporated areas

Route	From	То	Criteria
SR-84 (Vallecitos) <sup>15</sup>	I-680	SR-84 (Isabel Avenue)	State Route
SR-84 (Isabel Avenue) <sup>16</sup>	SR-84 (Vallecitos Road)	SR-84 (Kitty Hawk Road)	State Route
SR-84 (Kitty Hawk Road) <sup>17</sup>	SR-84 (Isabel Avenue)	SR-84 (Airway Boulevard)	State Route
SR-84 (Airway Boulevard) <sup>18</sup>	SR-84 (Kitty Hawk Road)	I-580	State Route
1st Street	Inman Street	I-580	Satisfies criteria
I-580	I-680	I-205	State Route
I-680	SR-238	Alcosta Boulevard	State Route



New alignment of SR-84 by Caltrans in 2003.
 A portion of old SR-84 alignment found to meet the principal arterial criteria.
 A portion of old SR-84 alignment found to meet the principal arterial criteria.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> A portion of old SR-84 alignment found to meet the principal arterial criteria.

# **CMP Network Tier 2 Roadways**

Table 3 lists the designated Tier 2 roadways identified using the adopted qualitative criteria.

## Table 3—CMP-Designated System, Tier 2 Roadway List

Table 3.1—Cities of Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville and Oakland

Route	From	То	Jurisdiction	Criteria <sup>20</sup>	Distance (miles)
W. Grand Avenue to Grand Avenue	I-80	I-580	Oakland	1,2	3.1
12th Street-Lakeshore Avenue	I-980	I-580	Oakland	1,2,3	2.4
Telegraph Avenue <sup>21</sup>	51st Street	Bancroft Way	Oakland, Berkeley	2,3	2.2
Broadway	I-880	College Avenue	Oakland	2,3	3.1
College Avenue	Broadway	Bancroft Way	Oakland, Berkeley	1,2,3	2.4
51st Street	Broadway	SR 24	Oakland	1,2	0.8
Shattuck Avenue	Adeline Street	51st Street	Oakland, Berkeley	1,2,3	1.5
Bancroft Way	College Avenue	Shattuck	Berkeley	2,3	0.7
Powell Street-Stanford Avenue	I-80	MLK Jr. Way/ Adeline Street	Emeryville, Berkeley	1,2	2.2
40th Street-Shellmound Avenue	San Pablo Avenue	Powell Street	Emeryville	1,2,3	1.5
International Boulevard	1st Avenue	42nd Avenue	Oakland	1,2,3	2.9
Foothill Boulevard	1st Avenue	73rd Avenue	Oakland	2,3	5.3
E. 15th Street	1st Avenue	14th Avenue	Oakland	2,3	1.0
73rd Avenue	International Boulevard	Foothill Boulevard	Oakland	1,2	1.1
High Street	Otis Drive	I-580	Alameda, Oakland	1,2	3.5

<sup>1.</sup> Major thoroughfares, not on the existing CMP network, with the primary function to link districts within an Alameda County jurisdiction and to distribute traffic from and to the freeways.

<sup>2.</sup> Routes of countywide significance that are not on the existing CMP network.

<sup>3.</sup> Streets that experience significant conflicts between auto traffic, transit service, and bicyclists and pedestrians.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Denotes that roadway traverses more than one jurisdiction.

Table 3.2—Alameda County and Cities of Hayward and Union City

Route	From	То	Jurisdiction	Criteria <sup>21</sup>	Distance (miles)
Crow Canyon Road	I-580	County Line	Alameda County	1,2	7.0
Winton Avenue-D Street	Hesperian Boulevard	Foothill Boulevard	Hayward	1,2	2.2
A Street	Foothill Boulevard	I-580	Hayward, Alameda County	1,2	1.2
Grove Way	A Street/ Redwood Road	I-580	Hayward, Alameda County	1,2	1.0
Hesperian Boulevard- Union City Boulevard <sup>22</sup>	Tennyson Road	Alvarado Boulevard	Hayward, Union City	1,2	2.9

## Table 3.3—Cities of Fremont and Union City

Route	From	То	Jurisdiction	Criteria <sup>21</sup>	Distance (miles)
Alvarado Boulevard	Union City Blvd.	I-880	Union City	1,2	2.2
Fremont Boulevard	I-880 @ Alvarado Boulevard/ Fremont Boulevard	I-880 interchange south of Automall Parkway	Fremont	1,2	8.8
Automall Parkway	I-880	I-680	Fremont	1,2	1.6



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Criteria applied:

<sup>1.</sup> Major thoroughfares, not on the existing CMP network, with the primary function to link districts within an Alameda County jurisdiction and to distribute

traffic from and to the freeways.

2. Routes of countywide significance that are not on the existing CMP network.

<sup>3.</sup> Streets that experience significant conflicts between auto traffic, transit service, and bicyclists and pedestrians.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Denotes that roadway traverses more than one jurisdiction.

Table 3.4—Alameda County and Cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton

Route	From	То	Jurisdiction	Criteria <sup>21</sup>	Distance (miles)
Vasco Road	I-580	County Line	Livermore	1,2	5.7
Dublin Boulevard	San Ramon Road	Tassajara	Dublin	1,2	3.6
San Ramon Road	I-580	County Line	Dublin	1,2	1.7
Dougherty Road	I-580	County Line	Dublin	1,2	1.9
Tassajara Road	I-580	County Line	Dublin	1,2	2.8
E. Stanley Boulevard- Railroad Avenue-1st Street	Isabel Avenue	Inman Street (connecting I-580)	Livermore	1,2,3	4.2
Stoneridge Drive	I-680	Santa Rita Road	Pleasanton	1,2	2.5
Santa Rita Road	Stoneridge Drive	I-580	Pleasanton	1,2	1.2
Sunol Boulevard- 1st Street-Stanley Boulevard	I-680	Isabel Avenue	Alameda County, Pleasanton	1,2	5.6

# **CMP** and MTS Roadway **Networks and MTS Transit Corridors**

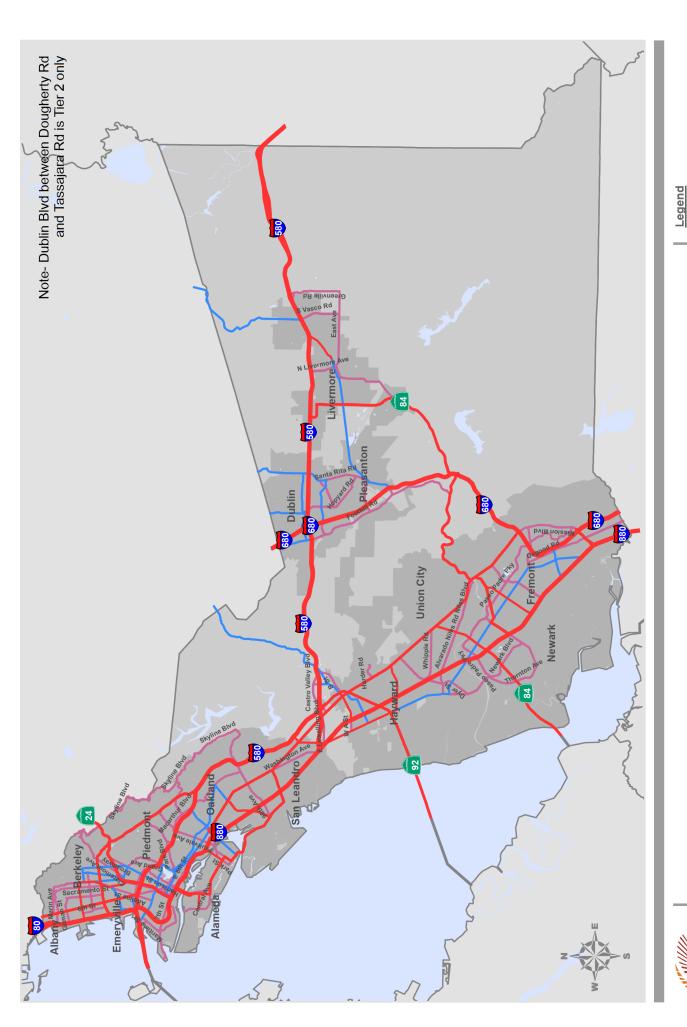
The entire CMP-designated system (Tiers 1 and 2) is illustrated in Figure 1, and detailed maps for each area within the county are shown in Figures 2 through 5. The Metropolitan Transportation System designated by MTC appears in Figure 1 through Figure 5. The MTS transit corridors appear in Figure 6 and Figure 7. The system includes the entire CMP-designated roadway network together with major arterials, transit routes, rail, maritime ports, airports, and transfer hubs critical to the region's movement of people and freight.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Criteria applied:

<sup>1.</sup> Major thoroughfares, not on the existing CMP network, with the primary function to link districts within an Alameda County jurisdiction and to distribute traffic from and to the freeways.

<sup>2.</sup> Routes of countywide significance that are not on the existing CMP network.

<sup>3.</sup> Streets that experience significant conflicts between auto traffic, transit service, and bicyclists and pedestrians.







Interstate/Freeway (CMP - Tier 1 & MTS)
State Highway (CMP - Tier 1 & MTS)
Principal Arterial (CMP - Tier 1 & MTS)
Principal Arterial (CMP - Tier 2 & MTS)

MTS Routes

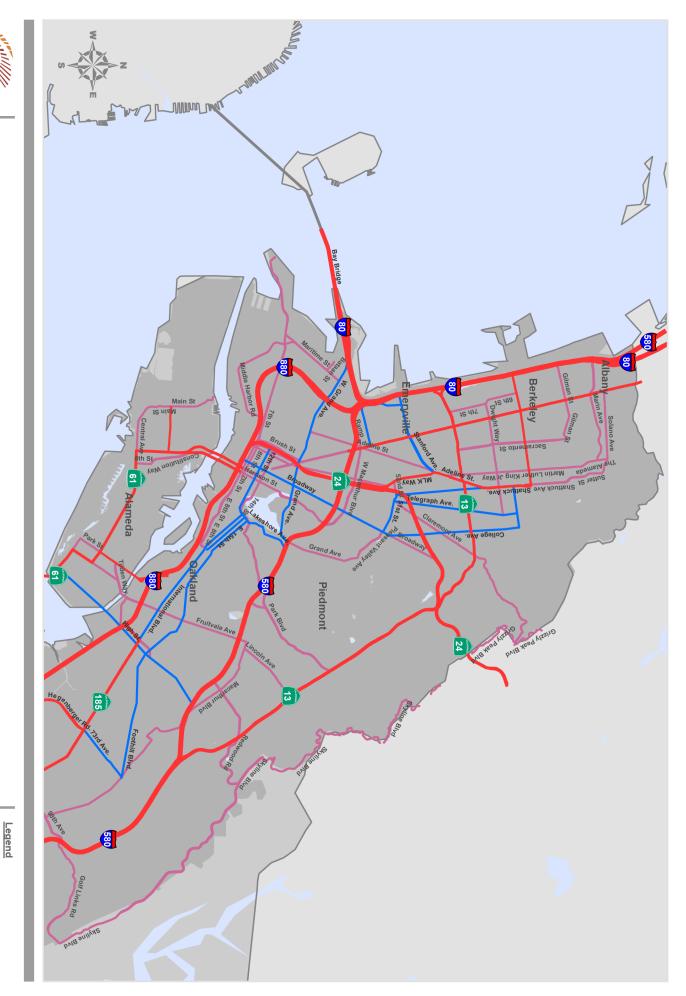




Figure 2: Designated System Map
Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville,
Oakland, and Piedmont

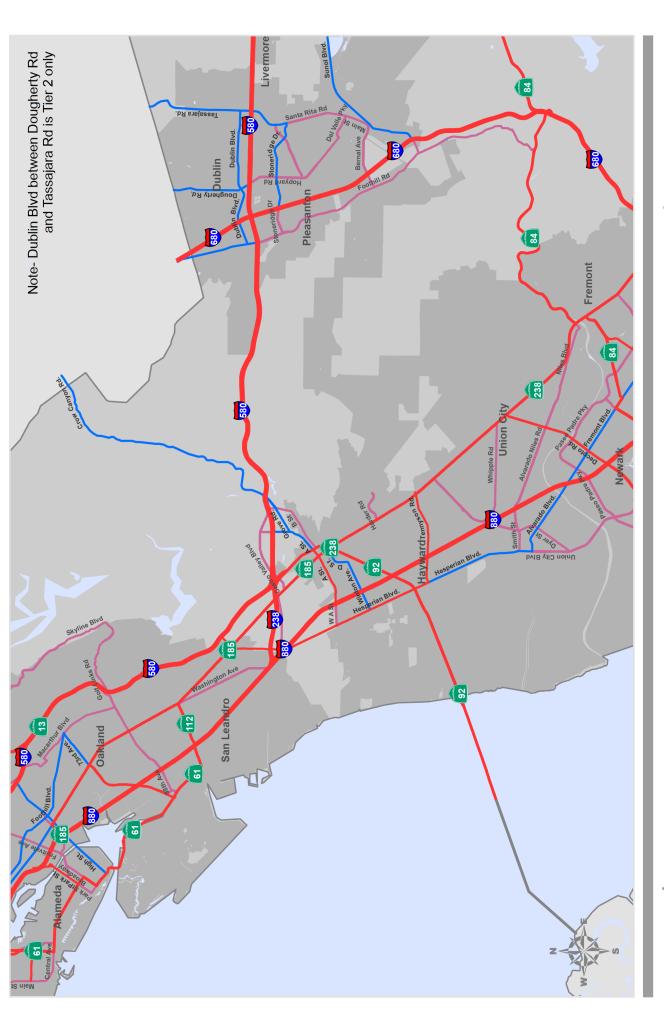
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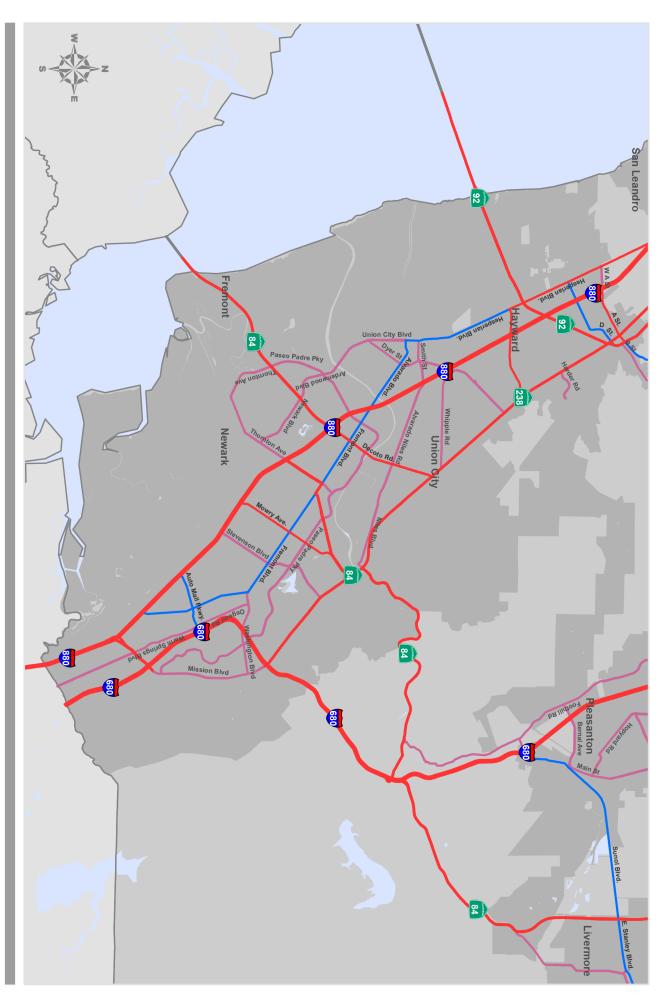




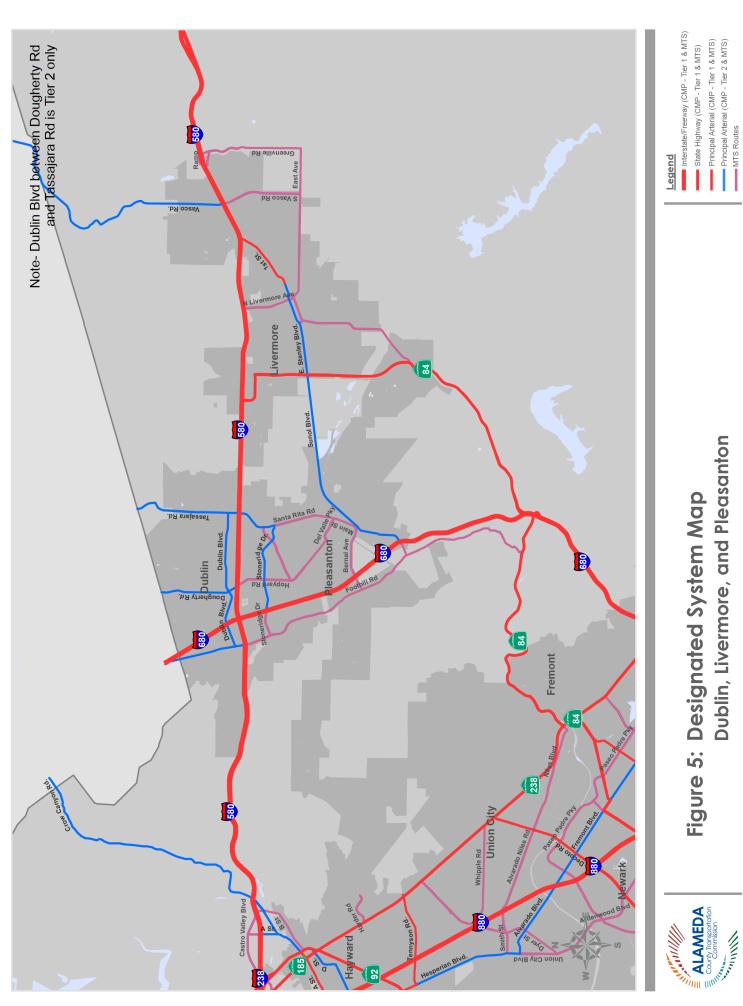
Figure 4: Designated System Map Fremont, Newark, and Union City

Legend

Interstate/Freeway (CMP - Tier 1 & MTS) State Highway (CMP - Tier 1 & MTS)

Principal Arterial (CMP - Tier 1 & MTS)

Principal Arterial (CMP - Tier 2 & MTS)MTS Routes





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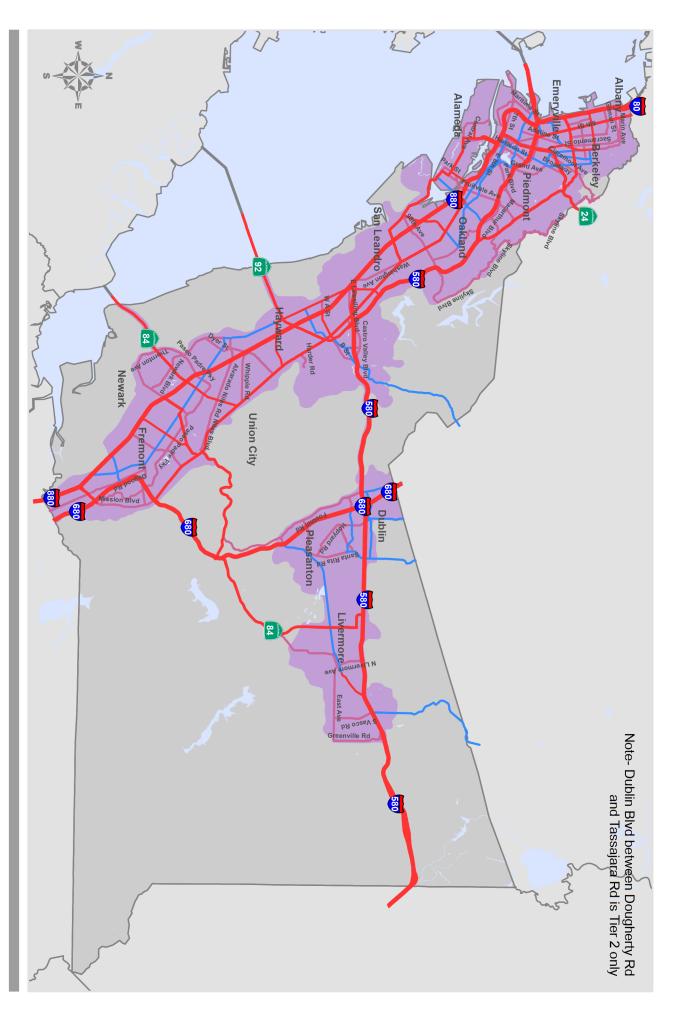
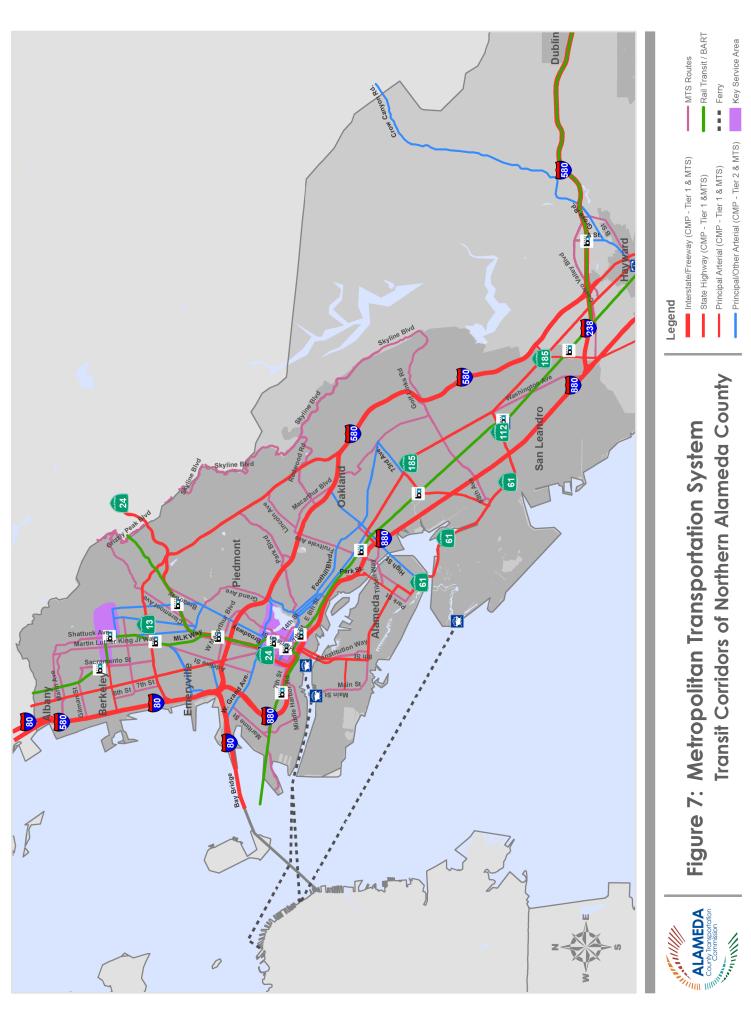




Figure 6: Metropolitan Transportation System
Transit Corridors of Alameda County





# Transit Corridors of Northern Alameda County Figure 7: Metropolitan Transportation System

Interstate/Freeway (CMP - Tier 1 & MTS) - Principal Arterial (CMP - Tier 1 & MTS) State Highway (CMP - Tier 1 &MTS) Legend

- MTS Routes - Ferry

Key Service Area

- Principal/Other Arterial (CMP - Tier 2 & MTS)

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The following operators provide transit services in Alameda County:

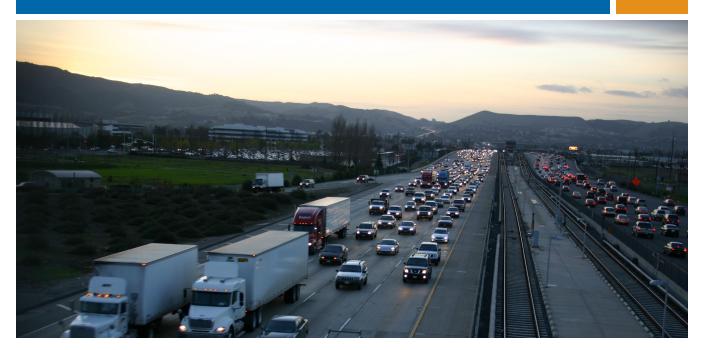
- Altamont Corridor Express Commuter Rail
- AC Transit
- Alameda-Oakland Ferry Service
- Bay Area Rapid Transit
- Capitol Corridor
- Harbor Bay Ferry Service
- Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority
- Union City Transit

# **Next Steps**

The 2013 CMP update identified the following next steps for the update of the Designated CMP Network System:

• Review and update the CMP roadway criteria in the 2015 CMP Update, including identifying ways to expand the CMP roadway network to include key rural roadways that facilitate agricultural operations and tourism and support Priority Conservation Area goals and objectives in Alameda County. Outcomes of the Countywide Multimodal Arterial Plan should also be considered in the update of the criteria and identification of roadways.





State law requires that level of service (LOS) standards be established to monitor the CMP roadway network's LOS as part of the CMP process.<sup>23</sup> The legislation leaves the choice of LOS measurement methodology to the CMAs, but mandates that the LOS be measured by the most recent version of the Transportation Research Board's Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) or a uniform methodology adopted by the CMA, in our case Alameda CTC, that is consistent with the HCM.

LOS definitions generally describe traffic conditions in terms of speed and travel time, volume and capacity, freedom to maneuver, traffic interruptions, comfort and convenience, and safety. LOS is represented by letter designations, ranging from A to F, with LOS A representing the best operating conditions and LOS F representing the worst (see Appendix F for graphic representation of LOS).

The purpose of setting LOS standards for the CMP network is to provide a quantitative tool to analyze the effects of land use changes on the transportation network's performance (i.e., congestion). If the actual network performance falls below the standard (i.e., congestion worsens below LOS E), actions must be taken to improve the LOS.

Alameda CTC contracts with a consultant to perform the necessary LOS monitoring for the CMP network. Initially, the CMP network was monitored annually,

<sup>23</sup> California Government Code Section 65089(b)(1)(A).

but in 1998 a policy was adopted to perform the LOS monitoring every two years, which has proven to be the most cost-effective approach. The next monitoring study will be performed in spring 2014.

Additionally, to provide a basis for more definitive strategies for maintaining LOS standards in subareas of Alameda County, Alameda CTC has completed the following corridor studies on high-priority corridors, such as:

- Central County Freeway Study (SR 238 Local Area Transportation Improvement Program)
- I-580 Corridor BART to Livermore
- I-680 Value Pricing
- I-880 Strategic Plan
- North I-880 Safety and Operations Study
- San Pablo and I-880 SMART Corridor Programs
- SR 84 Local Area Transportation Improvement Program
- Tri-Valley Triangle Study

To comprehensively identify and address the multimodal transportation needs of the county as a whole, Alameda CTC is undertaking development of comprehensive countywide modal plans, specifically development is underway for a Countywide Goods Movement Plan, a Countywide Multimodal Arterial Corridor Plan, a Countywide Transit Plan, and updates to Community Based Transportation Plans.

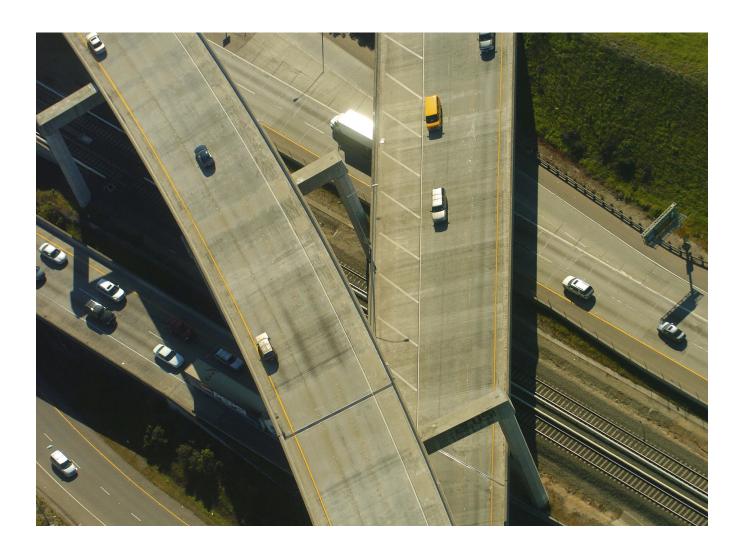
# Standards and Approach for LOS Monitoring

LOS is an indication of traffic growth trends using vehicular volumes, capacity, and measurement of average speed and delay. The goal is to develop a consistent approach for monitoring LOS that is easy

to use, non-duplicative, and compatible with local government data and travel-demand models. Table 4, which follows, describes the approach for monitoring LOS in Alameda County and defines the facility classifications.

Range for LOS F for Freeway Sections:

- F30 Average Travel Speed < 30 mph
- F20 Average Travel Speed < 20 mph
- F10 Average Travel Speed < 10 mph



# Table 4—Approach to LOS Monitoring

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Element	Approach
Level of Service	As defined in the California Government Code Section 65089.3, the LOS standard is E, except where F was the LOS when originally measured, in which case the standard is F. The methods employed constitute a uniform methodology adopted that is consistent with the HCM1985 that includes speed-based LOS methodology. Methods described in HCM Chapter 8 (Two-Lane Highways) and Chapter 11 (Urban and Suburban Arterials) were the basis for establishing the level of service on the CMP network. LOS is assessed based on the average speed observed along a roadway segment (link speeds) or total volumes approaching an intersection (link volumes). These methods are not designed to replace the more detailed procedures that local agencies are likely to use for non-CMP purposes (such as local impact studies). Such procedures typically focus on an intersection's ability to handle individual turning movements rather than average speed on a roadway segment.
Facility Classifications	The HCM provides methods for determining LOS on several types of facilities. These facilities are grouped into "interrupted-flow" and "uninterrupted-flow" facilities. Interrupted-flow facilities include city streets and surface highways (for example, State Route 123/San Pablo Avenue) that are part of the state highway system. Freeways are uninterrupted-flow facilities. For the purposes of LOS monitoring, the CMP network can be classified into three functional types of facilities: 1) freeways; 2) two-lane roadways; and 3) urban/suburban arterials.
1) Freeways	Freeways are uninterrupted-flow facilities, since traffic never stops (except during the most congested periods or when incidents occur). The 1991 CMP, in coordination with local jurisdictions, defined appropriate segments and performed the necessary "floating car" runs on the freeways to obtain travel speed data (refer to "Data Collection and Requirements" in this chapter for information on this data collection method). This allowed the establishment of a baseline LOS for the roadway network, including identification of segments operating at LOS F.
2) Two-Lane Roadways	Two-lane roadways are uninterrupted-flow facilities. The criteria for including principal arterials in the CMP network specify a minimum of four lanes; therefore, two-lane roadways are not included as principal arterials. However, since all state highways must be in the system, two-lane state highways located in the county are also included. These two-lane roads constitute a fairly small portion of the CMP network mileage. For two-lane roads without interruptions (signals or stop signs), the methodology in HCM Chapter 8 is used, based on average travel speed.
3) Urban and Suburban Arterials	Urban and suburban arterials are multilane streets that have traffic signals spaced no more than two miles apart on average. Urban and suburban arterials are characterized by platoon flows. Operational quality is controlled primarily by the efficiency of signal coordination and is affected by how individual signalized intersections operate along the arterial. LOS is primarily a function of travel speed along segments and is calculated from field data. Because the CMP legislation emphasizes systems-level planning, HCM Chapter 11 is used to estimate arterial LOS. Advantages include the need for relatively little input data, simple applied calculations, and the results of explicitly determined LOS (A, B, C, etc.).
Monitoring	Alameda CTC will conduct LOS monitoring. The state statute <sup>24</sup> requires Caltrans to monitor LOS on the freeway network, unless Alameda CTC designates that responsibility to another entity. Monitoring will be conducted biennially, recognizing that other surveys could be done for development impact studies (e.g., intersection turning movement counts). The data collection method is the floating car technique of recording travel times between checkpoints based on actual travel time during the peak period. Data from several runs in all non-high-occupancy vehicle lanes are averaged for each roadway segment. Alameda CTC is currently exploring the feasibility of using commercially available traffic data for CMP purposes.
Interregional Trips	As defined by the statute, "interregional travel means any trip that originates from outside" Alameda County.  A trip means a one-direction vehicle movement. The origin of any trip is the starting point of that trip. In accordance with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) guidelines, trips with no trip end in Alameda County (through trips) are not subtracted for monitoring reports.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> California Government Code Section 65089.3.

# Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) and LOS Standards

The Congestion Management Program legislation requires that the LOS monitoring on CMP roadways be measured by the most recent version of the HCM or by a uniform methodology adopted by the CMA consistent with the HCM. For LOS Monitoring and Deficiency Plan purposes, Alameda CTC uses speed-based LOS methods included in the HCM1985 to determine LOS for the CMP roadways, as shown in Table 5, (adopted in 1991 and updated in 2004).

To transition to using the most recent HCM for the purposes of LOS monitoring and Land Use Analysis Programs of the CMP, efforts were made in 2005 to use HCM2000 and in 2013 to use HCM2000 or HCM2010. Based on comparitive analyses of the various HCMs, the following observations are made:

- Different methodologies would hinder conformity.
  For freeways, the differences between the
  HCM1985 and the HCM2000 and HCM2010
  methodologies were significant. Specifically, the
  basis for determining LOS has changed from
  speed-based LOS in HCM1985 to density-based LOS
  in HCM2000 and HCM2010. This eliminates the ability
  to track previous LOS trends, monitoring of existing
  deficiency plans, and consistency in determining
  deficiency; hence, this affects conformity.
- Classification changes would affect conformity. For arterials, the roadway classifications changed after the HCM1985. Classifications were added in the HCM2000, and later classifications were eliminated in the 2010HCM. Further, in the 2010HCM, free-flow speed, which is the basis for estimating LOS in all HCM versions, requires additional facility-specific data that is excessive for large-scale use such as LOS monitoring on the countywide CMP network.

Using the later HCM2000 and HCM2010 versions would result in applying density-based LOS methodology for freeways and changed classifications for arterials. This would not provide any benefits and would hinder conformity and the ability to compare past

performance trends. Based on this analysis for the Tier 1 network, which is subject to conformity, Alameda CTC will continue to use speed-based LOS methodology and arterial classifications in the HCM1985 to monitor freeways and arterials. For the Tier 2 network, which has been only monitored for informational purposes since 2012 and therefore has no previous performance data available to compare, LOS will be reported using both HCM1985 and HCM2000 methodologies. The future use of the appropriate HCM for Tier 2 purposes will be re-evaluated in the 2015 CMP update.

As part of the 2013 CMP update, Alameda CTC identified LOS standards to monitor alternative modes in a comparable way to auto performance. Since the HCM2010 also included LOS standards for monitoring alternative modes, such as Multi Modal Level of Service (MMLOS), Alameda CTC evaluated MMLOS for monitoring performance of transit and bicycle and pedestrian modes. A summary of evaluation and comparison of using HCM1985, HCM2000, and HCM2010 for LOS monitoring purposes and recommendation, including comparison of approaches adopted by various large CMAs in the Bay Area, is provided in Appendix B. It was found that using the 2010HCM-based MMLOS is data and resource intensive and costly for large-scale applications such as monitoring countywide performance of the alternative modes; therefore, it is not suitable for LOS monitoring purposes. Alameda CTC will assess how to best include the performance measurement metrics for monitoring alternative modal performance in the 2015 CMP, based on the outcomes of the following countywide modal plans—Goods Movement Plan, Multimodal Arterial Corridor Plan, and Transit Plan.



Table 5—Relationship Between Average Travel Speed and LOS

Arterials				
Arterial Class	1.0	II .	m m	
Range of Free Flow Speeds (mph)	35 to 45	30 to 35	25 to 35	
Typical Free Flow Speed (mph)	40	33	27	
Level of Service	Average Travel Speed (mph)			
Α	≥ 35	≥ 30	≥ 25	
В	≥ 28	≥ 24	≥ 19	
С	≥ 22	≥ 18	≥ 13	
D	≥ 17	≥ 14	≥ 9	
E	≥ 13	≥ 10	≥ 7	
F	< 13	< 10	< 7	

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LOS	Average Travel Speed (mph)	Volume-To-Capacity Ratio	Maximum Traffic Volume (vehicles/hour/lane)
Α	≥ 60	0.35	700
В	≥ 55	0.58	1,000
С	≥ 49	0.75	1,500
D	≥ 41	0.90	1,800
E	≥ 30	1.00	2,000
F	< 30	Variable	-

Note: Highway Capacity Manual, Transportation Research Board, 1985.

# Traffic Monitoring Program

Alameda CTC currently conducts LOS monitoring on the Alameda County CMP network as described in Chapter 2. The CMP route segments were determined for travel-time analysis, with input from the Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC) and appropriate local jurisdiction departments (traffic engineering, planning department, etc.). Data collection time periods were determined based on the general congested peak periods on most of the CMP roadway network.

## **Definition of Roadway Segments**

Alameda CTC used the following guidelines to determine the segments:

- Segments should be at least one mile and not more than five miles in length; and
- Logical segment break-points include jurisdictional boundaries, points where the basic number of travel lanes change, locations where land use changes occur (e.g., commercial areas versus residential), and points where the posted speed

limit changes or where the number of adjacent driveways is significantly different.

Since the adoption of the CMP roadway segments in 1991, the intensity and location of congestion throughout the county has changed. In 2007, the CMP roadway segment lengths and criteria for designating the CMP roadway segments to develop new segments were updated to better reflect existing land use and travel patterns. Many long segments were found to be operating at better levels of service because speeds were averaged over the length of longer segments. Splitting these segments using the approved criteria revealed congestion hot spots and more accurately identified congested segments. Because the original check points were retained, all new segments nest within the pre-2007 roadway segments. This approach was important so that trends can be evaluated over time. Many of the shorter segments were located on I-580 in the Tri-valley area. During the 2009 CMP Update, SR 84 in East County was divided into shorter segments based on the same criteria. From a field and operating perspective, the CMP roadway segmentation criteria are still appropriate; therefore, no changes are recommended for this update.

#### **Data Collection and Requirements**

The traffic monitoring program requires information about average travel speed, which is the basis for measuring level of service on all facility types (i.e., freeways, two-lane highways, and urban/suburban arterials). For a given roadway segment, speed data must be collected and reported separately for each travel direction. Travel speed studies for this purpose are conducted using "floating cars" that drive at the posted speed collecting travel time data or, if constrained by traffic conditions, at the average speed of traffic. Starting in 2008, a Global Positioning System (GPS) was used to record travel time data in the "floating car" method. In view of the increased access to commercially available traffic data and its use in transportation planning and monitoring around the country and in the region, Alameda CTC is currently exploring the feasibility of using commercially available traffic data for CMP purposes, particularly related to

LOS monitoring. If it is feasible, floating car runs will be done to augment commercially available data beginning in 2014. This should result in a time and cost savings for data collection.

For any floating car runs that are done, the following methodology should be used.

- Monitoring time periods are 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the p.m. peak hours and 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. during the a.m. peak hours. Generally, p.m. peak period monitoring is used for conformity purposes, with the exception of monitoring the Tier 2 network, where both morning and afternoon peak periods are monitored for informational purposes only. Monitoring during the a.m. peak period for all CMP roadways is for informational purposes only. Until 2004, LOS monitoring was conducted for all the CMP segments during the p.m. peak hours and for selected freeway CMP segments during the a.m. peak hours. Starting in 2006 all CMP roadway segments were monitored during both peak periods.
- The approach to ensure acceptable monitoring data is based on the Institute of Transportation Engineer's Manual of Transportation Engineering Studies for Test Car Method. Alameda CTC uses the following guidelines to determine the acceptability of data for use in the CMP:
- A test car is driven six times in each direction on the entire CMP network. This frequency may be adjusted later for roadway segments found to consistently perform at LOS A or B. More than six test car runs are performed on roadway segments operating at LOS E or F, because a greater range or fluctuation in data typically occurs.
- Test car runs must be made on a Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday, because these days are most indicative of average weekday conditions.
- Test car runs on a particular segment must span a range of days and time of day. This means that

test car runs should not be bunched on the same day of the week or taken on separate days at the same time.

- Runs near holidays, when school is not in session, or when roadway construction is under way, must be avoided.
- Consistent monitoring periods must be observed for each roadway segment. For example, a comparison between April 2010 and April 2011 is likely to be more valid than a comparison between January 2010 and August 2011.
- If special generators are located within a few miles of the monitoring location, it must be determined whether unusual or unwanted activity levels are occurring at the special generators. A call to a shopping center management company, for example, could be made to ascertain that the test days were reasonably close to average, and that no retailers were holding major sales.

### **Self-Certification Process**

By June 15 of each year, a set of travel time runs are to be submitted to Alameda CTC for the CMP network. A city or the county, if it assumes responsibility, would submit the information, except for the freeways, within its jurisdictional limits. If Caltrans assumes responsibility for the freeways, it would similarly submit summary data to Alameda CTC by June 15. Local jurisdictions or Caltrans will also be responsible for calculating LOS according to the HCM1985 methodology. Local agencies or Caltrans will keep raw field data available for Alameda CTC to examine for at least 3 years. Travel time runs will be completed by mid-May each year. ACTAC will provide technical guidance and assistance in reviewing methodology and interpreting LOS monitoring results.

## Grandfathered LOS F Roadway Segments

CMP legislation exempts congested CMP roadway segments that did not meet the minimum LOS standards (LOS E) when the CMP network was formed (in 1991 and 1992) from deficiency identification and

preparing a deficiency plan. These grandfathered segments were identified based on the LOS monitoring performed in 1991 for the CMP roadway segments and in 1992 for the CMP freeway-to-freeway connectors during the p.m. peak period, which is used for conformity. According to the study results, a total of 15 freeway segments (excluding freeway to freeway connectors) and 15 arterial segments were operating at LOS F in 1991 and five freeway-to-freeway connectors were operating at LOS F in 1992. Tables 6, 7, 8, and Figure 8 show the grandfathered CMP segments including the freeway-to-freeway connectors.

Although these segments are grandfathered by statute, they are not exempt from analysis and mitigation for purpose of satisfying the "Land Use Analysis Program" (Chapter 6), the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the federal National Environmental Protection Act. The CMP focuses on existing congestion; therefore, Alameda CTC will consider strategies and/or improvements to address grandfathered segments in corridor studies as well as the Countywide Transportation Plan and the CMP Capital Improvement Program.



Table 6—LOS F Freeways for Alameda County CMP-Designated Roadway Network

	Roadway		Limits	Jurisdiction	Average Speed (mph)
1	I-80	WB	From University to I-80/I-580 Split	Berkeley/Emeryville	16.6
2	I-80	WB	From I-80/I-580 Split to Bay Bridge Toll Plaza	Oakland	29.7
3	I-80	EB	From I-580/I-80 Split to University	Emeryville/Berkeley	25.8
4	I-80	EB	From University to Central	Berkeley/Albany	25.8
5	SR-24	EB	From I-580 to Fish Ranch Road	Oakland	28.5
6	I-580	SB	From I-80/I-580 to I-980/Hwy 24	Oakland	25.6
7	I-980	EB	From I-880 to SR-24/I-580	Oakland	28.5
8	I-238	EB	From I-880 to I-580	County/San Leandro	29.8
9	I-880	SB	From Hegenberger to Washington	San Leandro/Oakland	29.2
10	I-880	SB	From Washington to A Street	County/Hayward	24.3
11	I-880	NB	From Tennyson to SR-92 (Jackson)	Hayward	18.2
12	I-880	NB	From SR-92 to Lewelling	Hayward	23.2
13	I-880	NB	From Dixon Landing to SR-262/Mission	Fremont	29.3
14	SR-92	WB	From Clawiter to Toll Gate	Hayward/County	27.1
15	SR-92	EB	From Toll Gate to I-880	Hayward/County	27.5

Note: Data is based on surveys taken during the afternoon peak period in September/October, 1992.

Table 7—LOS F Freeway-to-Freeway Connectors, Alameda County CMP-Designated **Roadway Network** 

	Freeway-to-Freeway Connectors	Jurisdiction	Length (miles)	Average Speed	Free Flow Speed
1	I-80 SB to I-580 EB <sup>25</sup>	Oakland	0.30	18.7	45.0
2	I-580 WB to I-80 NB <sup>25</sup>	Oakland	0.21	16.0	45.0
3	I-680 SB to I-580 EB	Pleasanton	0.67	16.3	35.0
4	SR-13 NB to SR-24 EB	Oakland	0.35	14.4	45.0
5	I-580 WB; SR-24 WB to I-80 NB	Oakland	0.69	22.1	45.0

Note: Data is based on surveys taken during the afternoon peak period in September/October, 1992.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 25}\,$  LOS condition was first reported during the 1991 surveys.

Table 8—LOS F Arterial Segments, Alameda County CMP-Designated Roadway Network

	Roadway		Limits	Jurisdiction	Arterial Class	Average Speed (mph)
1	SR-13 (Ashby Avenue)	WB	From Telegraph Avenue to Shattuck Avenue	Berkeley	III	8.7
2	SR-13 (Ashby Avenue)	WB	From Shattuck Avenue to MLK, Jr. Way	Berkeley	III	9.3
3	SR-13 (Ashby Avenue)	EB	From College Avenue to Domingo Avenue	Berkeley	III	6.8
4	SR-123 (San Pablo Avenue)	SB	From Park Avenue to 35th Street	Emeryville/Oakland	II	9.4
5	SR-260	SB	From 7th/Webster Street to Atlantic Street	Oakland/Alameda	I	12.3
6	SR-238 (Mission Boulevard)	NB	From Sycamore Street to Jackson Street	Hayward	II	8.8
7	SR-92 (Jackson Street)	EB	From I-880 to Winton Avenue	Hayward	II	8.6
8	SR-92 (Jackson Street)	EB	From Winton Avenue to Mission Boulevard	Hayward	II	4.5
9	Hesperian Boulevard	NB	From La Playa to Winton Avenue	Hayward	1	11.1
10	Hesperian Boulevard	SB	From 14th Street to Fairmont Drive	San Leandro	II	9.9
11	Hesperian Boulevard	SB	From Spring Lake to Lewelling Boulevard	Unincorporated	II	9.6
12	SR-112 (Davis Street)	WB	From I-880 to San Leandro Boulevard	San Leandro	II	5.2
13	Decoto Road	WB	From Union Square to Alvarado-Niles Road	Union City	II	8.6
14	SR-84 (Fremont Boulevard)	WB	From Peralta Boulevard to Thornton Avenue	Fremont	II	7.2
15	Mowry Avenue	EB	From I-880 to Farwell Drive	Fremont	II	9.6

Note: Based on surveys during the afternoon peak period (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.) in July-August and October, 1991.

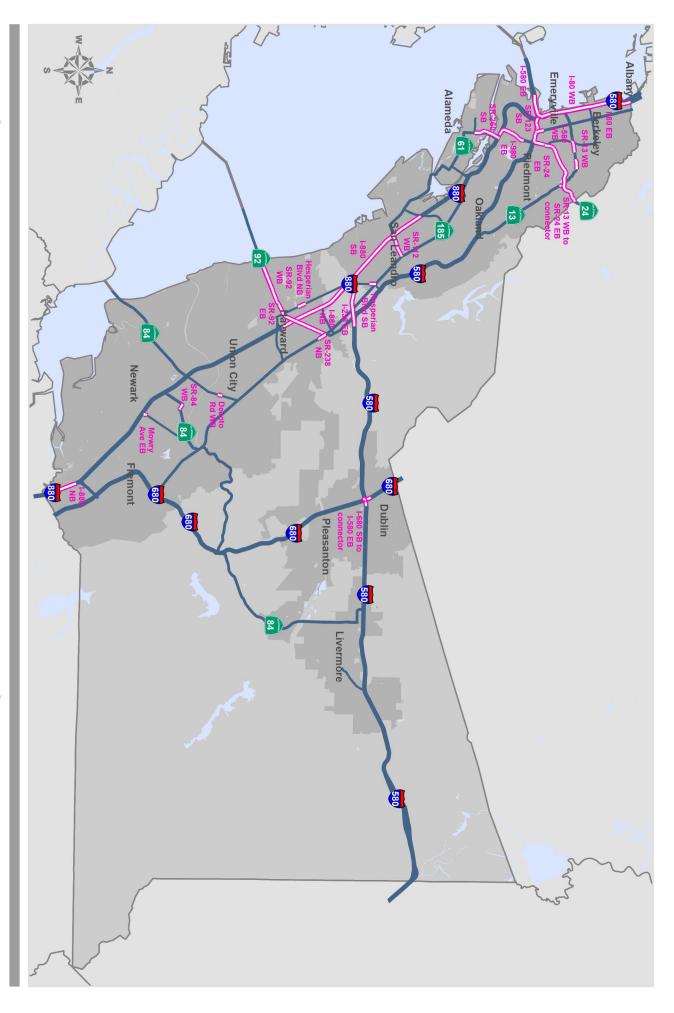




Figure 8: Congestion Management Program
Roadway Network

Legend

Level of Service "F" Segments

Interstate/Freeway (CMP - Tier 1 & MTS)

Other State Highway (CMP - Tier 1 & MTS)

Principal Arterial (CMP - Tier 1 & MTS)

S) SB S S EB E

B Northbound
//B Westbound
B Southbound
B Eastbound

## Comparison with Previous LOS Results

The results of LOS monitoring over the last two decades for the key commute corridors in Alameda County appear in Table 9, which shows overall traffic conditions and comparisons of trends for long-distance trips on the CMP freeway network. The 2012 LOS Monitoring Study reported that congestion on the CMP network increased in 2012 as compared to 2010, as shown in the increased number of LOS F segments from 2010 and decreased average speed on freeways and arterials. Some areas that showed improvements appear to be related to the improvement projects completed since 2010 after the LOS monitoring was complete.

Alameda CTC concluded that the congestion increase could be likely due to the economy that is beginning to show improvement, combined with many construction activities occurring across the county.

Analysis of performance trends since 1991 shows that congestion on the Alameda County CMP network is stable, while vehicle miles traveled has increased. Further, as employment increases, freeway speed decreases, resulting in a corresponding increase in congestion. More details are available in the 2012 LOS Monitoring Study on the Alameda CTC website.

Table 9—LOS Trends on the CMP Network (afternoon peak period)

			Year/Miles Per Hour													
Road		Limits	mi.	08/ 91	10/ 91	92	94	96	98	00	02	04	06	80	10	12
I-80	EB	Bay Bridge Toll Plaza to Contra Costa line	6	-	23	20	22	21	20	27	19	32	23	21	29	22
I-80	WB	Contra Costa line to Bay Bridge Toll Plaza	6	26	25	24	23	25	28	18	22	28	28	36	27	26
I-580	EB	I-238 to I-205	31	-	56	55	55	55	na	41	31	34	36	35	31	40
I-580	WB	I-205 to I-238	31	-	57	56	57	61	na	55	55	60	58	61	66	65
I-580	EB	I-80 to I-238	16	-	53	52	44	53	60	63	55	43	34	47	42	41
I-580	WB	I-238 to I-80	16	-	58	55	51	52	61	63	60	57	55	63	60	54
I-680	NB	Scott Creek Road to Alcosta Boulevard	21	-	58	57	57	52	51	58	51	42	53	43	40	42
I-680	SB	Alcosta Boulevard to Scott Creek Road	21	-	59	58	55	61	67	63	62	66	58	63	66	66
I-880	NB	Dixon Landing Road to I-980	30	42	45	44	43	46	38	48	38	49	45	43	42	42
I-880	SB	I-980 to Dixon Landing Road	30	47	43	40	38	46	50	49	41	37	37	48	46	48
SR-13	NB	Mountain Boulevard to Hiller Drive	6	51	54	50	49	48	53	51	50	35	39	51	41	35
SR-13	SB	Hiller Drive to Mountain Boulevard	6	57	56	59	53	47	59	59	55	54	57	49	39	57
SR-24	EB	I-580 to Fish Ranch Road	5	29	30	29	30	24	39	33	21	40	25	24	18	17
SR-24	WB	Fish Ranch Road to I-580	5	53	54	58	54	50	60	57	61	59	59	58	67	66

## **Infill Opportunity Zones**

Senate Bill 1636 (Figueroa), signed by the Governor in 2002, established "infill opportunity zones" (IOZs) to encourage transit supportive and infill developments. The statute exempted infill opportunity zones from the requirements to maintain the LOS E. None of the local jurisdictions within Alameda County established or adopted infill opportunity zones by the statute's sunset period of December 2009. However, Senate Bill 743 (SB 743), passed in September 2013, instituted key changes to the CMP statute that will support infill development, including lifting the sunset date on designating IOZs and directing the governor's Office of Planning and Research to develop new metrics for assessment of transportation impacts to replace the LOS measure. Alameda CTC will closely follow implementation of and provide input on this law. The 2015 CMP update will incorporate the outcome of implementation of SB 743 and how it impacts the CMP LOS Monitoring element. Chapter 6, "Land Use Analysis Program," provides more information on Alameda CTC's efforts in supporting infill development.

# **Local Government** Responsibilities and Conformance

Alameda CTC is responsible for monitoring conformance of local jurisdictions with the adopted CMP.<sup>26</sup> Among the requirements, Alameda CTC must monitor compliance with the LOS standards. If a roadway segment does not conform to the LOS standards based on the biennial monitoring, Alameda CTC will notify the affected local jurisdiction that may elect to remedy the LOS problem or prepare a deficiency plan (see Chapter 10). If after 90 days the local jurisdiction is still in non-conformance, Alameda CTC is required to follow the conformance process as identified in Chapter 9, "Program Conformance and Monitoring." When a deficiency plan is adopted, status reports on the implementation of the deficiency plan showing progress must be submitted to the Alameda CTC annually as part of the annual conformity process. The detailed process for finding of non-conformance and resulting withholding of Proposition 111 funds is described in Chapter 9.

# **Next Steps**

- Continue to use speed-based HCM1985 for auto LOS monitoring for Tier 1 network. Apply both HCM2000 and HCM1985 to Tier 2 network as appropriate and re-evaluate expanded HCM use in the 2015 CMP update.
- Use countywide modal studies to identify countywide facilities and metrics for monitoring alternative modes, and incorporate these in the 2015 CMP for future LOS monitoring efforts.
- Closely follow and participate in the implementation of SB 743 including development of the replacement measure to assess the impact on the transportation system within and outside the infill development areas and identify impact to the CMP LOS monitoring element and update it in the 2015 CMP.
- Based on the validation efforts for the commercially available travel time database, identify the CMP roadways that will use the commercially available travel time data and the remaining CMP roads that will continue to use the floating care runs for LOS monitoring purposes, and apply this approach in the 2014 LOS Monitoring Study.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> California Government Code Section 65089.3.

# Multimodal Performance Element



State law requires CMAs to evaluate how well their transportation systems do in meeting their CMP objectives of reducing congestion and improving air quality.<sup>27</sup> Specifically, the CMP must contain performance measures that evaluate how highways and roads function, as well as the frequency, routing, and coordination of transit services. The performance measures should support mobility, air quality, land use, and economic objectives and be used in various components of the CMP.

Combined with LOS standards, the performance element provides a basis for evaluating whether the transportation network is achieving the broad mobility goals in the CMP. These include developing the Capital Improvement Program, analyzing land use impacts, and preparing deficiency plans to address problems. The legislation intends for the performance element to include multimodal performance measures, in addition to the required roadway and transit measures. However, only the roadway LOS standards will be used to trigger the need for a deficiency plan in Alameda County.

The guiding principles used to develop the multimodal performance element for the Alameda County CMP are:

• Keep it simple and manageable;

- Be cost-effective, relying on available data and established monitoring processes;
- Use the Alameda CTC's long-range transportation goals and MTC's multimodal programming criteria as a philosophical framework;
- Use measures presented in easy-to-understand and consumer-oriented terms:
- Consider an array of measures since one measure will not serve all needs; and
- Satisfy California Assembly Bill 1963 (Katz) that defined the performance element of the CMP as in Government Code Section 65089(b)(2), and Federal Transportation Act requirements.

# Relationship to the Countywide **Transportation Plan**

The philosophical framework envisioned for the performance element is to relate performance measures to the:

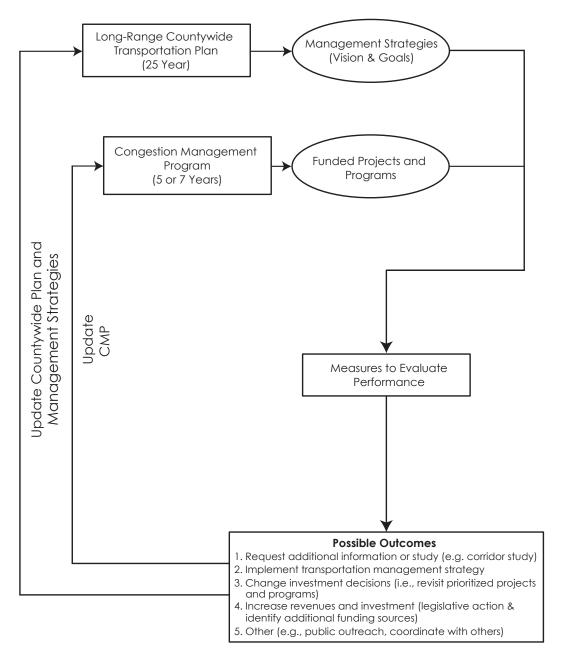
- Goals and management strategies adopted for the 2012 Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP); and
- Policies set forth in the CMP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> California Government Code Section 65089(b)(2).

Figure 9 shows how the performance measures are used in the CMP. Additionally, Figure ES1 in the Executive Summary shows how the performance element fits in the CMP and CWTP. Figure 9 presents the details of all the performance measures and

their relationship to the long-range planning goals, adopted by Alameda CTC and MTC. Measuring the transportation network's performance will provide feedback on the effectiveness of management strategies and investment decisions.

Figure 9—How Performance Measures Are Used in the CMP



## Performance Measures

The performance measures listed in Table 10, which follows, include the performance measures that Alameda CTC adopted for the 2012 CWTP. Alameda CTC monitors these with data collection or by using the countywide model. Additional details for the legislatively required transit performance measures—frequency, routing, and service coordination appear in a separate section of this chapter. The measures encompass all modes of transportation. Peak and off-peak travel periods are considered for typical weekdays. Measurements of current conditions rely primarily on available data and established data-collection processes.

The countywide travel model can forecast the following performance measures:

- Person trips by mode
- · Vehicle volume by roadway segment
- Vehicle miles traveled by facility type
- Volume-to-capacity (v/c) ratios by facility type
- Vehicle hours of travel by facility type
- Lane miles by v/c ratio
- Person miles traveled by mode
- Passenger boarding by operator or line
- Travel time by mode
- Travel speed by mode
- Vehicle hours of delay by facility type
- Duration of congestion by facility
- Time spent in congestion
- Transit accessibility
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Fine particulate matter emissions
- <sup>28</sup> MTS prior to 2005.

## **Acceptability of Data**

An adopted approach to ensure that data collection methods are acceptable to Alameda CTC is described in "Data Collection and Requirements" in Chapter 3, "Level of Service Standards." This applies to speed and travel time data. An ongoing process will be necessary to review definitions and methods to ensure that the information is collected in a consistent manner prior to use in trend analyses.

## **System Definition**

While the statute clearly requires designation of a CMP-network for purposes of LOS monitoring, it provides no guidance for selecting a system for the performance element. Alameda CTC will use the Metropolitan Transportation System (MTS) for the performance element. Alameda CTC also recognizes the MTS<sup>28</sup> in the Land Use Analysis Program as the focus of transportation analyses.

## **Description of Multimodal Performance Measures**

Alameda CTC uses the following nineteen multimodal performance measures to monitor performance throughout the Alameda County transportation network.

- Trips by alternative modes: Measured in terms of percent of all trips made by alternative modes (bicycling, walking, or transit). Source: Countywide travel demand model.
- Low-income households near activity centers: Measured in terms of ratio or share of households by income group within a given travel time to activity centers. This measure is defined as being within a 30-minute bus/rail transit ride and a 20-minute auto ride of at least one major employment center, and within walking distance of schools. Source: Countywide travel demand model.
- Low-income households near transit: Measured in terms of ratio or share of households by income group near frequent bus/rail transit service. This measure is defined as being within one-half mile of rail and one-quarter mile of bus service operating

at LOS B or better during peak hours. Source: Countywide travel demand model.

- Average highway speeds: Measured in terms of the average travel speed of vehicles over specified segments in each lane during peak periods. This measurement is made a sufficient number of times to produce statistically significant results by the county measured using the countywide travel demand model or floating car data. Alameda CTC is exploring the use of commercially available travel-time data for this purpose. Based on the outcome, the data source and collection methodology will be updated in the 2015 CMP.
- Travel time: Measured in four parts to cover all modes as described below:
  - Average per-trip travel time for automobile, truck, and bus/rail transit modes. This measure also serves as a proxy for economic vitality;
  - o Ratio of peak to off-peak travel time for automobile, truck, and transit modes;
  - o Average daily travel time for bicycle and pedestrian trips; and
  - Average roadway travel time and transit time between origin and destination (O-D) pairs for up to 10 pairs using floating car data, which reflect major corridors in Alameda County.

With the exception of the data for travel time between the O-D pairs all other measures are estimated using the countywide travel demand model.

• Duration of traffic congestion: As defined by Caltrans, the period of time during either the a.m. or p.m. peak when a segment of roadway is congested (average speed is less than 35 m.p.h. for 15 minutes or more). Data are collected by Caltrans or MTC. Prior to 2009, highway congestion data were reported annually based on floating car runs conducted in April/May and September/ October each year. Since 2009, Caltrans has

reported this data on its website using the Freeway Performance Monitoring System (PeMS) database, based on loop detector data. If Alameda CTC transitions to using commercially available travel-time data in the future for the LOS monitoring, similar congestion information for the entire CMP network could be reported.

- Roadway maintenance: As defined by MTC, based on the roadway Pavement Condition Index (PCI) used in MTC's Pavement Management System. The PCI is a measure of surface deterioration on streets and roads.
- Roadway collisions: Measured in two parts to cover auto and bicycle/pedestrian modes as described below:
  - o The number of accidents per one million miles of vehicle travel; and
  - o Total injuries and fatalities from all pedestrian and bicyclist collisions on Alameda County roadways.

Caltrans collects the data as a part of the Statewide Integrated Traffic Record System (SWITRS)/Traffic Accident Surveillance and Analysis System (TASAS).

- CO, emissions: Measured in terms of per-capita CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from cars and light duty trucks. Source: Countywide travel demand model.
- Fine particulate emissions: Measured in terms of fine particulate emissions from cars and light duty trucks. Source: Countywide travel demand model.
- Percent of Countywide Bicycle Plan completed: Measured in terms of the number of miles and the percentage completed of the countywide bicycle plan network. Focus is on the progress of the priority projects and programs included in the Countywide Bicycle Plan. Additional performance measures are included in the Countywide Bicycle Plan to track progress on its implementation, which may be considered for future updates of the CMP.

Table 10—Multimodal Performance Measures

Performance Measure	RTP Goal	CWTP Goal	Objectives in Statute	Required Data	How Results Can Be Used	Notes on Data Use
Trips by Alternative Modes <sup>29</sup>	Climate Protection; Equitable Access; Healthy and Safe Communities	Multimodal	Mobility Air Quality Land Use	Percent of all trips by alternative modes from countywide travel demand model	Analyzing and comparing alternatives or as an evaluation of the effectiveness of the CWTP.	Forecasted data using the countywide model.
Low-income Households Near Activity Centers <sup>29</sup>	Healthy and Safe Communities; Equitable Access; Economic Vitality	Accessible, Affordable, and Equitable	Land Use Economic	Share of households by income group within a given travel time (30-min by bus/rail and 20-min by auto) of at least one major employment center and within walking distance of schools	Analyzing and comparing alternatives or as an evaluation of the effectiveness of the CWTP.	Forecasted data using a countywide model, which uses land use and socio-economic information adopted by ABAG/MTC.
Low-income Households Near Transit <sup>29</sup>	Healthy and Safe Communities; Equitable Access; Economic Vitality	Accessible, Affordable, and Equitable	Land Use Economic Mobility	Share of households by income group near frequent bus/rail transit service	Analyzing and comparing alternatives or as an evaluation of the effectiveness of the CWTP.	Forecasted data using a countywide model, which uses land use and socio-economic information adopted by ABAG/MTC.
Average Highway Speeds	Climate Protection; Transportation System Effectiveness	Connected, Reliable, and Efficient	Mobility Air Quality	Average speeds on CMP network	LOS determinations; trigger Deficiency Plans; evaluating direct effectiveness of projects in relieving congestion.	Adequate for determining CMP conformance; caution use as a measure of mobility.
Travel Time <sup>29</sup> Transit, Highways, HOV Lanes	Climate Protection; Transportation System Effectiveness	Multimodal, Connected, Reliable, and Efficient; Integrated with Land Use; Clean & Healthy Environment	Mobility Air Quality Land Use	Average per-trip travel time for automobile, truck, and bus/rail transit modes; ratio of peak to off-peak travel time for automobile, truck and transit modes; average daily travel time for bicycle and pedestrian trips; average travel time between selected O-D pairs (obtain data and transit schedules from biennial LOS monitoring)	Useful in analyzing trends for various modes, comparing alternatives or as an evaluation of the effectiveness of the CWTP. Problems can be spotted for targeted investment. Can compare travel times via roadway and transit along major corridors.	All data other than O-D pairs data are from the countywide model. Also, the model is not calibrated for bicycle and pedestrian trips. For O-D data, reliance on data collected on a few days each year is not always representative of conditions throughout the year.
Duration of Traffic Congestion	Climate Protection; Transportation System Effectiveness; Economic Vitality	Reliable and Efficient; Clean and Healthy Environment	Economic Air Quality	Hours of congestion at key locations	Could be used as trigger for certain traffic management strategies to contain congestion to normal peak periods to maintain smooth truck travel during mid-day.	Caution against congestion data based on PeMS, as PeMS data sometimes include not actual but interpolated data if any count tubes are not functioning.
Roadway Maintenance	Economic Vitality	Well Maintained, Reliable, and Efficient, Safe	Economic	MTC's Pavement Condition Index	Dollar amount of maintenance backlog for MTS roadways. Useful in guiding investment decisions for roadway maintenance needs.	Reliability dependent on subjective assumptions made by local agency staff. Assumptions can change depending on staff person conducting the estimate.
Roadway Collisions <sup>29</sup>	Healthy and Safe Communities	Safe, Clean and Healthy Environment	Mobility Air Quality	Number of accidents/one million miles; total injuries and fatalities from all pedestrian and bicyclists collisions in the county from SWITRS/TASAS	Identify safety issues. Useful in guiding investment decisions.	Data not available for local streets/roads. Accidents may not be caused by physical facilities.
CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions <sup>29</sup>	Climate Protection; Healthy and Safe Communities; Economic Vitality	Clean and Healthy Environment	Air Quality Economic	Per capita $\mathrm{CO_2}$ emissions from cars and light-duty trucks	Analyzing and comparing alternatives to address climate change.	VMT data from the countywide model is used to input into an estimator based on a tool from the California Air Resources Board.
Fine Particulate Emissions <sup>29</sup>	Climate Protection; Healthy and Safe Communities; Economic Vitality	Clean and Healthy Environment	Air Quality Economic	Per capita fine particulate emissions from cars and light-duty trucks	Analyzing and comparing alternatives to address air quality.	VMT data from the countywide model is used to input into an estimator based on a tool from California Air Resources Board.
Completion of Countywide Bicycle Plan	Climate Protection; Equitable Access; Healthy and Safe Communities	Multimodal, Reliable, and Efficient; Clean and Healthy Environment	Mobility Air Quality	Miles and percent completion of bicycle network	Progress toward a connective system of countywide bicycleways.	Does not reflect actual use of bicycle facilities.
Completion of Countywide Pedestrian Plan <sup>29</sup>	Climate Protection; Equitable Access; Healthy and Safe Communities	Multimodal, Reliable, and Efficient; Clean and Healthy Environment	Mobility Air Quality	Number of jurisdictions with adopted Pedestrian Plan	Progress toward a connective system of countywide pedestrian facilities.	Does not reflect actual use of pedestrian facilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Denotes new or expanded existing performance measure resulting from integrating the measures from the 2012 CWTP. Extent of data collection for these measures depends on additional funds being available.

Table 10—Multimodal Performance Measures (continued)

Performance Measure	RTP Goal	CWTP Goal	Objectives in Statute	Required Data	How Results Can Be Used	Notes on Data Use
Transit Routing	Climate Protection; Equitable Access; Healthy and Safe Communities; Transportation System Efficiency	Multimodal, Connectivity, Cost-Effective; Reliable and Efficient; Integrated with Land Use; Clean and Healthy Environment	Mobility Air Quality Land Use	Service area covered and pattern of the transit route network	To determine area coverage and proximity of transit service to residential areas and job centers.	Proximity to transit stops or stations is an important indicator of accessibility; however, the data is difficult to collect.
Transit Service Frequency	Climate Protection; Equitable Access; Healthy and Safe Communities; Transportation System Efficiency	Multimodal, Connectivity, Cost-Effective; Reliable and Efficient; Integrated with Land Use; Clean and Healthy Environment	Mobility Air Quality Land Use	Number of lines operating at each frequency level	To determine convenience of transit service.	Caution against using for transit trip planning.
Transit Service Coordination	Climate Protection; Equitable Access; Healthy and Safe Communities; Transportation System Efficiency	Multimodal, Connectivity, Cost-Effective; Reliable and Efficient; Integrated with Land Use; Clean and Healthy Environment	Mobility Air Quality	Coordination of service provided by different operators (e.g., timed transfers at transit centers, joint fare cards)	To determine reliability and convenience for travelers connecting between services.	Caution against using for transit trip planning.
Transit Ridership	Climate Protection; Equitable Access; Healthy and Safe Communities; Transportation System Efficiency	Multimodal, Connectivity, Cost-Effective; Reliable and Efficient; Integrated with Land Use; Clean and Healthy Environment	Economic Air Quality Land Use	Number of patrons	Trend analysis; comparison between operators.	Caution against using exclusively used to estimate the need for increase or decrease in transit investment.
Transit Vehicle Maintenance	Climate Protection; Healthy and Safe Communities	Cost-Effective, Reliable, and Efficient; Connected; Safe, Clean, and Healthy Environment	Air Quality	Mean time between service delays (BART) and miles between mechanical road calls (AC, LAVTA, Union City Transit)	Trend analysis; comparison between operators. Transit agencies have internal standards for comparison and investment allocation decisions.	
Transit Availability	Climate Protection; Equitable Access; Healthy and Safe Communities	Cost-Effective, Reliable, and Efficient; Connected; Integrated with Land Use; Clean and Healthy Environment	Mobility Air Quality Land Use	Transit service frequency during peak periods near all transit stations in county, and population density at these stations	Determine mobility options available to Alameda County residents over time. Track as a means of measuring efforts toward meeting climate change legislation.	Even with available transit options, this does not include the percentage of residents and employees who use transit. Population is based on census tract information, which is an approximation, not an exact correlation within one-half mile radius of stations.
Transit Capital Needs and Shortfall	Climate Protection; Equitable Access	Reliable and Efficient; Connected; Clean and Healthy Environment	Mobility Air Quality	Transit capital needs and shortfall for high-priority (Score 16) projects	Use transit capital needs gap to determine funding needs and investment options.	Measured every four years with the Regional Transportation Plan.
Community Based Transportation Plans	Healthy and Safe Communities; Equitable Access; Climate Protection	Cost-Effective, Reliable, and Efficient; Connected; Integrated with Land Use; Clean and Healthy Environment	Mobility Air Quality Land Use	CBTP Project Implementation Status (funded by Lifeline Transportation Program)	Track progress of projects included in CBTP.	

- Extent of Countywide Pedestrian Plan completed: Measured in terms of how many local jurisdictions have adopted pedestrian master plans, with a goal of all fifteen jurisdictions having current, adopted pedestrian plans. Similar to the Countywide Bicycle Plan, additional performance measures are included in the 2012 Countywide Pedestrian Plan to track progress on its implementation, which may be considered for future CMP updates.
- Transit routing: Refers to both the pattern of the transit route network (e.g., radial, grid, etc.) and the service area covered (e.g., percent of total population served within one-quarter mile of a station/bus stop or percent of total county served, etc.). Measurement of routing performance may be applied at the corridor or screenline level to allow users flexibility in locating service routes. Data is provided by transit operators.
- Transit service frequency: Refers to the headway, or the time between transit vehicle arrivals (e.g., one bus arrival every 15 minutes). Service should be frequent enough to encourage ridership but must also consider the amount of transit ridership the corridor (or transit line) is likely to generate. This measure also considers the capacity of the existing transit service in that corridor.
- Transit service coordination: Refers to coordination of transit service provided by different operators (e.g., timed transfers at transit centers, joint fare cards, etc.). Performance should be aimed at minimizing inconvenience to both the infrequent and frequent user. Information provided by transit agencies should address these questions:
  - o Is there a coordination?
  - o How convenient is it?
- Transit ridership: Measured in two parts as described below:
  - o The average daily number of passengers boarding or de-boarding transit vehicles in Alameda County; and

- o Transit ridership per revenue hour of service. Source: Based on the input from transit operators.
- Transit vehicle maintenance: Measured in terms of "Miles between Mechanical Road Calls." and defined as the removal of a bus from revenue service due to mechanical failure and applied to AC Transit, Union City Transit (UC Transit) and the Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA). BART and Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) have a related term known as "Mean Time between Service Delays" where delays can be caused by personnel or by mechanical failures. Source: Based on the input from transit operators.
- Transit availability: Measured by the frequency of transit service during the morning peak period within one-half mile of rail stations or bus and ferry stops and terminals. Population density at the same stations is also measured to track availability of transit to Alameda County residents. The transit frequency portion of this measure is monitored annually based on input from transit operators.
- Transit capital needs and shortfall: Measured every four years, coinciding with the update of the Regional Transportation Plan. This is tracked for high priority (Score 16) transit projects for Alameda County transit operators.
- Community Based Transportation Plans: Projects identified in Community Based Transportation Plans (CBTPs) and funded through the Lifeline Transportation Program are monitored annually. Monitoring shows the status and progress of these projects, which meet transportation needs in low-income communities as identified in CBTPs. Project implementation progress is included as a performance measure.

# **Transit Service Performance** Measures

The following transit service performance measures are legislatively required measures, and detailed

information for these measures are provided by the transit operators in the county based on their service standards as expressed in their short-range transit plans or other policy documents.

Table 11 shows performance measures for bus and rail transit in Alameda County. These measures apply to both existing services and future year (proposed) services.

For ferry services from Alameda and Oakland to San Francisco, the frequency measure is one vessel per hour during the a.m. and p.m. peak periods.

## Routing

Performance measures for routing and area coverage vary by transit operator.

AC Transit has guidelines for route spacing. In the densest areas, with a population of more than 20,000 people per square mile, routes should be only one-quarter mile apart. In medium-density areas with

10,000-20,000 people per square mile, such as many of the grid sections of Oakland and Berkeley, routes should be between one-quarter and one-half mile apart. In low-density areas with 5,000-10,000 people per square mile, typical of sections in Castro Valley, Hayward, and Fremont, route spacing should be between one-half and three-quarters of a mile. For very low-density areas with less than 5,000 people per square mile, route spacing can one mile or more.

In making specific route decisions, AC Transit uses these guidelines but also bases current- and future-year bus route spacing (the average distance between bus lines) on residential densities, the location of major activity centers, topography, and street patterns. Route spacing in commercial areas is determined by location, level of activity, and layout of the development, on a case-by-case basis.

**BART** passenger loads are measured at selected "screenlines"—imaginary lines between two stations. Generally, screenlines are chosen at the points where

Table 11—Performance Measures for Frequency of Transit Service (Time of Day)

Service Type	Peak	Midday	Night	Owl	Sat/Sun/Holiday							
	(	minutes between s	ervices)									
Bus	Bus established											
Primary Trunk	15	15	30	60	15							
Major Corridor	15	30	30	N/A	30							
Local/Crosstown	30	30	60	30-60	60							
Suburban Local/Crosstown	30-45	60	N/A	N/A	N/A							
Transbay Basic	15	30	60	N/A	60							
Transbay Express	15-30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A							
Rail												
BART	3.75-15	up to 20 (off-peak)30										
Ferries	60	varies	N/A	N/A	varies							

Note: Overlapping bus routes provide more frequent service on some corridors.

<sup>30</sup> As of September 2009, Saturday daytime service is via five routes with up to 15-minute headways and all other off-peak times (week night/weekend night/Sunday) service is via three routes with 20-minute headways. The off-peak service includes service between San Francisco International Airport and Millbrae.

maximum loads in a given direction are sustained for a significant duration—often on the edge of a central business district.

Based on its experience, BART employs the following average loading goals, which it attempts to achieve whenever possible. Identical goals and standards are applied to all lines.

- Peak hour: 107 passengers per car
- Shoulder two hours of peak period: 90 passengers per car
- Off-peak periods: One passenger per seat (currently 60 per car)

BART aims for a maximum peak-hour average car load of 107 passengers per car at critical screenlines in the system such as through the Transbay Tube (West Oakland/Embarcadero). In future years, headways and train lengths will be adjusted in a manner that strives to equalize passenger loading levels across all of its lines, while staying under the 107 passengers per car standard.

**LAVTA** proposes the following performance measures for existing and future services:

- Expand routes and services to meet current and future demand for timely and reliable transit service:
- Provide service with a time span sufficient to effectively serve the primary target markets for each route:
  - o 4:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m. or 24 hours in backbone corridor(s);
  - o 5:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. on primary feeder lines;
  - o 6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on secondary feeder lines and regional routes; and
  - o Bell time for supplemental school lines.
- Provide trip frequencies sufficient to effectively serve the primary target markets for each route:

- o 15 to 30 minutes on backbone lines, 10-minute peaks if demand warrants;
- o 30 to 60 minutes on other primary lines;
- o 60-minute peak service on neighborhood, local feeder, and regional express lines; and
- o Single daily roundtrips for supplemental school lines.

**Union City Transit** uses the following performance measures for existing and future service:

- 90 percent of all land with three or more dwelling units per acre within one-quarter mile of a transit route; and
- 90 percent of major activity centers within one-eighth mile of a transit route.

## **Transit Service Coordination**

A number of measures are in place to ensure coordination among transit operators, including Senate Bill 602 (Service/Fare Coordination, 1989), Senate Bill 1474 (Transit Coordination, 1996), Senate Bill 916 (RM2, including Transit Connectivity, 2003), MTC Resolution No. 3055 (Inter-operator Transit Coordination Implementation Plan) and others. All transit operators in Alameda County will continue to implement the coordination projects required under these guidelines. Annually, the projects are agreed on among the operators and MTC. They relate to coordinating the following:

- Fare
- Schedule
- Service
- Public information
- Marketing
- Administration

#### **Review Process**

Alameda CTC will prepare an annual transportation Performance Report that analyzes performance measures and documents Alameda County

transportation network performance for review by local agencies and transit operators prior to publication. The report will include the most current available data from various agencies. (Alameda CTC will accept performance data that is up to two years old.) The Performance Report includes estimates of population growth during the preceding year, available from the State Department of Finance.

## **Local Government and Transit Agency Responsibilities** and Conformance

To minimize cost, Alameda CTC relies on established data collection processes and regularly published reports for data. A list of established data collection efforts, by agency, is listed below. In 2011, the Alameda CTC Commission recommended that in odd number years, depending on funding availability, efforts be made to augment the data collection for all modes, as needed, for improved analysis of performance of the countywide transportation system.

## Cities and County

- Pavement Management System data for the MTS
- Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans (Alameda County and cities' public works departments)

## **Transit Agencies**

- Service schedules (on-time performance)
- Transit ridership routing (percentage of major centers served within one-quarter mile of a transit stop)
- Frequency (number of lines operating at each frequency level)
- Service coordination (number of transfer centers)
- Average time between off-loads (BART)
- Miles between mechanical road calls (AC Transit, LAVTA, and Union City Transit)

- Mean time between service delays (BART and ACE)
- · Transit availability (frequency of transit and population within one-half mile of rail station or bus and ferry stops and terminals)
- Transit capital needs and shortfall (for high-priority, Score 16 transit projects for Alameda County transit operators)

## MTC

- Roadway maintenance needs
- Freeway congestion monitoring data (if developed by MTC)

#### Caltrans

- Freeway speed runs, duration of freeway congestion (if developed by Caltrans)
- Accident rates on state freeways
- Roadway miles in need of rehabilitation

## Alameda CTC

- Roadway speeds on CMP network (except freeways if developed by Caltrans)
- Travel times for O-D pairs
- Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans

Local agencies are encouraged to provide maintenance data to MTC or maintain their own database of maintenance needs on the MTS. However, there are no compliance requirements for local agencies or transit operators related to the multimodal performance element.

# **Next Steps**

The performance measures identified in the multimodal performance element are based on measures established in a variety of plans and documents including the Countywide Transportation Plan, Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans, and the CMP document. Several additional measures are

reported in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts Report, and "existing conditions" analyses were performed for the Countywide Transportation Plan. Also, by 2015, Alameda CTC will have completed several new modal plans, which will produce additional performance measures.

Therefore, as part of the 2015 CMP update, Alameda CTC will re-evaluate and consolidate the performance measures and monitoring reports, and identify multimodal performance measures and timelines for reporting those measures. The comprehensive re-evaluation will ensure that the timeline for reporting on different measures is realistically aligned with data availability and potential changes in the measures. In addition, it will ensure that the various monitoring documents are complementary and non-duplicative. This will allow Alameda CTC to tailor its multimodal performance measures to project evaluation needs and inform programming decisions, as outlined in the upcoming Strategic Plan.



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Continued population growth in the Bay Area and Alameda County places increasing demands on the region's transportation system. Investments in Alameda County transportation facilities and services will continue to help accommodate growing demand; however, to better manage this travel demand, a set of complementary strategies, or measures, is also necessary.

Transportation demand management (TDM) measures seek to reduce pressure on existing roadway and parking capacity by using incentives and disincentives to influence travel choice. They reduce peak-period vehicle trips and total vehicle miles traveled. Related benefits include reducing congestion and carbon emissions, improving public health, and increasing transportation choice. The most effective TDM programs include some form of financial incentive, either through pricing parking or subsidizing transit and other non-drive alone modes.

TDM strategies tend be cost-effective ways of meeting regional goals. By making the most efficient possible use of the available system capacity, they complement the region's investments in transit systems and other alternatives to driving.

State law requires that, at a minimum, the TDM Element of the Congestion Management Program<sup>31</sup> accomplish the following:

- Promote alternatives to single-occupant vehicle travel, including but not limited to carpools, vanpools, transit, bicycles and park-and-ride lots;
- Promote improvements in the balance between jobs and housing;
- Promote other strategies, including but not limited to flexible work hours, telecommuting, and parking management programs; and
- Consider parking "cash-out" programs.

Alameda CTC and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) are required to coordinate the development of trip-reduction responsibilities and avoid duplication of responsibilities between agencies. Cities and other local jurisdictions can establish their own TDM programs that go beyond what the Alameda CTC and BAAQMD develop. To meet the intent of the CMP legislation, the CMP requires local governments to undertake certain TDM actions, known as the Required Program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> California Government Code Section 65089(b)(3).

Alameda CTC has developed a framework for implementing TDM in Alameda County that defines the roles and responsibilities of public and private organizations, summarizes the funding approach, and details how local jurisdictions must demonstrate compliance with the TDM program requirements. Appendix G provides a menu of various TDM measures and is intended as a resource for organizations developing TDM plans.

# Framework

Transportation demand management in Alameda County is collaborative and cooperative; specific strategies are appropriate for the region as a whole, the county and local jurisdictions, and for individual employers or trip generators. Alameda CTC works to coordinate the activities of these types of organizations with the other elements of the CMP, so that capital investment, system management, and demand management work together to provide diverse transportation choices, contain congestion, and improve air quality. The county's approach to TDM includes the following major elements:

**Regional actions:** BAAQMD, Caltrans, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) take actions to support TDM throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Alameda County's efforts work within the context of these broader regional initiatives.

Countywide actions: Alameda CTC takes actions to encourage, supplement, and support local governments in their TDM efforts, allocating funds for multimodal transportation improvements, providing guidance and technical assistance to localities in developing their own TDM programs, and monitoring compliance with the Required Program in the CMP. Alameda CTC also manages certain key TDM programs, such as Guaranteed Ride Home, that work most effectively at the countywide level.

Local jurisdiction actions: At the local level, local governments have primary responsibility for implementing TDM programs and encouraging and incentivizing TDM by private organizations. The CMP

requires local governments to undertake certain TDM actions, known as the Required Program. The CMP also encourages local governments to undertake TDM efforts above and beyond these requirements.

Private TDM actions: Private employers, developers, homeowner associations, and nonprofit organizations can undertake TDM measures on a voluntary basis or as required by a city. Alameda CTC provides resources to support these actions, including guidance on best practices and other technical resources.

### **Regional Actions**

The Regional TDM Program includes actions that MTC, BAAQMD, and Caltrans take to support TDM programs throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. While the primary role of these agencies is to provide for the infrastructure and services that allow for transportation options, they also work to manage demand for those facilities. Key regional TDM efforts include:

- Regional Commute Benefit Program (Senate Bill 1339): MTC and BAAQMD are currently in the process of implementing a commuter benefits pilot program that will apply to all Bay Area employers with 50 or more employees. Once implemented, the ordinance will require employers to offer one of four commuter benefits options, each intended to reduce vehicle miles traveled and employee commute costs. Employers may offer employees these options: Pay for 1) transit, vanpooling, or bicycling expenses with pre-tax dollars, as allowed by federal law; 2) a transit or vanpool subsidy of at least \$75 per month; 3) a free shuttle or vanpool operated by or for the employer; or 4) an alternate option proposed by the employer and approved by MTC or BAAQMD.
- 511 Regional Rideshare Program: MTC's 511 Regional Rideshare Program offers an online tool for commuters to find rideshare matches through its transportation information website, 511.org. MTC's website is designed to expand the range of potential carpoolers and facilitate coordination between people with similar commutes who

would not otherwise be aware of each other. MTC encourages users of the site to log their commutes, offering an incentive program with prizes of up to \$500 for keeping track of carpool trips. In addition to offering travelers assistance with carpool ride matching, MTC's rideshare program also includes information on a network of free park-and-ride lots where carpools can meet.

- 511 Regional Bicycling and Transit Trip Planners: The 511 program offers a bicycling trip planner with a regional bike mapper tool that provides turn-by-turn biking directions along the shortest and/or flattest route. The 511 Bicycling pages also provide information on safety, Bike to Work Day, taking bikes on transit, bicycle access on bridges, and bicycle parking options. The 511 program also offers a transit trip planner that provides point-to-point transit directions and real-time arrival information for all the Bay Area's transit agencies. The 511 Transit pages provide resources, important transit alerts, and other critical information for transit riders.
- BAAQMD Spare the Air Resource Program: The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Spare the Air Resource Program engages the public through education and promotions to encourage changes in behavior that will reduce air pollution. BAAQMD provides "Air Alerts" when air quality is forecast to be unhealthy and to encourage people to alter their behavior on these days to prevent unhealthy air quality. The District works directly with employers by providing tools and resources to educate employees on reducing air pollution. As part of this program, BAAQMD has established local "resource teams" composed of local residents, civic groups, agencies, businesses, and environmental organizations that work together regularly to plan educational activities and programs that reduce air pollution in their communities. Two resource teams are in Alameda County: the Southern Alameda Resource Team and the Tri-Valley Resource Team.

### **Countywide Actions**

Alameda CTC's actions complement regionwide activities and support the efforts of local jurisdictions. Alameda CTC activities include:

- Funding for multimodal transportation infrastructure and services: To shift trips away from singleoccupant vehicles, travelers need other reliable transportation options. The 2012 Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) allocates approximately 40 percent of total project funding to transit projects and approximately 12 percent to bicycle and pedestrian projects. Similarly, the CWTP allocates 53 percent of total programmatic funding to transit and 7 percent to bicycle and pedestrian programs. Making transit, bicycling, and walking more convenient and safer in more places enables these modes to be viable alternatives for an increasing number of people in the county. In 2012, Alameda CTC updated the Alameda County Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans. Alameda CTC is also beginning the process of undertaking a Countywide Transit Plan, a Countywide Multimodal Arterial Corridor Plan, and updating the county's Community Based Transportation Plans that will help the agency optimize investments in the transit system and identify any other actions the agency can take to improve transit service throughout the county.
- Congestion Pricing Strategies: In 2002, the Alameda County CMA secured funding from MTC, Caltrans, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to conduct a feasibility study for a high-occupancy toll lane (now known as an express lane) in the I-680 corridor. The study evaluated a number of pricing options and analyzed key factors such as physical constraints, institutional opportunities and constraints, operational issues, and revenue potential. The study concluded in April 2003 and found that a SMART carpool lane (express lane) would be operationally, physically, and financially feasible. Subsequently, Assembly Bill 2032 (Dutra, 2004) authorized implementation of the I-680 Express Lane. The project was completed and

- opened to traffic in September 2010. The legislation also approved a second express lane in the county. The CMA approved I-580 as a candidate corridor, and this project is currently in the design phase. As a first step, the eastbound I-580 HOV lane was opened in November 2010. Depending on available resources, the Alameda CTC will continue to investigate other pricing concepts such as off-peak transit fare discounts and parking ticket surcharges by local jurisdictions with revenues for transit use.
- Guaranteed Ride Home: The Alameda County GRH program, administered by Alameda CTC with funding from BAAQMD, gives commuters an "insurance policy" against being stranded at work if they need to make an unscheduled return trip home. By providing the assurance that commuters can get home in an emergency, GRH removes one of the greatest barriers to choosing an alternative to driving alone, addressing concerns such as, "What if I need to get home because my child is sick, or I have unscheduled overtime and miss my carpool ride home?" For employees, the availability of guaranteed rides home is an incentive to find an alternative to driving alone to work that avoids contributing to traffic congestion. The Alameda County GRH program has been in operation since April 1998. Over the last 15 years, the program has matured from a demonstration program with a handful of participating employers to a robust one with 5,104 registered employees and 282 active registered employers throughout Alameda County.
- Technical support for new and existing **Transportation Management Associations:** Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) are an effective mechanism to reduce traffic congestion and improve use of non-drive-alone modes by employees and sometimes residents. Depending on available resources, Alameda CTC will support creation of new TMAs in the county and strengthening existing TMAs through financial support and a technical resources "how to" handbook.

- Comprehensive TDM clearinghouse and other TDM informational resources: Alameda CTC is in the process of developing a user-friendly website that inventories the full range of TDM programs available in Alameda County and describes research-based best practices. This resource will help city staff, individual residents and employees, and other agencies and organizations to better understand the range of available programs as they pursue enhancements to their TDM programs. It will also enable better coordination between programs. An enhanced information program can be used to assist cities in developing informational and educational printed and web materials tailored to local circumstances.
- Safe Routes to School: The Alameda County Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program was started in 2007 and is intended to reduce traffic congestion and promote health by working with educators, parents, and students to increase walking, biking, and carpooling to school.<sup>32</sup> Funded through a combination of Measure B and federal funds, the program is in place at over 100 schools and has held over 300 individual events in Alameda County. Activities supported by SR2S funds in Alameda County include walking school buses and bike trains, monthly Walk & Roll to School Day events, annual International Walk and Bike to School Day events, annual Bike to School Day events, family cycling workshops, safety courses and educator guides on bike/pedestrian safety, school walk audit events to identify safety issues around schools, and carpool-to-school ride matching and promotional activities.
- · Walking and biking promotional programs and campaigns: Alameda CTC funds and promotes active transportation modes through several related programs and advertising campaigns. Ride, Strive, Arrive! is an umbrella program encompassing both the "Step into Life" walking campaign and the "Ride into Life" bike campaign. The Step into Life website provides information on walking routes, organized walks, and other

<sup>32</sup> Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools websites: http://www.alamedacountysr2s.org/; http://www.alamedactc.org/app\_pages/view/8070.

walking tools and tips. The Ride into Life website provides links to a wide range of existing bicycling information on the websites of Alameda County cities, 511.org's bicycle trip planner, and the East Bay Bicycle Coalition. In addition to the Ride into Life website, Alameda CTC has partnered with the East Bay Bicycle Coalition since 2008 to run Ride into Life advertisements in advance of the annual Bike to Work Day events to promote bicycling as a lifestyle. These advertisements appear on buses, bus shelters, street poles, and in storefronts throughout Alameda County.

- Bike safety and education classes: The East Bay Bicycle Coalition currently provides free bicycle safety classes in Alameda County with the financial support of Alameda CTC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program. Specialized classes are available that focus on urban cycling, adults learning to ride, and families. By training cyclists to ride safely and comfortably, the program is intended to reduce vehicle trips in Alameda County. Since its inception in 2007, the program has trained over 5,300 adults and teenagers through its bicycle safety classes<sup>33</sup>.
- Technical assistance: Through its Transit Oriented Development Technical Assistance Program (TOD TAP), Alameda CTC has funded parking and TDM studies to assist local jurisdictions in reconsidering and improving their parking-management policies. The agency has funded two parking studies: a shared parking study at MacArthur BART and a parking and stormwater study at the Coliseum/ Oakland Airport BART. This program is being expanded to support jurisdictions in implementing parking reforms and TDM policies and programs. Alameda CTC is uniquely well positioned to provide this type of assistance. Technical support for jurisdictions will take two primary forms:
- 1) Technical resources: Providing informational materials, case studies, and examples; model ordinance language; and other guidelines and information that can assist jurisdictions in implementing parking and TDM policies.

2) Planning grants: Providing funds to cities to conduct studies and other planning efforts to overcome local parking and TDM challenges and move forward on adoption of parking management and TDM programs and policies, potentially including formation of new TMAs. Alameda CTC has already expanded its TOD technical assistance program into a Sustainable Communities Technical Assistance Program (SC-TAP) to support a wide range of planning and project development activities in Priority Development Areas.

### **Prior Countywide Initiatives**

Financial incentives: A parking cash-out program is defined as an employer-funded program under which an employer offers to provide a cash allowance to an employee, equivalent to the parking subsidy that the employer would otherwise pay to provide the employee with a parking space. Parking cash-out programs apply to employers of 50 or more persons in air basins, areas that generally have similar meteorological and geographical conditions, designated as "non-attainment" areas. The parking subsidy is the difference between the out-of-pocket amount paid by an employer on a regular basis to secure an employee parking space not owned by the employer and the price, if any, charged to an employee for use of that space.

A demonstration financial incentives program for public agencies was implemented in Alameda County in 1997 for one year. The purpose of the demonstration program was to provide an opportunity for employees to choose alternative ways to get to work other than driving alone, to study the effectiveness of the program, and to find out whether increasing the incentives available made a difference in program participation. The ultimate goal was to reduce singleoccupant vehicle use.

The results showed a potential for changing commute choices if the county could find continuous sources of revenues. The report on the 1997 Parking Cash-out Program is available on request from the Alameda CTC.

<sup>33</sup> http://www.alamedactc.org/files/managed/Document/9381/A090025\_CW\_Bicycle\_Safety\_Education\_Program\_101612.pdf.

Dynamic ridesharing: An alternative to traditional ridematching and carpool programs, dynamic ridesharing maximizes flexibility and accommodates last-minute requests for ride matches. Rather than commuters forming ongoing daily carpools, dynamic ridesharing participants request ride matches only on days when they want to share a ride. The major benefits are that ridesharing requires minimal advance planning and accommodates changing travel times; therefore, it reduces the barriers to carpooling.

In 2005 and 2006, the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency in collaboration with the Environmental Defense Fund/RideNow!, Inc., implemented the dynamic ridesharing pilot project, known as RideNow, at the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. A grant from FHWA provided funding to implement, test, and evaluate a dynamic ridesharing pilot project designed by RideNow!, Inc.

RideNow was an automated system that enabled BART patrons to request carpool partners minutes before they left home in the morning or while returning home in the evening on the BART train. It provided both web and automated telephone ("Interactive Voice Response") access for users. RideNow matched riders within a short time frame, providing "instant matches." The pilot project goals were to:

- Establish if dynamic ridesharing can provide a viable new travel option;
- Test the effectiveness of the program from a technical, administrative, marketing, cost, and operational perspective;
- Assess the level of interest and usage in the program and evaluate its benefits and limitations; and
- · Determine the feasibility and applicability of expanding the program beyond the duration of the pilot project as well as to other locations within Alameda County or in the San Francisco Bay region.

Based on feedback from participants and the participating agencies, the program did have

value for people who desire to carpool but have complex commutes that do not permit participation in more traditional carpool programs. However, more information is needed about how many people might be attracted to this type of flexible program compared to other ridesharing or TDM programs and whether or not the program would be cost effective.

In 2010, MTC approved a \$1.5 million follow-up program currently underway for Contra Costa Transportation Authority, Solano County Transportation Authority, and Transportation Authority of Marin. Funded by MTC's Climate Initiatives Program, this program explores opportunities for more carpooling through the use of smart-phone applications ("apps") that can enable spontaneous ridesharing.

#### **Local Jurisdiction Actions**

Local governments have the primary responsibility for implementing TDM programs at the local level, and for encouraging and incentivizing TDM by private actors. The CMP requires local governments to undertake certain TDM actions, known as the Required Program. Alameda CTC also encourages local governments to undertake TDM efforts above and beyond these requirements.

# Required Program

The Required Program includes those actions local jurisdictions must take to be in compliance with the CMP and consists of two basic elements: 1) adopting design guidelines or comparable policies that enhance transit and pedestrian and bicycle access; and 2) implementing capital improvements that contribute to congestion management and greenhouse gas reduction.

1) Adopt design guidelines or comparable policies: The CMP requires local jurisdictions to adopt and implement guidelines for site design that enhance transit, pedestrian, and bicycle access. To meet this requirement, local jurisdictions must carry out one of the following actions:

- Adopt and implement design strategies that encourage alternatives to single occupant automobile use through local development review;
- Adopt and implement design guidelines that meet the individual needs of the local iurisdiction and maintain the intent of the TDM Element to reduce the dependence on single-occupant vehicles;
- Demonstrate that existing policies meet the intent of the TDM Element to reduce the dependence on single-occupant vehicles.
- 2) Implement capital improvements: Local jurisdictions are also required to implement capital improvements that contribute to congestion management and emissions and greenhouse gas reduction. This requirement can be satisfied by participating in the regional Transportation Fund for Clean Air program, and the federal Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program.

Refer to "Local Government Responsibilities and Conformance and Compliance" in this chapter for a description of the steps required to demonstrate compliance with the Required Program.

#### Voluntary local actions

The Alameda CTC also encourages local jurisdictions to undertake TDM efforts above and beyond the Required Program. To support these efforts, Appendix G provides a listing of potential local TDM program elements and the context in which each program is likely to be most effective.

Cities across Alameda County have already adopted plans and programs to address TDM. Every city in Alameda County has adopted a Climate Action Plan, as has Alameda County for its government operations and for unincorporated portions of the county. Nearly every city in Alameda County has some type of TDM program and/or has re-considered its parking management strategies at the city or neighborhood

level. Examples of these existing TDM programs are summarized in Table 12.

#### Tools for developing a local TDM program

A variety of tools are available to local governments for facilitating TDM. The most effective programs integrate several of these elements as a comprehensive package.

- Modify zoning codes: Local governments can implement TDM requirements through changes to their zoning code. For example, they can reduce or eliminate minimum parking requirements or grant reductions in minimum parking requirements on the condition that trip reduction programs are implemented. While local governments cannot require employers to implement an employee tripreduction program unless the program is required by federal law, TDM requirements are often implemented as a condition of approval for new development, or a city's zoning code can require certain measures to address traffic congestion and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Partner to form a Transportation Management Association (TMA): Local governments often collaborate with business associations to facilitate creation of a TMA. Actions can include requiring TMA membership as a condition of development approval; or providing staff time, office space, or start-up funding to the TMA.
- Fund or manage programs directly: Some local governments directly fund or manage TDM programs. For example, the local government may fund universal transit passes or contract with a private organization to provide bike-sharing services.
- Implement capital projects: A variety of capital investments can support TDM. For example, local governments can invest in updated parking meters to facilitate smart parking management, wayfinding signage, or bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements.

 Offer a TDM program for local government employees: Local governments can offer trip reduction incentives directly to their employees. These steps can reduce peak period trips while serving as a model to other employers.

#### **TDM** program principles

Whatever the implementing mechanism, Alameda CTC encourages local jurisdictions implementing new or expanded TDM programs and requirements to adhere to the following principles:

- · Outcome-based TDM, with specific performance targets: Utilize performance-based strategies with specific project-level, corridor-level, or citywide targets, because these types of programs have potential to be the most effective and the easiest to implement and administer.
- Effectiveness at achieving local and regional goals: Invest in strategies that research has proven to be effective and to provide a good return on investment.
- Well-balanced and thorough: Develop a comprehensive program. The most effective TDM programs are ones that have varied and mutually supportive demand-management measures. For example, a TDM program that includes subsidized

- transit passes and a guaranteed ride home program has the potential to reduce vehicle trips to a greater degree than one of those measures alone.
- Effective marketing and public outreach: Develop programs through open communication with all stakeholders and tailor the programs to their needs, since the manner in which TDM programs are introduced is crucial to their success. Perform marketing and public outreach to encourage participation.
- User friendly: TDM programs must be easy for the public to understand and use. Policies and objectives should be clearly articulated and supported with data. New technologies, such as parking meters, should be designed for straightforward public usage.
- Financially feasible and cost-effective: Strategies that are low cost or no cost should be prioritized and provide the biggest return on the investment.
- Easy and efficient to administer: Place a priority on programs that can be easily and efficiently administered, relying on data that is collected in the normal course of business for the city. Where possible, cities should seek to collaborate with neighboring cities to reduce administrative burdens for all.

Table 12—Examples of Existing Local Government TDM Programs

City	Program Progra	
Alameda	Alameda is developing a citywide TDM plan that recommends a range of TDM measures, including establishing a Transportation Management Agency in the city. Alameda already allows for optional in-lieu parking fees for developments, which are used to pay for transit and bicycling improvements.	
Berkeley	Berkeley's Downtown Parking and Transportation Demand Program seeks to manage parking demand through pricing, provide better information about public and private parking facilities, and develop shared parking facilities agreements between different uses. Berkeley also has extensive TDM programs both for city employees and for private companies in Berkeley. The city recently updated its zoning code in conjunction with its recently adopted Downtown Area Plan to require that new developments implement a number of TDM measures.	

Table 12—Examples of Existing Local Government TDM Programs (cont'd)

City	Program	
Emeryville	The City of Emeryville adopted a Sustainable Transportation Plan in 2012 that includes numerous best practices in TDM. The city is also evaluating parking management approaches for the Hollis Area intended to increase the availability of parking spaces for short-term use.	
Oakland	The City of Oakland adopted a citywide policy framework for parking management in its commercial districts and is in the process of developing specific parking management plans for each district. For example, the "Temescal Parking Policies and Management Plan" was developed pursuant to this policy in 2012 and incorporates many parking management recommendations, including variable-rate pricing and better parking wayfinding signage.	
Hayward	The City of Hayward is engaged in a TDM study to determine the most cost-effective parking and transportation strategies to support transit-oriented development.	
Fremont	The City of Fremont just adopted a Downtown Community Plan that includes revised off-street parking standards, including shared parking, and general recommendations on TDM. The city has a TOD overlay district, with TOD-specific parking standards and required bike parking for all new developments, that applies to all rail station areas in Fremont.	
Newark	The City of Newark has considered TOD-friendly parking considerations in planning for the Dumbarton TOD Priority Development Area.	
Union City	Union City has begun moving toward more urban, transit-oriented strategies for parking management around its BART station. The city may reduce parking requirements for projects near the station, contingent on developments having a TDM program that could include transit incentives, carsharing, and bike parking. The city has also installed its first parking meters around the Union City BART station, both on the street and in municipal lots near the station.	
Dublin	The Downtown Dublin and Eastern Dublin Specific Plans include provisions for shared parking and reductions in minimum parking requirements for TOD and senior housing as well as other multimodal enhancements in their recent plan updates. The city is beginning to consider other TDM strategies for Priority Development Areas around BART stations, but no formal plans have been initiated to date.	
Livermore	The City of Livermore's Downtown Specific Plan includes provisions for shared parking downtown, reduced parking for multi-family residential areas, parking in-lieu of fees when public parking is available, and other TDM programs. The city has reached trip-reduction agreements with some new business park developments as well.	
Pleasanton	The City of Pleasanton implemented TDM measures for city employees and employers at the Hacienda Business Park. It also promotes TDM through its Commendable Commutes program. The city's parking cash-out program, "pRide," reimburses city employees \$2 a day for using travel modes other than a single-occupant vehicle. Pleasanton has also proactively managed travel demand at the Hacienda Business Park through the Hacienda Business Park Trip Reduction Ordinance (TRO).	

### **Private Sector Actions**

The private sector also has an important role to play in managing travel demand. While the CMP does not require private organizations to undertake any specific TDM actions, private organizations can take a number of steps, either on a voluntary basis or in response to local jurisdiction requirements. A full menu of potential TDM actions appears in Appendix G.

Examples of existing private TDM efforts in Alameda County include:

- Emeryville Transportation Management Association is a nonprofit organization funded through Business Improvement District fees paid by all commercial and industrial property owners in the city. The Emeryville TMA funds the Emery Go-Round shuttle, a free service which runs from the MacArthur BART station along two routes that serve the Amtrak station, Bay Street, and major employers in Emeryville. The TMA also provides information and referral services, coordination with local and regional government and transit agencies, the Alameda CTC GRH program, and car-sharing spaces.
- Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton provides a "Commute Solutions" program that offers a comprehensive suite of commute services to encourage commuting by non-drive-alone modes. For these efforts, the Hacienda Business Park is recognized by the Best Workplaces for Commuters program.
- Berkeley Gateway TMA funds the West Berkeley shuttle that provides free service from the Ashby BART station to major employment centers in West Berkeley. The shuttle service is operated under a partnership with the Emeryville TMA.
- The Broadway "B Line" is a free shuttle that operates between Jack London Square and the Uptown/ Lake Merritt districts of Oakland. It is funded through a public-private partnership between City of Oakland, business associations throughout the areas it serves, and a BAAQMD grant; AC Transit operates the shuttle.

- Bishop Ranch Office Park, located in the San Ramon valley in Contra Costa County, provides nine free shuttle routes for employees, four of which serve Dublin/Pleasanton BART and the Pleasanton ACE station, along with a variety of other commute services for employees.
- Other free shuttles for employees are provided by the following employers and campuses in Alameda County: Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, CSU East Bay, Heald College, Kaiser Oakland Medical Center, Mills College, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and University of California Berkeley "Bear Transit."

#### Menu of TDM measures

Appendix G provides a set of tables describing TDM activities that can reduce automobile trips in Alameda County. Table G-1 describes actions that public agencies, including local governments and transit agencies can carry out. Table G-2 describes complementary actions that local governments or private organizations such as employers or developers can carry out in response to local government requirements or on a voluntary basis.

# **Funding Approach**

TDM programs are often extremely cost-effective ways to meet regional congestion management and mobility goals and offer incentives to maximize use of existing facilities. Even when TDM programs place requirements on the private sector, well-designed programs may be cost-neutral or even save money for private organizations. For example, by shifting commuters away from single-occupant vehicle travel, TDM programs can reduce an employer's need to build or lease costly parking facilities, which partially or wholly offsets program costs.

Despite these advantages, many programs do require a public subsidy. Key funding sources for TDM programs and activities include:

• Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA): The TFCA legislation permits BAAQMD to collect a fee (up to \$4 per vehicle per year) for reducing air pollution

from motor vehicles and for related planning and programs. It requires the BAAQMD to allocate 40 percent of the revenue to an overall program manager(s) in each county. Alameda CTC has been designated as the overall program manager in Alameda County and has developed a program that allocates the funds as follows:

- o A maximum of 5 percent of the funds goes toward program implementation and administration;
- Approximately 70 percent of the remaining funds goes to cities/county based on population with a minimum of \$10,000 to each jurisdiction; city/ county population is updated annually based on State Department of Finance estimates.
- o Approximately 30 percent of the remaining funds are allocated to transit-related projects; all eligible applicants may apply for these funds for transitrelated projects.
- Surface Transportation Program (STP): MTC and the Alameda CTC both perform administrative functions for programming STP funds. For TDM purposes, the following projects are eligible for STP funds: highway projects including HOV lanes, signalization, transit projects, station area and transit-oriented development planning activities that result in the location of housing and/or jobs near high-frequency transit, and bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ): MTC and the Alameda CTC both perform administrative functions for programming CMAQ funds. For TDM purposes, eligible projects include those types of transportation projects that improve air quality, such as ridesharing and bicycle and pedestrian projects.

# **Local Government** Responsibilities and Conformance

Alameda CTC is required to monitor local jurisdictions' conformance with the adopted CMP. To meet this

responsibility, the Alameda CTC requires annual reporting to determine if each city and the county has adopted and implemented a trip-reduction and travel-demand ordinance. The following monitoring policies are in place.

# **Local Government Responsibilities**

The Required Program includes actions local jurisdictions must take to comply with the CMP. Local jurisdictions have until September 1 of each year to adopt and implement the Required Program.

To be found in conformance with the CMP, local jurisdictions must certify to Alameda CTC that they have adopted and implemented site design guidelines that enhance transit and pedestrian and bicycle access. To ensure consistency among all jurisdictions, Alameda CTC prepared and approved a TDM Checklist that identifies components to include in local design guidelines (Appendix H).

Local jurisdictions are also required to implement capital improvements that contribute to congestion management and reduce carbon emissions and greenhouse gases. This requirement can be satisfied by participating in the regional TFCA and the federal STP and CMAQ Programs. Refer to Chapter 8, "Capital Improvement Program" (CIP) for more information on the CIP, which incorporates numerous project types and programs identified in the Transportation Control Measures (TCM) Plan (see Appendix I).

### **Procedures for Non-conformance**

If Alameda CTC finds a local jurisdiction has not adopted and implemented the Required Program, it may find the local jurisdiction in "non-conformance." At the time of the finding, Alameda CTC will provide recommendations for corrective actions. If after 90 days the local jurisdiction is still in non-conformance, Alameda CTC is required to follow the conformance process as identified in Chapter 9, "Program Conformance and Monitoring." This could impact the non-conforming jurisdiction's ability to receive its increment of subventions from the fuel tax made available by Proposition 111, and the jurisdiction's

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ability to receive funding for projects through the federal STP and CMAQ Program.

# **Next Steps**

Following are next steps for the CMP TDM Element to increase the impact of existing TDM programs, incentivize expansion of TDM offerings throughout the county, and ultimately increase the likelihood that individuals throughout the county will utilize TDM programs and travel by non-drive alone modes.

- Encourage the formation of new Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) and strengthen existing TMAs by providing financial support (as possible) as well as technical resources such as a "how to" handbook.
- Develop a comprehensive TDM clearinghouse and other TDM informational resources.
- Provide technical assistance to support jurisdictions in implementing parking reforms and TDM policies and programs. Technical support for jurisdictions can take two primary forms:
  - o Technical Resources: Providing informational materials, case studies and examples, model ordinance language, and other guidelines and information that can assist jurisdictions in implementing parking and TDM policies.
  - o Planning Grants: Providing funds to cities to conduct studies and other planning efforts to overcome local parking and TDM challenges and move forward on adoption of parking management and TDM programs and policies, potentially including formation of new TMAs. Alameda CTC has already expanded its TOD technical assistance program into a "Sustainable Communities Technical Assistance Program" (SC-TAP) to support a wide range of planning and project development activities in PDAs.

- Provide a robust Guaranteed Ride Home Program.
- Consider adopting future TDM/parking requirement policies as part of funding eligibility requirements for local jurisdictions.

# Land Use Analysis Program



As part of the CMP, Alameda CTC must develop a program to analyze the impacts of land use decisions made by local jurisdictions on regional transportation systems. The program must generally be able to estimate the costs associated with those impacts, as well as provide credits for local public and private contributions to improve regional transportation systems.

The CMP statute does not change the role of local jurisdictions in making land use decisions or in determining the responsibilities of project proponents to mitigate possible negative effects of projects. However, Alameda CTC has the ability to apply certain sanctions, as described in Chapter 8, "Capital Improvement Program," if the local agency does not comply with the requirements of the law.

The intent of the Land Use Analysis Program is to:

- Better integrate local land use and regional transportation investment decisions;
- Better assess the impacts of development in one community on another community; and
- Promote information sharing between local governments when the decisions made by one jurisdiction will impact another.

The Land Use Analysis Program works best when Alameda CTC is involved at the very early stages of the development process, maximizing intergovernmental contacts before major decisions are complete. The process is intended to work in a positive, cooperative fashion that supports the needs of local, county, regional, and state governments. Proactive responses to potential impacts can occur during environmental review of specific land developments, corridor, or areawide studies, and preparation of local or regional CIPs.

Since the passage of the CMP legislation in 1991, a variety of other state and regional legislative and regulatory actions, shown in Table 13, have strengthened the need for a Land Use Analysis Program. These policies share the common theme that they coordinate transportation planning and investment decisions with existing and future land use patterns.

While the Alameda CTC's Land Use Analysis Program was initially conceived as a program to meet a particular state legislative mandate, the growing interest in coordinating land use and transportation planning has resulted in the program's evolution. The program now also serves as an opportunity for strategic thinking about how to plan for development that

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efficiently uses the transportation system, while ensuring that the mobility and access needs of residents and workers in Alameda County are fulfilled. Refer to Table 13 for legislative and regulatory actions. As such, the program includes:

- Legislatively required review of:
  - o Land use actions of local jurisdictions by the Alameda CTC; and
  - o Land use projections for use in countywide model database by local jurisdictions;
- Planning initiatives and programs that foster transportation and land use connections; and
- Strategic monitoring of transportation-land use coordination performance measures.

# Review of Land Use Actions

A major component of the Alameda CTC Land Use Analysis Program is the legislatively required review of land use development projects. The review of development projects allows Alameda CTC to assess impacts of individual development actions on the regional transportation system and ensures that significant impacts are appropriately mitigated.

Table 13—Legislative and Regulatory Actions

Legislation/Regulatory Action	Description
California Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32)	The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 requires the State of California to meet aggressive Greenhouse Gas emissions reduction targets.
California Senate Bill 375 (SB 375)	Redesigning Communities to Reduce Greenhouse Gas of 2008 synchronizes long-range regional transportation and land use planning and requires regional preparation of a Sustainable Communities Strategy that details how a region will house its population.
Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Resolution 4035	This resolution establishes the One Bay Area Grant Program, which links federal transportation funding to location in or proximate access to locally designated Priority Development Areas.
MTC Resolution 3434	The Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Policy for Regional Transit Expansion Projects of 2005 links the expenditure of regional capital funding for transit expansion to the density of households allowed around future mass transit systems.
Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines	These 2010 guidelines set low thresholds of significance for acceptable exposure to toxic air contaminants for residents and other users of new developments.
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) Sea Level Rise Estimates	These estimates identify many key development areas and transportation assets as being vulnerable to sea-level rise and needing adaption planning.

Alameda CTC also plays a key interjurisdictional facilitation role, and when disputes arise between two agencies as a result of the potential impacts of a land use project, Alameda CTC may act as a mediator, if requested by one of the parties involved.

### Scope of Review

Alameda CTC reviews two types of land use actions.<sup>34</sup>

- Projects requiring General Plan Amendments: These projects require a change to the text or map of a city or unincorporated planning area's general plan. General Plan Amendments (GPAs) can be performed in conjunction with a General Plan update, a specific plan, or an area plan. GPAs can also be adopted for an individual development project that is not consistent with current land use designations and therefore requires a GPA.
- **Projects consistent with General Plan:** These plans or projects do not require any modification of the general plan text or map.

Alameda CTC limits the scope of its review of land use actions to those with the potential to cause countywide or regional scale impacts. Projects are reviewed if they will cause a net increase of 100 p.m. peak hour trips. The evening peak period is used, as this period generally experiences the highest travel demands. This threshold is applied differently, depending on whether a project requires a GPA or is consistent with an existing general plan. Mitigated Negative Declarations (MNDs) are also considered differently, depending on whether a GPA is required or not. Table 14 summarizes the

application of the 100 p.m. peak hour trip threshold and consideration of MNDs.

Alameda CTC performs project trip generation calculations to determine whether CMP Land Use Analysis Program review is required. Project trip generation is computed using an approved trip generation methodology (see the following "Methodologies and Standards" section). The threshold for CMP review is based on net change in trips, meaning that trips from reclassified uses or existing redeveloped buildings are subtracted out of the total.

Alameda CTC reviews all large development projects and plans for which a city or the unincorporated county in Alameda County is the lead agency.35 Alameda CTC may also review large development projects from institutions, federal agencies, or neighboring counties if these are likely to impact the regional transportation system in Alameda County.

#### **Review Process**

Consistent with the CMP statute, Alameda CTC's review of plans and development projects through its Land Use Analysis Program is designed to occur alongside the CEQA review process to avoid duplication of effort. Alameda CTC strives to perform its review on the same timeline to offer early and proactive input that can aid in refining project design. A project is considered "complete" from a CMP review perspective once Alameda CTC notifies the project sponsor that the project is exempt or that CMP requirements have been met and that it has no further comments on the project.

# Table 14—Exemption from CMP Land Use Analysis Project Review

	Project Requiring General Plan Amendment	Project Consistent with General Plan
100 p.m. Peak Hour Trip Threshold Assessed Relative to:	Existing General Plan land use designation(s)	Existing use(s) at project site
Mitigated Negative Declarations	Considered (if trip generation threshold exceeded)	Not considered

<sup>34</sup> Previous versions of Alameda CTC CMPs referred to Plans and Development Projects as Tier 1A and Tier 1B. The "Tier" nomenclature has been discontinued to avoid confusion with the Tiers of the CMP network arterials.

<sup>35</sup> For purposes of compliance with the Land Use Analysis Program, the Port of Oakland is considered a governmental subdivision of the City of Oakland. Therefore, the Port is required to submit environmental documents to Alameda CTC for review and comment.

Figure 10 illustrates the typical review process. Once Alameda CTC receives a GPA or Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), it issues a response within 30 days. This response either indicates that the project is exempt from CMP Land Use Analysis Program review (if it does not exceed the 100 p.m. peak hour trip threshold) or provides comments on the scope of analysis to be performed in the DEIR to satisfy CMP requirements. If a project is not exempt, then once Alameda CTC receives a DEIR, it issues a response within 45 days. This response either indicates that the analysis contained within the DEIR adequately addresses CMP requirements or provides comments on changes or additional analysis needed to adequately address CMP requirements.

# Use of the Alameda Countywide Travel **Demand Model**

The CMP statute assigns responsibility to CMAs to develop a travel demand model "that will be used by local jurisdictions to determine the quantitative impacts of development on the circulation system." The Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model is typically used to determine traffic volumes, transit ridership, and other information for future years. Jurisdictions are required to use the most current version of the Countywide Travel Demand Model for the CMP Land Use Analysis Program. Alameda CTC amended the CMP requirements in 1998, so that local jurisdictions are responsible for applying the travel model. All local jurisdictions have signed Master Use Agreements with Alameda CTC that outline the procedure for requesting the model for a specific application.

Per the CMP statute, jurisdictions may also use an approved subarea travel demand model. Alameda CTC has responsibility for approving subarea models based on whether these models demonstrate adequate consistency with the countywide model.

Appendix J describes Alameda CTC's policy on subarea models and required documentation for approval.

#### Methodologies and Standards

Project sponsors should use the following methodologies and standards when conducting Transportation Impact Analyses for the CMP Land Use Analysis Program. Guidance on methodologies and standards may also be given as part of Alameda CTC's GPA or NOP response to the particular project.

### **Transportation networks**

The CMP statute requires analysis of impacts of land use actions on regional transportation systems. For Alameda CTC's CMP analyses, "regional transportation systems" is interpreted as follows:

- Autos: Study impacts to roadway segments on the 2002 Metropolitan Transportation System;<sup>36</sup>
- Transit: Study impacts to Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) transit operators (ACE, AC Transit, BART, Capitol Corridor, LAVTA, Union City Transit, and WETA);
- Bicycles: Study impacts to cyclists on the Countywide Bicycle Network; and
- Pedestrians: Study impacts to pedestrians within the Areas of Countywide Significance identified in the Alameda Countywide Pedestrian Plan.

Use of the MTS network for the Land Use Analysis Program ensures that impacts on the CMP network will continue to be identified, since it is a subset of the MTS. The broader definition of regional transportation systems encourages early identification of impacts on a larger system of roadways and explicitly includes transit, bicycle, and pedestrian system impacts.

<sup>36</sup> With the passage of the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991, MTC was required to develop an MTS that included transit and highways. MTC contracted with the CMAs in the Bay Area to develop the MTS and to use the CMPS to link land use decisions to the MTS. Therefore, a distinction is made between the CMP network, which is used for monitoring conformance with LOS standards, and the MTS, which is used for the Land Use Analysis Program. In 2005, MTC updated the MTS to include Rural Major Collector classified streets and higher classifications based on the Federal Functional Classification System. MTC uses the updated MTS for the purposes of funding and programming as well as in estimating roadway maintenance needs. The Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the updated MTS during the 2009 CMP update to determine its usefulness and applicability to the Land Use Analysis Program. Based on input from local jurisdictions and discussion with MTC, Alameda CTC determined that the updated MTS was not appropriate for the Land Use Analysis Program, because it was too detailed for planning purposes, and the previous version of the MTS would continue to be used.

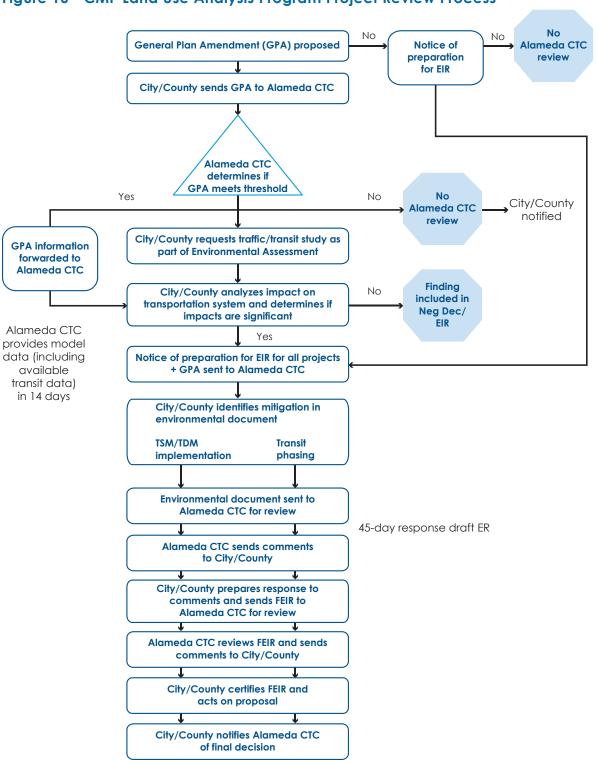


Figure 10—CMP Land Use Analysis Program Project Review Process

### Trip generation estimates

Alameda CTC conducts a trip-generation calculation to estimate how many new trips will be on the transportation network due to a development project or plan. Project trip generation is used to determine whether a project meets the threshold for CMP review and to assess impacts on the transportation system.

The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual is an acceptable method for estimating project trip generation. This methodology, which works by relating a variable describing the size of the project (e.g., square feet, number of units, number of gas pumps, etc.) to trips generated, is an established methodology widely used for CMP and other purposes in the transportation industry.

The 2011 CMP identified that ITE rates do not always perform well in dense or transit-rich areas such as Alameda County's Priority Development Areas or other infill development sites. In such areas, ITE rates may over-estimate vehicle trip generation. As part of the 2013 CMP update, Alameda CTC performed a review of alternative trip generation methodologies that adjust ITE rates to more accurately reflect particular project contexts. Three methodologies were identified that have been adequately validated and are reasonable to apply in Alameda County. Project sponsors have the option of using one of the following adopted alternative trip generation methodologies:

- EPA's Mixed Use Development (MXD) model
- Caltrans/UC Davis Smart Growth Trip Generation rates
- MTC's Station Area Residents Study (STARS) modeshare adjustment method

Appendix K contains the review of the methodologies, and Appendix L contains guidance on how to apply the rate adjustments.

Projects in areas with travel demand management (TDM) programs may also experience lower vehicle trip generation, as these programs provide information, incentives/disincentives, and other mechanisms to shift auto trips to other modes, times of day, or closer destinations. Project sponsors may adjust trip-generation estimates to reflect the presence of TDM programs. The TDM element of the Alameda CTC CMP contains a menu of TDM programs with research-based expected ranges of trip reduction benefits that project analysts may use to adjust trip generation estimates. Assumptions should be clearly documented and justified.

# Types of impacts and impact assessment methodologies

As part of the 2013 CMP update, Alameda CTC assessed the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) 2010, including its new Multi Modal Level of Service (MMLOS) methodologies for transit, bicycles, and pedestrians to examine its utility for the Land Use Analysis Program. Appendix B fully documents this assessment. The findings of this assessment include:

- The HCM2010 auto LOS methodologies are suitable for use to study impacts to freeway and arterial segments, but there is a need for flexibility if project sponsors need to conform to local methodology requirements.
- The MMLOS methodologies are not well-suited to identify if a project causes impacts to transit, bicyclists, or pedestrians. Instead, Alameda CTC expanded and clarified language to standard responses to general plan amendments and development projects as to the types of multimodal impacts that project sponsors should consider.
- The assessment found that the HCM2010 MMLOS is well-suited to illustrate tradeoffs from different intersection and roadway segment design options. Many transportation impact analyses propose mitigation measures that change roadway design. Project sponsors should consider tradeoffs to all road users resulting from mitigation measures, and the HCM2010 MMLOS is encouraged in this analysis (see "Mitigation Measures" below).

Appendix L provides full information on impact types and impact assessment methodologies. Project sponsors should consider impacts to all modes, including:

- Autos: Vehicle delay using the HCM2010 methodology and consistency with adopted plans;
- Transit: Effects of vehicle traffic on mixed-flow transit operations, transit capacity, transit access/egress, need for future transit service, consistency with adopted plans, and Circulation Element needs;
- Bicycles: Effects of vehicle traffic on bicyclists conditions, site development, and roadway improvements, and consistency with adopted plans;
- **Pedestrians:** Effects of vehicle traffic on pedestrian conditions, site development, and roadway improvements, and consistency with adopted plans; and
- Other impacts and opportunities: Noise impacts for projects near state highway facilities and opportunities to clear access improvements for Transit Oriented Development projects.

#### Thresholds of significance

Alameda CTC has not adopted thresholds of significance for CMP land use analysis purposes.30 Project sponsors should use professional judgment to 1) define a threshold that is appropriate for the project context; and 2) use this threshold to determine if segments are impacted.

# Mitigation measures

#### Alameda CTC vs. local roles

The CMP statute requires that a Land Use Analysis Program assess the costs of mitigating impacts to the regional transportation system from local land use decisions. This authority must be balanced with the responsibility that local governments hold in the development review process under CEQA. Local governments have lead agency responsibility for preparing EIRs including transportation impact analysis. In addition, the decision of whether to implement a mitigation measure or to adopt a statement of overriding considerations is a local decision.

Alameda CTC's role is to provide comments through the EIR process on the adequacy of analysis. Alameda CTC has authority under the CMP statute to require disclosure of impacts and mitigation measures, and to require local agencies to establish a program for securing funding to mitigate transportation impacts of land use decisions. The CMP statute does not grant Alameda CTC authority to require implementation of a mitigation measure.

#### Adequacy of mitigation measures

Inadequate and/or underfunded transportation mitigation measures may have significant implications for the regional transportation system. Either might result in failure to meet LOS standards, triggering potential non-conformance and the need for a deficiency plan. Furthermore, an environmental document may rely on state or federal funding of mitigation measures. Such funding may not be consistent with Alameda CTC's project funding priorities.

Alameda CTC's policy regarding mitigation measures is that to be considered adequate they must be:

- Adequate to sustain CMP roadway and transit service standards;
- Fully funded; and
- Consistent with project funding priorities established in the Capital Improvement Program of the CMP, the Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP), and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) or the federal Transportation Improvement Program, if the agency relies on state or federal funds programmed by Alameda CTC.

#### Types of mitigations

A project can propose mitigation measures of several types to address CMP impacts, including but not limited to:

<sup>30</sup> Note that the LOS E threshold used to determine deficiency as part of the LOS monitoring CMP element does not apply to the Land Use Analysis Program. This threshold is used for biennial monitoring, not to determine whether impacts will be caused over the long term by an individual land use action.

- Transportation network changes including changes to roadway geometry (e.g., adding lanes, adding turn pockets, adding mid-block crossings) and intersection control (e.g., adding stop control or signalizing an intersection).
- Transportation demand management measures and programs including amenities, information, incentives, and disincentives designed to influence demand for peak-hour auto trip making. The TDM element of the Alameda County CMP contains a menu of TDM programs (see Appendix G) with research-based expected ranges of trip reduction benefits that project analysts may use to estimate the effectiveness of TDM mitigation measures.
- In lieu mitigations including implementing a part of an Areawide Deficiency Plan or paying into a Transportation Impact Fee program.

In the case of smaller projects, local governments may wish to require project proponents to enter an agreement to provide a "fair share" portion for mitigating a cumulative impact. This addresses the legislative requirement that the CMP must be able to estimate costs associated with mitigating transportation impacts.

#### **Multimodal tradeoffs**

In certain settings, mitigation measures designed to resolve an impact to one mode may cause undesirable secondary impacts to other modes. These secondary impacts may be contrary to adopted policy objectives. A typical example is adding a turn pocket at an intersection, to address an auto circulation impact in a downtown or infill development area, which may increase crossing distances and exposure to vehicles for cyclists, pedestrians, and transit riders.

Jurisdictions are encouraged to discuss multimodal tradeoffs associated with mitigation measures that involve changes in roadway geometry, intersection control, or other changes of the transportation network. This analysis should identify whether the mitigation will result in an improvement, degradation, or no change in conditions for automobiles, transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The HCM2010 MMLOS methodology is encouraged as a tool to evaluate these tradeoffs, but project sponsors may use other methodologies as appropriate for particular contexts or types of mitigations.

# Review of Land Use Projections<sup>37</sup>

Alameda CTC has responsibility for developing a database of housing and jobs projections utilized in the Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model (more detail on the countywide model is available in Chapter 7). The CMP statute prescribes that this land use database must be consistent with the regional land use database and assumptions of the regional travel demand model. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) develops the regional land use database for the nine-county Bay Area. This database (formerly referred to as the Projections series) includes numbers of households and jobs by sector for existing and future planning horizon years. Alameda CTC works with local jurisdictions to develop the countywide database by allocating ABAG's housing and job projections to a refined-scale zone system for countywide model traffic analysis. For this reallocation to be deemed "consistent" in the sense of the CMP statute, the county-level totals from the two allocations must be within plus or minus 1 percent, per MTC's established guidelines as described in Chapter 9.

Alameda CTC's land use database development process typically happens as part of a Countywide Travel Demand Model update. During this process, local jurisdictions are required to review a draft allocation of ABAG totals to the Countywide Travel Demand Model transportation analysis zones (TAZs). Local jurisdictions then have 60 days to provide input on this draft allocation.

Alameda CTC is undertaking work to incorporate ABAG projections adopted as part of Plan Bay Area, the region's RTP and Sustainable Communities Strategy, into the Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model. This work is scheduled to be complete by June 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> The review of housing and job projections was referred to as Tier 2 review in previous versions of the Alameda CTC CMP. This nomenclature has been eliminated to avoid confusion with the tiers of the CMP arterial network.

Historically, the review of housing and job projections has occurred biennially along with the release of an updated set of Projections from ABAG. Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) changed transportation and land use planning to synchronize preparation of regional land use projections with regional transportation plans. In 2013, per the requirements of SB 375, ABAG and MTC adopted their first Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), which will likely be updated every four years on the RTP timeline. Alameda CTC's review and allocation of housing and job projections will likely now occur every four years, unless otherwise directed by ABAG or MTC.

# Fostering Transportation-**Land Use Connections**

Alameda CTC oversees a variety of programs and planning activities that strengthen connections between transportation and land use.

### SB 375 and Sustainable Communities Strategy

Climate change awareness and the urgency to reduce greenhouse gases has become a driving force in the transportation realm. Adopted in 2008, SB 375 mandates an integrated regional land use and transportation-planning approach to achieve targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from automobile/light trucks. The purpose of SB 375 is to define more concrete implementation requirements for the emission reductions expected from the land use sector in Assembly Bill 32. The focus of SB 375 is on reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and reducing greenhouse emissions by 7 percent by 2020 and 15 percent by 2035.

To comply with SB 375, development of Plan Bay Area by MTC and ABAG was a joint planning process. The SCS component of Plan Bay Area is designed to:

- Lay out how development patterns and the transportation network can be integrated to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Identify how the region's housing needs will be met;

- Improve modeling of land use and transportation; and
- Be congruent with local general plans, specific plans, and zoning.

Adopted in July 2013, Plan Bay Area is a 28-year plan, and the SCS component of Plan Bay Area focuses on promoting compact, mixed-use commercial and residential development that is walkable and bikable and close to mass transit, jobs, schools, shopping, parks, recreation, and other amenities. Through Plan Bay Area, for the first time the region has simultaneously addressed its long range transportation planning and strategy for meeting its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), in anticipation that the synchronization of these planning tasks will result in better transportation-land use coordination.

A key feature of the SCS is the designation of Priority Development Areas (PDAs), which are locallynominated areas near planned or existing transit designed to accommodate significant housing and job growth over the life of Plan Bay Area. PDAs represent 4 percent of the land mass of the Bay Area but are designed to take on 80 percent and 66 percent of housing and jobs, respectively. If successful, Plan Bay Area will give people more transportation choices, create more livable communities, and reduce the pollution that causes climate change.

Alameda CTC participated in the Plan Bay Area process through its 2012 CWTP update process. Land use considerations played a more direct role in the CWTP process than in past updates to this plan in two primary ways:

- The goals, objectives, and performance measures explicitly addressed land use.
- The demographic forecasts used in the evaluation process were based on the Alameda County Draft Land Use Scenario Concept developed locally through an extensive 18-month process coordinated by Alameda CTC and city planning directors. The local land use scenario was developed in coordination with ABAG and MTC's

efforts and helped to inform the SCS process. Ultimately, the land use scenario used for CMP analysis purposes is the same as the land use alternative adopted by ABAG and MTC in the final RTP/SCS.

# Priority Development Area Investment and Growth Strategy

PDAs are designated infill sites where greater housing and commercial density can be accommodated near transit stops. They were identified by local governments as part of the regional Focusing Our Vision (FOCUS) program, a regional development and conservation strategy led by ABAG and MTC, in partnership with the BAAQMD and BCDC, that promoted a more compact land use pattern for the Bay Area. The FOCUS program subsequently became the basis for the region's current SCS.

Alameda CTC worked with local jurisdictions through the FOCUS process to designate 43 PDAs. These PDAs represent a wide range of place types and land use contexts. This process occurred in parallel to MTC/ ABAG's regional planning work to inform the regional SCS for Alameda County. The FOCUS process also identified Growth Opportunity Areas (GOAs), which are additional areas that can accommodate growth and may one day be able to transition to PDAs and Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs), which are environmentally sensitive areas needing protection.

MTC and ABAG adopted the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program as Resolution 4035 on May 17, 2012. OBAG provides guidance for the allocation of the Cycle 2 Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and CMAQ funds for fiscal year 2012-2013 (FY12-13) through FY15-16. CMAs are responsible for distribution of these funds to local jurisdictions and other eligible project sponsors. OBAG includes specific policy objectives and implementation requirements that CMAs must meet as a condition of the receipt of OBAG funds.

With the OBAG funding cycle, MTC implemented a new approach that links the region's federal

transportation funding program with the Bay Area's first SCS efforts. In large counties, such as Alameda County, 70 percent of OBAG funding must be programmed to transportation projects or programs that support PDAs.

To ensure that CMAs have a transportation project priority-setting process for OBAG funding that supports and encourages development in the region's PDAs, MTC Resolution 4035 requires that Alameda CTC work with Alameda County jurisdictions to develop a Priority Development Area Investment and Growth Strategy. Alameda CTC's Commission adopted the Alameda County PDA Investment and Growth Strategy in March 2013.

The Alameda County PDA Investment and Growth Strategy fulfills the regional requirement and will guide the agency in supporting PDA development including facilitating implementation of PCAs over a longer time horizon than the current four-year funding cycle. The Alameda County PDA Investment and Growth Strategy describes existing conditions in the county's PDAs (including current level of market activity), explains how PDAs and projects were prioritized for the first OBAG cycle, and sets up a framework for additional work that the agency will undertake in the future to improve the link between transportation and land use within its PDAs.

The PDA Investment and Growth Strategy is designed to align with the Alameda CWTP. The most recent update of the CWTP included a goal of better coordinating transportation investments with the county's land use patterns. The PDA Investment and Growth Strategy will have the same time horizon as the current CWTP, through 2040, and will be updated every four years.

The PDA Investment and Growth Strategy contains an inventory of Alameda County's PCAs. Under the OBAG, MTC has also allocated \$5 million between five counties for distribution through a competitive application process to fund projects that promote open space preservation and access, land conservation, and habitat protection in PCAs.

Based on the recommendations made during the 2013 CMP update, Alameda CTC will work with MTC and ABAG to identify ways to support improvements to rural roadways that facilitate agricultural operations and agricultural tourism in East County and to develop more comprehensive approach to mitigating impacts from rural roadway improvements and efforts that support PCA goals and objectives.

### Support of Infill Development

The CMP statute seeks to balance congestion management and maintain LOS standards on CMP facilities with the need to promote infill development. In particular, infill development areas are more likely to have higher baseline levels of traffic and are more likely to trigger deficiencies. Senate Bill 1636, California's Infill Opportunity Zone Law, which amended the regulations governing CMPs, allowed jurisdictions to identify infill opportunity zones (IOZs) in which the requirement to maintain LOS E or better would not apply; however, no Alameda County jurisdictions nominated IOZs before the December 2009 deadline. The 2011 CMP identified

a set of short-term and long-term strategies to promote infill development in the absence of IOZs. These strategies collectively could offset the difficulties faced by infill development projects under the CMP statute. Table 15, which follows, reports on Alameda CTC's progress toward implementing these strategies.

SB 743, passed in September 2013, institutes key changes to the CMP statute that will support infill development, including lifting the sunset date on designating IOZs and directing the governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to develop new metrics for assessment of transportation impacts to replace vehicle delay-based measures such as LOS. Alameda CTC will closely follow implementation of and provide input on this law. Implementation of this law may take some time, and the strategies summarized in Table 15 should remain important over the life of the 2013 CMP.



# Table 15—Implementation of Strategies to Support Infill Development

	Strategy	Alameda CTC Action
Short Term	Incorporate the use of LOS standards (qualitative and quantitative) for transit, pedestrian, and bicycles to allow a balancing of transportation performance goals	The 2013 CMP contains guidance on how development projects reviewed through Land Use Analysis Program should evaluate impacts to transit, bicycles, and pedestrians, including analyzing mitigation measures with respect to multimodal tradeoffs. It is anticipated that Alameda CTC's upcoming transit and multimodal arterial plans will consider performance measures to monitor nonauto modes as part of LOS monitoring.
	Establish policies and mitigation strategies aimed at congestion relief on a broader scale	The 2013 CMP contains updated areawide deficiency plan guidelines to apply where localized improvements are not workable or practical.
	Adopt urban trip generation rates that more accurately reflect automobile trip generation in areas well served by transit and other services.	The 2013 CMP contains list of approved alternative trip generation methodologies.
	Advocate for relaxation from traffic LOS standards to be extended to all designated "infill opportunity zones" statewide that meet established criteria, regardless of when the zones were established	SB 743, passed in September 2013, removes sunset date from designation of IOZs.
	Pursue legislative changes to eliminate strict requirements for the use of LOS standards to determine the performance of highways and roadways as part of the CMP	SB 743, passed in September 2013, directs OPR to revise CEQA guidelines to eliminate automobile LOS as a significant impact on the environment and to develop new criteria for determining significance of transportation impacts in transit priority areas that use metrics such as automobile trips generated or VMT per capita. Alameda CTC will monitor the development of these new impact assessment metrics and offer comment as appropriate.
	Adopt flexible standards for transportation impact assessment under CEQA in support of multimodal CMP goals	Alameda CTC currently does not have thresholds of significance for CMP analysis which permit analysts to respond to context sensitivity. As identified in the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans Implementation Actions, Alameda CTC supports jurisdictions in attempts to reform local thresholds by sharing case studies of other cities that have revised CEQA thresholds in designated areas.
	Impose multimodal transportation impact development fees in support of multimodal CMP goals	Alameda CTC will explore the options, including conducting a feasibility study for a countywide transportation impact fee linked to auto trip generation as discussed in the next section "Areawide Transportation Impact Mitigation Fees" and also identified in the "Next Steps" in this chapter.
	Update conventional four-step models to provide a more accurate estimate of person trips by mode	Ongoing Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model updates will incorporate enhanced responsiveness of bicycle and pedestrian mode choice to investments in these modes.

# **Areawide Transportation Impact Mitigation Fees**

An areawide transportation impact fee and/or revenue measure such as establishing an assessment district could generate funds necessary to plan and implement transportation mitigation measures related to land development. Transportation impact fees are addressed in the CMP statute as a proactive method of addressing transportation needs arising from land development.

At present, Alameda CTC and most local jurisdictions in Alameda County review development projects and determine required mitigation measures on a project-by-project basis. If found to be feasible, a transportation impact fee could be designed to supplement current project-by-project review, in which case the fee would raise additional revenue to fund multi-jurisdictional mitigations. Another option is that a transportation impact fee could be designed to replace project-by-project review. In this case, the fee would be designed to generate revenues to fund both localized and multi-jurisdictional mitigations.

Alameda CTC conducted feasibility studies in 1997 and 2007 for a countywide traffic mitigation fee. These feasibility studies investigated a fee that would supplement the project review and mitigations required by local jurisdictions. These previous studies recommended that Alameda CTC not proceed with an areawide traffic impact fee due to concerns about discouraging development, particularly in urban areas where redevelopment projects already face higher costs than in suburban areas. The studies also recommended that Alameda CTC adopt the following policies:

- Support agreement among local jurisdictions to adopt an areawide fee within a planning area;
- Identify projects of countywide significance; and

 Consider integrating adoption of a countywide fee with a campaign for a sales tax extension or gas tax increase so the development community and the voters see a benefit in sharing costs with each other.

As part of the 2011 CMP update, Alameda CTC considered pursuing an areawide traffic impact fee, similar to the Tri-Valley Transportation Council Fee, for the other three planning areas in the county. Alameda CTC concluded that, given the weak local and national economic conditions at that time, an areawide traffic impact fee could adversely affect local development. As an alternative to a new areawide traffic impact fee, the 2011 CMP proposed exploring a fee based on automobile trip generation, such as San Francisco County is implementing. San Francisco's Fee, the Transportation Sustainability Program (formerly referred to as the Automobile Trip Generated, or ATG, measure) is an areawide fee unique in that it is designed to replace the city's current practice of reviewing individual development projects using auto LOS.

Rather than require individual project sponsors to study their impacts to intersection LOS and devise mitigations on a case-by-case basis, San Francisco has devised a countywide program of mitigations designed to accommodate all anticipated development over the next 20 years.

Developers will then pay for their portion of this full program of mitigations, according to a fee schedule based on motorized trips generated.<sup>38</sup> San Francisco is currently preparing an EIR for the Transportation Sustainability Program and, once completed, individual development projects will no longer be required to conduct cumulative transportation studies, as payment of the fee will constitute mitigation for their cumulative effects on the transportation system.

The 2011 CMP recommended that, pending availability of funding, Alameda CTC conduct a feasibility study

<sup>38</sup> The fee was initially based on Automobile Trips Generated. Nexus analysis revealed that the fee should also be extended to cover transit trips due to concerns with transit crowding in San Francisco. This finding resulted in the fee being restructured as the Transit Sustainability Fee, which is based on the projected generation of all types of motorized trips by development projects. Review of housing and job projections was referred to as Tier 2 review in previous versions of the Alameda CTC CMP. This nomenclature has been eliminated to avoid confusion with the tiers of the CMP arterial network.

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for an areawide impact fee based on automobile trips generated. The study was postponed, while Alameda CTC sought passage of an extension and augmentation of its local transportation sales tax, but it will be carried forward as a next step for the 2015 CMP update.

The passage of Senate Bill 743 (SB 743) in September 2013 could heighten the importance of an areawide transportation impact fee feasibility study. This bill directs OPR to revise CEQA guidelines such that transportation impact analysis will no longer be based on automobile LOS. OPR is directed to develop alternative metrics for transportation impacts in transit priority areas, and the bill explicitly makes reference to metrics such as automobile trip generation and VMT per capita.

In addition to a feasibility study, an areawide transportation impact fee would likely require a nexus study in accordance with the Mitigation Fee Act as well as significant coordination and consensus building with the jurisdictions in Alameda County. In particular, a nexus study would be required to determine what share of transportation improvements are needed to correct issues associated with new development (as opposed to existing transportation system deficiencies) and to determine appropriate fee levels.

While it entails significant up-front study and coordination, an areawide transportation impact fee offers several key benefits:

• Consistency with multimodal planning focus: A variety of policy goals point to the need to respond to growing travel demand with mitigation measures such as improved transit service and non-motorized travel facilities. It is difficult for project sponsors to demonstrate how these improvements will fix a highly localized transportation system impact, which can lead to developers pursuing mitigations such as roadway capacity improvements that may be contrary to Alameda CTC's multimodal planning focus.

• Adequately addresses regional impacts: Projectby-project review of developments often results in underfunding of multi-jurisdictional improvements because Alameda CTC has no authority to require cities or developers to actually implement a mitigation measure, and local jurisdictions may not fully perceive the benefits of requiring a developer to pay for a mitigation measure outside of their boundaries.

If an areawide transportation impact fee is designed to replace project-by-project review that uses intersection LOS to determine impacts, additional benefits could accrue:

- Simplicity, transparency, and predictability: Transportation impact analysis is typically one of the most costly and time-consuming parts of developing and reviewing environmental impact reports. Under an areawide transportation impact fee, all of this analysis is conducted up front. Furthermore, developers can easily predict how much they will be required to pay for transportation system improvements.
- Fixes "last-in pays" principle: One feature of the project-by-project, LOS-based method of assessing transportation impacts used by most jurisdictions is that only projects that actually cause an intersection or a roadway segment to fall below a specified LOS threshold are forced to pay for mitigations. This fact results in a single project sponsor bearing the entire burden of mitigating a cumulative impact to an intersection or segment, or the jurisdiction adopting a statement of overriding considerations.

The Tri-Valley Transportation Council has adopted an areawide traffic fee. The fee is applied to regional transportation improvements in the Tri-Valley Transportation Expenditure Plan. Many local jurisdictions have also adopted transportation mitigation fees, some of which partially fund multi-jurisdictional mitigations. If such an areawide transportation impact fee is adopted in the future at a countywide level, it would include a system of credits, so that fees for

developments paid once for regional improvements are not unfairly "double billed" for contributions to the same improvement. Credits for some local impact improvements may also be considered.

Community Design and Transportation Program

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (SCVTA) has adopted a Community Design and Transportation (CDT) program as part of its CWTP to better integrate transportation and land use and augment its CMP Land Use Analysis Program. This program was developed in partnership with member agencies and communities and is endorsed by their elected bodies. The SCVTA Board promotes the CDT program as its policy tool and primary program to integrate transportation and land use. It includes a comprehensive toolkit for member agencies to use in all aspects of transportation and land use planning and for both public and private development projects. The CDT program also includes two grant funded programs and an incentive program designed to encourage better coordination of transportation and land use planning. One of the objectives of the CDT program is to support concentrated development in selected locations of the county.

In the 2011 CMP, Alameda CTC recommended exploring a similar approach to better integrating land use and transportation in Alameda County. Before the next update of the CMP, Alameda CTC will identify the level of interest from local jurisdictions and transit operators for implementing a similar program in Alameda County. Alameda CTC will develop a scope of work and the steps involved including the cost of developing and implementing the program.

# **Complete Streets Policy Development** and Implementation

Complete streets are streets designed to accommodate all modes and all users. Complete streets can look different, depending on the local context, but broadly speaking, creating complete streets entails planning, funding, designing, and maintaining and operating transportation facilities and networks that drivers, transit users, pedestrians, bicyclists, and goods movement purveyors can use, regardless of age or ability.

The Complete Streets Act of 2008 (Assembly Bill 1358) stipulates that during the next major update of their General Plan's Circulation Element, all jurisdictions in California are required to incorporate complete streets principles. Alameda CTC required jurisdictions to adopt complete streets policies by June 30, 2013 as part of the Master Program Funding Agreements signed in 2012. All jurisdictions have now met this requirement, either in the form of a city council or Board of Supervisors resolution or an update to the Circulation Element of their General Plan that incorporates complete streets principles. Alameda CTC provides technical assistance to its jurisdictions, including identifying best practice examples, strong language, and recommended components to meet the General Plan component of this legislative requirement.

Implementation of complete streets policies is a multi-year process requiring organizational culture shift, participation from numerous city departments and other external stakeholders, and new levels of collaboration. Alameda CTC held a workshop in June 2012 on complete streets policy development and a workshop in July 2013 in which it provided information to local jurisdictions on implementing complete streets and highlighted examples of best practices. Alameda CTC will continue this effort by developing a series of targeted resources around specific complete streets implementation challenges.

Alameda CTC also implements the Complete Streets Checklist from MTC. All projects that apply for federal funds programmed by Alameda CTC must complete this checklist, which provides information when Alameda CTC evaluates projects for funding.

### **Corridor Planning**

In 1994, Alameda CTC adopted a corridor/areawide transportation management planning process described in the CWTP. The process is based on cooperative planning and coordinated action by local governments, Caltrans, transit agencies, and MTC. Alameda CTC uses the corridor/areawide management

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planning process to identify needed mitigation measures and for linking its funding decisions to needed mitigations. In a corridor/areawide management planning effort, participants address strategies to:

- Reconcile the competing demands that local and long-distance traffic make on the capacity of the freeway system;
- Reconcile continuing population and employment growth with the finite capacity of the freeway system;
- Reconcile the movement of people and goods;
- Prevent pass-through traffic from using local streets;
- Reconcile high occupancy vehicle and express lanes with plans to meter freeway ramps;
- Pair ramp metering with geometric metering at gateways to the metropolitan area; and
- Coordinate the operation of freeways and parallel arterials and to specify when and where to rely on transit as a corridor's primary strategy of traffic management.

As defined in the Alameda CWTP, the underlying principles for the planning process are based on the following:

- Alameda CTC should support, where appropriate, local plans to enhance the productivity of transit investment through such measures as supportive zoning, urban design/planning, and development approvals.
- Alameda CTC should give investment priority to those highway and transit operational improvements and major capital projects identified in the corridor/areawide management planning process.
- Alameda CTC recognizes that land use planning is solely the purview of local governments.

As part of the 2011 and 2013 CMP updates, Alameda CTC reviewed additional options for improving mobility and identifying and funding mitigation measures along travel corridors, specifically ones that cross county boundaries. The following approaches were recommended as next steps.

- For congested cross county corridors, explore developing partnerships for sharing the costs of implementing mitigation measures in the corridor.
- For long-term corridor improvements, explore
   establishing cross county partnerships to identify
   mutually agreeable strategies for developing and
   implementing improvements. As a first step in this
   direction, a county line development study in
   partnership with either San Joaquin or Santa Clara
   counties could be considered.
- Explore developing corridor improvement strategies as part of Countywide Transit Plan and Countywide Arterial Mobility Plan.

Examples of corridor/areawide management planning efforts include:

- Central County Freeway Study (SR 238 Local Area Transportation Improvement Program)
- I-580 Corridor BART to Livermore
- I-680 Value Pricing
- I-880 Strategic Plan
- North I-880 Safety and Operations Study
- San Pablo and I-880 SMART Corridor Programs
- SR 84 Local Area Transportation Improvement Program
- Tri-Valley Triangle Study

Alameda CTC is also conducting three countywide modal plans including a goods movement plan, a transit plan, and an arterials plan. These long-range modal plans are intended to feed into the CWTP and will identify projects, funding priorities, and future corridor planning priorities.

# State-level CEQA Modernization Advocacy

Public agencies have gained decades of experience in applying CEQA rules. As new issues (such as global warming) emerge that were unanticipated by the original legislation, a variety of actors show growing interest in modernizing CEQA. Ideas for modernizing CEQA focus on a number of aspects of how the law works including reducing the scope of which types of projects must conduct intensive analysis, eliminating duplication between CEQA and other environmental laws and standards, and containing litigation generated by CEQA. Since the last CMP update, the OPR has issued regulations to implement Senate Bill 226, which seeks to streamline environmental review for eligible infill development projects. SB 743 will also streamline and modernize transportation analysis, particularly for projects in transit priority areas.

Much can be done within the existing CEQA legislation to streamline the review of development projects and to reduce the greater likelihood of causing impacts from infill development projects. Strong specific plans and area plans with thorough program EIRs can reduce the analytic burden of future development projects that implement those plans, and Alameda CTC will support these specific plans through its Sustainable Communities Technical Assistance Program (SC-TAP). The recently adopted Plan Bay Area discusses the potential for projects in Transit Priority Project (TPP) eligible areas that meet certain other conditions to receive CEQA relief under SB 375, and Alameda CTC will assist jurisdictions in understanding this eligibility.<sup>39</sup> As previously discussed, Alameda CTC has made some modifications to its review of EIRs through the Land Use Analysis Program that will benefit infill projects, and will continue to support local jurisdictions in revising their own CEQA thresholds as appropriate through information sharing and other technical assistance.

Even with the passage of SB 743, there are other aspects of the CEQA statute that may require modernization (e.g., limiting litigation, strengthening tiering provisions). These aspects of CEQA generally require legislative action. Alameda CTC will continue to monitor CEQA modernization-related bills and consider <sup>39</sup> Plan Bay Area, p. 58

whether it is appropriate to take positions on these as part of its legislative platform.

#### Parking Standards and Policies

Parking for automobiles is a significant but underrecognized factor in the relationship between land use and transportation. It has been customary for local jurisdictions to require development projects to provide a minimum number of parking spaces. Moreover, most parking is underpriced. These two factors encourage driving, leading to inefficient land use and more congestion. With the support of local jurisdictions, Alameda CTC plans to explore and review parking policies and standards as a way to develop parking management strategies as a land use tool for local jurisdictions to promote alternative modes and reduce greenhouse gases.

### **Regional Transit Expansion Program**

The Regional Transit Expansion Program, originally adopted by MTC in 2001 as Resolution 3434 and updated as part of Plan Bay Area, identifies the regional commitment to transit investments in the Bay Area. Resolution 3434 identified \$18 billion in transit expansion investment projects. It includes a TOD policy to condition transit expansion projects funded under Resolution 3434 on supportive land use policies. There are three key elements of the regional TOD policy:

- Corridor-level thresholds to quantify appropriate minimum levels of development around transit stations along new corridors;
- Local station area plans that address future land use changes, station access needs, circulation improvements, pedestrian-friendly design, and other key features of TODs; and
- Corridor working groups that bring together CMAs, city and county planning staff, transit agencies, and other key stakeholders to define expectations, timelines, roles, and responsibilities for key stages of the transit project development process.

This policy is relevant within Alameda County for the following Resolution 3434 transit expansion projects:

- AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit in Berkeley/Oakland/ San Leandro
- AC Transit Enhanced Bus: Grand-MacArthur Corridor
- BART/Oakland Airport Connector
- BART Warm Springs Extension to San Jose
- Dumbarton Rail
- Ferry service expansions in Alameda and Berkeley
- Tri-Valley Transit Access Improvements to/from BART

Alameda CTC is working with the local jurisdictions, transit providers, congestion management agencies in adjoining counties, ABAG, and MTC to address the policy in these corridors.

As part of Plan Bay Area, the region's \$660 million in federal new and small starts funding will be directed to Resolution 3434 projects that ranked highly in the RTP Project Performance Assessment. These include several Alameda County projects including BART Warm Springs Extension to San Jose, AC Transit Berkeley/Oakland/ San Leandro Bus Rapid Transit, and AC Transit Enhanced Bus: Grand-MacArthur corridor.

A companion resolution, Resolution 3357, articulates rail extension and improvement criteria and regional express bus and rapid bus program criteria. These criteria will be considered during the funding process for the identified transit projects.

# Strategic Monitoring of **Transportation-Land Use** Coordination

A core part of Alameda CTC's activities is monitoring trends in performance measures and transportation land use connections, and using this monitoring to inform planning and funding decisions.

**Tracking New Development Activity** The 2011 CMP revealed that several other large

Bay Area CMAs have created a database of land use approvals, and recommended that Alameda CTC explore creating such a database. As part of the 2013 CMP update process, creating and implementing a database of land use approvals in Alameda County is included. Beginning with the 2014 Conformity Findings process, Alameda CTC will require local jurisdictions to submit:

- 1) a list of land use development projects approved during the previous fiscal year; and
- 2) a copy of the most recent Housing Element Annual Progress Report submitted to the state Department of Housing and Community Development.

This information will be used to populate a database of development approvals in Alameda County. This development approvals database will prove invaluable for a variety of applications. It will provide:

- Enhanced monitoring of how well transportation investments are being coordinated with new developments and demands for mobility;
- The ability to compare land use projections with historic trends:
- The ability to comply with new requirements that CMAs assess local jurisdiction efforts at approving sufficient housing for all income levels from the OBAG Program (see PDA monitoring below); and
- A consistent database for multi-jurisdictional planning efforts.

#### **Liveable Communities Performance Measures**

The 2012 Alameda CWTP identified a series of performance measures related to transportationland use connections. These measures were used to compare different long-range transportation investment scenarios during CWTP analysis. The measures were also incorporated in the CMP multimodal performance element.

For the 2015 CMP update, Alameda CTC will perform a comprehensive review of its performance measures and consider opportunities to streamline measures and to strategically align reporting timelines with data availability. Some of the liveable communities measures (e.g., activity center accessibility and public transit accessibility) are not based on annually published, longitudinal data. These measures are most suitable for comparing different long-range scenarios rather than annual monitoring. The comprehensive review of performance measures performed for the 2015 CMP will explore identifying shorter-term measures of transportation-land use coordination that could leverage the database of new development activity. For example, Alameda CTC could monitor performance measures such as what percent of new dwelling units or commercial square footage is within a half-mile of transit or within a walkable neighborhood.

# **Priority Development Area Performance Monitoring**

The Alameda County PDA Investment and Growth Strategy outlines a preliminary PDA monitoring plan developed both to fulfill MTC and ABAG requirements and as a step toward implementing the land use and sustainability goals of the 2012 CWTP. Collecting and assessing data on the county's PDAs will help Alameda CTC gauge progress on meeting the objectives of the 2012 CWTP and Plan Bay Area, identify what might need to be modified or improved, help gauge the impacts of policies and investments, and inform the agency's future policy and investment decisions. A more robust information set will also help inform decisions about adjusting the boundaries of existing PDAs and designating new PDAs in the future.

Alameda CTC conducted an extensive PDA Inventory in 2012. Over the course of the next several years, the agency will build on this inventory to create a more robust baseline dataset that Alameda CTC can update over time. Some of the data will be updated annually or biennially as new data is generated by the jurisdictions and then compiled and released by ABAG or MTC. The frequency of updates to the data will also be determined by the pace of change in the county's PDAs and MTC and ABAG requirements. Alameda CTC will work closely with ABAG and other <sup>40</sup> California Government Code Section 65089.3.

regional agencies to ensure that the data provided is best suited to Alameda CTC's monitoring needs. The agency's goal is to minimize data collection work for Alameda CTC and the county's jurisdictions and avoid duplicative data collection efforts.

Alameda CTC intends to analyze the following types of data for each PDA (or potential PDA) in Alameda County, though Alameda CTC may make some alterations to existing categories to include different data points.

- · Current housing, jobs, and population data
- Growth projections for housing, jobs, and population
- RHNA allocations
- Market strength and development activity
- Transit orientation, urban form and bicycle/ pedestrian connectivity
- Policies (land use, housing, parking, and TDM)
- Impact of OBAG investments

# **Local Government** Responsibilities and Conformance

Alameda CTC is responsible for monitoring conformance of local jurisdictions with the adopted CMP.40 While Alameda CTC does not have the authority to approve or deny local land use projects, it may find the local jurisdiction in non-conformance. If it fails to comply with the requirements of the land use analysis program, a jurisdiction risks losing Proposition 111 funds. The detailed process for finding of non-conformance and resulting withholding of Proposition 111 funds is described in Chapter 8.

The following describes special circumstances related to conformance to the Land Use Analysis Program requirements. If a proposed development was specified in a development agreement entered into

prior to July 10, 1989, then it is not subject to any action taken to comply with the CMP, with the exception of those actions required for the trip-reduction and travel-demand element of the CMP.41

In some cases Alameda CTC may find that additional mitigation measures are necessary to prevent certain segments of the CMP network from deteriorating below the established LOS standards, before a conformance finding is made. In such cases, Alameda CTC will require the local jurisdiction to determine whether the additional mitigation measures will be undertaken as a condition of project approval, or whether they will be implemented as part of a deficiency plan for the CMP network segments affected.

Local jurisdictions have the following specific responsibilities under the Alameda CTC Land Use Analysis Program.

### Throughout the year

Local jurisdictions are required to do the following to ensure conformity with the CMP Land Use Analysis Program requirements:

- Forward to the Alameda CTC all Notices of Preparation, draft and final Environmental Impact Reports, and Environmental Impact Statements, and final dispositions of General Plan Amendment and development requests.
- Analyze large development projects according to the guidelines in this chapter, including the use of the Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model or an approved subarea model and disclosure of impacts to the MTS, if Alameda CTC determines the project exceeds the threshold for which CMP review is required.
- Work with Alameda CTC on the mitigation of development impacts on the regional transportation system.

#### During annual conformity findings process

Local jurisdictions are required to do the following to ensure conformity with the CMP Land Use Analysis

<sup>41</sup> California Government Code Section 65089.7.

Program requirements during the annual conformity findings process which occurs from September to November:

- Review the record of Alameda CTC responses to environmental impact report documents for completeness and accuracy.
- Provide the Alameda CTC with:
  - 1) a list of land use development projects approved during the previous fiscal year; and
  - 2) a copy of the most recent Housing Element Annual Progress Report submitted to the state Department of Housing and Community Development.

# As needed according to Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model development schedule

During travel model updates, provide an update (prepared by the jurisdiction's planning department) of the anticipated land use changes likely to occur using ABAG's most recent forecast for a near-term and far-term horizon year. This land use information should be provided in a format compatible with the countywide travel model.

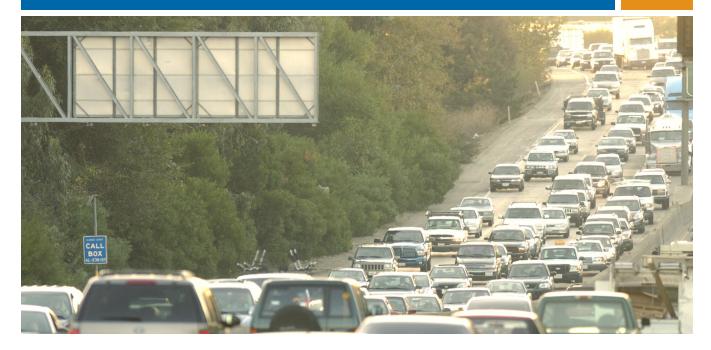
# **Next Steps**

The following are next-step items for the CMP Land Use Analysis Program to strengthen the connection between land use and transportation.

- Develop Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines that will assist project sponsors in analyzing and addressing project impacts to auto transit, bicycles, and pedestrians as described in this chapter.
- Develop a policy regarding tiering off of CMP analysis conducted as part of a Specific Plan or other Area Plan, if that analysis was conducted using a version of the Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model that is no longer the most current version.

- Pending availability of funding, conduct a Feasibility Study for implementing an ATG-based areawide transportation impact fee.
- Determine if there is interest from local jurisdictions and transit operators for a program similar to the SCVTA's CDT program in Alameda County, and develop a scope of work, schedule, and budget for developing and implementing the program.
- Continue to provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions on potential options to revise CEQA thresholds to reduce barriers to infill development approvals.
- Continue to monitor state level CEQA modernization efforts and opportunities for streamlining within existing CEQA law.
- Implement the Sustainable Communities Technical Assistance Program including matching project applicants with technical assistance for planning efforts designed to advance the readiness of Priority Development Areas.
- Identify ways to address rural roadway improvement needs and efforts that support PCA goals.
- Consider establishing a means for projects that impact long travel corridors and traverse multiple jurisdictions within Alameda County to contribute their fair share of required mitigation measures throughout the corridor.
- Explore development of partnerships for sharing the costs for implementing related mitigation measures for congested cross-county corridors.
- Explore establishing cross-county partnerships with adjacent counties to develop mutually agreeable strategies for cross-county-corridor improvements.
- Explore developing corridor improvement strategies as part of Countywide Transit Plan and Countywide Arterial Mobility Plan.

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The CMP legislation requires every CMA, in consultation with the regional transportation planning agency (the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in the Bay Area), cities, and the county, to develop a uniform database on traffic impacts for use in a countywide travel demand model.<sup>42</sup> Further, the legislation mandates the countywide model to be consistent with the assumptions of the regional travel demand model developed by MTC and the most current land use and socioeconomic database adopted by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) for Alameda County. In its role as the CMA, Alameda CTC must approve computer models used for sub-areas, including models used by local jurisdictions for land use impact analysis. All models must be consistent with the countywide model and standardized modeling assumptions.

The purpose of this requirement is to bring a uniform technical basis for analysis to congestion management decisions. This includes consideration of the benefits of transit service and travel demand management (TDM) programs, as well as projects that improve congestion on the CMP-designated network. The modeling requirement is also intended to assist local agencies in assessing the impacts of new development on the transportation system.

Use of the Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model is essential for the CMP planning process. The Alameda County CMP is a forward-looking program, promoting a philosophy of early action to prevent conditions from deteriorating. The countywide model allows Alameda CTC to anticipate and forecast the potential impacts of local land development decisions on the Metropolitan Transportation System network.

## **Countywide Travel Demand Model Features**

The Countywide Travel Demand Model currently being updated is expected to be available for use by spring 2014. The updated model will:

- Incorporate the most recently adopted ABAG land use and socio-economic database, the Sustainable Communities Strategy;
- Update the model base year from 2000 to 2010 to be consistent with the most recent US Census (2010);
- Incorporate US Census 2010 data;
- Extend the outer forecast year from 2035 to 2040;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> California Government Code Section 65089(c).

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- Update the traffic analysis zones and roadway and transit network;
- Enhance sensitivity for forecasting bicycle and pedestrian trips by incorporating the bicycle network in the model, at a minimum; and
- Update the calibration and validation of the model.

The currently active Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model, completed in August 2011, includes the following key elements:

- It uses Cube software.
- The base year of the model is 2000, and the forecast years are 2005, 2020, and 2035.
- Five time periods are included: a.m. peak 1-hour; p.m. peak 1-hour; p.m. peak 2-hour; p.m. peak 4-hour; and daily.
- It contains 2,692 traffic analysis zones (TAZs).
- It includes more detailed road and transit networks; these networks are compatible with GIS.
- It incorporates the 2000 US Census and ABAGs' Projections 2009 land use and socioeconomic data with input from the local jurisdictions.

Regarding other model features, the model contains:

- San Joaquin County as an internal area in the countywide model through buffer zones. San Joaquin County land uses incorporated are based on the San Joaquin County travel forecast model as of February 2010.
- Other Bay Area Counties in more detail by including or retaining MTC's Regional Traffic Analysis Zones for these counties
- Home-work mode choice model that includes details on transit modes. Transit/walk access and transit/drive access sub-modes are divided into further sub-modes. The transit/walk access mode is divided into local bus, express bus including ferries,

- light rail, commuter rail and BART; the transit/drive access mode is divided into park/ride and kiss/ride.
- Ramp meters and HOV bypass lanes at each freeway ramp that has or plans to have ramp metering.
- A more detailed truck forecast model within the travel demand model.
- Future capacity-constrained peak-hour traffic forecasts in addition to peak-hour traffic forecasts based on unconstrained demand.
- A greenhouse gas calculation tool.

Documentation of specific features and assumptions for various components of the August 2011 model are available on the Alameda CTC website.

## Land Use Database Development

The database included in the currently active countywide travel model is based on data summarized in ABAG's Projections 2009 and incorporated into MTC's regional model TAZs (RTAZ). The update to the countywide model will incorporate the newly adopted Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) land use and socio economic data.

The process of distributing the regional land use and socio-economic data to countywide TAZs begins with allocating ABAG's land-use and socioeconomic data from the larger MTC regional TAZs to the smaller Alameda CTC countywide model TAZs. The Alameda County jurisdictions then review and redistribute the data. The jurisdictions totals are requested to stay within a 1 percent variation from the ABAG totals, but they are permitted to redistribute them if appropriate. Countywide totals after redistribution will remain within plus or minus 1 percent of ABAG county totals, as required by MTC. By aggregating the projections made for each zone, Alameda CTC can produce projections of socioeconomic characteristics for unincorporated areas of the county, the fourteen cities, and the four Alameda County planning areas.

## **Model Development**

The framework established for the model encompasses the following components:

- Trip generation (number of trips forecast by traffic analysis zone);
- Trip distribution (distribution of forecast trips between each traffic analysis zone);
- Modal split of inter-zonal trips (distribution of trips by mode within each traffic analysis zone); and
- Assignment (forecast of trips originating or destined) to external zones).

These are typical model components found in any model that produces simulations of travel demand, based on different assumptions about land use and demographic and transportation characteristics.

The countywide model was developed using Cube software developed by Citilabs, which is an interactive transportation planning program that produces numerical and graphic representations of travel supply and demand. The model is structured to provide forecasting detail that adequately addresses the evaluation needs of both countywide and corridorspecific transportation strategies. The countywide model has been developed and validated by:

- Defining a traffic analysis zone structure detailed enough to depict changes in land use and demographics that would affect travel demand on arterials and intra-county transit systems; and
- Establishing highway and transit networks detailed enough for those types of travel demand.

Development and validation of the model were based on the following concepts:

• Consistency with the assumptions and procedures established and used by MTC to produce regional travel demand forecasts. Specifically, the model

maintains the same variables in the equations that comprise the trip-generation, trip-distribution, and mode-split components of MTC's travel demand model framework based on the MTC BAYCAST-90 model.

 Where necessary to produce validated forecasts of travel on arterials or intra-county transit services, enhance the capacity of MTC's models by incorporating the simulation of certain types of travel not modeled by MTC. Specifically, this includes the addition of new transit sub modes.

The current update will validate the model to 2010 traffic and transit count data and include enhanced ability to forecast bicycle and pedestrian volumes by adding more detailed TAZs and more detailed roadway, transit, and non-motorized networks.

In addition, the currently active model incorporates land use and demographics of the nine-county Bay Area based on the ABAG's Projections 2009 and the San Joaquin County Travel Model for San Joaquin County. This allows the model to produce travel demand forecasts that incorporate influences of regional travel demand on transportation facilities in Alameda County. Travel originating or terminating outside the nine-county Bay Area and San Joaquin County is also taken into account, based on the data from the Caltrans statewide model.

### Planning Areas

Alameda County has been subdivided into four areas of analysis, or planning areas. Planning areas are analogous to the five MTC super districts in Alameda County, 43 as part of the traffic analysis zone structure MTC uses<sup>44</sup> for its nine-county regional travel model. Traffic analysis zones are small geographical subdivisions of a region. Socioeconomic variables, such as households and employment data, are collected at the traffic analysis zone level for input into the travel demand models. Ultimately, the auto vehicle trips and number of individual trips on transit ("person trips")

<sup>43</sup> MTC superdistricts 18 and 19 comprise North County Planning Area, while superdistricts 17, 16 and 15 equate to Central County, South County and East County Planning Areas, respectively.

MTC is in the process of updating their zone system to expand the TAZs and to add a Micro Analysis Zone (MAZ) to better capture local bike and walk trips.

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are assigned from each traffic analysis zone onto the highway and transit networks.

The countywide model required disaggregating or splitting the MTC zones into more, smaller traffic analysis zones. Within Alameda County, MTC's zone system was refined to better suit the more detailed highway and transit networks in the countywide model. The traffic analysis zones nest within the larger MTC zones. This ensures accurate disaggregation of MTC's person trip tables to the traffic zones, and allows direct comparisons between the Alameda countywide model outputs and those of the MTC model. As a result of this zone refinement effort, the model contains the following 2,692 TAZs:

- 1,405 TAZs within Alameda County
- 159 TAZs in buffer areas (52 in West Contra Costa County, 48 in South Contra Costa County, 26 in San Joaquin County, and 33 in Santa Clara County)
- 1,097 TAZs in the remainder of the Bay Area same as the MTC's RTAZs
- 31 gateway zones

Maps of the 1,405 TAZs within Alameda County, grouped by the four planning areas, are available on the Alameda CTC website. The model update is anticipated to add more TAZs within Alameda County to reflect the 2010 US Census boundaries.

## **Transportation System Network**

The countywide model roadway network includes the following road types:

- Freeways
- Freeway ramps and metered ramps
- State routes
- Arterial streets
- Collector streets that carry traffic through neighborhoods to adjacent neighborhoods
- Streets likely to be analyzed in a local traffic study

The transit network in the countywide model was developed from the MTC model network with refinements to match the additional zonal detail within Alameda County. Highway networks by planning areas are available on the Alameda CTC website. As part of the model update, the bicycle and pedestrian network will be added to the model network.

### **Model Results**

The model produces the following countywide travel information:

- Trip generation
- Trip distribution
- Modal split of inter-zonal trips for home-based work trips and total trips
- Forecast of trips originating or destined to external zones
- Peak-hour LOS and traffic-volume projections by segment (2000, 2005, 2020, and 2035)
- Directional miles of congestion by type of facility (arterial, freeway)
- · Mean highway speed
- Transit accessibility
- VMT by facility and by LOS
- Travel times for selected origin-destination (O-D) pairs
- Greenhouse emission for primary pollutants

Model output traffic volumes for all roadway segments for all horizon years and all time periods by planning areas are posted on the Alameda CTC website.

## **Model Adequacy**

The model has been tested and validated for 2000<sup>45</sup> conditions. The validation procedure compared the model outputs to observed traffic volumes and transit ridership data. During validation, adjustments were primarily made to model inputs, such as the road network and base-year land uses, rather than calibrated parameters such as trip-generation rates or distribution factors. Based on the model calibration, MTC consistency check, and the model validation, Alameda CTC made the following conclusions:

- The countywide model is generally consistent with the MTC model in terms of numbers and types of trips, distribution between the Bay Area counties, and travel modes:
- The model estimates reasonable numbers of vehicles and transit riders to and from Alameda County; and
- The countywide model estimates 2000 base year traffic on most screen lines and major regional facilities at a level of accuracy sufficient to support evaluation of peak-hour traffic patterns on the CMP network; for example, select link analysis.

## **Local Government** Responsibilities and Conformance

Alameda CTC is responsible for monitoring conformance of local jurisdictions with the adopted CMP. Among those requirements, Alameda CTC must find compliance with the development of the land use and socioeconomic database in the Countywide Travel Demand Model, which must be consistent with the regional land use database and assumptions of the regional travel demand model. Alameda CTC works with local jurisdictions to develop the countywide database by allocating ABAG's housing and job projections to a refined-scale zone system for countywide model traffic analysis. The county-level totals from the two allocations must

be within plus or minus 1 percent, per MTC's established guidelines as described in Chapter 9.

Alameda CTC's land use database development process typically happens during the Countywide Travel Demand Model update. During this process, local jurisdictions are required to review a draft allocation of ABAG totals to the Countywide Travel Demand Model transportation analysis zones (TAZs). Local jurisdictions then have 60 days to provide input on this draft allocation. The detailed process for finding of non-conformance and the resulting withholding of Proposition 111 funds is described in Chapter 9.

## **Next Steps**

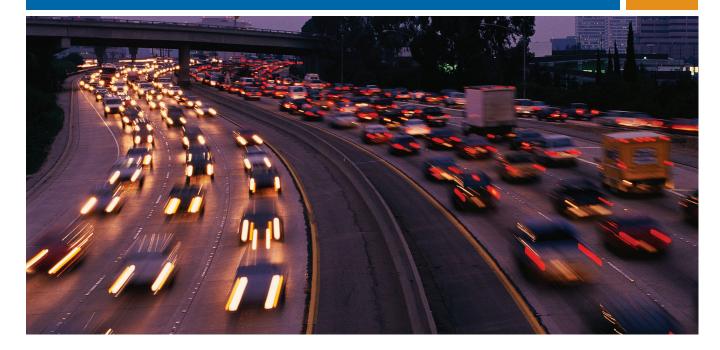
Alameda CTC will further refine the Alameda County Travel Demand Model as part of the requirements to update the database to the latest ABAG Projections database. Further, Alameda CTC will update the database using the land use information and network characteristics submitted periodically by local jurisdictions as part of the land development impact analysis process of the Alameda CTC. Updates to the countywide model will include:

- Completing the current update to the model and making the updated model available for use by end of summer 2014; and
- Ensuring improved consistency with the regional model requirements.

<sup>45</sup> During the next model update, the model base year is anticipated to be updated to 2010 to be consistent with the most recent US Census.

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# Capital Improvement Program



As part of the CMP, Alameda CTC must develop a seven-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to maintain or improve the performance of the multimodal transportation system in Alameda County, to move people and goods, and to mitigate regional transportation impacts identified through the land-use analysis program.46 Capital improvement projects must conform to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP), and air quality mitigation measures<sup>47</sup> for transportation-related vehicle emissions.

The Bay Area cannot build its way out of congestion to maintain or improve performance of our transportation system by physically expanding the system. Consequently system-management strategies must be developed and implemented using various but limited federal, state, and local funding sources to maximize use of the existing system. Such strategies should be designed to improve the use and safety of the existing multimodal transportation system in the most cost-effective manner possible. Preservation and maintenance of the existing system in Alameda County—including local roads and transit—remains essential and is a key objective in programming discretionary funds. In particular, flexible funds in the CIP will be programmed to address maintenance and rehabilitation shortfalls that cannot be satisfied

from other federal, state, regional, or local funding sources.

## Relationship of CIP to Plans and **Studies**

Projects included in the Capital Improvement Plan must be consistent with the RTP and the CWTP. Since the RTP is required to be in conformance with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality, the CMP is also required to be in conformance with the SIP. To identify transportation needs and improvements to include in the CIP, Alameda CTC performs periodical monitoring and uses various areawide/corridor studies or plans.

### **Regional Transportation Plan**

Since the CMP ultimately will be incorporated into the RTP action element, projects selected for the Capital Improvement Program need to be consistent with the assumptions, goals, policies, and actions identified in that plan. The RTP, prepared by the MTC, is the basic statement of Bay Area transportation policy. Because of the interdependence of transportation planning and other regional planning, the regional plan strives to adopt policies that complement and support programs of federal, state, and regional agencies. The most recently adopted RTP, Plan Bay Area, has

<sup>46</sup> California Government Code Section 65089(b)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> The Air Quality Mitigation Measures are contained in the BAAQMD's 2010 Bay Area Clean Air Plan.

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been developed by integrating land use and transportation for the first time and requires development of a Sustainable Communities Strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector as required by SB 375.

MTC has adopted an investment policy for Plan Bay Area<sup>48</sup>, which sets forth MTC's approach to investment in the transportation system. This approach has diverged from the prior approach and focuses more on preserving and maintaining the existing transportation infrastructure, supporting priority development areas and priority conservation areas, and investing in transit. Specifically, the adopted investment strategies are:

- 1. maintain the existing transportation system;
- 2. support focused growth;
- 3. build next-generation transit;
- 4. boost freeway and transit efficiency;
- 5. county investment priorities; and
- 6. protecting Bay Area climate.

Plan Bay Area includes seven specific goals and related specific targets (see Chapter 9, "Program Conformance and Monitoring"). Out of the seven goals, two were legislatively required housing and climate protection with mandated targets.

### **Countywide Transportation Plan**

Alameda CTC will continue to use its CMP as the primary vehicle for implementing the long-range CWTP. The CMP CIP guidelines and other funding policies adopted by the Alameda CTC require projects seeking federal or state funding to be consistent with the CWTP.

Each county within the jurisdiction of MTC can prepare a long-range transportation plan (countywide transportation plan) in cooperation with the respective cities, county, and transit operators.<sup>49</sup>

The CWTP is the basis for the county's component of the RTP.

The Commission adopted the most recent CWTP for Alameda County in June 2012 that resulted from a major comprehensive effort and coordination with various regional and local agencies. Alameda CTC coordinated development of the 2012 CWTP with MTC's development of Plan Bay Area and, therefore, focused on identifying projects to meet the long-term transportation needs to better integrate land use and transportation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Alameda County. Performance-based planning was used for the first time to develop the 2012 CWTP. This approach effectively identified projects and programs that meet the adopted vision and goals for the plan. Alameda CTC used a set of performance measures to provide an objective and technical means to measure how well projects and programs performed together to meet the goals.

The 2012 CWTP's vision and goals for Alameda County are as follows:

Alameda County will be served by a premier transportation system that supports a vibrant and livable Alameda County through a connected and integrated multimodal transportation system promoting sustainability, access, transit operations, public health and economic opportunities.

To achieve this vision, our transportation system will be:

- Multimodal
- Accessible, Affordable and Equitable for people of all ages, incomes, abilities and geographies
- Integrated with the land use patterns and local decision-making
- Connected across the county, within and across the network of streets, highways and transit, bicycle and pedestrian routes

<sup>48</sup> MTC Resolution 4111.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Assembly Bill 3705 (Eastin), Statutes of 1988.

- · Reliable and Efficient
- · Cost effective
- · Well Maintained
- Safe
- Supportive of a Healthy and Clean Environment

### **Air Quality Attainment Plans**

The CIP is closely related to federal and state air quality attainment plans. Because the Bay Area failed to attain national ambient air quality standards before the 1977 Federal Clean Air Act Amendments' 1987 deadline, a revised State Implementation Plan (SIP) was developed. The purpose of this plan is to show the measures to be taken to reduce air pollution and maintain compliance with federal requirements for annual emission reductions. The RTP is required by federal law to conform to the SIP. Because CMPs are required to be consistent with the RTP, CMPs must also conform to the programs and policies outlined in the SIP.

State air quality legislation, specifically the California Clean Air Act of 1988, requires the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) to prepare a Clean Air Plan designed to bring the Bay region's air basin into compliance with state air quality standards by the earliest practicable date. The Clean Air Plan must include transportation control measures as well as stationary (e.g., oil refinery) source controls to achieve and maintain the respective standards for ozone and carbon monoxide. Other legislation established a joint process between the MTC and BAAQMD for preparing the transportation control measures plan as part of the state Clean Air Plan.<sup>50</sup> BAAQMD adopted the most recent Clean Air Plan in 2010.

To respond to air quality and climate protection challenges in the years ahead with a comprehensive planning approach, BAAQMD developed the 2010 Clean Air Plan to be a dual plan—to include the required update to the Bay Area's state ozone plan

as well as to serve as a multi-pollutant action plan to protect public health and the climate. The 2010 Clean Air Plan Control Strategy component builds on a solid foundation established by the 2005 Ozone Strategy, and previous ozone plans prepared in the 1991 to 2005 period. It includes revised, updated, and new measures in the three traditional control measure categories: Stationary Source Measures, Mobile Source Measures, and Transportation Control Measures. In addition, the Clean Air Plan identifies two new categories of control measures: Land Use and Local Impact Measures, and Energy and Climate Measures. Out of the total 55 control measures in the 2010 Clean Air Plan, 17 are transportation control measures.

The federal and state transportation control measures listed in the attainment plans have implications for county CMPs. MTC will give priority to proposed projects that support or help implement any of the transportation control measures outlined in this revised plan (see Appendix I for federal and state transportation control measures).

### **Areawide and Corridor Studies**

Alameda CTC identified a need for areawide/ corridor management multimodal planning in the 2012 CWTP, re-emphasizing the prior policy on corridor/ areawide transportation management planning, which is described in Chapter 6, "Land Use Analysis Program." As part of the 2012 CWTP, Alameda CTC developed a Briefing Book and many issue papers on key transportation issues. These collectively identified transportation issues to address, potential focused plans/studies to develop and strategies to explore as part of those plans, and studies to develop an accessible, reliable, and safe multimodal transportation system in Alameda County that is well connected and better integrated with land use.

As part of the next steps identified in the 2012 CWTP, Alameda CTC developed a comprehensive TDM strategy that the Commission adopted and embarked on developing a Countywide Goods Movement Plan, Countywide Transit Plan, and Multimodal Arterial Corridor

<sup>50</sup> Assembly Bill 3971 (Cortese).

Plan, along with updates to the Community Based Transportation Plans. These plans are anticipated to:

- Provide valuable information in assessing short- and long-term impacts to roadways, alternative modes, land use, and goods movement, as well as possible solutions;
- Identify comprehensive approaches to congestion management which can aid in the development of deficiency plans, particularly areawide deficiency plans that offer improvement options to a larger multimodal network, where level-of-service standards have been or are expected to be exceeded; and
- Provide support that allows each community within the corridor/area to demonstrate how the community's share of cumulative/regional transportation impacts could be mitigated through cooperative planning and investment.

So far, corridor studies have been completed for the following corridors:

- Central County Freeway Study (SR 238 Local Area Transportation Improvement Program)
- I-580 Corridor BART to Livermore
- I-680 Value Pricing
- I-880 Strategic Plan
- North I-880 Safety and Operations Study
- San Pablo and I-880 SMART Corridor Programs
- SR 84 Local Area Transportation Improvement Program
- Tri-Valley Triangle Study

## A New Diversified Investment Strategy

The 2012 CWTP points to a new, integrated and diversified investment strategy for congestion management and environmental sustainability through

connecting land use and transportation investment, and improving multimodal options. The following findings highlight this need for a strategy, which includes all reasonable options:

- The 2012 CWTP includes \$9.5 billion in projects, programs and planning studies.
- Even with this extensive investment, the countywide travel model forecasts congestion to become severe by 2035. Therefore, Alameda County cannot rely solely on investment in facilities as a way out of the congestion problem.
- The transportation needs in Alameda County outweigh the available revenues over the 28-year period.
- The Briefing Book and issue papers developed for the 2012 CWTP make it apparent that all available diverse and multimodal options must be considered to sustain an acceptable level of mobility, improved connectivity, and environmental sustainability in Alameda County—these options include land use strategies, pricing strategies, managing the existing multimodal system better to stretch its capacity, better TDM options for trip reduction, carefully selected transportation investments, new and/or expanded revenue sources, and other approaches which may surface, including strategies to reduce vehicle miles traveled and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Any single approach by itself is unlikely to be successful.

Through a performance-based evaluation in the development of the CWTP, Alameda CTC has considered operational improvements intended to efficiently use existing facilities, improve transit investment and coordination, and support transit oriented developments (PDAs), intermodal freight facilities, non-motorized facilities, as well as other investment strategies to address all transportation issues. The CIP includes projects and programs that reinforce the diversified strategy identified in the CWTP.

## **Funding Sources**

Various federal, state, and local funding sources fund the projects and programs identified in the CIP, which relate to the projects and programs identified in the CWTP. To obtain funding from these sources, projects and programs must meet specific requirements.

### Federal Surface Transportation Act

As Alameda County's congestion management agency, Alameda CTC is responsible for soliciting and prioritizing projects in Alameda County for a portion of the federal Surface Transportation Program (STP). The STP provides funding from the reauthorization of federal funding for surface transportation, the legislation by which the Alameda CTC receives federal monies. MTC currently allocates these funds through its One Bay Area Grant Program (OBAG).

### **Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program**

Similar to STP funding, Alameda CTC is responsible for soliciting and prioritizing projects in Alameda County for a portion of the federal Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (CMAQ). These funds are used on projects that will provide an air quality benefit. MTC currently allocates these funds through OBAG.

### State Transportation Improvement Program

Under state law, Alameda CTC works with project sponsors, including Caltrans, transit agencies, and local jurisdictions to solicit and prioritize projects that will be programmed through the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) that makes up 75 percent of funds (county share) in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The remaining 25 percent of STIP funds are programmed at the state level and are part of the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP). Therefore, STIP is made up of RTIP and ITIP. During each STIP cycle, the California Transportation Commission adopts a fund estimate that serves as the basis for financially constraining STIP proposals from counties and regions.

## Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program

State law permits the BAAQMD to collect a fee of \$4 per vehicle per year to reduce air pollution from motor vehicles through its Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program. Of these funds, BAAQMD programs 60 percent; BAAQMD annually allocates the remaining 40 percent to the designated overall program manager for each county—the Alameda CTC in Alameda County. Projects and programs that receive funding under this program must result in vehicle emission reductions and meet BAAQMD requirements for project cost effectiveness.

### Lifeline Transportation Program

Alameda CTC is responsible for soliciting and prioritizing projects in Alameda County for the Lifeline Transportation Program (LTP). The LTP provides funds for transportation projects that serve low-income communities using a mixture of state and federal fund sources. The current program is comprised of multiple fund sources including the State Transit Account, Job Access Reverse Commute, and state Proposition 1B funds. The makeup of this program will likely change due to the passage of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and the programming of the majority of the available Proposition 1B funds.

### Measure B Program Funds

Approximately 60 percent of Measure B transportation sales tax dollars are allocated to 20 separate organizations via direct pass-through funds or discretionary grant programs.

The funds allocated to jurisdictions include:

- Local transportation, including local streets and roads projects (22.33 percent)
- Mass transit, including express bus service (21.92 percent)
- Special transportation (paratransit) for seniors and people with disabilities (10.5 percent)
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety (5 percent)
- Transit-oriented development (0.19 percent)

The remaining 40 percent of the transportation sales tax dollars are allocated to specific projects as described

in the voter-approved Transportation Expenditure Plan. Funds are allocated through an annual strategic planning process that identifies project readiness and funding requirements. Project-specific funding allocations are made via specific recommendations approved by the Commission.

### **Vehicle Registration Fee**

The Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Program was approved by the voters on November 2, 2010. The fee will generate about \$11 million per year by a \$10 per year vehicle registration fee. The VRF legislation identifies the following eligible project categories and proportional distribution amounts:

- Local streets and roads (60 percent, pass through funds)
- Transit (25 percent, allocated through discretionary program)
- Local transportation technology (10 percent, allocated through discretionary program)
- Bicycle and pedestrian projects (5 percent, allocated through discretionary program)

#### **Proposition 1B**

As approved by the voters in the November 2006 general elections, Proposition 1B enacted the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, authorizing \$19.9 billion of state general obligation bonds for specified purposes. Proposition 1B includes funding for multiple programs, including the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA), the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF), and the Traffic Light Synchronization Program (TLSP).

Alameda CTC has successfully secured approximately \$420 million in Proposition 1B Bond funding to complete the \$800 million Alameda CTC I-Bond construction program. The seven projects that use Proposition 1B funds are complete or under construction.

#### Project Delivery

In light of the focus on project delivery, Alameda CTC has adopted an aggressive "Timely Use of Funds Policy." The policy applies to all funding programs administered by the Alameda CTC, including projects programmed in the STIP, federal STP/CMAQ, and the TFCA program.

The policy defines a strategy for project delivery assistance and evaluation of extension requests. It includes the following provisions:

- Alameda CTC may provide sponsors with consultant support in the implementation of projects. This support could include assistance in the development of a baseline schedule and on-call availability for project delivery questions.
- Alameda CTC and the project delivery assistance consultant may host a project delivery workshop after the Commission adopts funding programs. Attendance at this workshop may be mandatory for project sponsors and provides an overview of the program-specific requirements for project delivery.
- The policy establishes criteria for the evaluation of reprogramming and extension requests. Alameda CTC will evaluate these requests based on the nature of the circumstances causing the delay, the sponsor's adherence to the baseline schedule and previous milestones, and the sponsor's ability to meet future project delivery deadlines.
- Any project sponsor that fails to meet a timely use of funds deadline that results in a loss of programmed funds to Alameda County will be penalized in a future state or federal funding cycle an amount equal to the funds that were lost to Alameda County.

The complete Timely Use of Funds Policy is included as Appendix M.

### The CIP

The 2013 Alameda County Capital Improvement Program covers a seven-year period (fiscal year 2013-2014 to 2019-2020) and comprises the following:

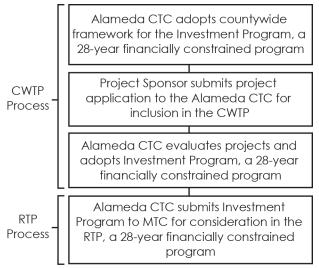
- Major capital projects and rehabilitation projects programmed in the 2014 STIP and Federal Funding Act extensions; and
- Other highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian, and other local projects intended to maintain or improve the performance of the CMP network.

The projects in the CIP are linked to the vision and projects presented in the 2012 CWTP. The CIP projects are a subset of the 28-year plan, either as specific capital projects or from funding set aside to cover categories of projects, including maintenance and rehabilitation of local streets and roads, transit capital replacement, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and operational improvements. To assure consistency with regional transportation and air quality goals, Alameda County's priorities for state and federal funding are developed to be consistent with MTC's programming policy.

The CIP includes projects anticipated to assist in maintaining the level of service and performance standards of the CMP. Funding for all projects, however, has not been secured. Some projects shown in the CIP may need supplemental funding from other sources or may be submitted for state/federal funding consideration in future years. Figures 11 and 12 describe the process for soliciting, evaluating, and selecting projects for state and federal funding.

In 2013, OBAG provided a new funding approach that supports California's climate change law, Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg, 2008) (SB 375), which requires a Sustainable Communities Strategy to integrate land use and transportation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. OBAG is funded with MTC Cycle 2 federal STP and CMAQ funding sources for four fiscal years (FY12-13 through FY15-16) as addressed in MTC Resolution 4035. This resolution requires 70 percent of the overall OBAG funding to be programmed to transportation projects that support PDAs and allows the remaining 30 percent of the OBAG funds to be programmed for transportation projects anywhere in the county.

Figure 11—Process for Selecting Projects for the Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)



Alameda CTC is exploring new revenue sources for transportation facilities and services considered in the CWTP. Revenue enhancement is a critical component of the plan; the transportation need over the next 28 years exceeds available revenues. Alameda CTC will support new revenue sources that best meet the goals of the long-range transportation plan and CMP. These revenue sources could include a regional, state, or federal gas tax increase, an extension and/or augmentation of the existing transportation sales tax, or a bridge toll increase. The CMP law itself suggests

another possible funding source—traffic impact fees. The Tri-Valley Transportation Council including the cities of Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton, and Alameda County has developed a sub-area traffic mitigation fee. The Council has adopted an Expenditure Plan that identifies the projects included in the final fee and is implementing it. Chapter 6, "Land Use Analysis Program," describes in greater detail areawide transportation impact mitigation fees and their potential in Alameda County.

Figure 12—Process for Selecting Projects for State and Federal Funding

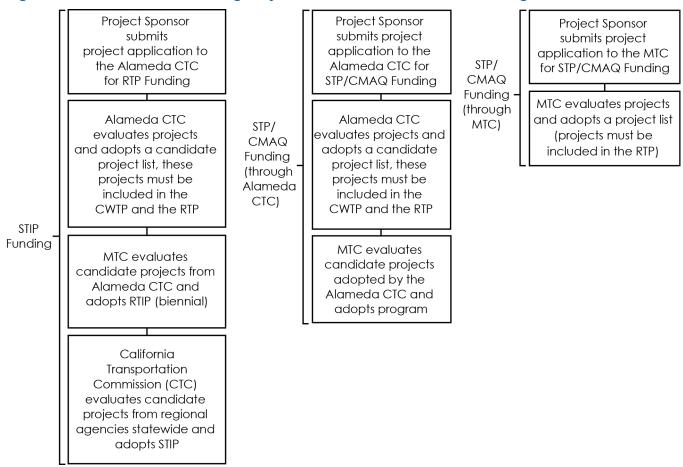


Table 16 lists the Alameda County projects recommended for funding in the 2014 STIP. These projects have been screened for consistency with the CWTP. The 2014 STIP is scheduled to be approved by the California Transportation Commission in April 2014.

Table 17, which begins on the following page, contains major capital projects and rehabilitation and other major highway, transit, and local projects intended to maintain or improve the performance of the CMP network.

The CMP law requires biennial updating of the CIP. To update the program, each city, the county, Caltrans, the Port of Oakland, each transit operator, and other project sponsors must, during each odd numbered year and in response to a call for projects from Alameda CTC, submit to Alameda CTC a list of projects intended to maintain or improve the level of service on the designated system and to meet transit performance standards.

In 2013, Alameda CTC initiated a new process for an enhanced Strategic Plan/CMP that will include a Capital Improvement Program/Programs Investment Plan (CIP/PIP) and Allocation Plan. To meet legislative requirements and help maintain and improve the performance of the multimodal transportation system, Alameda CTC is incorporating a comprehensive CIP and a Programs Investment Program (PIP) in the

CMP document. The new comprehensive CIP/PIP is anticipated to be adopted in 2014.

Based on the policy framework proposed with the Strategic Planning and Programming Policy adopted by the Commission in March 2013, the CIP and PIP will be incorporated with an expanded Strategic Plan/CMP that meets state statutory requirements, and serves as a fully integrated strategic planning and programming document that can more effectively guide future planning and programming decisions.

Consistent with the requirements of the CMP, the CIP and PIP will each contain a multi-year planning horizon to guide the programming of federal, state, and local funds under Alameda CTC's purview.

The current CIP includes projects that contribute to alleviating traffic congestion and reducing carbon emissions consistent with legislative mandates and Alameda CTC adopted plans. Projects were prioritized based on funding eligibility and prioritization criteria.

The PIP will also contribute to reducing congestion and carbon emissions and include projects and programs that support capital improvements, transit operations, outreach and education, transportation maintenance activities, and reporting tasks not included in the CIP. Many of these activities are expected to be funded using available program funds through sources such as Measure B and the Vehicle Registration Fee.

### Table 16—Projects Recommended for Funding in the 2014 STIP (\$ X 1,000)

Table 16 reflects the 2014 STIP program approved by the Alameda CTC Commission on December 5, 2013.

Index #	Project	Proposed for 2014 STIP (\$ x 1,000)
1	Alameda County I-Bond Projects	8,000
2	Route 84 Expressway (South Segment)	12,000
3	Route 24 Corridor – Caldecott Settlement Projects	2,000
4	AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit Project	7,995
5	Daly City BART Station Intermodal Improvements	200
6	STIP Administration	1,590
7	ARRA Backfill (Caldecott Tunnel)	2,000
	Total	33,785

### Table 17—2013 Capital Improvement Program

Table 17 shows the major capital projects and rehabilitation projects programmed with federal Transportation Act, Measure B, VRF, TFCA, CMA TIP, and other funds intended to maintain or improve the performance of the CMP network.

### Table 17.1— Project Groups

		Project Funding (\$ x 1,000)			
Sponsor	Project Name / Description	Federal	State	Local	Total
All Alameda Jurisdictions	Roadway Capital Improvements	30,860	6,070	179,292	216,222
All Alameda Jurisdictions	Roadway Operations Improvements	1,203	2,800	32,389	36,392
All Alameda Jurisdictions	Bicycle Pedestrian Improvements	23,164	19,760	50,559	93,483
All Alameda Jurisdictions	Transit Capital Replacement/ Rehabilitation Improvements	250	241	825	1,316
All Alameda Jurisdictions	Other Capital Improvements	2,215	0	61,809	64,024



Table 17.2—Roadway Capital Improvement—Freeway

		Project Funding (\$ x 1,000)		00)	
Sponsor	Project Name / Description	Federal	State	Local	Total
Alameda CTC	I-80/Gilman Interchange Improvements	1,080		312	1,392
Alameda CTC	I-580 Express Lanes	8,500	6,000	40,480	54,980
Alameda CTC	I-580 Westbound HOV Lane - East Segment	6,337	63,053	13,512	82,902
Alameda CTC	I-580 Westbound HOV Lane - West Segment	100	52,674	8,201	60,975
Alameda CTC	I-580 Corridor ROW Preservation		4,700	114,000	118,700
Alameda CTC	I-680 Northbound HOT Lane (PA/ED)			15,500	15,500
Alameda CTC	I-880 Southbound HOV Lane - North Segment	2,723	29,765	4,222	36,710
Alameda CTC	I-880 Southbound HOV Lane - South Segment	5,057	52,846	11,881	69,784
Alameda CTC	Route 84 South Segment		37,000	48,000	85,000
Alameda CTC	I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvements at 23rd and 29th Avenues	1,800	85,000	15,000	102,000
Alameda	I-880 / Broadway Jackson			3,900	3,900
Emeryville	Ashby/Shellmound Interchange Modification			50,000	50,000
Emeryville	I-80 Powell Street Offramp Widening for Bus Stop Pull out				2,000
Hayward	I-880/SR-92 Reliever Route			15,477	15,477
Hayward	Dixon Street Improvements		1,800	250	2,050
Hayward	Route 238 Corridor Improvement Project			61,840	61,840
San Leandro	E. 14th Street/Hesperian Boulevard/150th Street Channelization Improvements			5,383	5,383
San Leandro	I-880 Davis Street Interchange	600	9,600		10,200
San Leandro	I-880 Marina Boulevard Interchange			31,800	31,800

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Table 17.3—Roadway Capital Improvement—Non-Freeway/Rehabilitation

		Project Funding (\$ x 1,000)		00)	
Sponsor	Project Name / Description	Federal	State	Local	Total
Dublin	Dublin Boulevard Widening (Sierra Lane to Dublin Court)	1,670		1,400	3,070
Dublin	I-580 Interchange Improvements at Hacienda Drive and Fallon Road - Phase II	15,000		24,000	39,000
Dublin	Dublin Boulevard Extension from Fallon Road to Doolan Road in Livermore (Project Development and ROW phases only)	6,000	4,000	5,000	15,000
Dublin	Realign Tassajara Road between Fallon and City/County limits	16,000		8,000	24,000
Dublin	Fallon Road Extension from Cydonia Court to Tassajara Road	1,000		700	1,700
Dublin	Scarlett Drive Extension from Dougherty Road to Dublin Boulevard			14,500	14,500
Fremont	Route 262 Mission Boulevard Cross Connector Improvements between I-680 and Warm Springs Boulevard/SR 262 Mission Boulevard Improvements			20,000	20,000
Fremont	Kato Road Widening from Warren Avenue to Milmont Drive				13,000
Fremont	Auto Mall Parkway Cross Connector Widening between I-680 and I-880			25,000	25,000
Fremont	Upgrade Relinquished Route 84 in Fremont				45,000
Fremont	Widen Fremont Boulevard from I-880 to Grimmer Boulevard				5,000
Fremont	Warm Springs Station Improved Access - Auto Mall Parkway Project			3,500	3,500
Newark	Central Avenue Railroad Overpass			2,765	2,765
Oakland	42nd/High Street Access Improvements to I-880		7,736	2,000	9,736
Oakland	New Access Road and Realigned Burma Road for Oakland Army Base (OAB)		32,000	3,200	35,200
Oakland	Wake Avenue Roadway Improvements - OAB		2,000	200	2,200
Oakland	Maritime Street Reconstruction - OAB		30,000	3,000	33,000
Oakland	West Grand and Maritime Intersection Improvements - OAB		1,500	150	1,650
Port of Oakland/ Oakland	7th Street Grade Separation	110,000	110,000	3,250	223,250

Table 17.4—Roadway Operations Improvements

		Pro	ject Fundi	ng (\$ x 1,0	00)
Sponsor	Project Name / Description	Federal	State	Local	Total
Alameda CTC	I-80 ICM	3,243	67,600	9,157	80,000
Alameda County/ACTIA	I-580/Strobridge Off-Ramp Modification in Castro Valley		21,000		21,000
Alameda County	Patterson Pass Road Safety Improvements	800	3,200	2,000	6,000
Alameda County	Crow Canyon Road Safety Improvements	11,700	1,000	3,000	15,700
Alameda County	East County Roadways Shoulder Improvements - Phase I		10,000	5,000	15,000
Alameda County	Vasco Road Safety Improvements - Phase IB	14,000	4,000		18,000
Alameda County	Vasco Road Safety Improvements - Phase II	1,000	20,000		21,000
Alameda County	Grant Line Road Safety Improvements		10,000		10,000
Alameda County	Tesla Road Safety and Streetscape Improvements	1,500	5,000	4,500	11,000
Alameda County	Altamont Pass Safety Improvement	7,392	504	504	8,400
Alameda County	Redwood Road Safety Improvement	41,360	2,820	2,820	47,000
Dublin	ITS Technology Implementation to Achieve Higher Capacities without Street Expansion	2,000		200	2,200
Emeryville	Powell Street Bridge Widening				5,000
Fremont	Safety Improvements at UPRR - Fremont Boulevard, Maple, Dusterberry, Nursery				3,000
Fremont	Vargas Road Safety Improvement Project				5,000
Union City	Whipple Road Widening	8,800		1,200	10,000

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Table 17.5—Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements

		Project Funding (\$ x 1,000)		000)	
Sponsor	Project Name / Description	Federal	State	Local	Total
Alameda County	Castro Valley Boulevard Streetscape Improvements Phase II		15,000	3,000	18,000
Alameda County	E.14th/Mission Pedestrian/Transit/Streetscape Improvements - Phase II		5,000	5,000	10,000
Alameda County	Mission Boulevard Pedestrian/Transit/Streetscape Improvements Phase III		5,000	5,000	10,000
Alameda County	Hesperian Streetscape Improvements		13,100	1,500	14,600
Alameda County	East Lewelling Boulevard Improvements Phase II		11,700		11,700
Alameda County	Sunol Area Circulation Improvements		10,000		10,000
Alameda County	Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvements in Cherryland/Ashland	3,100	5,000		8,100
Alameda County	A Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements		3,000		3,000
Alameda County	San Lorenzo Creek Trail	8,800	600	600	10,000
Alameda	Park Street Streetscape	1,490		353	1,843
Albany	Implementation of the San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets Project	3,000	500	250	3,750
Albany	Solano Avenue Complete Streets	2,000	500	250	2,750
Dublin	Dougherty Road Widening to provide bike lanes and transit access	8,531		11,999	20,530
Dublin	Amador Plaza Road Complete Street Improvements between Amador Valley Bouelevard and St. Patrick Way	4,813		624	5,437
Dublin	Village Parkway Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements between the Alamo Canal Trail and North City Limit	2,533		329	2,862
Emeryville	Christie Avenue Bay Trail Gap Closure Class 1 Path and Bike and Pedestrian Intersection Improvements			550	550
Emeryville	South Bayfront Bicycle and Pedesrian Bridge			12,000	12,000
Emeryville	I-80 Bike and Pedestrian Bridge at 65th Street				15,000
Fremont	Greenbelt Gateway on Grimmer Boulevard				9,000
Fremont	Sullivan Road Overcrossing, Ped/Bike Safety and Trail Improvements				2,000
Fremont	Bicycle/Pedstrian Grade Separation on Blacow Road at UPPR and Future BART Line in Irvington				6,000
Fremont	Rails to Trails: Fremont UPRR/BART Corridor Trail				44,000
Fremont	BART Warm Springs Station West Side Access				20,000
Oakland	MLK/Peralta Streetscape Phase I	5,452		707	6,159

Table 17.5—Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements (cont'd)

		Project Funding (\$ x 1,000)		000)	
Sponsor	Project Name / Description	Federal	State	Local	Total
Oakland	7th St West Oakland Transit Village Phase II	3,280		456	3,736
Oakland	Lakeside Green Streets	7,000		3,540	10,540
Oakland	Lake Merritt Bikeways	422		2,218	2,640
Oakland	Lake Merritt Channel Bike Ped Bridge - Project Development			2,500	2,500

## Table 17.6—Transit Capital Replacement/Rehabilitation Improvements

		Project Funding (\$ x 1,000)			00)
Sponsor	Project Name / Description	Federal	State	Local	Total
AC Transit	East Bay Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)	79,000	44,400	54,600	178,000
AC Transit	Revenue Vehicle Replacement	201,675	23,318	27,101	252,094
AC Transit	Broadway College (Route 51) Corridor Improvements	10,516		124	10,640
AC Transit	Facilities Rahabilitation and Maintenance	40,100	8,300	89,800	138,200
AC Transit	Grand MacArthur BRT	2,880		720	3,600
AC Transit	Zero Emission Bus Delta	148,625		29,725	178,350
AC Transit	Contra Flow Lanes/SF-Oak Bay Bridge			5,100	5,100
BART	BART Metro Program/Bay Fair Connection			150,000	150,000
BART	BART Rail Vehicle Capacity Expansion (Alameda County portion)		444,000		444,000
BART	BART Security Program (Alameda County portion)	43,200	43,200		86,400
BART	BART to Livermore Extension, Phase I			5,000	5,000
BART	Secure Bike Parking		237	2,635	2,872
Fremont/ BART	Irvington BART Station				127,000
Fremont	Altamont Commuter Express/Capitol Corridor Station at Auto Mall Parkway				11,000
LAVTA	Fixed Route Vehicle Replacement	13,008		3,252	16,260
LAVTA	Paratransit Vehicle Replacement	1,094		274	1,368
LAVTA	Facilities Planning & Construction	367		29,633	30,000
LAVTA	Capital Improvements subsequent to Tri-Valley Multimodal Access and PDA Connectivity Study	10,000			10,000

**Table 17.7—Other Capital Improvements** 

		Project Funding (\$ x 1,000)			00)
Sponsor	Project Name / Description	Federal	State	Local	Total
Alameda County	Castro Valley Transit Village	38,720	2,640	2,640	44,000
Alameda County	Miller Sweeney (Fruitvale Avenue) Roadway Bridge (Lifeline)	35,904	2,448	2,448	40,800
Alameda County	Fruitvale Avenue Railroad Bridge	9,680	660	660	11,000
Alameda County	Park Street Bridge Replacement	40,744	2,778	2,778	46,300
Alameda County	High Street Bridge Replacement	35,464	2,418	2,418	40,300
Fremont	Fremont City Center Multimodal Improvements (Downtown Project)	5,853			5,853
Livermore	Relocation and Restoration of Railroad Depot	2,500		500	3,000
Livermore	Modify I-580/Vasco Road Interchange	10,900		53,000	63,900
Oakland	Adeline Street Bridge Seismic Retrofit	3,742	485		4,227
Oakland	Embarcadero Street Bridge Seismic Retrofit	13,979	11	1,790	15,780
Oakland	23rd Avenue Bridge Seismic Retrofit	5,490		711	6,201
Oakland	Leimert Bridge Seismic Retrofit	4,528		587	5,115

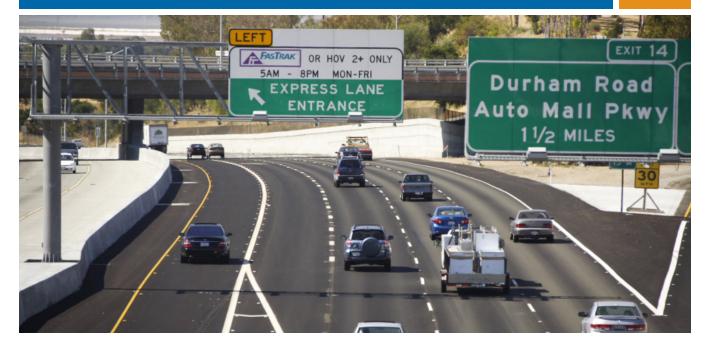
## **Local Government** Responsibilities and Conformance

Alameda CTC is responsible for monitoring conformance of local jurisdictions with the adopted CMP. Among the requirements, Alameda CTC must develop a Capital Improvement Program that includes projects and programs to improve or maintain the performance of the countywide multimodal transportation system. By July 31st of each oddnumbered year, to be in conformance with the CMP, local jurisdictions and project sponsors must submit to Alameda CTC a list of projects intended to maintain or improve the LOS on the CMP network and to meet transit performance standards. The detailed process for finding of non-conformance and the resulting withholding of Proposition 111 funds is described in Chapter 9.

## **Next Steps**

In 2014, Alameda CTC will complete a comprehensive, performance-based five-year Capital Improvement Program and Program Investment Plan that is ready to be implemented so it can be incorporated into the 2015 CMP and used for programming funds.

# Program Conformance and Monitoring



Alameda CTC is responsible for ensuring local government conformance with the Congestion Management Program.51 Alameda CTC compares the monitoring information the local governments provide to the requirements of the adopted CMP. Reasons for non-conformance could include inadequate monitoring information, inadequate deficiency plan development, or failure to follow through with the program requirements for level of service standards, site design guidelines, capital improvements, and land use analysis. In addition to these requirements, each city and the county must contribute its apportioned share of Alameda CTC's administrative costs as membership dues.

The CMP legislation also requires that the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the Bay Area, evaluate the CMP for consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and compatibility of programs within the region. Once MTC finds consistency with the RTP, it will incorporate the Capital Improvement Program of the CMP into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

### Conformance

If Alameda CTC finds a local jurisdiction in nonconformance, it will notify the local jurisdiction, which then has 90 days to remedy the area(s) of non-conformance. If the local jurisdiction fails to provide a remedy within the stipulated time, Alameda CTC will notify the state controller, and the notice will include the reasons for the finding and evidence that Alameda CTC correctly followed procedures for making the determination. The state controller would then withhold the non-conforming jurisdiction's increment of subventions from the fuel tax made available by Proposition 111, and the jurisdiction will not be eligible to receive funding for projects through the federal Surface Transportation Program or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, or the State Transportation Improvement Program.

If over the next 12 months Alameda CTC determines that the jurisdiction is in conformance, the withheld Proposition 111 funds will be released to the jurisdiction. If after the 12-month period the city or county has not conformed, the withheld Proposition 111 funds will be released to Alameda CTC for other projects of regional

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> If the City of Oakland is found to be out of conformance, the Port of Oakland's projects will be treated as City of Oakland projects for purposes of the CMP requirements and state statutes.

significance in Alameda County and included in the CMP or deficiency plans.

Alameda CTC is responsible for ensuring local government conformance with four elements of the CMP:

- LOS standards<sup>52</sup>
- Trip Reduction Program
- Land Use Analysis Program
- Payment of membership dues

### **Level of Service Standards**

Local governments are accountable for meeting LOS standards as described in Chapter 3, "Level of Service Monitoring." If they do not meet the established LOS standards, they must develop a deficiency plan that describes how the jurisdiction will meet the adopted LOS standards at the deficient segment or intersection, and how it will achieve LOS and air quality improvements.53

### Travel Demand Management Element

Local jurisdictions must adopt site design guidelines as described in Chapter 5, "Travel Demand Management Element" to meet TDM requirements. The site design guidelines must enhance transit/ pedestrian/bicycle access. Each jurisdiction must submit a complete Site Design Guidelines Checklist that meets the annual conformity timeline each year and specifies that they have adopted and are implementing such guidelines to encourage the use of alternative travel modes.

Further, they must undertake capital improvements that contribute to congestion management and emissions reduction. Each jurisdiction is required to participate in the Transportation Fund for Clean Air, Surface Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, and other funding programs and to submit projects that support bicycle, pedestrian, transit, or carpool use. Chapter 5 provides more detail. See Appendix H for the TDM Checklist.

### Land Use Analysis Program

Alameda CTC is required to develop a program that will analyze impacts and determine mitigation costs of land use decisions on the Regional Transportation System. Local governments are responsible for implementation of the program. The program approach is described in Chapter 6, "Land Use Analysis Program."

Local jurisdictions are responsible for approving, denying, or altering projects and land-use decisions and are required to determine land-development impacts on the Metropolitan Transportation System and formulate appropriate mitigation measures commensurate with the magnitude of the expected impacts.

### **Capital Improvement Program**

Alameda CTC is required to prepare and biennially update a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) aimed at maintaining or improving transportation service levels as described in Chapter 8, "Capital Improvement Program." Each city, the county, transit operators, and Caltrans provide input to these biennial updates.

## **Monitoring**

Monitoring provides feedback to determine whether the CMP's objectives are being met. The CMP network performance and Priority Development Area (PDA) implementation data collected in the monitoring process can be used to verify and update either the CMP or the actions of the local governments to meet legislative requirements. Monitoring also provides information that can be used to:

- Update the countywide travel model and database;
- Develop and update land development approval database;
- Update the travel demand management measures, transit standards, and LOS standards;
- Determine whether a local government is required to develop a deficiency plan; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> California Government Code Section 65089.3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> California Government Code Section 65089.3(d).

• Determine how well transportation investments are being coordinated with new developments and demands for access and mobility, and general congestion management.

Table 18 outlines the schedule and basic monitoring requirements that each jurisdiction must meet to document to Alameda CTC that the jurisdiction conforms to CMP requirements. Further action by Alameda CTC may be necessary to develop rules, procedures, and other data requirements for monitoring and conformance.

#### LOS Standards

Alameda CTC currently monitors LOS standards. If the cities, county, or Caltrans assume this responsibility, monitoring may be accomplished through a selfcertification process involving the local jurisdictions and/or Caltrans and the Alameda CTC. In this event, the responsible agency will annually monitor the LOS on segments of the CMP network under its jurisdiction. Where a segment falls within two or more jurisdictions, the jurisdiction with the greatest segment mileage is responsible for monitoring the segment. Local jurisdictions that choose to conduct monitoring of LOS on CMP roadways must follow the process described below.

The jurisdiction must conduct p.m. peak period (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.) and a.m. peak period (7 a.m. to 9 a.m.) travel-speed sampling on a non-holiday Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday and analyze LOS based on that data consistent with the methods for determining LOS outlined in the Chapter 3, "Level of Service Standards." Studies on the impact of proposed developments and commercially available data may supply some of the data (provided the sampling is done during the timeframes specified above), thereby reducing the need for data collection.

### **Performance Measures**

Although no statutory requirements regulate performance element monitoring, Alameda CTC prepares a transportation performance report annually. The report summarizes current performance data, highlights any significant changes in

transportation system performance, and provides broad analyses of the results and any implications for policy and investment decisions made by Alameda CTC.

## Consistency with the Regional **Transportation Plan**

The CMP must be consistent with the RTP related to the following:

- Goals and objectives established in the RTP;
- System definition with adjoining counties;
- Federal and state air quality plans;
- MTC travel demand modeling database and methodologies; and
- RTP financial assumptions.

In July 2013, MTC and ABAG jointly adopted the 2013 RTP and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) called Plan Bay Area. It incorporates the land use and housing component (the SCS) for the first time as required by Senate Bill 375. Plan Bay Area includes the following goals, of which Climate Protection and Adequate Housing are mandatory:

- Climate Protection
- Adequate Housing
- Healthy and Safe Communities
- Open Space and Agricultural Preservation
- Equitable Access
- Economic Vitality
- Transportation System Effectiveness

The 2012 Countywide Transportation Plan adopted by Alameda CTC was developed based on principles of Plan Bay Area with the intent to support the RTP by meeting the mandatory and voluntary goals.

Table 18—Conformance and Monitoring

CMP Element	Responsible Agency	Requirement	Conformance/Monitoring Deadline
Designated CMP Roadway Network	Cities/County	Submit a list of potential CMP-designated routes based on 24-hour traffic data collected in the spring for Tier 1 CMP network and meeting the criteria for Tier 2 CMP network.	By end of the May 31 during the CMP update year (odd-numbered year)
LOS Standards <sup>54</sup>	Alameda CTC	Monitor the level of service on the CMP-designated network and report consistency with the LOS standards.	In even-numbered years, by July 31, incurring data collection in the spring and identification of potential deficiency by July 31
Performance Element	Alameda CTC/ Transit Operators/ Cities/County	Submit available transportation performance measurement data to Alameda CTC for use in the Annual Transportation Performance Report. Submit short-range transit plan and report to Alameda CTC relative to attainment of the established standards. As part of this report, identify the resources necessary to continue to maintain this transit performance level during the succeeding five years.	Annually as required for developing the Performance Report by October 1 of each year
Travel Demand Management	Cities/County	Submit the completed Site Design Guidelines Checklist to Alameda CTC certifying that the guidelines were adopted and implemented.	In response to annual conformity findings by October 1
Land Use Analysis Program	Cities/County	Demonstrate that the program is being carried out by submitting land development project information. Starting in year 2014, provide information on development approvals that occurred in the prior calendar year for developing countywide land use approvals data base and a copy of the most recent Housing Element Annual Progress Report submitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development.	In response to annual conformity findings by October 1
Capital Improvement Program <sup>54</sup>	Cities/County/ Transit Operators/ Caltrans/Port of Oakland/Others	Submit a list of projects intended to maintain or improve the level of service on the designated system and to maintain transit performance standards. The TDM element requires that local jurisdictions consider including projects that support alternative modes in the CIP.	In response to call for projects during the biennial CMP update by July 31

 $<sup>^{54}</sup>$  The submittal requirement and deadline will likely change for the 2015 CMP in view of the CIP/PIP adoption in 2014.

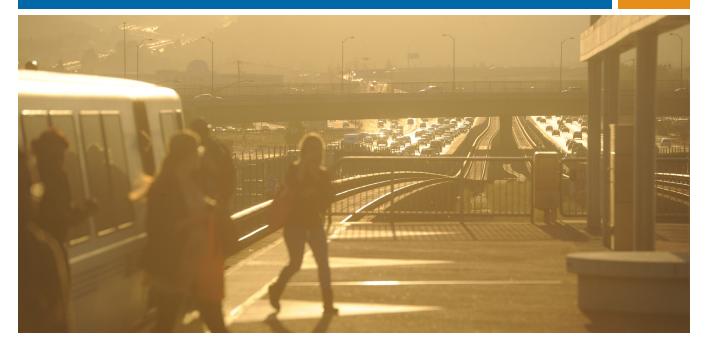
Additional consistency requirements are identified in the appropriate chapters in the CMP:

- Chapter 2, "Designated CMP Roadway Network" demonstrates 2013 CMP conformance with the CMP/MTS network;
- Chapter 4, "Multimodal Performance Element" identifies consistency with the RTP goals;
- Chapter 5, "Travel Demand Management Element" identifies trip-reduction measures in the Air Quality Plan Transportation Control Measures;
- Chapter 6, "Land Use Analysis Program" acknowledges the Resolution 3434 Regional Transit Expansion Program and PDA Investment and Growth Strategy per OBAG requirements in Resolution 4035;
- Chapter 7, "Database and Travel Demand Model" discusses travel demand model consistency;
- Chapter 8, "Capital Improvement Program" identifies projects and programs in the BAAQMD's Air Quality Plans' Transportation Control Measures as well as regional programming policies and principles; and
- Chapter 11, "Conclusions and Future Considerations" summarizes consistency requirements and the 2013 CMP's compliance with them.

## **Next Steps**

- Based on results from validation work in 2013 evaluating the use of commercially available data for LOS monitoring purposes, Alameda CTC will update conformance for LOS standards during the 2015 CMP update.
- Based on the development of the Strategic Plan that will include a comprehensive Capital Improvement Program/Program Investment Plan, any change in related conformance requirement will be updated in the 2015 CMP.

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Congestion Management Program legislation requires preparation of deficiency plans when a CMP roadway segment does not meet the adopted level of service standard, which is LOS E for Alameda County CMP roadways. Deficiency plans provide an opportunity to analyze the causes of the problems and determine whether localized improvements can address them or if it would be best to employ measures that will improve overall system efficiency and air quality. Deficiency plans also provide local governments the opportunity to give priority to system-wide and non-capital mitigation methods to relieve congestion. The statutes specifically point to improved public transit service and facilities, improved non-motorized transportation facilities, high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities, parking cash-out programs, and transportation control measures.

In view of the lack of availability of funds for transportation improvements, this deficiency plan requirement places hardship on local jurisdictions. Therefore, as part of the 2011 CMP update, Alameda CTC considered this issue and explored options to provide support to improve deficient segments. Based on Commission approval and input received from the jurisdictions, Alameda CTC aims to give priority consideration to projects during the evaluation process for funding that would improve the performance of deficient segments through approaches such as awarding additional points to those projects.

## Requirements

The need for deficiency plans is identified following the biennial LOS monitoring of the CMP roadway network. Deficiency plans are required when a CMP segment does not meet the adopted LOS standard, after allowable exemptions. At a minimum, deficiency plans must include:

- Identification and analysis of the causes of the deficiency;
- A list of improvements necessary for the deficient segment or intersection to maintain the minimum LOS required and the estimated costs of the improvements;
- A list of improvements, programs, or actions (and estimates of their costs) that will measurably improve multimodal performance of the system and contribute to significant improvements in air quality; and
- An action plan of the most-effective implementation strategies to maintain the minimum LOS standards on the deficient segment, or to improve the current and future LOS, and contribute to significant air-quality improvements. The action plan must include implementation strategies, a specific

implementation schedule, and a description of funding and implementation strategies. Special consideration for state or federal requirements must be taken into account when determining the feasibility of the action plan. Improvements funded through the CMP Capital Improvement Program, whether having local or system impact, must not degrade air quality.

## **Deficiency Plan Types**

Two types of deficiency plans can be developed, depending on the needs of the local jurisdiction(s) and how and whether the deficiency can be mitigated. If more than one local jurisdiction is responsible for causing a deficient segment, all responsible local jurisdictions must participate in development and approval of a multi-jurisdictional deficiency plan. Local jurisdictions outside Alameda County that contribute significantly to a deficiency plan will be invited to participate but cannot be compelled to do so.

### **Localized Deficiency Plan**

This type of plan is appropriate for addressing transportation impacts to a single CMP segment or roadway identified as or anticipated to become deficient based on LOS monitoring. The Localized Deficiency Plan focuses on analyzing the cause of deficiency by including the immediate surrounding area as the project area and identifying the list of improvement or mitigation measures in the action plan.

### Areawide Deficiency Plan

This type of plan is appropriate for addressing transportation impacts to more than one CMP roadway in a larger geographic area not able to be mitigated back to conformance within the CMP LOS standards if considered individually within a localized area. The Areawide Deficiency Plan focuses on offsetting the deficiency by including the broader surrounding area as the project area and identifying a list of improvements, programs, or actions to improve the performance of the larger multimodal network.

### **Guidelines**

As part of the 2013 CMP update, Alameda CTC updated the deficiency plan guidelines to include more details and procedures for developing Areawide Deficiency Plans. The guidelines, developed with input from the Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee, describe the approval process, timelines, and acceptable methodologies for jurisdictions to use in development and approval of deficiency plans. The updated guidelines are in Appendix D.

### **Conflict Resolution**

CMP legislation requires each congestion management agency to establish a conflict-resolution process for addressing conflicts or disputes between local jurisdictions in meeting the multi-jurisdictional deficiency plan responsibilities.

The intent of Alameda CTC's conflict-resolution process is to help local jurisdictions resolve conflicts that arise during multi-jurisdictional deficiency plan development or implementation that could impact the CMP conformance of one or more jurisdictions. The conflict resolution process is intended to be an effective and flexible process that responds to the issues and concerns of the respective jurisdictions.

Alameda CTC's conflict resolution process is based on the following principles.

- First, consensus at the local level on the resolution of conflicts is encouraged through the Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC).
- Second, when the ACTAC is unable to reach consensus, Alameda CTC will look for evidence of "good faith" efforts among the parties involved when determining CMP conformance.
- Finally, any determination by Alameda CTC with respect to CMP conformance will not affect local agencies' land use authority or require programs that conflict with a community's fundamental socioeconomic or environmental character.

The conflict resolution process has the following four phases:

- 1. Process initiation: The lead jurisdiction requests Alameda CTC to initiate the conflict resolution process and outlines the issues needing resolution.
- 2. Assessment of issues: Alameda CTC staff meet with the parties involved to assess the issues in the dispute and its appropriateness for the conflict resolution process.
- 3. Settlement sessions and agreement: This phase involves holding/facilitating settlement sessions among the parties involved, facilitated by Alameda CTC staff (if appropriate), and the development of a settlement agreement, and obtaining all approvals that may be required from the governing bodies of the involved jurisdictions and/or Alameda CTC.
- 4. Implementation and monitoring: The final phase involves the implementation and monitoring of the agreement and Alameda CTC's assessment of good faith effort by the parties involved.

The conflict-resolution process outlined here is a general process that can be adjusted to meet the respective needs of local jurisdictions and/or the specific situation including identifying another mutually agreed upon conflict resolution process. See Figure 13, which describes the multi-jurisdictional deficiency plan appeal process.

LOS Monitoring Deficient segment identified Alameda CTC performs additional runs, as-needed, to verify deficient segment Alameda CTC performs select link and applies statutory exemptions Alameda CTC  $\stackrel{\text{No}}{\longrightarrow}$ Process staff identifies Ends deficiency Jurisdiction √ Yes Alameda CTC notifies all jurisdictions appeals results of LOS with 10% + traffic No monitoring Alameda CTC Commission considers Yes July "intent" to identify deficient segment Jurisdiction conducts own 10 days from Alameda CTC staff notifies all speed runs Commission participating jurisdictions within 10 days of Commission action action 30 days from Local jurisdiction notifies Alameda CTC receipt of notice Jurisdiction submits of appeal within 30 days of notification results to Alameda CTC to participate Local jurisdiction performs study at its August, own expense, and submits to September Alameda CTC Alameda CTC Yes staff identifies End of September, Results of study submitted to ACTAC for deficiencies submit for ACTAC recommendation to Commission No Commission hears No November/ appeal with the requirement December **Process** study in conjunction for Commission Ends with annual jurisdiction to meeting conformity findings participate Yes Jurisdiction required to participate in deficiency plan Note: Assumes timely reporting of LOS Monitoring results in the spring.

Figure 13—Multi-jurisdictional Deficiency Plan Appeal Process

## **Completed and In-Progress Deficiency Plans**

Tables 19 and 20 show the status and progress of the most recent deficiency plans. Table 19 shows the roadway orramp segments that have completed implementation of the required deficiency plans. Table 20 shows the roadways segments with deficiency plans being implemented.

### Table 19—Completed Deficiency Plans

Segment	Jurisdiction	Year Required/ Approval	Implementation Status
Westbound I-580, from Center Street to I-238	Alameda County (participant jurisdictions: Dublin, Livermore, Oakland, Pleasanton, San Leandro)	2000/2001	Implementation completed in 2010 and LOS restored.
Northbound San Pablo Avenue, from Allston Way to University Avenue	Berkeley (participant jurisdictions: Albany, Emeryville, Oakland)	1998/1999	Deficiency plan has been implemented, LOS standard restored.
Southbound University Avenue, from San Pablo Avenue to 6th Street	Berkeley	1998/1999	Deficiency plan has been implemented, LOS standard restored.

## **Future Deficiency Plans**

Other corridor plans or strategic plans developed by Alameda CTC can also inform future deficiency plans. When existing corridor or strategic plans are considered as a basis for developing a deficiency plan, appropriateness of the plan reflecting current conditions should be verified so that any improvement measure identified in the plan is still applicable. Beginning in fiscal year 2013-14, Alameda CTC will embark on three multimodal plans (the Countywide Goods Movement, Countywide Transit Plan, and Multimodal Arterial Corridor Plan), which may be used, at the Commission's discretion, as a basis for future deficiency plans, along with the San Pablo/I-80 Corridor Plan and the I-880 Strategic Plan described on the following page.

Table 20—Deficiency Plans Under Implementation

Segment	Jurisdiction	Year Required/ Approval	Implementation Status
Eastbound Mowry Avenue, from Peralta Boulevard to SR-238/ Mission Boulevard	Fremont (participating jurisdiction: Newark)	2000/2001	Short-term mitigation, widening Mission Boulevard from four lanes to six lanes, was completed in 2005.
The freeway connection between SR-260 Eastbound (Posey Tube) and Northbound I-880	Oakland (participating jurisdictions: Alameda, Berkeley)	1998/1999	Deficiency plan is being implemented.
Northbound SR 185 (14th Street) between 46th and 42nd Avenues	Oakland (participating jurisdiction: Alameda)	2008/2009	Deficiency plan is being implemented.

### San Pablo Avenue/I-80 Corridor Plan

On April 24, 1997, the San Pablo/I-80 Corridor Plan was recognized as a basis for future deficiency plans. It applies to the CMP network within the following sub-area of the San Pablo corridor study limits, including the freeway ramps and future University Avenue/I-80 HOV ramp: Alameda/Contra Costa County line (north); 14th Street to western boundary of Mandela Parkway, extending north to the eastern I-80 right-of-way (south); Martin Luther King Jr. Way/San Pablo Avenue, Marin, east side of San Pablo Avenue (east); and the eastern boundary of the I-80 right-of-way (west).

### I-880 Strategic Plan

On January 20, 2000, the I-880 Strategic Plan was similarly recognized as a basis for a future deficiency plan. The plan applies to the CMP network within the study limits of the I-880 Cypress Freeway connection (north); SR-237 in Milpitas (south); I-580/SR-238 and I-680 (east); and the San Francisco Bay (west).

## **Local Government** Responsibilities and Conformance

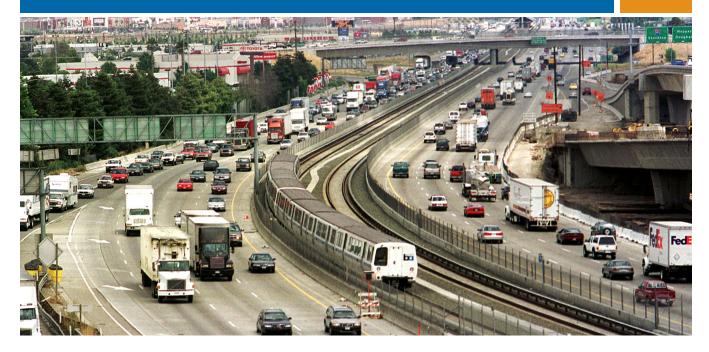
Alameda CTC is responsible for monitoring conformance of local jurisdictions with the adopted CMP55. Among these requirements, Alameda CTC must find compliance with the implementation of approved deficiency plans to maintain LOS standards on the

CMP network. When a deficiency plan is adopted and active, the lead jurisdiction must submit status reports on the implementation of the deficiency plan showing progress and concurrence from the participating jurisdictions to Alameda CTC annually as part of the annual conformity process. If after 90 days of the conformity timeline the local jurisdiction is still in non-conformance, Alameda CTC is required to follow the conformance process as identified in Chapter 9, "Program Conformance and Monitoring." The detailed process for finding of non-conformance and the resulting withholding of Proposition 111 funds is described in Chapter 9.

## **Next Steps**

- As identified in Chapter 8, "Capital Improvement Program," on completion of the Countywide Comprehensive Capital Improvement Program and Program Investment Plan (CIP/PIP), Alameda CTC will update any policy adopted to provide funding priority for projects that would improve the performance of the deficient segments in the CIP/PIP.
- · Alameda CTC will also explore recognizing the Countywide Goods Movement Plan, Countywide Transit Plan, and Arterial Corridor Mobility Plan or components of those plans and any other plans once they are completed and adopted as a basis for potential future deficiency plans.

<sup>55</sup> California Government Code Section 65089.3.



The CMP contains several interrelated elements intended to foster better coordination and decisionmaking about transportation, land development, and air quality. Over the years, the CMP has evolved from being a program focused on meeting the legislative intent of congestion management to a program that uses the legislative mandate as an opportunity to develop and provide an integrated multimodal transportation system for all users of Alameda County. The following conclusions highlight how the 2013 CMP meets the legislative requirements and better integrates land use and transportation and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. During the update process, Alameda CTC also identified implementation issues and future considerations.

### Conclusions

Based on the 2013 CMP update several conclusions can be reached about the CMP relative to the requirements of law and its purpose and intent. The CMP fulfills the spirit, purpose, and intent of the legislation because it:

### 1. Contributes to maintaining or improving transportation service levels.

The projects and programs contained in the CMP are a subset of the transportation investments adopted in the Alameda County 2012 Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP). The CMP can be viewed as the short-range implementation program for the CWTP. As the first step toward transportation investment in Alameda County over the next 28 years, the CMP is making progress toward maintaining or improving transportation service levels.

# 2. Conforms to MTC's criteria for consistency with Plan

Table 21 on the following page lists the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's consistency requirements for CMPs in the Bay Area region. The CMP has met all these requirements.

### 3. Provides a travel model consistent with MTC's regional model.

The Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model is being updated to include the land uses and projects and programs in Plan Bay Area adopted by MTC in July 2013. This update will also ensure that the countywide model meets the MTC regional modeling consistency requirements. The update is expected to be complete by June 2014. The current countywide model incorporates the previously regionally adopted Projections 2009 land use and Transportation 2035 transportation investments.

### 4. Is consistent with MTC's adopted Transportation Control Measures.

The transportation control measures in the Regional Transportation Plan for the Bay Area that are based on the federal and state air quality plans are shown in Appendix I. The CMP includes many project types and programs identified in the plan. The Alameda CTC will work with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and project sponsors to define appropriate responsibility and timely implementation of these measures.

### 5. Specifies a method for estimating roadway level of service (LOS) consistent with state law.

Two approaches are permitted by the law for assessing LOS. The Alameda County CMP specifies using the 1985 Highway Capacity Manual (HCM1985) for LOS monitoring and conformity purposes and the HCM2000 for the Land Use Analysis Program. As part of the 2013 CMP update, Alameda CTC performed a comparative analysis of use of HCM1985 and HCM2000 to use of the most recent HCM2010. Based on the evaluation, as reported in the "Level of Service Standards" and "Land Use Analysis Program" chapters, a speed-based LOS measure as used in the HCM1985 will continue to be applied for LOS monitoring and conformity purposes. This approach is recommended to avoid loss of ability to track trends and for deficiency plan implementation. Use of HCM2010 will be encouraged in the CMP Land Use Analysis Program transportation impact analyses as specified in the MTC CMP guidance, but flexibility to use HCM2000 will be permitted if deemed necessary by local jurisdictions or project sponsors.

### 6. Identifies candidate projects for the RTIP and federal TIP that meet MTC's minimum requirements

The Regional Transportation Improvement Program and federal Transportation Improvement Program candidates listed in the CMP's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) have been evaluated, and all candidate projects conform to MTC's screening criteria for the respective projects and programs.

### 7. Was developed in cooperation with jurisdictions and other interested parties.

The 2013 CMP update process included circulation of proposed policy papers and draft documents to interested parties through regular mailings for the Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee, the Planning, Policy and Legislation Committee, and Alameda CTC Commission meetings, as well as on the Alameda CTC website. The mailing list included technical representatives of all cities in Alameda County, the County of Alameda, transit operators, the Port of Oakland, the Associations of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), BAAQMD, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and MTC. In addition, any future additions to the designated CMP network will be coordinated with adjacent counties within the MTC region and is expected to be consistent with those CMPs.

### 8. Provides a forward-looking approach to the impactof local land use decisions on transportation.

The Land Use Analysis Program allows consultation with the Alameda CTC early in the land development process. Early input will help ensure a better linkage between land use decisions and transportation investment. The 2013 CMP update includes an expanded discussion of the Alameda CTC's activities to fulfill the legislative requirements of Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) and Assembly Bill 32 to better integrate transportation and land use and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by curtailing vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Several enhancements were made to the Land Use Analysis Program in this context to meet these objectives including:

- Incorporated the recommendations of the Alameda County Priority Development Area Investment and Growth Strategy;
- Established a development approvals database that will be populated using information provided by local jurisdictions as part of the annual conformity process starting in 2014;

## Table 21—MTC's Regional Consistency Requirements for CMPs

## **RTP Consistency**

Have the RTP goals and objectives been included in the CMP?

Does the CMP include references to Resolution 3434?

#### **CMP System**

Have all state highways and principal arterials been included?

Are all state highways identified?

Has the CMA developed a clear, reasonable definition for "principal arterials" as part of its submittal plan?

Has this definition been consistently applied in the selection of arterials to include in the designated system? If not, why?

How does the CMP-designated system relate to MTC's MTS in the Plan Bay Area?

Does the CMP System connect to the CMP Systems in adjacent counties?

#### **Air Quality Requirements**

Does the CMP include locally implementable Federal and State TCMs, as previously documented and included in MTC's Plan Bay Area, MTC Resolution 2131, and the BAAQMD's Bay Area 2010 Ozone Strategy?

## Modeling Consistency (on completion of the current update to the countywide model)

Is the "base case" forecasting network limited to the approved TIP?

Are "ABAG consistent" demographics used? If alternative demographics have been used in addition to the "ABAG consistent" forecasts, have the demographic inputs and travel forecasts been compared to the "ABAG consistent" based travel forecasts?

Are the regional "core" assumptions for auto operating costs, transit fares and bridge tolls being used, or are reasons to the contrary documented?

Does the forecasting model include transit and carpool use (through either a person trip generation model or a "borrowed share" approach)?

Does the model produce trip distribution results that are reasonably consistent with those of MTC?

Is the modeling methodology documented?

## **LOS Consistency**

Is LOS assessed using a methodology agreeable to MTC?

## **RTIP/TIP Requirements**

Are the proposed RTIP projects consistent with the RTP?

Do the projects proposed for inclusion in the RTIP meet the minimum screening requirements established by MTC for the RTIP?

#### **Process**

Has the CMP been developed in cooperation with all concerned agencies (i.e., transit agencies, applicable air quality district(s), MTC, adjacent counties, etc.)?

Has the CMP been formally adopted according to the requirements of the legislation?

Note: Detailed requirements for regional consistency are outlined in MTC Resolution 3000, revised July 12, 2013.

- Modified the agency's guidelines for environmental review by identifying standards to evaluate impacts on auto and alternative modes; and
- Identified an alternative trip generation methodology for use in transportation impact analyses to support in-fill development.

# 9. Considers the benefit of greenhouse gas reductions in developing the CIP

The CMP considers the benefits of greenhouse gas reductions in the Land Use Analysis Program and in developing the CIP. The 2013 CMP now includes the Alameda County Priority Development Area Investment and Growth Strategy recommendations and options for alternative trip-generation rates to promote infill development in the Land Use Analysis Program that will help support the reduction of VMT and greenhouse gas emissions. Similarly the most recent long range plan, the 2012 CWTP, with which the CIP projects and programs are consistent, was developed for the first time to meet the county's share of greenhouse gas reduction targets for the region and better integrate transportation and land use through development of a closely coordinated land use component for the plan.

# Implementation Issues

During the development and update of the 2013 CMP for Alameda County, several long-standing issues continue to need further action by the Alameda CTC. Some of these issues may also require action by the legislature.

## 1. Cost exceeds funding

Alameda CTC has identified the cost of maintaining or improving transportation service levels over the next 28 years as part of the 2012 CWTP to exceed \$30 billion. This cost is large and well beyond existing and anticipated funding sources, which 2012 CWTP projects to be \$9.5 billion. Further statewide attention to transportation funding is necessary, if the CMP law is to achieve its intended goal.

With the passage of the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, the Transportation

56 Katz, Statutes of 1995.

Efficiency Act in 1997, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in 2005, and Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), new requirements have been placed on MTC relative to congestion management. MTC is passing funds through to the CMAs in the Bay Area region to assist in implementing the federal acts related to transportation funding. These funds, however, do not fully cover Alameda CTC's congestion management administration costs.

## 2. Limited CMA authority

It is difficult for Alameda CTC to fulfill the intent of the CMP legislation because so many programs are beyond its authority. Funding programs, such as transit operating funds, most transit capital funding, the interregional road program, the highway rehabilitation program, and the toll-bridge program are outside the scope of the CMP. Caltrans administers the interregional road program and highway rehabilitation program.

## 3. LOS responsibility

CMP law indicates that Caltrans is responsible for monitoring LOS standards on the state highway system, if the CMA designates responsibility to Caltrans.<sup>56</sup> As state-owned facilities, it is reasonable to assume that the state is responsible. Alameda CTC will continue to work with Caltrans on LOS monitoring to ensure that consistent LOS results can be maintained if Alameda CTC delegates future monitoring responsibilities to Caltrans.

The CMP law also recognizes that responsibility for sustaining LOS standards on local roadways and the state highway system should be shared between the local governments where other local jurisdictions contribute a significant percentage of traffic to the roadway. This change in state law recognizes that other jurisdictions may be partially responsible for the roadway exceeding the standards and that local government has little authority over the state highway system. Some exemptions, such as interregional trips, have been built into the current law, but these exemptions do not sufficiently address the problem. Corridor-level planning may offer a reasonable

approach to this multi-jurisdictional problem and has been used successfully in the past to identify deficiencies and strategies to improve them. In this context, the 2013 CMP continues to recommend that corridor management strategies be explored as part of the Countywide Goods Movement Collaborative and Plan, Countywide Transit Plan, and Multimodal Arterial Corridor Plan, all of which are in the Alameda CTC FY13-14 work plan and are underway.

### 4. Scope of the CMP network

The CMP network is reviewed every four years; the next review is scheduled for 2017. However, state law does not provide incentives to local jurisdictions to add roadways to the CMP network. In fact, there are significant disincentives to add roadways that may in the future deteriorate to LOS F. In these cases, jurisdictions would be required to prepare a deficiency plan or risk losing Proposition 111 gas tax funds. Alameda CTC is currently addressing this issue by adding a network that will be monitored only for informational purposes and not for conformity. In 2011, 90 miles of arterial roadways across the county were added to the CMP network, which will be monitored for informational purposes.

#### 5. Transportation revenue shortfalls

State and federal transportation funding continues to be inadequate to address both capital and transit operating costs. The shortfalls may jeopardize the ability to maintain and improve transportation LOS. Worsening traffic congestion on the CMP network will trigger requirements for local jurisdictions to prepare and adopt deficiency plans or risk losing Proposition 111 gas tax funds for local projects. This will be compounded by the requirements to implement SB 375, Redesigning Communities to Reduce Greenhouse Gases, which is currently an unfunded mandate.

# **Future Considerations**

The 2013 CMP update also provides recommendations for next steps in addressing issues related to new and existing legislative requirements, monitoring standards, and other efforts related to congestion management

and better integrating transportation and land use. The following highlight key areas identified for follow-up (see individual chapters for detailed next steps):

#### 1. CMP roadway network Tier 1 and Tier 2 additions

Jurisdictions will review their roadway systems for routes that may meet the criteria for inclusion as roadways in the Tier 1 and Tier 2 CMP network. No new roadways were proposed in the 2013 CMP update. The next update to the CMP network criteria, including identifying new CMP roadways and applying the updated criteria, will occur in 2015. For the 2015 CMP Update, Alameda CTC will review and update the CMP roadway criteria including identifying ways to expand the CMP roadway network to include key rural roadways that facilitate agricultural operations and tourism and support Priority Conservation Area goals and objectives in Alameda County. Outcomes of the Countywide Multimodal Arterial Plan should also be considered in the update of the criteria and identification of roadways.

For potential new routes identified by a jurisdiction, the jurisdiction will conduct 24-hour traffic counts from Tuesday through Thursday of a typical week. Traffic counts will be taken in March/April in 2015. To be in compliance with the CMP, each jurisdiction must submit potential CMP-designated routes to the CMA by June 30, 2015.

## 2. Congestion pricing strategies

Congestion pricing strategies are considered one of the tools to manage congestion along the most congested corridors. The revenue collected from congestion pricing will be invested back into the corridor for improvement of transit after paying for operating expenses. Alameda CTC implemented the first express lane in the Bay Area on southbound I-680, which opened to traffic in fall 2010. Express lane work on northbound I-680 is in the environmental review stage. Legislation that approved the I-680 Express Lane also approved a second express lane in Alameda County. Alameda CTC approved I-580 as a candidate corridor for both the eastbound and westbound directions in East County. Both lanes are currently under construction and are

expected to be open to traffic in 2015. Currently, MTC is implementing a Bay Area Express Lane network of 550 miles across the region, first converting the existing HOV lanes and later expanding to close gaps in the carpool network. This will add about 90 additional miles to the express lane network in Alameda County along the I-80, I-680, and I-880 corridors and on the Bay Bridge, San Mateo Bridge, and Dumbarton Bridge. Phase 1, the conversion of existing carpool lanes into express lanes on the Regional Express Lane Network, is scheduled to be operational in 2015.

Other pricing strategies include:

- Off-peak transit fare discounts;
- Parking ticket surcharge by the Alameda County jurisdictions, with revenues devoted to transit; and
- Parking pricing in Berkeley.

# 3. Senate Bill 743 (SB 743), CEQA reform, and infill development areas

SB 743, passed in September 2013, institutes key changes to the CMP statute that will support infill development, including lifting the sunset date on designating Infill Opportunity Zones and directing the governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to develop new metrics for assessment of transportation impacts to replace vehicle delay-based measures such as LOS. SB 743 also directs OPR to revise California Environmental Quality Act guidelines to eliminate automobile LOS as a significant impact on the environment and to develop new criteria for determining the significance of transportation impacts in transit priority areas that use metrics such as automobile trips generated or VMT per capita. Alameda CTC, in collaboration with the local jurisdictions and regional agencies, will comprehensively evaluate and identify efforts and next steps for Alameda CTC to participate in defining the process for developing new standards of significance for transportation impacts and in supporting local jurisdictions in implementing the new standards.

As part of the 2013 CMP Update, Alameda CTC also implemented several short- and long-term

strategies identified in the 2011 CMP to promote infill development, prior to the enactment of SB 743. They include approved alternative trip generation methodologies for traffic impact analysis to support infill developments, focused guidance on CMP impact assessment and monitoring for alternative modes, and adopting areawide deficiency plan procedures for developing a multimodal improvement plan over a larger area where localized improvements are not feasible (for more details, see Chapter 6, "Land Use Analysis Program" and Chapter 10, "Deficiency Plans"). Monitoring implementation of these measures will continue.

# 4. Improving the land use and transportation connection in Alameda County and implementing

Since the adoption of the 2011 CMP, Alameda CTC has completed several major planning efforts to better integrate transportation and land use and to implement SB 375 to achieve reduced VMT and greenhouse gas emission reductions. The 2012 CWTP was one such major effort developed in close coordination with the regional and local agencies and included a land use component for the first time to contribute to the county's share of regional greenhouse gas reduction targets. The adopted Alameda County Priority Development Area Investment and Growth Strategy outlines a preliminary PDA monitoring plan developed both to fulfill MTC and ABAG requirements and is a step toward implementing the land use and sustainability goals of the 2012 CWTP. Alameda CTC also has been providing enhanced information sharing/support for the local jurisdictions in implementing the complete streets policy.

The 2013 CMP update includes expanded review of Alameda CTC's activities to fulfill the legislative requirements of SB 375 to better integrate transportation investment and land use, and made the following key enhancements to the Land Use Analysis Program to meet these objectives:

• Implement the Alameda County Priority Development Area Investment and Growth Strategy.

- Identify ways to address rural roadway improvement needs and efforts that support Priority Conservation Area goals.
- Develop a land use development database based on annual land development approvals data from the jurisdictions to track land development approvals from local jurisdictions for use in various planning efforts, and to analyze how and whether the land development and transportation investments are coordinated.
- Track local jurisdiction housing element progress by local jurisdictions providing Alameda CTC a copy of the most recent Housing Element Annual Program Report submitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development.
- Prepare a feasibility study for implementing an impact analysis measure that supports alternative modes in Alameda County, similar to the Automobile Trips Generated (ATG) measure being considered by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority. Given the current focus on reducing VMT through better integration of land use and transportation, it has become important to have LOS measures that consider project impacts on all modes. If SB 743 implementation results in ATG as the standard to measure development impacts, Alameda CTC's work on this at the county level will help local jurisdictions in implementing ATG in their development impact analyses. Implementing ATG will require a nexus study and associated list of improvement measures, which is generally appropriate at a sub-regional or broader level.
- Develop a comprehensive program, similar to VTA's Community Design and Transportation Program that promotes better integration of land use development and transportation in Alameda County and is supported by financial incentives. Such a program could be developed in partnership with the member agencies and communities and endorsed by their elected bodies. As a next step, Alameda CTC will identify interest from local jurisdictions and the transit operators for implementing a similar program in Alameda County and develop a scope of work that details the

- steps involved, including costs of developing and implementing the program.
- Explore and review parking policies and standards as a way to develop parking management strategies as a land use tool for local jurisdictions to promote alternative modes and reduce greenhouse gases. Parking for automobiles is a significant but under-recognized factor in the relationship between land use and transportation.

# 5. Mitigating impacts on cross county corridors or long corridors traversing jurisdictions

Currently the CMP Land Use Analysis Program does not have a mechanism in place for "fair share" contributions for projects that would impact long travel or cross-county corridors that traverse several Alameda County jurisdictions. Since improvement measures to mitigate the cumulative impact will be too expensive for one agency or jurisdictions, Alameda CTC continues to carry forward the following recommendations.

- For congested cross county corridors, explore developing partnerships for sharing the cost of implementing related mitigation measures. Also, for long-term corridor improvements in such corridors, explore establishing cross-county partnerships to develop mutually agreeable strategies for improvements. A first step in this direction is consideration of a county line development study.
- For projects that may impact long travel corridors that traverse multiple jurisdictions within the county, explore establishing a means for the project to contribute their fair share of required mitigation measures.

# 6. LOS standards and HCM for assessing performance of auto and alternative modes

During the 2013 CMP update, Alameda CTC evaluated the application of HCM2010 to monitor LOS for auto and other modes, specifically transit, bicycling, and walking. Results for auto LOS monitoring showed that the HCM2010 methodology's shift from measuring speed to measuring density to assign auto LOS would result in the loss of Alameda CTC's ability to

track network performance trends and conformity, particularly for the Tier 1 network that is subject to conformity. Therefore, speed-based HCM1985 will continue to be used for auto LOS monitoring for Tier 1 network. For Tier 2 arterials not subject to conformity, both the HCM1985 and HCM2000 will be applied as appropriate and will be re-evaluated for expanded HCM use in the 2015 CMP update.

Evaluation results for LOS monitoring of alternative modes showed that HCM2010 Multi Modal LOS (MMLOS) is not well-designed for annual monitoring application, as it is very data-intensive and costly to implement. For assessing performance of alternative modes, the outcomes of the ongoing countywide modal studies will be used to identify countywide facilities and metrics for monitoring alternative modes, and will be incorporated in the 2015 CMP for future LOS monitoring efforts.

For application of HCM2010 in the Land Use Analysis Program, using HCM2010 to perform the impact analysis for autos was found to be consistent with the current data requirements; therefore, use of HCM2010 is encouraged per regional direction, but flexibility to use HCM2000 is permitted where consistency is needed by local jurisdictions. Evaluation results for LOS monitoring of alternative modes showed that HCM2010 MMLOS is suitable to identify multimodal trade-offs in mitigation measures, and use of HCM2010 is encouraged.

# 7. Review of performance measures and identification of monitoring periods and related measures aligned with data availability

The performance measures identified in the multimodal performance element are based on measures established in a variety of plans and documents including the Countywide Transportation Plan, Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans, and the CMP document. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts Report includes several additional measures, and "existing conditions" analyses were performed for the Countywide Transportation Plan. Also, by 2015, Alameda CTC will complete several new modal plans, which will produce additional performance measures.

Therefore, as part of the 2015 CMP update, Alameda CTC will re-evaluate and consolidate the performance measures and monitoring reports, and identify multimodal performance measures and timelines for reporting those measures. This comprehensive re-evaluation will ensure that the timeline for reporting on different measures is realistically aligned with data availability and potential changes in the measures. In addition, it will ensure that the various monitoring documents are complementary and non-duplicative. This will allow Alameda CTC to tailor its multimodal performance measures to project evaluation needs and inform programming decisions, as outlined in the upcoming Strategic Plan/CMP.

## 8. Development of Strategic Plan/CMP

In an effort to better integrate planning, programming, implementation, and evaluation and monitoring, Alameda CTC has embarked on developing a Strategic Plan/CMP that will include a feedback process for future planning and funding decisions for an improved multimodal transportation system. This plan is expected to include a performance-based Capital Improvement Program/Program Investment Plan (CIP/ PIP). The CIP will include all funding sources under the purview of the Alameda CTC and will establish a seven-year horizon for fund allocations to various transportation improvement needs. The PIP will be a companion to the CIP and will provide a seven-year horizon for programming funds for operations, technology, education, planning and monitoring needs for all funding sources related to these types of transportation investments. The focused plan development effort will occur by spring 2014.

## 9. Funding priority for deficient segments

Based on the biennial LOS Monitoring Study, if any of the CMP roadway segment fails to meet the required minimum LOS standard of E and is declared deficient, a localized or areawide deficiency plan is required that identifies mitigation measures including funding to improve the performance of that segment or study area. Given the lack of availability of funds for transportation improvements, this requirement places a

hardship on local jurisdictions. The 2011 CMP provided direction to develop a policy for giving funding priority to the CMP segments declared deficient based on LOS monitoring results. The evaluation process for determining funding priority should consider projects and programs that would improve the performance of deficient segments/areas through approaches such as awarding additional points to those projects. The ongoing development of the CIP/PIP for Alameda County as part of the comprehensive Strategic Plan is expected to address this issue and determine an approach to provide additional consideration to projects that would improve the performance of existing and future deficient segments/areas.

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# Congestion Management Program Legislation

# Government Code Section 65088-65089.10 65088.

The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

- (a) Although California's economy is critically dependent upon transportation, its current transportation system relies primarily upon a street and highway system designed to accommodate far fewer vehicles than are currently using the system.
- (b) California's transportation system is characterized by fragmented planning, both among jurisdictions involved and among the means of available transport.
- (c) The lack of an integrated system and the increase in the number of vehicles are causing traffic congestion that each day results in 400,000 hours lost in traffic, 200 tons of pollutants released into the air we breathe, and three million one hundred thousand dollars (\$3,100,000) added costs to the motoring public.
- (d) To keep California moving, all methods and means of transport between major destinations must be coordinated to connect our vital economic and population centers.
- (e) In order to develop the California economy to its full potential, it is intended that federal, state, and local agencies join with transit districts, business, private and environmental interests to develop and implement comprehensive strategies needed to develop appropriate responses to transportation needs.
- (f) In addition to solving California's traffic congestion crisis, rebuilding California's cities and suburbs, particularly with affordable housing and more walkable neighborhoods, is an important part of accommodating future increases in the state's population because homeownership is only now available to most Californians who are on the fringes of metropolitan areas and far from employment centers.
- (g) The Legislature intends to do everything within its power to remove regulatory barriers around the development of infill housing, transitoriented development, and mixed use commercial

development in order to reduce regional traffic congestion and provide more housing choices for all Californians.

(h) The removal of regulatory barriers to promote infill housing, transit-oriented development, or mixed use commercial development does not preclude a city or county from holding a public hearing nor finding that an individual infill project would be adversely impacted by the surrounding environment or transportation patterns.

As used in this chapter the following terms have the following meanings:

- (a) Unless the context requires otherwise, "regional agency" means the agency responsible for preparation of the regional transportation improvement program.
- (b) Unless the context requires otherwise, "agency" means the agency responsible for the preparation and adoption of the congestion management program.
- (c) "Commission" means the California Transportation Commission.
- (d) "Department" means the Department of Transportation.
- (e) "Local jurisdiction" means a city, a county, or a city and county.
- (f) "Parking cash-out program" means an employerfunded program under which an employer offers to provide a cash allowance to an employee equivalent to the parking subsidy that the employer would otherwise pay to provide the employee with a parking space. "Parking subsidy" means the difference between the out-of-pocket amount paid by an employer on a regular basis in order to secure the availability of an employee parking space not owned by the employer and the price, if any, charged to an employee for use of that space.

A parking cash-out program may include a requirement that employee participants certify that

they will comply with guidelines established by the employer designed to avoid neighborhood parking problems, with a provision that employees not complying with the guidelines will no longer be eligible for the parking cash-out program.

- (g) "Infill opportunity zone" means a specific area designated by a city or county, pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 65088.4, zoned for new compact residential or mixed use development within one-third mile of a site with an existing or future rail transit station, a ferry terminal served by either a bus or rail transit service, an intersection of at least two major bus routes, or within 300 feet of a bus rapid transit corridor, in counties with a population over 400,000. The mixed use development zoning shall consist of three or more land uses that facilitate significant human interaction in close proximity, with residential use as the primary land use supported by other land uses such as office, hotel, health care, hospital, entertainment, restaurant, retail, and service uses. The transit service shall have maximum scheduled headways of 15 minutes for at least 5 hours per day. A qualifying future rail station shall have broken ground on construction of the station and programmed operational funds to provide maximum scheduled headways of 15 minutes for at least 5 hours per day.
- (h) "Interregional travel" means any trips that originate outside the boundary of the agency. A "trip" means a one-direction vehicle movement. The origin of any trip is the starting point of that trip. A roundtrip consists of two individual trips.
- (i) "Level of service standard" is a threshold that defines a deficiency on the congestion management program highway and roadway system which requires the preparation of a deficiency plan. It is the intent of the Legislature that the agency shall use all elements of the program to implement strategies and actions that avoid the creation of deficiencies and to improve multimodal mobility.
- (i) "Multimodal" means the utilization of all available modes of travel that enhance the movement

- of people and goods, including, but not limited to, highway, transit, nonmotorized, and demand management strategies including, but not limited to, telecommuting. The availability and practicality of specific multimodal systems, projects, and strategies may vary by county and region in accordance with the size and complexity of different urbanized areas.
- (k) "Performance measure" is an analytical planning tool that is used to quantitatively evaluate transportation improvements and to assist in determining effective implementation actions, considering all modes and strategies. Use of a performance measure as part of the program does not trigger the requirement for the preparation of deficiency plans.
- (I) "Urbanized area" has the same meaning as is defined in the 1990 federal census for urbanized areas of more than 50,000 population.
- (m) "Bus rapid transit corridor" means a bus service that includes at least four of the following attributes:
  - (1) Coordination with land use planning.
  - (2) Exclusive right-of-way.
  - (3) Improved passenger boarding facilities.
  - (4) Limited stops.
  - (5) Passenger boarding at the same height as the bus.
  - (6) Prepaid fares.
  - (7) Real-time passenger information.
  - (8) Traffic priority at intersections.
  - (9) Signal priority.
  - (10) Unique vehicles.

#### 65088.3.

This chapter does not apply in a county in which a majority of local governments, collectively comprised of the city councils and the county board of supervisors, which in total also represent a majority of the population in the county, each adopt resolutions electing to be exempt from the congestion management program.

#### 65088.4.

- (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to balance the need for level of service standards for traffic with the need to build infill housing and mixed use commercial developments within walking distance of mass transit facilities, downtowns, and town centers and to provide greater flexibility to local governments to balance these sometimes competing needs.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, level of service standards described in Section 65089 shall not apply to the streets and highways within an infill opportunity zone. The city or county shall do either of the following:
- (1) Include these streets and highways under an alternative areawide level of service standard or multimodal composite or personal level of service standard that takes into account both of the following:
- (A) The broader benefits of regional traffic congestion reduction by siting new residential development within walking distance of, and no more than one-third mile from, mass transit stations, shops, and services, in a manner that reduces the need for long vehicle commutes and improves the jobs-housing balance.
- (B) Increased use of alternative transportation modes, such as mass transit, bicycling, and walking.
- (2) Approve a list of flexible level of service mitigation options that includes roadway expansion and investments in alternate modes of transportation that may include, but are not limited to, transit infrastructure, pedestrian infrastructure, and ridesharing, vanpool, or shuttle programs.
- (c) The city or county may designate an infill opportunity zone by adopting a resolution after determining that the infill opportunity zone is consistent with the general plan and any applicable specific plan. A city or county may not designate an infill opportunity zone after December 31, 2009.

(d) The city or county in which the infill opportunity zone is located shall ensure that a development project shall be completed within the infill opportunity zone not more than four years after the date on which the city or county adopted its resolution pursuant to subdivision (c). If no development project is completed within an infill opportunity zone by the time limit imposed by this subdivision, the infill opportunity zone shall automatically terminate.

#### 65088.5.

Congestion management programs, if prepared by county transportation commissions and transportation authorities created pursuant to Division 12 (commencing with Section 130000) of the Public Utilities Code, shall be used by the regional transportation planning agency to meet federal requirements for a congestion management system, and shall be incorporated into the congestion management system.

#### 65089.

- (a) A congestion management program shall be developed, adopted, and updated biennially, consistent with the schedule for adopting and updating the regional transportation improvement program, for every county that includes an urbanized area, and shall include every city and the county. The program shall be adopted at a noticed public hearing of the agency. The program shall be developed in consultation with, and with the cooperation of, the transportation planning agency, regional transportation providers, local governments, the department, and the air pollution control district or the air quality management district, either by the county transportation commission, or by another public agency, as designated by resolutions adopted by the county board of supervisors and the city councils of a majority of the cities representing a majority of the population in the incorporated area of the county.
- (b) The program shall contain all of the following elements:
- (1) (A) Traffic level of service standards established for a system of highways and roadways designated by the agency. The highway and roadway system shall

include at a minimum all state highways and principal arterials. No highway or roadway designated as a part of the system shall be removed from the system. All new state highways and principal arterials shall be designated as part of the system, except when it is within an infill opportunity zone. Level of service (LOS) shall be measured by Circular 212, by the most recent version of the Highway Capacity Manual, or by a uniform methodology adopted by the agency that is consistent with the Highway Capacity Manual. The determination as to whether an alternative method is consistent with the Highway Capacity Manual shall be made by the regional agency, except that the department instead shall make this determination if either (i) the regional agency is also the agency, as those terms are defined in Section 65088.1, or (ii) the department is responsible for preparing the regional transportation improvement plan for the county.

- (B) In no case shall the LOS standards established be below the level of service E or the current level, whichever is farthest from level of service A except when the area is in an infill opportunity zone. When the level of service on a segment or at an intersection fails to attain the established level of service standard outside an infill opportunity zone, a deficiency plan shall be adopted pursuant to Section 65089.4.
- (2) A performance element that includes performance measures to evaluate current and future multimodal system performance for the movement of people and goods. At a minimum, these performance measures shall incorporate highway and roadway system performance, and measures established for the frequency and routing of public transit, and for the coordination of transit service provided by separate operators. These performance measures shall support mobility, air quality, land use, and economic objectives, and shall be used in the development of the capital improvement program required pursuant to paragraph (5), deficiency plans required pursuant to Section 65089.4, and the land use analysis program required pursuant to paragraph (4).

- (3) A travel demand element that promotes alternative transportation methods, including, but not limited to, carpools, vanpools, transit, bicycles, and park-and-ride lots; improvements in the balance between jobs and housing; and other strategies, including, but not limited to, flexible work hours, telecommuting, and parking management programs. The agency shall consider parking cash-out programs during the development and update of the travel demand element.
- (4) A program to analyze the impacts of land use decisions made by local jurisdictions on regional transportation systems, including an estimate of the costs associated with mitigating those impacts. This program shall measure, to the extent possible, the impact to the transportation system using the performance measures described in paragraph (2). In no case shall the program include an estimate of the costs of mitigating the impacts of interregional travel. The program shall provide credit for local public and private contributions to improvements to regional transportation systems. However, in the case of toll road facilities, credit shall only be allowed for local public and private contributions which are unreimbursed from toll revenues or other state or federal sources. The agency shall calculate the amount of the credit to be provided. The program defined under this section may require implementation through the requirements and analysis of the California Environmental Quality Act, in order to avoid duplication.
- (5) A seven-year capital improvement program, developed using the performance measures described in paragraph (2) to determine effective projects that maintain or improve the performance of the multimodal system for the movement of people and goods, to mitigate regional transportation impacts identified pursuant to paragraph (4). The program shall conform to transportation-related vehicle emission air quality mitigation measures, and include any project that will increase the capacity of the multimodal system. It is the intent of the Legislature that, when roadway projects are identified in the program,

consideration be given for maintaining bicycle access and safety at a level comparable to that which existed prior to the improvement or alteration. The capital improvement program may also include safety, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects that do not enhance the capacity of the system but are necessary to preserve the investment in existing facilities.

- (c) The agency, in consultation with the regional agency, cities, and the county, shall develop a uniform data base on traffic impacts for use in a countywide transportation computer model and shall approve transportation computer models of specific areas within the county that will be used by local jurisdictions to determine the quantitative impacts of development on the circulation system that are based on the countywide model and standardized modeling assumptions and conventions. The computer models shall be consistent with the modeling methodology adopted by the regional planning agency. The data bases used in the models shall be consistent with the data bases used by the regional planning agency. Where the regional agency has jurisdiction over two or more counties, the data bases used by the agency shall be consistent with the data bases used by the regional agency.
- (d) (1) The city or county in which a commercial development will implement a parking cash-out program that is included in a congestion management program pursuant to subdivision (b), or in a deficiency plan pursuant to Section 65089.4, shall grant to that development an appropriate reduction in the parking requirements otherwise in effect for new commercial development.
- (2) At the request of an existing commercial development that has implemented a parking cash-out program, the city or county shall grant an appropriate reduction in the parking requirements otherwise applicable based on the demonstrated reduced need for parking, and the space no longer needed for parking purposes may be used for other appropriate purposes.

(e) Pursuant to the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and regulations adopted pursuant to the act, the department shall submit a request to the Federal Highway Administration Division Administrator to accept the congestion management program in lieu of development of a new congestion management system otherwise required by the act.

#### 65089.1.

- (a) For purposes of this section, "plan" means a trip reduction plan or a related or similar proposal submitted by an employer to a local public agency for adoption or approval that is designed to facilitate employee ridesharing, the use of public transit, and other means of travel that do not employ a singleoccupant vehicle.
- (b) An agency may require an employer to provide rideshare data bases; an emergency ride program; a preferential parking program; a transportation information program; a parking cash-out program, as defined in subdivision (f) of Section 65088.1; a public transit subsidy in an amount to be determined by the employer; bicycle parking areas; and other noncash value programs which encourage or facilitate the use of alternatives to driving alone. An employer may offer, but no agency shall require an employer to offer, cash, prizes, or items with cash value to employees to encourage participation in a trip reduction program as a condition of approving a plan.
- (c) Employers shall provide employees reasonable notice of the content of a proposed plan and shall provide the employees an opportunity to comment prior to submittal of the plan to the agency for adoption.
- (d) Each agency shall modify existing programs to conform to this section not later than June 30, 1995. Any plan adopted by an agency prior to January 1, 1994, shall remain in effect until adoption by the agency of a modified plan pursuant to this section.

- (e) Employers may include disincentives in their plans that do not create a widespread and substantial disproportionate impact on ethnic or racial minorities, women, or low-income or disabled employees.
- (f) This section shall not be interpreted to relieve any employer of the responsibility to prepare a plan that conforms with trip reduction goals specified in Division 26 (commencing with Section 39000) of the Health and Safety Code, or the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 7401 et seq.).
- (g) This section only applies to agencies and employers within the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

#### 65089.2.

- (a) Congestion management programs shall be submitted to the regional agency. The regional agency shall evaluate the consistency between the program and the regional transportation plans required pursuant to Section 65080. In the case of a multicounty regional transportation planning agency, that agency shall evaluate the consistency and compatibility of the programs within the region.
- (b) The regional agency, upon finding that the program is consistent, shall incorporate the program into the regional transportation improvement program as provided for in Section 65082. If the regional agency finds the program is inconsistent, it may exclude any project in the congestion management program from inclusion in the regional transportation improvement program.
- (c) (1) The regional agency shall not program any surface transportation program funds and congestion mitigation and air quality funds pursuant to Section 182.6 and 182.7 of the Streets and Highways Code in a county unless a congestion management program has been adopted by December 31, 1992, as required pursuant to Section 65089. No surface transportation program funds or congestion mitigation and air quality funds shall be programmed for a project in a local jurisdiction that has been found to be in

- nonconformance with a congestion management program pursuant to Section 65089.5 unless the agency finds that the project is of regional significance.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon the designation of an urbanized area, pursuant to the 1990 federal census or a subsequent federal census, within a county which previously did not include an urbanized area, a congestion management program as required pursuant to Section 65089 shall be adopted within a period of 18 months after designation by the Governor.
- (d) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the regional agency, when its boundaries include areas in more than one county, should resolve inconsistencies and mediate disputes which arise between agencies related to congestion management programs adopted for those areas.
- (2) It is the further intent of the Legislature that disputes which may arise between regional agencies, or agencies which are not within the boundaries of a multicounty regional transportation planning agency, should be mediated and resolved by the Secretary of Business, Housing and Transportation Agency, or an employee of that agency designated by the secretary, in consultation with the air pollution control district or air quality management district within whose boundaries the regional agency or agencies are located.
- (e) At the request of the agency, a local jurisdiction that owns, or is responsible for operation of, a tripgenerating facility in another county shall participate in the congestion management program of the county where the facility is located. If a dispute arises involving a local jurisdiction, the agency may request the regional agency to mediate the dispute through procedures pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 65089.2. Failure to resolve the dispute does not invalidate the congestion management program.

## 65089.3.

The agency shall monitor the implementation of all elements of the congestion management program. The department is responsible for data collection and analysis on state highways, unless the agency designates that responsibility to another entity. The agency may also assign data collection and analysis responsibilities to other owners and operators of facilities or services if the responsibilities are specified in its adopted program. The agency shall consult with the department and other affected owners and operators in developing data collection and analysis procedures and schedules prior to program adoption. At least biennially, the agency shall determine if the county and cities are conforming to the congestion management program, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- (a) Consistency with levels of service standards, except as provided in Section 65089.4.
- (b) Adoption and implementation of a program to analyze the impacts of land use decisions, including the estimate of the costs associated with mitigating these impacts.
- (c) Adoption and implementation of a deficiency plan pursuant to Section 65089.4 when highway and roadway level of service standards are not maintained on portions of the designated system.

## 65089.4.

- (a) A local jurisdiction shall prepare a deficiency plan when highway or roadway level of service standards are not maintained on segments or intersections of the designated system. The deficiency plan shall be adopted by the city or county at a noticed public hearing.
- (b) The agency shall calculate the impacts subject to exclusion pursuant to subdivision (f) of this section, after consultation with the regional agency, the department, and the local air quality management district or air pollution control district. If the calculated traffic level of service following exclusion of these impacts is consistent with the level of service standard, the agency shall make a finding at a publicly noticed meeting that no deficiency plan is required and so notify the affected local jurisdiction.

- (c) The agency shall be responsible for preparing and adopting procedures for local deficiency plan development and implementation responsibilities, consistent with the requirements of this section. The deficiency plan shall include all of the following:
- (1) An analysis of the cause of the deficiency. This analysis shall include the following:
  - (A) Identification of the cause of the deficiency.
- (B) Identification of the impacts of those local jurisdictions within the jurisdiction of the agency that contribute to the deficiency. These impacts shall be identified only if the calculated traffic level of service following exclusion of impacts pursuant to subdivision (f) indicates that the level of service standard has not been maintained, and shall be limited to impacts not subject to exclusion.
- (2) A list of improvements necessary for the deficient segment or intersection to maintain the minimum level of service otherwise required and the estimated costs of the improvements.
- (3) A list of improvements, programs, or actions, and estimates of costs, that will (A) measurably improve multimodal performance, using measures defined in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65089, and (B) contribute to significant improvements in air quality, such as improved public transit service and facilities, improved nonmotorized transportation facilities, high occupancy vehicle facilities, parking cash-out programs, and transportation control measures. The air quality management district or the air pollution control district shall establish and periodically revise a list of approved improvements, programs, and actions that meet the scope of this paragraph. If an improvement, program, or action on the approved list has not been fully implemented, it shall be deemed to contribute to significant improvements in air quality. If an improvement, program, or action is not on the approved list, it shall not be implemented unless approved by the local air quality management district or air pollution control district.

- (4) An action plan, consistent with the provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 66000), that shall be implemented, consisting of improvements identified in paragraph (2), or improvements, programs, or actions identified in paragraph (3), that are found by the agency to be in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare. The action plan shall include a specific implementation schedule. The action plan shall include implementation strategies for those jurisdictions that have contributed to the cause of the deficiency in accordance with the agency's deficiency plan procedures. The action plan need not mitigate the impacts of any exclusions identified in subdivision (f). Action plan strategies shall identify the most effective implementation strategies for improving current and future system performance.
- (d) A local jurisdiction shall forward its adopted deficiency plan to the agency within 12 months of the identification of a deficiency. The agency shall hold a noticed public hearing within 60 days of receiving the deficiency plan. Following that hearing, the agency shall either accept or reject the deficiency plan in its entirety, but the agency may not modify the deficiency plan. If the agency rejects the plan, it shall notify the local jurisdiction of the reasons for that rejection, and the local jurisdiction shall submit a revised plan within 90 days addressing the agency's concerns. Failure of a local jurisdiction to comply with the schedule and requirements of this section shall be considered to be nonconformance for the purposes of Section 65089.5.
- (e) The agency shall incorporate into its deficiency plan procedures, a methodology for determining if deficiency impacts are caused by more than one local jurisdiction within the boundaries of the agency.
- (1) If, according to the agency's methodology, it is determined that more than one local jurisdiction is responsible for causing a deficient segment or intersection, all responsible local jurisdictions shall participate in the development of a deficiency plan to be adopted by all participating local jurisdictions.
- (2) The local jurisdiction in which the deficiency occurs shall have lead responsibility for developing

- the deficiency plan and for coordinating with other impacting local jurisdictions. If a local jurisdiction responsible for participating in a multi-jurisdictional deficiency plan does not adopt the deficiency plan in accordance with the schedule and requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, that jurisdiction shall be considered in nonconformance with the program for purposes of Section 65089.5.
- (3) The agency shall establish a conflict resolution process for addressing conflicts or disputes between local jurisdictions in meeting the multi-jurisdictional deficiency plan responsibilities of this section.
- (f) The analysis of the cause of the deficiency prepared pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) shall exclude the following:
  - (1) Interregional travel.
- (2) Construction, rehabilitation, or maintenance of facilities that impact the system.
  - (3) Freeway ramp metering.
- (4) Traffic signal coordination by the state or multijurisdictional agencies.
- (5) Traffic generated by the provision of low-income and very low income housing.
- (6) (A) Traffic generated by high-density residential development located within one-fourth mile of a fixed rail passenger station, and
- (B) Traffic generated by any mixed use development located within one-fourth mile of a fixed rail passenger station, if more than half of the land area, or floor area, of the mixed use development is used for high density residential housing, as determined by the agency.
- (g) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:
- (1) "High density" means residential density development which contains a minimum of 24 dwelling units per acre and a minimum density per acre which is equal to or greater than 120 percent of the maximum

residential density allowed under the local general plan and zoning ordinance. A project providing a minimum of 75 dwelling units per acre shall automatically be considered high density.

(2) "Mixed use development" means development which integrates compatible commercial or retail uses, or both, with residential uses, and which, due to the proximity of job locations, shopping opportunities, and residences, will discourage new trip generation.

#### 65089.5.

- (a) If, pursuant to the monitoring provided for in Section 65089.3, the agency determines, following a noticed public hearing, that a city or county is not conforming with the requirements of the congestion management program, the agency shall notify the city or county in writing of the specific areas of nonconformance. If, within 90 days of the receipt of the written notice of nonconformance, the city or county has not come into conformance with the congestion management program, the governing body of the agency shall make a finding of nonconformance and shall submit the finding to the commission and to the Controller.
- (b) (1) Upon receiving notice from the agency of nonconformance, the Controller shall withhold apportionments of funds required to be apportioned to that nonconforming city or county by Section 2105 of the Streets and Highways Code.
- (2) If, within the 12-month period following the receipt of a notice of nonconformance, the Controller is notified by the agency that the city or county is in conformance, the Controller shall allocate the apportionments withheld pursuant to this section to the city or county.
- (3) If the Controller is not notified by the agency that the city or county is in conformance pursuant to paragraph (2), the Controller shall allocate the apportionments withheld pursuant to this section to the agency.

(c) The agency shall use funds apportioned under this section for projects of regional significance which are included in the capital improvement program required by paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section 65089, or in a deficiency plan which has been adopted by the agency. The agency shall not use these funds for administration or planning purposes.

#### 65089.6.

Failure to complete or implement a congestion management program shall not give rise to a cause of action against a city or county for failing to conform with its general plan, unless the city or county incorporates the congestion management program into the circulation element of its general plan.

#### 65089.7.

A proposed development specified in a development agreement entered into prior to July 10, 1989, shall not be subject to any action taken to comply with this chapter, except actions required to be taken with respect to the trip reduction and travel demand element of a congestion management program pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 65089.

### 65089.9.

The study steering committee established pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 444 of the Statutes of 1992 may designate at least two congestion management agencies to participate in a demonstration study comparing multimodal performance standards to highway level of service standards. The department shall make available, from existing resources, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the Transportation Planning and Development Account in the State Transportation Fund to fund each of the demonstration projects. The designated agencies shall submit a report to the Legislature not later than June 30, 1997, regarding the findings of each demonstration project.

#### 65089.10.

Any congestion management agency that is located in the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and receives funds pursuant to Section 44241 of the Health

and Safety Code for the purpose of implementing paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 65089 shall ensure that those funds are expended as part of an overall program for improving air quality and for the purposes of this chapter.

# Assessment of HCM2010 and MMLOS

# B.1—Assessment of HCM2010

## Background

Alameda CTC, as a Congestion Management Agency (CMA), must prepare a Congestion Management Program biennially.

Two required CMP elements—level of service (LOS) monitoring and the Land Use Analysis Program—use Highway Capacity Manual methodologies.

## **Overview of Current CMP Practice**

	Auto	Other Modes
LOS Monitoring	Track LOS on CMP network using HCM1985	Limited study of transit travel times and bicycle counts
Land Use Analysis Program	Require study of roadway segments using HCM2000 in Transportation Impact Analyses (TIAs)	Require analysis of impacts on transit operators in TIAs

## What Is New in the HCM2010?

- Updated auto LOS methodologies
- Multi Modal LOS (MMLOS)—ability to assign LOS letter grades for transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians, based on quality of user experience.

## Why Investigate HCM2010 Adoption?

The 2011 CMP recommended investigating use of HCM 2010 as a key next step. This recommendation was motivated by three considerations:

- Legislative mandate—The CMP statute advises CMAs to use the most recent HCM in LOS monitoring activities.
- Regional guidance MTC's CMP guidance encourages use of the HCM 2010.

• Increasing multimodal focus—There is interest in whether HCM 2010's MMLOS techniques were suitable for CMP applications.

### **Assessment Activities**

Staff conducted a technical evaluation of HCM 2010 including:

- Comparing the inputs required to assign auto LOS in the 1985, 2000, and 2010 HCMs.
- Sensitivity testing of how HCM2010 MMLOS grades respond to key inputs using a spreadsheet model
- Consultation with other CMAs regarding plans for use of HCM2010 (both auto LOS and MMLOS)

# **Assessment Findings**

## **Auto LOS**

- Cannot assign freeway segment LOS based on speed post-HCM1985
- Arterial segment free flow speed classifications change after HCM 1985
- New data needed for arterials in HCM2010 okay for project-level application, but excessive for larger scale use

#### **HCM2010 MMLOS**

- Strong at illustrating effects of roadway design changes
- Grades not strongly sensitive to operational changes (e.g., speed for transit or vehicle volumes for bike/ped)
- Can be difficult to tell why scores change
- Very data-intensive

#### Considerations for recommendations

• Current and future data availability (auto LOS): Can the methodology be applied with data available? Is it cost-effective/feasible to collect the data? What about future data collection methods?

- Ability to track trends (auto LOS): Would the new methodology enable results to be compared to previous years (e.g., to assess CMP conformance in LOS).
- Suitability (MMLOS): Does the methodology respond to the appropriate parameters (will it show change from year-to-year or from no project-to-project)?

## **Recommendations**

	Auto	Other modes
LOS Monitoring	<ul> <li>Continue to use HCM1985 for deficiency purpose</li> <li>Apply HCM 2000 and 1985 to Tier 2 arterials to make determination on future application in 2015 CMP</li> </ul>	Leverage modal plans to develop networks and metrics for enhanced multi- modal monitoring
Land Use Analysis Program	Encourage use of HCM 2010 to study segment impacts; permit flexibility if analysts need to con- form to local requirements	<ul> <li>Adopt more robust language describing types of impacts to transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians to be considered</li> <li>Encourage use of MMLOS to evaluate multi-modal tradeoffs from mitigation measures</li> </ul>

Table B1—Rationale for Recommended Use of HCM2010 for LOS Monitoring

	Auto		Other Modes
Recom- mendation	Reasons for recommendation	Recom- mendation	Reasons for recommendation
Continue to use HCM 1985 for deficiency purposes	<ul> <li>Change of methodology would result in loss of ability to track trends (and CMP conformance)</li> <li>Post-1985 HCM freeway segment methodology not compatible with current (GPS-floating car) and possible future (commercially collected) data collection methods which provide speed data (LOS methodology based on density).</li> </ul>	Leverage modal plans outcome to develop networks and metrics for enhanced multimodal monitoring	<ul> <li>Modal plans provide opportunity to look at ways to monitor critical network and metrics for non-auto modes (e.g., speed and reliability of key lines for transit)</li> <li>HCM 2010 MMLOS mostly responds to changes in schedule (for transit) or roadway design (for bike and ped) but these do not change greatly from year-to-year</li> <li>Would not be clear why HCM 2010 MMLOS grades change if multiple input variables change at the same time (black box)</li> </ul>
Apply HCM 1985 and 2000 to Tier 2 arterials and make a determination on future application in the 2015 CMP update	<ul> <li>No new data needed</li> <li>New CMP roadways and no LOS estimated yet, so can be applied to 2012 and 2014 monitoring results</li> <li>Monitored only for informational purposes, so no conformity issue</li> <li>Provides opportunity to compare results based on different methodologies, and determine future application</li> </ul>		

Table B2—Rationale for Recommended Use of HCM 2010 for Land Use Analysis Program

Auto		Other Modes	
Recom- mendation	Reasons for recommendation	Recom- mendation	Reasons for recommendation
Encourage use of HCM 2010 to study segment impacts; permit flexibility if analysts need to conform to local requirements	No change in data needs for freeway segments; additional data needs for arterials within scope of what is generally collected for TIAs	Adopt more robust language describing types of impacts to transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians to be considered	HCM 2010 MMLOS is not strong at illustrating how transit, bicyclists, or pedestrians are affected by operational changes; for many projects, the primary impact to these modes is via increased project vehicle traffic
		Encourage use of HCM 2010 MMLOS to evaluate multimodal tradeoffs from mitigation measures	<ul> <li>HCM 2010 MMLOS is strong at illustrating modal tradeoffs from design changes (e.g., adding a turn pocket or retiming a signal)</li> <li>Most TIAs propose mitigation measures for only a few segments, so scope of application would be limited</li> </ul>

# B.2—Approach to Use of HCM2010 and MMLOS at Other **CMAs**

Detailed information follows on other comparable Bay Area CMAs' (San Francisco County Transportation Authority, Valley Transportation Authority, and Contra Costa Transportation Authority) current and future plans for use of HCM methodologies in their CMPs. Specifically, information is provided on:

- Use of HCM 2010 for the auto based roadway LOS methodology
  - As part of LOS monitoring activities, since adoption of HCM 2010 is related to current and future plans for data collection
  - As a required methodology to study auto impacts in Transportation Impact Analyses reviewed for Land Use Analysis element
- Use of MMLOS methodologies
  - To provide increased monitoring for alternative modes in the LOS monitoring
  - As part of the guidelines for Transportation Impact Analyses reviewed for the land use analysis element

# HCM 2010 Application for Auto-Based Roadway LOS

# Table B3—Other CMA Approaches to Applying HCM Auto-based Roadway LOS **Methodology for LOS Monitoring Data Collection**

	SFCTA	VTA	ССТА	Alameda CTC
Data Collection	<ul> <li>Historically: GPS-based floating car runs</li> <li>2013 onwards: private, commercially available data (speed)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Historically: Aerial photography</li> <li>Testing in 2014: Private, commercially available data (speed) &amp; PeMS data (flow)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Historically:         GPS-based floating         car runs, PeMS</li> <li>2013 onwards:         PeMS, private,         commercially         available         (Bluetooth<sup>TM</sup>) data         (speed)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Currently: GPS-based floating car runs</li> <li>Interest in testing private, commercially available data (speed)</li> </ul>
Freeway HCM Methodology (Auto)	HCM 1985 (decided in 2011 CMP to continue to use speed as the LOS measure based on 1985 HCM to maintain historical comparisons, monitor exempt segments and identify potential deficiencies)	HCM 2000 (since density data was collected historically, it was easy to move to using HCM 2000)      Testing in 2014—use of HCM 2010.	Historically:     HCM 1985      Currently testing     HCM 2010	Currently:     HCM 1985      Proposed:     maintain     HCM 1985
Arterial HCM Methodology (Auto)	<ul> <li>HCM 1985 for deficiency purposes</li> <li>HCM 2000 for informational purposes (segments)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>HCM 2000 (intersections)</li> <li>Testing in 2014— HCM 2010 (intersections)</li> </ul>	Historically: CCTALOS (planning method based on Circular 212)      Currently testing HCM 2010 (HCM 2000 used at intersections where configuration does not allow use of HCM 2010)	Currently:     HCM 1985      Proposed:     maintain     HCM 1985

# Table B4—Other CMA Approaches to Applying HCM Auto-based Roadway LOS Methodology for Land Use Analysis Program Data Collection Related to Transportation **Impact Analysis**

	San Francisco Planning Department*	VTA	ССТА	Alameda CTC
Freeway	• HCM 2000	• Current: HCM 2000	• HCM 2010	Current: HCM 2000
		<ul> <li>Under consideration: HCM 2010</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Proposed: HCM 2010 encouraged</li> </ul>
Non freeway	• HCM 2000 (intersections)	Current: HCM 2000 (intersections)	• HCM 2010 (intersections)	<ul> <li>Current: HCM 2000 (segments)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Under consider- ation: HCM 2010 (intersections)</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Proposed: HCM 2010 encouraged</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup> San Francisco's Planning Department reviews Traffic Impact Analyses on behalf of the CMA; however, considerations may be different as this review serves as both a city- and CMA-level review.

Table B5—Other CMA Approaches to Applying HCM 2010 MMLOS for LOS Monitoring

	SFCTA	VTA	ССТА	Alameda CTC
Overall	No plans to adopt MMLOS	<ul> <li>Pilot analysis of MMLOS bike/ped methodologies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Exploring applying multimodal LOS measures that may not be HCM 2010 MMLOS as part of Action Plan update</li> </ul>	Current: Limited multimodal reporting in LOS monitoring; extensive county- wide multimodal reporting in Performance Report
Transit	<ul> <li>Report on transit travel time; exploring report- ing on transit reliability measures; utilizing data obtained from SFMTA APC and AVL units</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No facility-specific reporting</li> <li>Exploring use of big data approach to study transit speed, reliability, and causes of delay on key corridors</li> </ul>	• As above	<ul> <li>Proposed: Use countywide modal studies to identify monitoring network, metrics, and data sources</li> </ul>
Bike/Ped	No facility specific reporting	No facility specific reporting	• As above	Current: Annual     bike/ped count     program
	<ul> <li>Report on bike/ped counts, network build- out (miles built), and collisions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Report bike/ped counts biannually</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Proposed: Use countywide modal studies to identify monitoring network, metrics, and data sources</li> </ul>

APC: Automated Passenger Counter AVL: Automatic Vehicle Locater (i.e., GPS)

Table B6—Other CMA Approaches to Applying HCM 2010 MMLOS in Land Use Analysis **Program Related to Transportation Impact Analysis** 

	San Francisco Planning Department*	VTA	ССТА	Alameda CTC
Overall	<ul> <li>TIA guideline document</li> <li>No plans to adopt MMLOS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>TIA guideline document</li> <li>Pilot analysis of MMLOS bike/ped methodologies.</li> <li>Continuing to study to determine role in TIAs.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>TIA guideline document</li> <li>MMLOS encouraged but not required</li> </ul>	Current: No TIA guideline document; flexible NOP response  Proposed: TIA guidelines with expanded list of multimodal impacts; encourage MMLOS for evaluating mitigation measures
Transit Impact Requirements	<ul> <li>Custom methodology for studying transit impacts that looks at capacity</li> <li>Consideration of access to transit and delays to transit from site-related activities also required</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>TIA guidelines include list of specific effects on transit that should be considered</li> <li>List includes capac- ity, congestion that affects transit services, and access/egress</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No language in TIA Guide- lines about how to study transit, impacts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proposed: Require study of effects on transit opera- tions, capacity, and access/ egress; no required methodology and qualitative analysis sufficient</li> </ul>
Bicycle/ Pedestrian Impact Requirements	<ul> <li>TIA guidelines state that impacts on pedestrians and bicycles should be analyzed qualitatively or quantitatively depending on project size and circumstances</li> <li>HCM 2000 used if quantitative analysis required</li> <li>Planning Dept. determines required analysis on case-bycase basis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>TIA guidelines name specific effects on bicycles and pedestrians that should be considered</li> <li>List includes effects of vehicle trips on existing bike and pedestrian conditions, consistency with adopted plans, and if project or mitigations would impede current connections</li> </ul>	No language in TIA     Guidelines about how to study bike or pedestrian impacts	Proposed: Require study of effects of vehicles on bike and ped conditions, site development and roadway conditions, and consistency with adopted plans

# B.3—Overview of MMLOS and **Sensitivity Testing**

## Overview of MMLOS

The HCM 2010 introduced a series of new methodologies for assigning LOS scores for transit, bicycles, and pedestrians. Consistent with LOS for autos, these methodologies focus on the quality of experience for a user of a facility. However, unlike auto LOS for which a single variable (speed or density) determines LOS, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian LOS scores are composites based on a series of variables. For instance, transit LOS takes into account the frequency of vehicle arrivals, the on-time percentage, the travel time, the presence of covered shelters, and crowding, among other factors.

A key aspect of the research to develop MMLOS is the calibration of the various inputs – the determination of how much one factor should influence the overall modal LOS score, relative to other factors. The calibration was based on user surveys. For pedestrian and bicycle modes, participants in video labs in four cities watched footage of street segments and rated conditions on a 1-6 scale. For transit, national traveler response data to changes in transit service quality were used.

The MMLOS models can be applied at different scales, as illustrated in Figure B1. Pedestrian and cyclist LOS

can be assessed at the link, signalized intersection, segment, or facility scale; transit LOS can be assessed at the segment or facility scale. The Alameda CTC applications of HCM methodologies involve application at a segment scale, the MMLOS scores for segments are based on scores for the link and intersection that comprise that segment.

Table B7 summarizes all of the different factors that the MMLOS model takes into account in its computation of a modal LOS score at a given scale. The plus or minus signs indicate whether this factor positively or negatively influences the LOS. It is difficult to generalize about the magnitude of influence of different factors on an LOS score. As the table indicates, larger scale applications (e.g., segment or facility) tend to make use of the LOS score from component units (e.g., the segment LOS combines the link and intersection LOS, plus a few additional factors).

Figure B1—Scales of Application of MMLOS

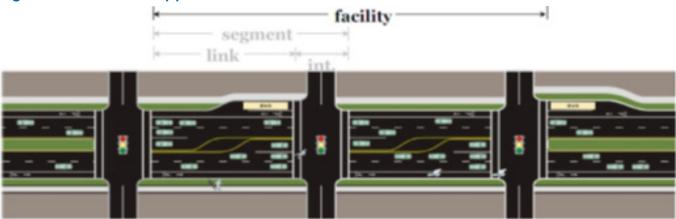


Table B7—Variables Used in MMLOS

Mode	Link	Signalized Intersection	Segment	Facility
Pedestrian	Outside travel lane width (+) Bicycle lane/ shoulder width	Permitted left turn and right-turn-on-red	Pedestrian link LOS (+) Pedestrian intersection LOS	Length weighted
	(+)	volumes (–) Cross-street motor	(+)	average of component
	Buffer presence (e.g., on-street parking, street trees) (+)	vehicle volumes and speeds (-)	Street-crossing difficulty (-/+)	segment LOS
	Sidewalk presence and	Crossing length (–)	Delay diverting to signalized crossing	
	width (+)  Volume and speed of motor	Average pedestrian delay (–)	Delay crossing street at legal unsignalized location	
	vehicle traffic in outside travel lane (–)	Right-turn channelizing island presence (+)		
Bicycle	Volume and speed of traffic in outside travel lane (–)	Width of outside through lane and bicycle lane (+)	Bicycle link LOS (+) Bicycle intersection LOS, if	Length weighted average of
	Heavy vehicle percent (-) PCI (+)	Cross-street width (–)	signalized (+) th (-) Number of access points affic on right side (-)	component segment LOS
	Bicycle lane presence (+)	Motor vehicle traffic volume in the outside		
	Bicycle lane, shoulder, and outside lane widths (+)	lane (-)		
	On-street parking use (–)			
Transit (mixed	N/A	N/A	Access to transit (uses pedestrian link LOS)	Length weighted
flow vehicles)			Wait for transit (frequency)	average of component
			Actual bus travel speed (+)	segment LOS
			Stop amenities (+)	
			Excess wait time due to	
			late bus/train arrival (-)	

Source: Kittelson Associates, Inc. (2012) HCM 2010: Urban Street Concepts: Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Transit. Presentation to MTC Arterial Operations Committee. March 21, 2012.

## **Sensitivity Testing**

Alameda CTC staff performed sensitivity testing of the MMLOS methodologies by implementing the MMLOS equations in a spreadsheet model, and then observing how the MMLOS score changed when key variables were allowed to change within reasonable ranges.<sup>1</sup> Sensitivity testing is performed for the following applications:

# Table B8—Variables Considered for MMLOS Sensitivity Testing

sensitivity resting	
Methodology	Variables Tested
Transit (Segment)	On-time percentage
	Bus speed (including delays)
	Frequency of Bus Arrivals
Bicycle (Link)	Automobile volumes
	Automobile speeds
	On-street parking occupancy
	Outside lane effective width
Pedestrian (Link)	Automobile volumes
	Automobile speeds
	Effective walkway width

General findings of sensitivity testing for (mixed flow) transit include the following:

- Transit LOS is highly sensitive to the frequency of bus arrivals (headway), though this sensitivity diminishes when headways reach 10 min or less.
- Transit LOS is not highly sensitive to on-time percentage. On-time percentage can decline by 20-30
- This spreadsheet model uses the equations from the HCM 2010 MMLOS methodologies and computes the MMLOS "score" (which is used to determine letter grade) for a given set of inputs.

percent without dropping an LOS grade. A substantial body of research<sup>2</sup> shows that poor reliability is a common reason why transit riders stop riding transit, so this attribute may be undervalued in the MMLOS transit score.

 Transit LOS is not highly sensitive to commercial speed<sup>3</sup> (i.e., speed that a transit vehicle actually achieves, when factoring in delays from boarding, signals, etc.). The commercial speed can drop by 5 mph or more without dropping an LOS grade. Many AC Transit routes operate at commercial speeds between 10 mph and 15 mph, so a 5 mph change in commercial speed is quite significant.

General findings of sensitivity testing for bicycles and pedestrian include the following:

- Bicycle and pedestrian LOS are both most sensitive to roadway space allocation. For bicycles, adding effective width to the outer lane—either through a wider lane or a bike lane—improves LOS by at least a letter grade. For pedestrians, adding on-street parking or items that provide a physical barrier from autos (e.g., trees, street furniture) greatly increase LOS.
- Bicycle and pedestrian LOS are not very sensitive to auto flow rates or speeds. For instance, flow rates can increase by several hundred veh/hr without seeing a change in bicycle or pedestrian LOS. Similarly, speeds can increase by 10 mph or more without registering a change in bicycle or pedestrian LOS. The lack of emphasis on traffic volumes and speeds in bicycle and pedestrian LOS seems contrary to some research on why people choose to use active transportation modes (e.g., a 2010 Alameda CTC survey found that safety concerns were the second most common reason why residents chose not to bicycle).4
- Bicycle LOS is highly sensitive to pavement quality.
- 2 Carrell, A., A. Halvorsen, J. Walker (2012). Passengers Perceptions of and Behavioral Adaptation to Unreliability in Public Transportation Submitted for presentation at the 92nd Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting
- 3 When elasticity of demand to travel time set at its default value for urban areas.
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# **Illustration of Sensitivity Testing**

Figure B2 and Table B9, which follows, provide an illustration of the sensitivity testing Alameda CTC staff performed of MMLOS. Similar graphs were produced for the variables in Table B4, and are available on request.

Figure B2 illustrates how bicycle LOS score changes in response to variations in the automobile flow rate, when all other inputs are set to the typical values indicated in Table B9. The figure shows that at auto flow rates less than 100 vehicles per hour per lane (vphpl), bicycle LOS is A, from 100 vphpl to roughly 400 vphpl, bicycle LOS is at B, and above 400 vphpl bicycle LOS is at C. While most users would expect cyclist conditions to degrade if a facility handles hundreds of additional vehicle trips per hour (e.g., goes from 600 vphpl to 1100 vphpl), this analysis indicates that bicycle LOS can remain at C, even with significant added vehicle traffic.

Figure B2—Illustration of MMLOS Sensitivity Testing

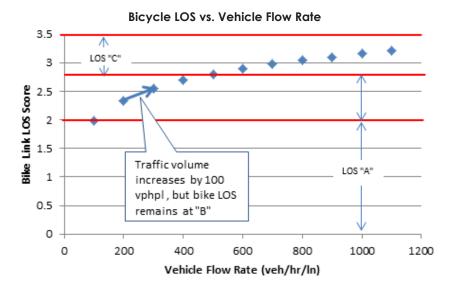


Table B9—Values Used in Illustration of MMLOS Sensitivity Testing

Input Variable	Value	Units
Segment length	500	ft
Bike running speed	13	mi/hr
Bike control delay	10	sec
Number through lanes (direction of travel)	2	#
Pavement condition rating	3	1-6 scale
On-street parking occupancy	50	%
Width outside through lane	10	ft
Width outside shoulder (can be parked in)	8	ft
Width bike lane	6	ft
Percent Heavy Vehicles	3	%
Automobile Flow Rate (direction of travel)	Allowed to vary	veh/hr/ln
Motorized vehicle running speed	25	mi/hr
Curb present?	Υ	

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# **Commuting Patterns**

Alameda County's transportation system is critical not just to the travel of Alameda County residents and workers but also to overall regional commuting. Approximately 27 percent of regional commutes involve Alameda County in some way, though the county has just 21 percent of the region's population. Over the last decade, Alameda County commutes became more in regional nature. Of commuters with residences or jobs in Alameda County, the share of workers that commute within the county declined from 36 percent to 32 percent.

Driving mode share declined slightly from 2010 to 2011 (work trips only). The biggest increases in mode share were for BART, bicycling, and working from home. Over the longer term (between 2000 and 2011), drive-alone mode share has stayed essentially flat at 65 percent. The largest shift in mode share over this period is a nearly 4 percent decline in carpooling mode share; drive alone travel also dropped by 1 percent during this period. Working from home saw the largest increase in mode share, and bicycling's share of work trips has doubled since 2000.

# Roadways

The year 2012 appeared to mark a resurgence of demand for use of Alameda County's roadways after several years of weaker travel demand amidst a recession and slow economic recovery. Average evening peak-hour freeway and arterial speeds each declined by about 1 mph from 2010, and average weekday vehicle hours of delay (VHD) increased by about 11,000 hours, a nearly 20 percent increase. Alameda County had four of the region's ten most congested freeway corridors in the second quarter of 2012.

Local street and road average Pavement Condition Index (PCI), a measure of pavement quality, increased by 4 points to 70, after staying flat at 66 for the previous four years. However, despite the significant increase, 30 percent of the centerline mileage in Alameda County has a PCI of "at risk" or worse, meaning it will deteriorate rapidly. Poor pavement quality affects

road users of all types, and addressing outstanding maintenance needs will require significant future adherence to "fix it first" commitments.

Collisions on Alameda County roadways declined by 6 percent between 2009 and 2010 (the most recent year for which complete data is available). Since 2002, collisions have dropped nearly 50 percent. However, the absolute number of collisions on Alameda County roadways (19,000 in 2010, of which 6,000 were injury or fatal collisions) indicates that roadway safety requires continued attention.

# **Transit**

Transit plays a critical role in Alameda County by taking cars off of freeways and arterials and providing vital accessibility to individuals and businesses in Alameda County. Transit ridership increased slightly in 2012, marking the first year of increase since 2008. Within Alameda County, ridership increased by 0.2 percent between 2011 and 2012 to reach 91 million boardings. Beneath this slight overall shift are significant swings for different transit modes. Rail and ferry boardings increased by 10 and 19 percent, respectively, while bus boardings fell by 6 percent between 2011 and 2012. Over the last decade, bus ridership has dropped from 64 percent to 54 percent of transit boardings in Alameda County.

Service utilization—the ratio of how many people ride transit (demand) to the amount of service operated (supply)—is a more accurate measure of transit operator success. Each operator has seen a unique trend in service utilization over the last decade, BART has seen a steady increase in boardings per revenue vehicle mile (RVM) operated since 2004. For AC Transit, 2012 was a year of decline in service utilization. AC Transit had seen several years of improving boardings per RVM. In 2010 and 2011, even though ridership declined amidst service cuts, the percentage decrease in RVM was greater than the percentage decrease in ridership, so the overall service utilization ratio improved. In 2012, AC Transit's ridership declined more than service was curtailed, so that overall utilization declined.

Most transit operators saw reductions in service interruptions in 2012. Only AC Transit saw more frequent vehicle breakdowns in 2012, and all operators, including AC Transit, have seen fewer breakdowns since 2008. Vehicle breakdowns and other equipment failures are frequently a product of aging equipment and infrastructure, and though service interruptions largely declined in 2012, the county's transit operators have a number of aging assets that require rehabilitation or replacement. AC Transit plans to unveil a new bus purchase in 2013, and BART is procuring new rail cars but has significant track, communications infrastructure, station, and other capital needs.

# **Bicycling**

Bicycling is a critical mode within Alameda County's transportation system that is affordable for users, linked to positive public health outcomes, environmentally sustainable, and relatively cheap to invest in. Bicycling's work trip mode share increased in 2011, and bicycle counts also show significant growth in participation, suggesting bicycling is growing for all types of travel. The number of cyclists observed at the 63 count locations monitored by the Alameda CTC increased by 17 percent over the last year; in addition, a set of locations monitored over the longer term has seen a 75 percent growth since 2002. Expanding bicycling to an activity that people of all types feel comfortable engaging in remains an area for improvement; the gender imbalance in cyclists (only 30 percent of whom were women, according to 2011 counts) attests to the need for investment that moves bicycling in this direction.

During the last year, several significant components of the Alameda Countywide Bicycle Plan were completed, closing major network gaps. Four local jurisdictions completed or updated local bike plans, and eleven of Alameda County's jurisdictions have completed or updated plans within the last five years. Thousands of Alameda County residents and workers participated in bike safety and awareness programs.

There is some evidence that the collision rate involving cyclists is declining, as the number of collisions involving cyclists has grown more slowly than participation in cycling. At the same time, safety and an incomplete network remain barriers that prevent cycling from being a more prevalent activity in Alameda County whose participants reflect the demographics of the population that lives and works in the county.

# Walking

Every trip begins and ends with walking. While walking may not move Alameda County's residents the most miles, walking is fundamental to all modes and is the only available travel option for many users of Alameda County's transportation system. Walking has held steady as the mode used by between 3 and 4 percent of Alameda County workers for their commute for the past decade, though this statistic understates walking's role in the transportation system, as the vast majority of walking trips are made for non-work purposes. The most recent household travel survey with data on all types of travel found that walking accounts for 11 percent of all trips, and this statistic excludes walking's role as an access and egress mode for transit and driving trips. Pedestrian counts collected through the Alameda Countywide Count Program suggest that pedestrian volumes are increasing.

In FY11-12, 10 jurisdictions reported completing a total of 18 projects in areas of countywide significance (these areas include walksheds around and along highfrequency transit, major regional activity centers, and interjurisdictional trails). Four jurisdictions completed or updated local pedestrian master plans, and nine jurisdictions have completed or updated plans within the last five years. Local Master Plans are vital to improving pedestrian infrastructure, because ultimately ownership of the right of way in which pedestrian infrastructure exists resides at the local level.

# **Deficiency Plan Guidelines**

# **Background and Purpose**

Deficiency Plans include various measures to improve transportation conditions on a Congestion Management Program (CMP) roadway that does not meet the established CMP level of service standard set forth in the California Government Code Section 65089 (b)(1)(B). The state legislation requires:

In no case shall the LOS standards for roads established be below the LOS E or at the current level, whichever is further from LOS A. When the LOS on a segment or at an intersection fails to attain the established LOS standard, a Deficiency Plan shall be adopted pursuant to Section 65089.4.

Deficiency Plans are a way for jurisdictions to remain in compliance with the CMP. Deficiency Plans should be developed with consideration of the countywide transportation planning process, including forecasts of travel needs and planned capital improvements. Likewise, existing deficiencies should influence future countywide transportation planning and programming decisions. If the Deficiency Plan involves system-wide improvements, Alameda CTC staff, transit agencies, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), and the California Department of Transportation may also be involved.

## **Process Overview**

When the LOS on a given CMP-network segment deteriorates below the established state standard, the responsible jurisdictions(s) must prepare a Deficiency Plan, or additional gasoline tax subventions (pursuant to Section 2105 of the Streets and Highways Code) will be withheld. During even number years, when the LOS Monitoring is performed, the Alameda CTC Commission determines whether a jurisdiction is required to prepare a Deficiency Plan based on the LOS Monitoring results. If any CMP segment is identified to be deficient, the respective jurisdiction(s) must prepare a Deficiency Plan within 12 months of the determination to prevent its forfeiting of additional gasoline tax subventions. Pages 5-8 herein include the relevant sections of the CMP legislation related to the Deficiency Plan requirements.

#### **Deficiency Identification**

Biennially, the Alameda CTC identifies potentially deficient roadway segments based on LOS monitoring. Only trips originating inside Alameda County in the p.m. peak period are included in determining LOS conformity with the established LOS standard exempting many types of travel. After applying the required exemptions, if a CMP roadway segment is still found to operate at LOS F, it will be determined as deficient and the respective local jurisdiction(s) will be informed.

### **Exemptions**

The State statute requires several types of travel to be exempted from the deficiency determination, including:

- Interregional travel;
- Construction, rehabilitation, or maintenance of facilities that impact the system;
- Freeway ramp metering;
- Traffic signal coordination by the state or a multijurisdictional agency;
- Traffic generated by the provision of low and very low income housing;
- Traffic generated by high-density residential development within one-fourth mile of a fixed rail passenger station; and
- Traffic generated by any mixed use development located within one-fourth mile of a fixed rail passenger station; and if more than half of the land area or floor area of the mixed use development is used for high density residential housing.

## **Roadway Capacity Standards**

For the purposes of determining deficiency, the following standards for roadway capacity will be used unless a local jurisdiction can demonstrate an alternative capacity:

Freeways: 2,000 vehicles per lane per hour

- Two-lane: 1,400 vehicles per lane per hour highways
- Arterials: 800 vehicles per lane per hour

#### **Jurisdictional Participation**

If a deficient CMP roadway segment is located entirely in one jurisdiction and all other jurisdictions contribute less than 10% traffic, then the deficiency should be addressed through a local single-jurisdiction deficiency plan. However, if a deficient CMP roadway segment crosses jurisdiction boundaries, borders two jurisdictions, or if the following conditions are met that are considered to be contributing to the deficiency or for effective planning purposes, then the deficiency should be addressed through a multi-jurisdictional deficiency plan.

- A jurisdiction shall participate in a deficiency plan if traffic to or from that jurisdiction, either an origin or destination at the deficient segment, represents ten percent (10 percent) of the capacity of the freeway/roadway, as estimated by the countywide travel demand model.
- In some cases, (in order to eliminate any gaps and to ensure continuity in the planning process) a jurisdiction that does not meet the 10 percent threshold shall be required to participate in the deficiency plan process if it is surrounded by jurisdictions which meet the threshold for participation.

Additional features of the multi-jurisdictional deficiency plan in terms of participation are:

- All owners/operators of a deficient segment of freeway or roadway along with transit operators shall be invited to participate in the deficiency plan process
- The percent contribution of traffic specifically does not imply a commensurate financial share of the Deficiency Plan actions identified.
- All participating jurisdictions shall adopt identical deficiency plan action plans. A local jurisdiction

- shall have the right to appeal as depicted in the Multi-jurisdictional Deficiency Plan Appeal Process, (Figure D1) or to invoke the established Conflict Resolution Process to address conflicts or disputes that arise between the local jurisdictions in developing the multi-jurisdictional Deficiency Plan.
- If a local jurisdiction responsible for participating in a multi-jurisdictional deficiency plan does not adopt the deficiency plan in accordance with the schedule and requirements outlined above, that jurisdiction shall be considered in non-conformance with the CMP.

## Types of Deficiency Plans

The Deficiency Plan process allows a local jurisdiction to choose one of two types of Deficiency Plans.

## **Localized Deficiency Plan**

This type of plan is appropriate for addressing transportation impacts to a single CMP segment or roadway that has been identified as or is anticipated to become deficient based on the LOS Monitoring. This plan focuses on analyzing the cause of deficiency by including the immediate surrounding area as the project area and identifying the list of improvements or mitigation measures that are necessary to meet LOS standards, and estimates the costs and implementation schedule of the proposed improvements.

# **Areawide Deficiency Plan**

An Areawide Deficiency Plan is appropriate when a CMP segment or roadway has been identified as or is anticipated to become deficient based on the LOS Monitoring and it cannot be improved to meet LOS standards and mitigated back to conformance if considered solely within a localized area. The jurisdiction must designate the segment as deficient, and develop and implement actions to measurably improve the performance of the larger network LOS in the study area and contribute to significant air quality improvements. Such actions may not necessarily directly pertain to or have a measurable impact on the deficient segment itself but must show system-wide improvement. This plan focuses on offsetting the deficiency by including the broader surrounding

area as the project area and identifying a list of improvements, programs or actions to improve the performance of the larger multimodal network. The plan should contain an estimate of the costs and implementation schedule of the proposed improvements, programs or actions.

The study area for an Areawide Deficiency Plan should generally be an area where improvements made to the multimodal network in one place of the study area provide improved overall performance of the larger network in that area. The study area should include or be served by one or more alternative transportation modes. The study area can be:

- An administrative jurisdiction such as a city/county or a part of a city/county
- An area comprising parts of multiple adjacent jurisdictions in which case it will be a multi-jurisdiction deficiency plan

# Plan Development and Approval **Required Components**

The scope of a Deficiency Plan should match the severity of the problem. Extreme deficiencies will need more significant actions. Action plans must be incorporated into future CMP documents. State law requires a Deficiency Plan contain the following:

- an analysis of the deficiency
- a list of improvements and related costs to mitigate the deficiency in that facility itself;
- a list of possible actions and costs that would result in improvements to the CMP system's LOS and be beneficial to air quality; and
- an action plan, including a schedule, to implement improvements from one of the two above lists.

In developing the deficiency plan addressing the required components, the following format should be used:

Introduction and Setting. A short description of the facility, including a map showing its location.

- Deficiency Analysis. Analysis and assessment of deficiency in terms of likely causes and the magnitude.
- Screening of Actions. An array of suitable actions evaluated at a sketch-planning level for potential effects on system-wide traffic congestion and air quality (traffic operations analyses or model forecasts may be required). For this purpose, actions listed in the BAAQMD guidelines (described in more detail in the following section) and other actions identified and approved by the BAAQMD should be used.
- Evaluation of Suitable Actions, Selected actions from the screening process further evaluated to demonstrate how these actions when implemented contribute to improving the CMP network LOS conditions.
- Implementation. A detailed implementation plan should be developed, including description of the selected actions, anticipated costs, related funding sources and schedule.

### **Suitable Implementation Actions**

Implementation actions fall into one of two categories:

- Mitigation of Deficiency. These types of improvements are designed to directly mitigate the specific deficiency such as highway, transit and other mode improvements, typically included in the localized deficiency plan.
- Overall System Performance and Air Quality Improvement. These actions are intended to provide overall measurable improvements to system performance and air quality, in cases where deficiencies cannot be mitigated directly. This will occur from implementing an areawide deficiency plan.

Areawide deficiency plans facilitate implementation of coordinated improvements to the multimodal transportation network and promote reduction of overall percentage of trips made by the single occupant vehicles while increasing the percentage of trips made

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by transit, pedestrian and bicycle and resulting in improvements to air quality. For these types of plans, the legislation requires identifying an array of actions improving multimodal performance. In addition, the legislation requires the air quality management district, which is Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) for the Bay Area, to develop a list of improvements, programs and actions for this purpose as follows:

The deficiency plan shall include....a list of improvements, programs, or actions, and estimates of costs, that will (A) measurably improve multimodal performance, using measures defined in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65089, and (B) contribute to significant improvements in air quality, such as improved public transit service and facilities, improved nonmotorized transportation facilities, high occupancy vehicle facilities, parking cash-out programs, and transportation control measures. The air quality management district or the air pollution control district shall establish and periodically revise a list of approved improvements, programs, and actions that meet the scope of this paragraph. If an improvement, program, or action on the approved list has not been fully implemented, it shall be deemed to contribute to significant improvements in air quality. If an improvement, program, or action is not on the approved list, it shall not be implemented unless approved by the local air quality management district or air pollution control district.

The BAAQMD has developed a list of actions in Table D-1, which are considered beneficial for air quality and congestion management and includes measures to improve use of alternative modes, improved traffic flow and reducing trips. Jurisdictions may include actions other than those on this list, provided the BAAQMD reviews and approves the list prior to plan adoption. The most current BAAQMD list of actions should always be consulted.

In addition, the proposed improvement measures and actions for the Action Plan of the Deficiency Plan in Alameda County can be coordinated with the outcome of the upcoming countywide modal plans - (i.e., Countywide Goods Movement Plan, Countywide Transit Plan, and Countywide Multimodal Arterial Corridor Mobility Plan) and the adopted Comprehensive Countywide Travel Demand Management (TDM) Strategy to effectively improve the multimodal transportation network performance. This could support measures including but not limited to the potential improvement measures related to the priority transit routes, bicycle and pedestrian locations, priority roadways, and freight as identified in the modal plans. Alameda CTC will develop a list of multimodal improvement measures based on the outcome of these modal plans and work with the Air District to get their approval, so that more improvement options are readily available should an areawide deficiency plan be required.

### **Review and Evaluation**

An acceptable Deficiency Plan will contain all of the required components listed above and will be evaluated on the following technical criteria:

- Completeness as required in California Government Code Section 65089.5;
- Appropriateness of the Deficiency Plan actions in relation to the magnitude of the deficiency;
- Reliability of the funding sources;
- Ability to implement the proposed actions (including jurisdictional control issues); and
- Reasonableness of the implementation plan schedule.

Alameda CTC staff and ACTAC members will review the draft Deficiency Plan and provide technical input to assist the respective local jurisdiction(s) in developing and finalizing the Deficiency Plan.

# Adoption

A final plan must be adopted by the affected local jurisdiction(s) at a noticed public hearing no later than 12 months following identification of Deficiency by Alameda CTC. The Alameda CTC Commission will approve or reject a Deficiency Plan within 60 days of receipt of the Deficiency Plan from the local jurisdiction(s). If the plan is rejected, Alameda CTC will notify the local jurisdiction(s) of the reasons for that rejection, and the local jurisdiction must submit a revised plan within 90 days. Once a plan is adopted, written notification of the conformance findings of the Alameda CTC Commission (presently scheduled to occur at the November/December Alameda CTC Commission meeting) is required annually.

### **Updates**

To facilitate the implementation process, the Alameda CTC Commission will accept minor updates to Deficiency Plans. The affected jurisdictions(s) may submit a notice to the Alameda CTC stating the reason for and content of the update. The Alameda CTC Commission will approve or reject the request for the update. Should the Alameda CTC Commission reject the request, the existing Deficiency Plan will remain in place.

# Monitoring

Annually, the Alameda CTC will monitor implementation of the Deficiency Plans prior to the annual conformance determination, to establish whether:

- They are being executed according to the schedule detailed in the implementation plan; or
- Changes have occurred that require modifications of the original Deficiency Plan or schedule.

Jurisdictions that have prepared and are implementing a Deficiency Plan must prepare annual status report updates for the Annual Conformity Findings. Participating jurisdictions that did not prepare the Deficiency Plan must also review the annual status report updates and submit a letter to the Alameda CTC stating they are in concurrence with the annual update from the lead jurisdiction. This information is required for the Commission to make a determination whether the jurisdictions are in conformance with the CMP.

# Compliance

Once the action plan identified in the Deficiency Plan is implemented, the local jurisdiction determines whether a measurable improvement in LOS has occurred or whether the plan needs to be further updated. Evaluation of the action plan may result in recommended changes to other elements of the CMP, such as the Capital Improvement Program or Travel Demand Management Element, if related improvement measures are included in these elements

A jurisdiction (lead or participating), which is either not implementing the actions or not adhering to the stated schedule in the approved Deficiency Plan may be found in non-conformance, if the deficiency still exists.

# California Code Sections 65089.4 and 65089.5 Regarding the Congestion Management **Program Deficiency Plan Process**

### 65089.4.

(a) A local jurisdiction shall prepare a deficiency plan when highway or roadway level of service standards are not maintained on segments or intersections of the designated system. The deficiency plan shall be adopted by the city or county at a noticed public hearing.

(b) The agency shall calculate the impacts subject to exclusion pursuant to subdivision (f) of this section, after consultation with the regional agency, the department, and the local air quality management district or air pollution control district. If the calculated traffic level of service following exclusion of these impacts is consistent with the level of service standard, the agency shall make a finding at a publicly noticed meeting that no deficiency plan is required and so notify the affected local jurisdiction.

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- (c) The agency shall be responsible for preparing and adopting procedures for local deficiency plan development and implementation responsibilities, consistent with the requirements of this section. The deficiency plan shall include all of the following:
  - (1) An analysis of the cause of the deficiency. This analysis shall include the following:
    - (A) Identification of the cause of the deficiency.
    - (B) Identification of the impacts of those local jurisdictions within the jurisdiction of the agency that contribute to the deficiency. These impacts shall be identified only if the calculated traffic level of service following exclusion of impacts pursuant to subdivision (f) indicates that the level of service standard has not been maintained, and shall be limited to impacts not subject to exclusion.
  - (2) A list of improvements necessary for the deficient segment or intersection to maintain the minimum level of service otherwise required and the estimated costs of the improvements.
  - (3) A list of improvements, programs, or actions, and estimates of costs, that will (A) measurably improve multimodal performance, using measures defined in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65089, and (B) contribute to significant improvements in air quality, such as improved public transit service and facilities, improved nonmotorized transportation facilities, high occupancy vehicle facilities, parking cash-out programs, and transportation control measures. The air quality management district or the air pollution control district shall establish and periodically revise a list of approved improvements, programs, and actions that meet the scope of this paragraph. If an improvement, program, or action on the approved list has not been fully implemented, it shall be deemed to contribute to significant improvements in air quality. If an improvement, program, or action is not on the approved list, it shall not be implemented unless

- approved by the local air quality management district or air pollution control district.
- (4) An action plan, consistent with the provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 66000), that shall be implemented, consisting of improvements identified in paragraph (2), or improvements, programs, or actions identified in paragraph (3), that are found by the agency to be in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare. The action plan shall include a specific implementation schedule. The action plan shall include implementation strategies for those jurisdictions that have contributed to the cause of the deficiency in accordance with the agency's deficiency plan procedures. The action plan need not mitigate the impacts of any exclusions identified in subdivision (f). Action plan strategies shall identify the most effective implementation strategies for improving current and future system performance.
- (d) A local jurisdiction shall forward its adopted deficiency plan to the agency within 12 months of the identification of a deficiency. The agency shall hold a noticed public hearing within 60 days of receiving the deficiency plan. Following that hearing, the agency shall either accept or reject the deficiency plan in its entirety, but the agency may not modify the deficiency plan. If the agency rejects the plan, it shall notify the local jurisdiction of the reasons for that rejection, and the local jurisdiction shall submit a revised plan within 90 days addressing the agency's concerns. Failure of a local jurisdiction to comply with the schedule and requirements of this section shall be considered to be nonconformance for the purposes of Section 65089.5.
- (e) The agency shall incorporate into its deficiency plan procedures, a methodology for determining if deficiency impacts are caused by more than one local jurisdiction within the boundaries of the agency.
  - (1) If, according to the agency's methodology, it is determined that more than one local jurisdiction is responsible for causing a deficient segment or intersection, all responsible local jurisdictions shall participate in the development of a deficiency

plan to be adopted by all participating local jurisdictions.

- (2) The local jurisdiction in which the deficiency occurs shall have lead responsibility for developing the deficiency plan and for coordinating with other impacting local jurisdictions. If a local jurisdiction responsible for participating in a multi-jurisdictional deficiency plan does not adopt the deficiency plan in accordance with the schedule and requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, that jurisdiction shall be considered in nonconformance with the program for purposes of Section 65089.5.
- (3) The agency shall establish a conflict resolution process for addressing conflicts or disputes between local jurisdictions in meeting the multi-jurisdictional deficiency plan responsibilities of this section.
- (f) The analysis of the cause of the deficiency prepared pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) shall exclude the following:
  - (1) Interregional travel.
  - (2) Construction, rehabilitation, or maintenance of facilities that impact the system.
  - (3) Freeway ramp metering.
  - (4) Traffic signal coordination by the state or multijurisdictional agencies.
  - (5) Traffic generated by the provision of low-income and very low income housing.

(6)

- (A) Traffic generated by high-density residential development located within one-fourth mile of a fixed rail passenger station.
- (B) Traffic generated by any mixed use development located within one-fourth mile of a fixed rail passenger station, if more than half of the land area, or floor area, of the mixed use development is used for high density residential housing, as determined by the agency.

- (g) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:
  - (1) "High density" means residential density development which contains a minimum of 24 dwelling units per acre and a minimum density per acre which is equal to or greater than 120 percent of the maximum residential density allowed under the local general plan and zoning ordinance. A project providing a minimum of 75 dwelling units per acre shall automatically be considered high density.
  - (2) "Mixed use development" means development which integrates compatible commercial or retail uses, or both, with residential uses, and which, due to the proximity of job locations, shopping opportunities, and residences, will discourage new trip generation.

## 65089.5.

(a) If, pursuant to the monitoring provided for in Section 65089.3, the agency determines, following a noticed public hearing, that a city or county is not conforming with the requirements of the congestion management program, the agency shall notify the city or county in writing of the specific areas of nonconformance. If, within 90 days of the receipt of the written notice of nonconformance, the city or county has not come into conformance with the congestion management program, the governing body of the agency shall make a finding of nonconformance and shall submit the finding to the commission and to the Controller.

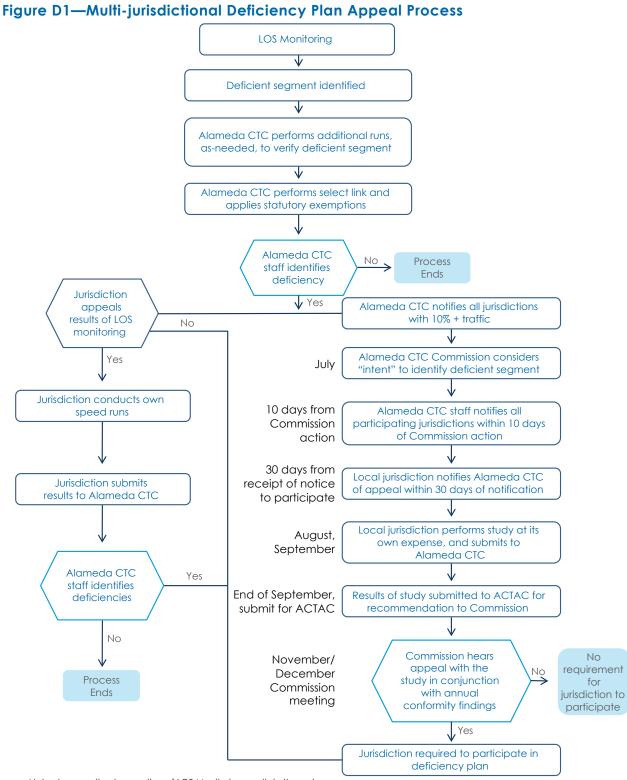
(b)

- (1) Upon receiving notice from the agency of nonconformance, the Controller shall withhold apportionments of funds required to be apportioned to that nonconforming city or county by Section 2105 of the Streets and Highways Code.
- (2) If, within the 12-month period following the receipt of a notice of nonconformance, the Controller is notified by the agency that the city or county is in conformance, the Controller shall

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allocate the apportionments withheld pursuant to this section to the city or county.

- (3) If the Controller is not notified by the agency that the city or county is in conformance pursuant to paragraph (2), the Controller shall allocate the apportionments withheld pursuant to this section to the agency.
- (c) The agency shall use funds apportioned under this section for projects of regional significance which are included in the capital improvement program required by paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section 65089, or in a deficiency plan which has been adopted by the agency. The agency shall not use these funds for administration or planning purposes.



Note: Assumes timely reporting of LOS Monitoring results in the spring.

# Table D1—System-wide Deficiency Plan Actions List from BAAQMD\*

TCM	<b>Description</b>
Action A	—Bicycle and Pedestrian Measures
A1	Improved Roadway Bicycle Facilities and Bike Paths
A2	Transit and Bicycle Integration
А3	Bicycle Lockers and Racks at Park and Ride Lots
A4	Bicycle Facilities and Showers at Developments
A5	Improved Pedestrian Facilities
A6	Pedestrian Signals
A7	Lighting for Pedestrian Safety
Action B	—Transit
B1	Improvement of Bus, Rail, and Ferry Transit Service
B2	Expansion of Rail Transit Service
В3	Expansion of Ferry Services
B4	Preferential Treatment for Buses and In-Street Light Rail Vehicle (LRVs)
B5	Transit Information and Promotion
В6	Transit Pricing Strategies to Encourage Ridership and Reduce Transit Vehicle Crowding
В7	Transit Fare Subsidy Programs
В8	Transit Centers
В9	Improved and Expanded Timed Transfer Programs
B10	Improved and Expanded Fare Coordination
B11	Signal Preemption by Transit Vehicles
B12	Bus Stop Bulbs
B13	School Bus Transit Service
Action C	—Carpooling, Buspooling, Vanpooling, Taxipooling, Jitneys, Casual Carpooling and Other Shared Rides tring)
C1	Preferential Treatment for Shared Ride Vehicles
C2	Increased Use of Commuter/Employer Services

# Table D1—System-wide Deficiency Plan Actions List from BAAQMD\*, Continued

TCM	<b>Description</b>
Action D	—High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Facilities
D1	Preferential Treatment for HOVs
D2	Bus and Carpool/Buspool/Vanpool/Taxi-pool Priority Lanes on Local Arterials
D3	Accelerated Implementation of the 2005HOV Master Plan
D4	HOV to HOV Facilities
D5	Direct HOV Lane Entrance/Exit Ramps to Arterials and Space Generators
Action E-	Other TCMs, Related Measures
E1	Stricter Travel Demand Management/Trip Reduction Ordinance
E2	Expanded Public Education Programs
E3	Child Care Facilities at or close to Employment Sites, Transit Centers and Park and Ride Lots
E4	Retail Services at or close to Employment Sites, Transit Centers and Park and Ride Lots
E5	Telecommuting Centers and Work-at-Home Programs
E6	Parking Management
Action F-	-Traffic Flow Improvements
F1	Preferential Treatment of HOVs (See measures B4 and C1)
F2	Ramp Metering
F3	Auxiliary Lanes
F4	Signalization Improvements
F5	Computerized Traffic and Transit Control/Management on Arterials
F6	Turn Lanes at Intersections
F7	Turn Restrictions at intersections
F8	Reversible Lanes
F9	One-Way Streets
F10	Targeted Traffic Enforcement Programs
F11	Restrictions on Curb Side Deliveries and On-Street Parking

<sup>\*</sup> BAAQMD has not updated the list since November 1992. Staff will work with the Air District to develop an expanded and appropriate list of actions based on the outcome of the countywide modal plans.

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# Alameda CTC Committees and Administration

# Committees

The Alameda CTC Board has three standing committees: the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC), the Programs and Projects Committee (PPC), and the Planning, Policy and Legislation Committee (PPLC). Alameda CTC is also advised by the Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC).

# Finance and Administration Committee

The functions and authority of the FAC are agency operations and performance; human resources and personnel policies and procedures; administrative code; salary and benefits; procurement policies and procedures; procurement of administrative contracts; contract preference programs for entities such as local business enterprises, small business enterprises and disabled business enterprises; bid protests and complaints related to administrative contract procurement; annual budget and financial reports; investment policy and reports; audit reports, financial reporting, internal controls and risk management; and the annual work program.

### **Programs and Projects Committee**

The functions and authority of the PPC are local, state, CMA Transportation Improvement Program, Transportation Fund for Clean Air, Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) programs and Expenditure Plan programs and projects; local, state and federally funded projects and funding programs; the annual strategic plan for programs and projects; funding requests from project sponsors and other eligible recipients; paratransit services programs and projects; bicycle and pedestrian projects and programs; funding allocations to various transportation programs and projects; eminent domain proceedings; environmental evaluations; contract procurement; good faith efforts policies and procedures; and bid protests and complaints regarding engineering and construction contract procurement.

# Planning, Policy, and Legislation Committee

The functions and authority of the PPLC are the CMP; Countywide Transportation Plan; federal, state, regional, and local transportation and land-use planning policies and studies; amendments to the 1986 Expenditure Plan or the 2000 Expenditure Plans; amendments to the VRF Expenditure Plan; transitoriented development and priority development area projects and programs; the annual legislative program; state and federal legislative matters; general and targeted outreach programs; and advisory committee performance and effectiveness.

# **Technical Advisory Committee**

ACTAC functions as the technical advisory committee to the Alameda CTC. ACTAC is comprised of one staff representative, preferably from a planning or public works department, from each of the following: Alameda CTC, each city, the county, BART, AC Transit, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Agency, the Port of Oakland, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and Caltrans. Alameda CTC's executive director is the chairperson of ACTAC.

# Alameda CTC | Congestion Management Program

### **Administrative Costs**

Alameda CTC's administrative costs regarding administration of the CMP-related activities are paid from levies on each city and the county in proportion to the fuel tax subventions under Proposition 111. The levies are based on the annual congestion management agency budget, which is adopted by April 1 of each year. MTC has entered into contracts with the Bay Area CMAs to assist in meeting the requirements of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). These revenues have reduced the levy to the cities and county for support of congestion management activities. Alameda CTC will continue to advocate legislative measures that provide funding for these administrative costs so that fuel tax subventions to local government can be fully employed to address local transportation needs.

# Levels of Service

	Level of Service	Flow Conditions	Delay	Service Rating
Α		Highest quality of service. Free traffic flow with low volumes. Little or no restriction on maneuverability or speed.	None	Good
В		Stable traffic flow, speed becoming slightly restricted. Low restriction on maneuverability.	None	Good
С		Stable traffic flow, but less freedom to select speed or to change lanes.	Minimal	Adequate
D		Approaching unstable flow. Speeds tolerable but subject to sudden and considerable variation. Less maneuverability and driver comfort.	Minimal	Adequate
Ε		Unstable traffic flow and rapidly fluctuating speeds and flow rates. Low maneuverability and low driver comfort.	Significant	Poor
F		Forced traffic flow. Speed and flow may drop to zero.	Considerable	Poor

Source: Highway Congestion Manual, 1985, Transportation Resource Board



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# Appendix G1—Menu of TDM Measures, Alameda County TDM Program: City and Public Agency Measures

TDM Program	Description	Primary Agency Responsible	City Implementation mechanism	Recommended Application/Con- text	% Trip Reduction	Factors	Source
Trip Reduction Re	quirements						
Set trip reduction requirements for multifamily residential or commercial development	Require as a condition of approval for developments (either commercial, multifamily residential, or both) that certain TDM measures are implemented on an ongoing basis, or that specified vehicle trip reduction requirements are met.	Cities	Planning code or other municipal ordinance	Any urban area with good transit service; suburban downtowns, commercial and mixed use areas; transit stations. (particularly in high-growth areas)	5%-15%; Enables other strategies	Effects of this strategy depend on the location/accessibility of the development site(s), demographics of the project's residential/commercial occupants/ tenants and the type of measures required. The US EPA notes that "reasonable initial targets for the programs established under a trip reduction ordinance (TRO), might be a 5-10 percent reduction in single occupant vehicle (SOV) trips, with somewhat larger reductions (perhaps 15 percent) if substantial fees for parking are imposed."	http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/policy/transp/tcms/trip_reduction.pdf
Establish a Transportation Management Association	Establish an organization to assist businesses in reducing vehicle trips, either by administering programs, providing services (such as shuttle service), or providing technical assistance to businesses. Often implemented together with a trip reduction requirement.	Cities or business associations	Planning code or other municipal ordinance; or voluntary action by business association	Commercial area or other major business or employment districts	6%-7%	The TDM Resource Center (1996) estimated that just by improving coordination, and providing information on travel alternatives, establishment of a TMA can reduce commute-related vehicle trips by 6%-7%, with greater impact when implemented in concert with other trip reduction, TDM and parking management programs and services.	TDM Resource Center (1996), Transportation Demand Management; A Guide to Including TDM Strategies in Major Investment Studies and in Planning for Other Transportation Projects, Office of Urban Mobility, WSDOT (www.wsdot.wa.gov), as cited in the Victoria Transportation Policy Institute's TDM Encyclopedia (http://www.vtpi.org/tdm/tdm44.htm).
Implement an employee-trip reduction program for municipal employees.	Appoint an employee commute coordinator, and implement incentive programs to reduce single-occupant vehicle commuting among municipal employees. Elements may include: Subsidized transit passes; employee parking and/or parking cash-out programs; commuter checks; Direct financial incentives to bike, walk, carpool or take transit; Ride sharing; Shuttles; Vanpools	Cities	Modify agency procedures	Any	4-20%	Management support and the presence of an on-site employee transportation corridor are important factors in the success of a program. Mandatory employee/commute trip reduction (CTR) ordinances often require employers with more than 50 or 100 employees at a given employment site to implement a CTR program. This reduces the costs of administering TDM programs and compliance with survey and reporting requirements, but prevents such programs from reaching the majority of employees in a given city/region who work for small to mid-sized firms and organizations with less than 50 employees.	Marlon G. Boarnet, Hsin-Ping Hsu and Susan Handy (2010), Draft Policy Brief on the Impacts of Employer-Based Trip Reduction Based on a Review of the Empirical Literature, for Research on Impacts of Transportation and Land Use-Related Policies, California Air Resources Board http://arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/policies/policies.htm); Philip Winters and Daniel Rudge (1995), Commute Alternatives Educational Outreach, National Urban Transit Institute, Center for Urban Transportation Research, University of South Florida; Tom Rye (2002), "Travel Plans: Do They Work?," Transport Policy, Vol. 9, No. 4 (www.elsevier.com/locate/tranpol), Oct. 2002, pp. 287-298.
Safety Net							
Guaranteed/ Emergency Ride Home program	Provide a guaranteed ride home for people who do not drive to work alone to ensure they are not stranded if they need to go home in the middle of the day due to an emergency, or stay late for work unexpectedly.	GRH in Alameda County is provided by Alameda CTC		Any	9%-38%	Coupled with active program marketing by employers, including marketing of other TDM programs and financial incentives, such as parking pricing, the Alameda County Guaranteed Ride Home program has been shown to reduce drive alone vehicle trips to participating employment sites by as much as 38% (Draft Alameda County Guaranteed Ride Home Program Evaluation (Nelson\Nygaard 2012).	Draft Alameda County Guaranteed Ride Home Program Evaluation (Nelson\Nygaard 2012)

# Appendix G1—Menu of TDM Measures, Alameda County TDM Program: City and Public Agency Measures, Continued

TDM Program	Description	Primary Agency Responsible	City Implementation mechanism	Recommended Application/Con- text	% Trip Reduction	Factors	Source
Parking Manager	ment						
Demand- responsive pricing of on-street spaces	Set on-street parking prices based on parking demand in area to achieve parking availability targets.	Cities	Municipal code; capital project	Urban or suburban downtowns, commercial and mixed use areas; transit stations.	4%-18%	One of the most significant factors affecting motorists' choice of whether to drive or travel by another mode is the price of parking at the destination. Moreover, up to 28% of traffic in mixed-use districts is attributable to cruising for parking. By encouraging use of alternative modes and reducing parking search related delays for transit, demand responsive pricing can significantly reduce vehicle trips to major destinations/districts. The impact of parking pricing depends on the overall supply and availability of both on-street and off-street parking and the extent to which employers subsidize such parking.	Low-end estimate per Harvey and Deakin (1997), who estimated that parking pricing for work and non-work trips would reduce regional vehicle trips by 2.8% (Greig Harvey and Elizabeth Deakin (1997), "The STEP Analysis Package: Description and Application Examples," Appendix B, in Apogee Research, Guidance on the Use of Market Mechanisms to Reduce Transportation Emissions, US EPA (Washington DC; www.epa.gov/omswww/market.htm)). High end estimated based on the Victoria Transportation Policy Institute, Trip Reduction Tables (http://www.vtpi.org/tdm/tdm41.htm). Additional resource: http://www.spur.org/publications/library/report/critical_cooling/option27
Use of new meter technologies to allow multiple forms of payment and dynamic pricing	Install parking meters that allow payment by credit card or phone, and that connect to a central system in real-time, allowing for remote programming and management of parking prices.	Cities	Capital project	Urban or suburban downtowns, commercial and mixed use areas; transit stations.	Enables demand respon- sive parking pricing	Installation of new parking management technologies, including new meters and infrastructure to support payment by cell phone and real-time monitoring of parking space utilization and turnover enable implementation of demand responsive parking pricing, which in turn reduces vehicle travel (see Demand Responsive Parking Pricing).	San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (2009). "Critical Cooling," The Urbanist, Issue 482, May, 2009 (http://www.spur.org/publications/library/report/critical_cooling/option27
Use of parking revenue to support other mobility/ neighborhood programs	Dedicate meter revenue from designated area to uses such as mobility improvements, neighborhood or business improvement programs, potentially through the creation of a parking benefit district.	Cities	Form dedicated Transportation Management District to receive funds	Any area with paid parking	Enables invest-ment in Multi-modal Infrastructure and TDM Programs.	Creation of parking benefit district can directly support vehicle trip reduction by providing funding for investments in other multimodal access programs and services that increase opportunities for access by non-auto modes. The establishment of such districts and provisions requiring meter and permit revenues to be spent within the district can also indirectly support vehicle trip reduction by increasing local political support for demand responsive, market-based pricing of on-street and off-street parking.	
Require "Unbundling" of parking costs from rents and leases	Separate the charge for leasing or buying a unit or square footage in multifamily residential or commercial buildings from charges for parking spaces.	Cities	Modify plan- ning code	Any	6%-16%	"Charging separately for parking is among the most effective strategies to encourage households to own fewer cars, and subsequently reduce vehicle trips. Parking costs are generally subsumed into the sale or rental price of housing and commercial real estate. For residential development, unbundled parking may prompt some residents to dispense with one of their cars and to make more of their trips by other modes. The elasticity of vehicle ownership with respect to price is typically -0.4 to -1.0. Assuming total annual vehicle spending of \$7,788 (BLS Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2011), unbundling of an average of \$100/month in parking costs would increase perceived transportation costs/ vehicle by 15%/year for the typical hh, which in turn is expected to result in a decline in vehicle ownership of 6% (at a price elasticity of -0.4) to 16% (at -0.10), with corresponding declines in vehicle trips."	Victoria Transport Policy Institute (2009), Transportation Elasticities, http://www.vtpi.org/tdm/ tdm11.htm; Bureau of Labor Statistics (2012), Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2011, www.bls.gov.

# Appendix G1—Menu of TDM Measures, Alameda County TDM Program: City and Public Agency Measures, Continued

TDM Program	Description	Primary Agency Responsible	City Implementation mechanism	Recommended Application/ Context	% Trip Reduc- tion	Factors	Source
Parking Mana	gement, Continued						
Reduced or eliminated minimum parking requirements	In areas that are well-served by transit and other alternatives to driving, allow developers to build residential and commercial buildings with fewer parking spaces or no parking.	Cities	Modify planning code	Any area with quality transit service	9%-16%	Eliminating or reducing off-street parking requirements allows a market based supply of parking, and eliminates the sometimes required over-supply of parking, which encourages property owners/managers to bundle parking in lease/sale agreements and provides an effective subsidy for vehicle travel. This policy reform does not directly influence vehicle travel demand associated with existing development, although elimination of minimum off-street parking requirements does remove a barrier to changes of use, and/or the lease or sale of underutilized private off-street parking constructed in accordance with previous requirements, supporting the development of market-based parking pricing that in turn reduces vehicle travel.	Range of vehicle trip reduction impact of eliminating minium parking requirements on Los Angeles' Westside, as incorporated in the vehicle trip reduction impact analysis conducted for the Los Angeles Westside Mobility Plan (http://www.westsidemobility-plan.com/transportation-demand-model/)
District- based parking manage- ment	Manage parking supply in a defined area as a unified whole in order to better manage parking demand between different facilities to eliminate cruising for parking and improve the customer experience.	Cities	Modify city agency procedures;	Urban or suburban downtowns, commercial and mixed use areas; transit stations.	Enables compact development	District-based parking management offers the same benefit as shared parking facilities at a wider scale. As with shared parking facilities, the coordinated provision and management of a shared, publicly accessible supply of on-street and off-street parking at a district-scale can reduce vehicle trips by facilitating dense/compact, clustered, and mixed-use development and by reducing expenditure of land and financial resources on off-street parking, thereby reducing an effective subsidy for auto access and mobility.	
Incentivize shared parking.	Facilitate the sharing of parking among multiple land uses that have complementary schedules (e.g., an office with greater demand during the day and restaurant with greater demand at night).	Enabled by cities, brokered by private businesses or develop- ments	Modify planning code	Urban or suburban downtowns, commercial and mixed use areas.	Enables compact development	Shared parking facilities can reduce vehicle trips by reducing the need for construction of dedicated off-street parking facilities for each land use/activity commensurate with the peak parking demand for that use. By so doing, shared parking facilities can enable dense, clustered development that facilitates a greater share of trips by walking, cycling and public transit. Shared parking can also reduce the total amount of land and financial resources dedicated to parking facilities, in turn reducing the effective subsidy for access by automobile that such expenditures represent. However, if shared parking increases available parking supply and thereby reduces parking prices it may in some cases increase vehicle trips and VMT.	Shared Parking does not directly reduce vehicle travel if it substitutes for increased parking supply. To the degree that it increases the available supply of parking and reduces parking prices it can encourage automobile travel. To the degree that Shared Parking allows more Clustered Development it can encourage use of alternative modes.
Improved parking wayfinding signage	Install wayfinding signage to make parking easier to find. This can help to shift parking demand away from overfull spaces to underutilized areas and can help reduce local traffic impacts caused by searching for parking.	Cities	Capital project	Urban or suburban downtowns, commercial and mixed use areas; transit stations.	Not available.	Enhanced wayfinding, signage and provision of real-time information about parking supply and availability can reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), and traffic congestion by reducing parking search time, but impacts on total vehicle trips are unclear.	
Urban Form a	nd Land Use						
Compact, mixed use develop- ment and "park once" districts	Encourage development of districts that allow people to park just once if they drive to reach the district, and walk to destinations within the area once they are there.	Cities are responsible for zoning, land use planning, and development permissions	Amending general plans and zoning codes to plan for and facilitate compact, mixed-use development in appropriate areas. Support implementation of compact, mixed-use development by establishment of public development commissions and other mechanisms to support public investment.	Urban; suburban downtown; transit station	20%-40%	Recent literature indicates that compact development can reduce VMT per capita by 20%-40% compared to conventional "sprawl type" development characterized by low density and segregation of land uses and activities (vehicle trips are assumed to be reduced by a corresponding 20%-40%). Cumulative effects depend on the pace of new development in the County relative to the base of existing development (at a more rapid pace and extensive geographic scale, compact/mixed-use development/ redevelopment can lead to greater reduction in vehicle trips.	Ewing, R. K. Bartholomew, S. Winkelman, J. Walters, and D. Chen (2008). Growing Cooler: The Evidence on Urban Development and Climate Change. Washington, DC: Urban Land Institute (ULI), p. 33.

Appendix G2—Menu of TDM Measures, Alameda County TDM Program: Public or Private Organization Measures

TDM Program	Description	Primary Agency Responsible	City Implementation mechanism	Recommended Application/Con- text	% Trip Reduction	Factors	Source
Multi-Modal Infras	structure						
Bicycle sharing services	Bicycles are available to members for short-term rental and can be returned at any bike share station. Bike share may be offered in city neighborhoods, near transit hubs, or at major employment centers.	Cities or private bicycle sharing companies (usually at invitation of a city)		Urban; suburban downtown; transit station	2% to 8%	The impact depends on the larger bike network and bicycling conditions. This research does not state if the shift from automobile trips to bicycle trips is for commute or non-commute trips, nor does the research state at what time of day these trips occur, i.e., peak or non peak trips.	Victoria Transport Policy Institute (2008), Public Bike Systems: Automated Bike Rentals for Short Utilitarian Trips, www.vtpi.org/tdm/tdm126.htm.
Enhanced transit service	Improve transit service to better serve potential riders and shift travel from driving trips.	Transit agencies, funded by cities, counties, TMAs, BIDs, regional agencies		Any	5% to 30%	Impacts depend on the level and quality of improvements. The elasticity of transit use with respect to transit service frequency is about 0.5, which means that a 1.0% increase in service (measured by transit vehicle mileage or operating hours) increases average ridership by 0.5%. Not all persons will be shifting from auto to transit so the relationship is not one to one.	Richard Pratt (2000) Traveler Response to Transportation System Changes, Interim Handbook, TCRP Web Document 12. http://onlinepubs.trb.org/ Onlinepubs/tcrp/tcrp_webdoc_12.pdf.
High Occupancy Vehicle/Toll (HOV/HOT) lanes	Implement a system of express lanes for high-occupancy vehicles, transit, and/or people who pay a toll. This provides a time savings to people who commute by modes other than driving alone.	Highway districts, often led by counties or regional agencies		Freeways, any context	2% to 30%	Comsis (1993) and Turnbull, Levinson and Pratt (2006) find that HOV facilities can reduce vehicle trips on a particular roadway by 4-30%. Ewing (1993) estimates that HOV facilities can reduce peak-period vehicle trips on individual facilities by 2-10%, and up to 30% on very congested highways if HOV lanes are separated from general-purpose lanes by a barrier. (Turnbull, Levinson and Pratt, 2006) suggests that HOV highway lanes are most effective at reducing automobile use on congested highways to large employment centers in large urban areas with 25 or more buses per hour during peak periods, where transit provides time savings of at least 5 to 10 minutes per trip.	"Comsis Corporation (1993), Implementing Effective Travel Demand Management Measures: Inventory of Measures and Synthesis of Experience, USDOT and Institute of Transportation Engineers (www.ite.org); available atwww.bts.gov/ntl/DOCS/474.html.  Katherine F. Turnbull, Herbert S. Levinson and Richard H. Pratt (2006), HOV Facilities – Traveler Response to Transportation System Changes, TCRB Report 95, Transportation Research Board (www.trb.org); available at http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/tcrp/tcrp_rpt_95c2.pdf."
Financial Incentiv	'es						
Transit "fare free" zones	Transit agency provides free rides in designated zone.	Transit agencies, can be initiated/funded by cities, transportation management associations (TMAs), Business Districts	Can be implemented directly by transit agency, or another organization can form a funding partnership with the transit agency	Urban or suburban downtowns	Not available	Impact of transit fare-free zones is highly context specific. Some cities have seen very large increases in transit ridership within free-fare zones.	http://www.theatlanticcities.com/ jobs-and-economy/2012/10/what-really-happens- when-city-makes-its-transit-system-free/3708/

# Travel Demand Management Checklist

The Travel Demand Management (TDM) Element included in Alameda County Congestion Management Program requires each jurisdiction to comply with the Required Program. This requirement can be satisfied in three ways:

- Adopting "Design Strategies for encouraging alternatives to using auto through local development review" prepared by ABAG and the Bay Area Quality Management District;
- Adoption of new design guidelines that meet the individual needs of the local jurisdictions and the intent of the goals of the TDM Element; or
- Providing evidence that existing local policies and programs meet the intent of the goals of the TDM Element.

For those jurisdictions that have chosen to satisfy this requirement by Option 2 or 3 above, the following checklist has been prepared. In order to insure consistency and equity throughout the County, this checklist identifies the components of a design strategy that should be included in a local program to meet the minimum CMP conformity requirements. The required components are highlighted in bold type and are shown at the beginning of each section. A jurisdiction must answer Yes to each of the required components to be considered consistent with the CMP. Each jurisdiction will be asked to annually certify that it is complying with the TDM Element. Local jurisdictions will not be asked to submit the back-up information to the CMA justifying its response; however it should be available at the request of the public or neighboring jurisdictions.

Questions regarding optional program components are also included. You are encouraged but not required to answer these questions.

(Note: Bold type face indicates those components that must be included the "Required Program" in order to be found in compliance with the Congestion Management Program.)

# **Bicycle Facilities**

### Goal

To develop and implement design strategies that foster the development of a countywide bicycle program that incorporates a wide range of bicycle facilities to reduce vehicle trips and promote bicycle use for commuting, shopping and school activities. (Note: examples of facilities are bike paths, lanes or racks.)

# Local Responsibilities

In order to achieve the above goal, does your jurisdiction have design strategies or adopted policies that include the following:

1a.1 provides a system of bicycle facilities that connect residential and/or non-residential development to other major activity centers?

Yes No

1a.2 bicycle facilities that provide access to transit?

1a.3 that provide for construction of bicycle facilities needed to fill gaps, (i.e., gap closure), not provided through the development review process?

Yes No

1a.4 that consider bicycle safety such as safe crossing of busy arterials or along bike trails?

Yes No

1a.5 that provide for bicycle storage and bicycle parking for (A) multi-family residential and/or (B) nonresidential developments?

Yes No

1b. How does your jurisdiction implement these strategies? Please identify.

- Zoning ordinance
- Design Review

Standard Conditions of Approval Capital Improvement Program

• Specific Plan

Other

# **Pedestrian Facilities**

# Goal

To develop and implement design strategies that reduce vehicle trips and foster walking for commuting, shopping and school activities.

### Local Responsibilities

In order to achieve the above goal, does your jurisdiction have design strategies or adopted policies that incorporate the following:

2a.1 provide reasonably direct, convenient, accessible and safe pedestrian connections to major activity centers, transit stops or hubs parks/open space and other pedestrian facilities?

Yes No

2a.2 provide for construction of pedestrian paths needed to fill gaps, (i.e., gap closure), not provided through the development process?

Yes No

2a.3 include safety elements such as convenient crossing at arterials?

Yes No

2a.4 provide for amenities such as lighting, street trees, trash receptacles that promote walking?

Yes No

2a.5 that encourage uses on the first floor that are pedestrian oriented, entrances that are conveniently accessible from the sidewalk or transit stops or other strategies that promote pedestrian activities in commercial areas?

Yes No

2b. How does your jurisdiction implement these strategies? Please identify.

- Zoning ordinance
- Design Review

Standard Conditions of Approval Capital Improvement Program

• Specific Plan

Other

# **Transit**

### Goal

To develop and implement design strategies in cooperation with the appropriate transit agencies that reduce vehicle trips and foster the use of transit for commuting, shopping and school activities.

### **Local Responsibilities**

In order to achieve the above goal, does your 3a. jurisdiction have design strategies or adopted policies that include the following:

3a.1 provide for the location of transit stops that minimize access time, facilitate intermodal transfers, and promote reasonably direct, accessible, convenient and safe connections to residential uses and major activity centers?

Yes No

3a.2 provide for transit stops that have shelters or benches, trash receptacles, street trees or other street furniture that promote transit use?

Yes No

3a.3 include a process for including transit operators in development review?

Yes No

3a.4 provide for directional signage for transit stations and/or stops?

Yes No

3a.5 include specifications for pavement width, bus pads or pavement structure, length of bus stops, and turning radii that accommodates bus transit?

Yes No

3.b How does your jurisdiction implement these strategies? Please identify.

- Zoning ordinance
- Design Review

Standard Conditions of Approval Capital Improvement Program

• Specific Plan

Other

# Carpools and Vanpools

### Goal

To develop and implement design strategies that reduce the overall number of vehicle trips and foster carpool and vanpool use.

### Local Responsibilities

In order to achieve the above goal, does your jurisdiction have design strategies or adopted policies that include the following:

4a.1 For publicly owned parking garages or lots, are there preferential parking spaces and/or charges for carpools or vanpools?

Yes No

4a.2 that provide for convenient or preferential parking for carpools and vanpools in non-residential developments?

Yes No

How does your jurisdiction implement these 4.b strategies? Please identify.

- Zoning ordinance
- Design Review

Standard Conditions of Approval Capital Improvement Program

• Specific Plan

Other

# Park and Ride

### Goal

To develop design strategies that reduce the overall number of vehicle trips and provide park and ride lots at strategic locations.

### Local Responsibilities

In order to achieve the above goal, does your jurisdiction have design strategies or adopted policies that include the following:

5a.1 promote park and ride lots that are located near freeways or major transit hubs?

Yes No

5a.2 a process that provides input to Caltrans to insure HOV by-pass at metered freeway ramps?

Yes No

5b. How does your jurisdiction implement these strategies? Please identify.

- Zoning ordinance
- Design Review

Standard Conditions of Approval Capital Improvement Program

• Specific Plan

Other



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# Federal and State Transportation Control Measures

The following lists include adopted federal and state transportation control measures (TCMs) for the San Francisco Bay Area. Detail on federal TCMs can be found in the Transportation Improvement Program (MTC) and the state TCMs in the 2010 Clean Air Plan (BAAQMD).

# Table I1—Federal TCMs in the 2001 Federal Bay Area Ozone: Attainment Plan (State Implementation Plan)

TCM [	Description Control of the Control o
Original TCMs	s from 1982 Bay Area Air Quality Plan
TCM 1	Reaffirm Commitment to 28 percent Transit Ridership Increase Between 1978 and 1983
	Support Post-1983 Improvements in the Operators' Five-Year Plans and, After Consultation with the Operators, Adopt Ridership Increase Target for the Period 1983 through 1987
TCM 3 S	Seek to Expand and Improve Public Transit Beyond Committed Levels
TCM 4	Continue to support development of HOV Lanes and Ramp Metering
TCM 5 S	Support RIDES Efforts
TCM 6*	Continue Efforts to Obtain Funding to Support Long Range Transit Improvements
TCM 7 F	Preferential Parking
TCM 8	Shared Use Park and Ride Lots
TCM 9 E	Expand Commute Alternatives Program
TCM 10 Ir	nformation Program for Local Governments
TCM 11**	Gasoline Conservation Awareness Program (GasCAP)
TCM 12** S	Santa Clara County Commuter Transportation Program
Contingency	Plan TCMs Adopted by MTC in February 1990 (MTC Resolution 2131)
TCM 13	ncrease Bridge Tolls to \$1.00 on All Bridges
TCM 14 B	Bay Bridge Surcharge of \$1.00
TCM 15	ncrease State Gas Tax by 9 Cents
TCM 16*	mplement MTC Resolution 1876, Revised — New Rail Starts – BART Extension to Colma only
TCM 17	Continue October 1989 Post-Earthquake Transit Services
TCM 18 S	Sacramento-Bay Area Amtrak Service
TCM 19 U	Jpgrade Caltrain Service
TCM 20 R	Regional HOV System Plan

# Table I1, Continued—Federal TCMs in the 2001 Federal Bay Area Ozone: Attainment Plan (State Implementation Plan)

TCM	<b>Description</b>
Continger	ncy Plan TCMs Adopted by MTC in February 1990 (MTC Resolution 2131), Continued
TCM 21	Regional Transit Coordination
TCM 22	Expand Regional Transit Connection Ticket Distribution
TCM 23	Employer Audits
TCM 24	Expand Signal Timing Program to New Cities
TCM 25	Maintain Existing Signal Timing Programs
TCM 26	Incident Management on Bay Area Freeways
TCM 27	Update MTC Guidance on Development of Local TSM Programs
TCM 28	Local Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Initiatives
New TCM:	s in 2001 Ozone Attainment Plan
TCM A	Regional Express Buss Program
тсм в	Bicycle/Pedestrian Program
TCM C	Transportation for Livable Communities
TCM D	Expansion of Freeway Service Patrol
TCM E	Transit Access to Airports

<sup>\*</sup> Deleted by EPA action from ozone plan.

Source: Metropolitan Transportation Commission, 2009.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Deleted by EPA action from ozone plan, but retained in Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan.

Table I2—State TCMs in the 2010 Clean Air Plan

TCM	Description
TCM A1	Local and Area-wide Bus Service Improvements
TCM A2	Local and Regional Rail Service Improvements
TCM B1	Freeway and Arterial Operations Strategies
TCM B2	Transit Efficiency and Use Strategies
ТСМ ВЗ	Bay Area Express Lane Network
TCM B4	Goods Movement Improvements and Emission Reduction Strategies
TCM C1	Voluntary Employer-Based Trip Reduction Programs
TCM C2	Safe Routes to Schools and Safe Routes to Transit Programs
тсм сз	Ridesharing Services and Incentives
TCM C4	Conduct Public Outreach & Education
TCM C5	Smart Driving
TCM D1	Bicycle Access and Facilities Improvements
TCM D2	Pedestrian Access and Facilities Improvements
TCM D3	Local Land Use Strategies
TCM E1	Value Pricing Strategies
TCM E2	Promote Parking Policies to Reduce Motor Vehicle Travel
TCM E3	Implement Transportation Pricing Reform

Source: BAAQMD, 2010 Clean Air Plan



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# Subarea Travel Demand Model Guidelines

# **General Policy Statement**

The Alameda CTC maintains a Countywide Travel Demand Model (Countywide Model) which is in conformance with MTC's Regional Travel Demand Model and land use database and can therefore be used to satisfy Congestion Management Program (CMP) requirements in Alameda County. The Master Transportation Demand Model Agreements made between the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency and local jurisdictions detail the process through which local jurisdictions can have access to the Countywide Model and use its results for CMP conformance purposes.

An alternative to use of the Countywide Model which local jurisdictions or groups of local jurisdictions may wish to pursue is the development of subarea travel demand models (subarea models) for the purpose of satisfying CMP requirements. Subarea models may be more effective than the Countywide Model for the evaluation of certain local conditions or CMP applications.

Local jurisdictions may use a subarea model for CMP purposes so long as the subarea model demonstrates consistency with the Countywide Model. Results from subarea models which are not consistent with the Countywide Model will not be accepted by the Alameda CTC for CMP purposes.

# **Consistency Guidelines**

A two-step process has been established to determine consistency of a subarea model with the Countywide Model. The two-step process includes an initial evaluation of subarea model compatibility by the Alameda CTC (step one) and, if required, additional data and information to be submitted to the Alameda CTC to verify consistency (step two).

### Step One:

A. Local jurisdictions apply to the Alameda CTC for a consistency finding. The application shall consist of the following:

- i. A written communication to the Alameda CTC requesting a model consistency finding.
- ii. A completed model consistency checklist.
- B. In the case of new/proposed subarea models, Alameda CTC staff must be part of the Local Technical Advisory/Oversight Committee/Taskforce for model development.

### Step Two:

C. If additional information is required to determine consistency, Alameda CTC staff will review modeling procedures and land use database issues with local modeling staff.

# Acceptable CMP Related Uses of a Consistent Subarea Model

A subgrea model that has been found to be consistent with the Countywide Model may be used for the following CMP related uses:

- 1. Forecasting of operating conditions on roadway segments.
- 2. Development impact analysis performed for the CMP Land Use Analysis Program.
- 3. Testing of mitigation measures or deficiency plan recommendations to address degradation of Level of Service (LOS) on CMP roadway segments operating below LOS E.

# **Annual Recertification**

Annual recertification of subarea models is required by the Alameda CTC. Recertification requires a written request. The request must clearly explain why the subarea model should be recertified on the basis of one of the following two conditions:

1. All changes to the model specifications of the land use database (1) were reported to the Alameda CTC previously or (2) are changes done in coordination with the land use database update process of the Countywide Model.

OR

2. Recertification request must include a completed consistency checklist.

# **Development and Operation of** Subarea Models

It is assumed that subarea models will be developed by local jurisdictions who will have responsibility for their operation, maintenance, and the costs associated with them. As a condition for delegation of Alameda CTC modeling responsibilities, it is assumed that local jurisdictions will commit to providing adequate ongoing technical support for all model applications in support of a CMP requirement (e.g. land use analysis or deficiency analysis). It is assumed that consultant assistance would normally be required for model development and maintenance.

# Dispute Resolution

Disputes regarding consistency or appropriate use of a subarea model shall be brought to the Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee.

# Alameda CTC Checklist for **Modeling Consistency for Local Jurisdictions**

This checklist guides local jurisdictions wishing to develop a subarea model through their model development and consistency review process by providing an inventory of specific products to be developed and submitted to the Alameda CTC, and by describing standard practices and assumptions.

# A. General approach:

Discuss the general approach to travel demand modeling by the local jurisdiction and the subarea model's relationship to the Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model.

### **PRODUCT**:

1) Description of the subarea model's general approach.

# B. Demographic/economic/land use forecasts:

Both base and forecast year demographic/economic/ land use ("land use") inputs must be consistent though not identical—to the census tract-level data provided to the Alameda CTC by ABAG. Specifically, if local jurisdictions wish to reallocate land use within their own jurisdiction, they must consult with the Alameda CTC. Further, the resulting deviation in the subject jurisdiction (or jurisdictions) should be no greater than plus or minus one percent from the jurisdiction-level totals in the Alameda CTC land use database for the following variables: population, households, jobs, and employed residents.

Outside the subject jurisdiction (or jurisdictions) and within Alameda County, the land use variables in the travel analysis zones used by the jurisdiction's model must match the Alameda CTC model or another adopted subarea model (e.g. the City of Hayward could adopt the land use from within the City of Dublin if the City of Dublin's model for use in the TAZs within the City of Dublin had an approved subarea model).

Outside of Alameda County, the land use variables in the travel analysis zones used by the jurisdiction's model must match the Alameda CTC model exactly.

### PRODUCTS:

2) A statement establishing that the differences between key Alameda CTC land use variables and those of the sub area model do not differ by more than one percent at the jurisdiction level for the subject jurisdiction. A statement establishing that no differences exist at the census-tract-level outside the jurisdiction between the Alameda CTC forecast or the forecast contained within an adopted subarea model.

- 3) A table comparing the Alameda CTC land use estimates with the subarea model land use estimates by jurisdiction for population, households, jobs, and employed residents for both the base year and the horizon year.
- 4) If land use estimates within the jurisdiction are modified from the Alameda CTC model's projections, agendas, discussion summaries, and action items from each meeting held with the Alameda CTC at which the redistribution was discussed, as well as before/after census-tract-level data summaries and maps.

# C. Pricing assumptions:

Use Alameda CTC's automobile operating costs, transit fares, and bridge tolls or provide an explanation for the reason such values are not used.

### **PRODUCT**:

5) Table comparing the assumed automobile operating cost, key transit fares, and bridge tolls to Alameda CTC's values for the horizon year.

### D. Network Assumptions:

Use Alameda CTC's regional highway and transit network assumptions for the other Bay Area counties and other jurisdictions within Alameda County. Local jurisdictions should include more detailed network definition relevant to their own jurisdiction in addition to the regional highway and transit networks. For the CMP horizon year, to be compared with the TIP interim year, regionally significant network changes in the base case scenario shall be limited to the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for projects subject to inclusion in the TIP.

### **PRODUCT:**

6) Statement establishing satisfaction of the above.

# E. Automobile ownership:

Use Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model automobile ownership models or forecasts or submit alternative models to Alameda CTC for review and comment.

### PRODUCT:

7) Planning Area-level table comparing estimates of households by automobile ownership level (zero, one, two or more automobiles) to Alameda CTC's estimates for the horizon year.

### F. Trip generation:

Use Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model trip generation models or submit alternative models to Alameda CTC for review and comment.

### PRODUCT:

8) County-level tables comparing estimates of trip and/or tour frequency by purpose to MTC's estimates for the horizon year.

# G. Trip distribution:

Use Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model trip distribution models or submit alternative models to Alameda CTC for review and comment.

### PRODUCTS:

- 9) County-level tables comparing estimates of average trip distance by tour/trip purpose to Alameda CTC's estimates for the horizon year.
- 10) Planning area-to-planning area comparison of journey-to-work or home-based work flow estimates to MTC's estimates for the horizon year.

# H. Travel mode choice:

Use Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model mode choice models or submit alternative models to Alameda CTC for review and comment.

### PRODUCT:

11) County-level tables comparing travel mode share estimates by tour/trip purpose to Alameda CTC's estimates for the horizon year.

### I. Traffic assignment:

Use Alameda Countywide Travel Demand Model models, or submit alternative models to Alameda CTC for review and comment.

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### **PRODUCTS**:

- 12) County-level, time-period-specific comparison of vehicle miles traveled and vehicle hours traveled estimates by facility type to Alameda CTC's estimates for the horizon year.
- 13) County-level, time-period-specific comparison of estimated average speed on freeways and all other facilities, separately, to Alameda CTC's estimates for the horizon year.

# Assessment of Alternative Trip Generation Methodologies

As part of the 2013 CMP update, Alameda CTC staff reviewed seven alternative trip generation methodologies for applicability in the CMP Land Use Analysis Program. Considerations include:

- Inputs considered—what different variables does the methodology consider when estimating trip generation (e.g. land use factors, multimodal accessibility, TDM measures), and how readily available are data needed for these variables?
- Sample size and representativeness—how robust and California specific/Alameda County specific is the sample that the rates are estimated based on?
- Outputs—does the methodology simply produce a reduction of auto trips, or does it tell what modes non-auto trips utilize? Does the methodology work for peak hours or just daily rates?
- Validation—has the methodology been demonstrated to produce reasonable estimates of trip generation for development projects such as PDA or infill type developments and/or has the methodology been demonstrated to outperform ITE rates?

Table K1, which follows, below contains a detailed summary of how the methodologies reviewed perform in the above areas. To summarize:

- ITE internal trip capture methodology is based on a very limited sample size (none of which is in California). Furthermore, the methodology only accounts for land use mixing, excluding other critical factors like transit access, density, etc.
- EPA's Trip Generation Tool for Mixed Use Development (MXD model) is based on a robust sample size and applies elasticities from the peerreviewed literature on transportation-land use connections. The tool is well-validated, considers many factors including density, land use mixing, distance to transit, and is implemented in an easily usable spreadsheet tool.

- CARB's Urban Emissions (URBEMIS) tool considers many different factors that impact urban trip generation rates and has withstood legal challenges in California; however, the tool does not provide peak hour specific estimates so it would not work for typical impact analysis.
- The NCHRP 8-51 method is an enhanced version of the ITE internal trip capture methodology. The sample size is still relatively limited and many required inputs may not be readily available as part of a typical impact analysis.
- MTC's Station Area Residents Study (STARS) analysis (mode split based adjustment method) is described in Table K1. This method is the most Bay Area and Alameda County specific. STARS looks at how mode share differs based on density and transit access, and this analysis implicitly accounts for land use mixing, parking pricing, etc. as these tend to be near more dense, transit accessible areas. The mode share estimates from STARS can be easily adapted for trip generation adjustment. An analyst would merely need to look-up and multiply by a trip generation rate percentage reduction factor.
- Caltrans/UC Davis' Smart Growth Trip Generation Rates Study produced ITE rate adjustment factors based on a fairly robust sample size that is very California specific. The rates are based on density, land use mixing, regional location, transit service, and parking, and the study included a validation component. The methodology is implemented in an easily usable tool that points to publically available data sources.
- Caltrans Division of Transportation Planning and Research's Trip Generation Rates for Urban Infill Land Uses Study produced alternative ITE rates for use in urban, infill settings. However, the rates have not yet been validated.

Of the methodologies reviewed, the following three are recommended for use in CMP Land Use Analysis

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Program transportation impact analyses if project sponsors find them applicable:

- EPA's MXD model
- Caltrans/UC Davis Smart Growth Trip Generation Adjustment Method
- MTC's Station Area Residents (STARS) mode split adjustment method

See Table K1, which follows, for a detailed summary of alternative trip generation methodologies for priority development areas (PDAs) and infill development areas.

Table K1—Detailed Summary of Alternative Trip Generation Methodologies for PDAs and Infill Development Areas

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	Methodology	Developed By	How it works	Inputs Considered	Sample Size & Representative- ness	Outputs	Validation
-	ITE Internal Trip Capture Methodology	ITE	Provides     percentage     reductions to be     applied to ITE rates	• Land use mixing	• Three case studies all in Florida	<ul> <li>Internal trip capture during PM peak hour</li> </ul>	Outperforms ITE     but still tends to     overestimate trips
7	MXD Model	EP∧	Reductions to ITE rates based on elasticities from literature     Spreadsheet tool     Required data relatively easily gathered	<ul> <li>Density</li> <li>Land use mixing</li> <li>Design</li> <li>Distance to transit</li> <li>Destination accessibility</li> </ul>	National sample of 239 multi-use developments in six metro areas	<ul> <li>Internal trip capture</li> <li>External trip mode split</li> <li>AM peak, PM peak, and Daily periods</li> </ul>	• Outperforms ITE rates² • Validated at 40 sites, mostly in California
m	URBEMIS (URBan EMISsions) Model	CARB	Reductions to ITE rates     Downloadable software     Must reference documentation to see calculations	<ul> <li>Density</li> <li>Land use mixing</li> <li>Transit</li> <li>Street connectivity</li> <li>Bike/ped facilities</li> <li>TDM measures</li> </ul>	Reductions based on SANDAG trip generator data	Internal trip     capture     No peak hour trip     estimates	• Outperforms ITE rates2 • Has withstood several legal challenges²
4	NCHRP 8-51 Method	NCHRP/ TxDOT	• Enhanced version of ITE Internal Trip Capture Methodology	Requires     mode split     and vehicle     occupancy     as inputs     Distance     between uses	Based on data collected at six sites	Internal trip capture     External trip mode split     AM and PM peak periods	• Outperforms ITE rates² • Validated at two sites in Texas and one site in Georgia

# Table K1 Continued—Detailed Summary of Alternative Trip Generation Methodologies for PDAs and Infill **Development Areas**

Method	Methodology	Developed By	How it works	Inputs Considered	Sample Size & Representative- ness	Outputs	Validation
MTC Transit Station Area Residents Survey (STARS)	ansit Area its STARS)	MTC	<ul> <li>Lookup table of mode split for given land use characteristics</li> </ul>	• Density • Transit access	Based on analysis of Bay Area Travel Survey 2000 at county-level	Trips by mode for different locations and purposes	• Outperforms ITE rates²
California Smart-Growth Trip Generation Rates Study	srowth trion udy	Caltrans/UC Davis	Reductions to ITE rates for common ITE categories     Clear criteria for when appropriate to use     Required data easily gathered from public sources     Spreadsheet tool	Density     Regional location     Building setbacks     Transit service     Parking	• Estimated based on 50 "smart growth" sites in California	Reduction to ITE rate     Adjustment can be applied to AM peak, PM peak, and Daily rates	• Validated on 11 (AM) and 13 (PM) mixed use sites in California
Trip- Generation Rates for Urban InfillLand Uses in California	rtion or d Uses ornia	Caltrans Divisions of Transportation Planning and Research & Innovation	Alternative ITE rates for 10 common ITE categories     Clear criteria for when rates could be applied	Rates based on single dependent variable, similar to ITE	• Intercept surveys of 26 urban infill sites	• Trips by mode • No way to estimate internal/external	Data collection methodology reviewed by Technical Advisory Committee No validation

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# **Project Trip Generation Methodologies**

The ITE trip generation handbook should be used to determine project trip generation.

Projects near transit or in infill development areas may apply one of the following methodologies to adjust project vehicle trip generation to reflect project context. Other alternative trip generation methodologies will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

# **EPA's Trip Generation Tool for Mixed Use Development (MXD model):**

A description of this method can be found online at:

http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/mxd\_tripgeneration. html

Caltrans/UC Davis Smart Growth Trip Generation Adjustment Method

A description of this method can be found online at:

http://ultrans.its.ucdavis.edu/projects/ smart-growth-trip-generation

# MTC's Station Area Residents (STARS) Mode Split Based Adjustment Method

This method uses household travel survey data to determine how mode share varies by land use characteristics and then use this information to reduce ITE trip generation rates. The key assumption is that ITE rates produce a reasonably accurate estimate of person-trips, but that in a more dense, transit accessible setting, many of these person-trips may use modes other than driving, so the vehicle-trip rate will be lower.

In the Bay Area, MTC conducted extensive analysis of the 2000 Bay Area Travel Survey (BATS 2000), the most recent household travel survey, as part of its Station Area Residents Study (STARS). This analysis looked at how mode shares differ as a function of proximity to transit and land use density. The findings of this study are well-suited to producing urban trip generation rate estimates.

Table L1 below reproduces a table from the STARS analysis. This table illustrates how the mode shares of residents living in Alameda County differ based on the location of their residence. For instance, the driving mode share of residents living within a half-mile of transit is only 48.2 percent, while for residents living more than a mile from transit, in a lower density area, this share is 87.0 percent.

This information can be used to adjust ITE trip generation rates. For instance, for a development located more than a mile from transit in a highsuburban density area, an adjusted ITE rate could be computed as:

Adjusted Rate = ITE Rate X 0.82

Note that the STARS analysis examined mode share for specific trip purposes (e.g., school trips, shopping trips, social/recreation trips) and depending on the type of development project, an analyst may wish to use this information instead of the mode share for all trips to adjust ITE rates.

# Types of Impacts and Impact **Assessment Methodologies**

Projects should consider auto impacts on MTS roadway segments including:

- **Vehicle delay:** the analysis should assess impacts to vehicle delay on MTS roadway segments. The Highway Capacity Manual 2010 (HCM 2010) freeway and urban streets methodologies are the preferred methodologies to study vehicle delay impacts. However, project sponsors may use the HCM 2000 if conformance with local requirements is required.
- Consistency with adopted plans: the analysis should disclose whether the project is consistent with plans including future Alameda Countywide Arterial Corridors Plan, and should consider opportunities to implement the plan in the project vicinity.

Table L1—BATS2000 Mode Shares by Trip Purpose and Proximity to Rail and Ferries— Alameda County Residents (MTC STARS study Table K-9)

	Proximity of Household to Rail Stations and Ferry Terminals						
	Within	1/2 mile	Greater than 1 mile				
Travel Characteristic	1/2 mile	to 1 mile	Urban*	High-Sub**	Low-Sub ‡	Rural†	Total
Home-Based Work							
In-Vehicle Person	56.3%	69.4%	78.0%	86.3%	82.7%	94.5%	78.5%
Vehicle Driver	46.6%	57.6%	68.9%	77.0%	77.3%	84.2%	69.5%
Vehicle Passenger	9.7%	11.8%	9.1%	9.3%	5.4%	10.3%	9.1%
Total Transit	26.5%	18.3%	17.1%	10.0%	13.5%	3.8%	15.0%
Rail and Ferry	23.7%	12.7%	11.1%	6.7%	11.4%	3.8%	10.9%
Bus	2.8%	5.6%	6.0%	3.3%	2.2%	0.0%	4.2%
Bicycle	7.3%	5.2%	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%	2.2%
Walk	8.1%	5.2%	2.8%	2.4%	2.4%	0.6%	3.3%
Other	1.8%	1.9%	1.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.9%
Non-Work Trips							
In-Vehicle Person	46.7%	65.5%	77.1%	80.8%	85.0%	85.1%	75.6%
Vehicle Driver	33.0%	40.5%	47.8%	51.5%	55.6%	55.2%	48.2%
Vehicle Passenger	13.7%	25.0%	29.3%	29.3%	29.5%	29.8%	27.4%
Total Transit	25.6%	7.1%	5.7%	3.7%	2.4%	0.4%	6.2%
Rail and Ferry	5.3%	3.8%	1.6%	1.5%	1.2%	0.3%	2.1%
Bus	20.3%	3.3%	4.1%	2.2%	1.2%	0.2%	4.1%
Bicycle	2.6%	4.5%	2.4%	1.1%	1.0%	0.8%	2.1%
Walk	21.7%	21.1%	13.6%	13.0%	10.3%	12.8%	14.6%
Other	3.4%	1.8%	1.2%	1.4%	1.3%	0.9%	1.5%
Total Trips							
In-Vehicle Person	48.2%	66.5%	77.3%	82.0%	84.6%	87.0%	76.2%
Vehicle Driver	35.2%	44.9%	52.6%	57.0%	60.1%	61.0%	52.8%
Vehicle Passenger	13.0%	21.6%	24.8%	25.0%	24.4%	25.9%	23.4%
Total Transit	25.7%	10.0%	8.3%	5.1%	4.7%	1.1%	8.1%
Rail and Ferry	8.2%	6.1%	3.7%	2.7%	3.3%	1.0%	4.0%
Bus	17.5%	3.9%	4.5%	2.4%	1.4%	0.1%	4.1%
Bicycle	3.3%	4.7%	2.1%	1.1%	1.0%	0.9%	2.1%
Walk	19.5%	17.0%	11.2%	10.7%	8.7%	10.4%	12.2%
Other	3.2%	1.8%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	0.7%	1.4%

<sup>\*</sup> Urban: 10,000 or more persons/mi² (e.g., San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland)

Source: http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/smart\_growth/stars/Appendix\_K\_Alameda\_County\_Residents\_Walkable\_Buffer.pdf, Page K-7

<sup>\*\*</sup> High-Suburban: 6,000 to 9,999 persons/mi² (e.g., Palo Alto, Vallejo, Richmond, San Leandro)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup> Low-Suburban: 500 to 5,999 persons/mi² (e.g., Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Sausalito)

<sup>†</sup> Rural: Less than 500 persons/mi² (e.g., Oakland Hills, Point Reyes Station, Guerneville)

#### **Transit**

Projects should consider impacts to MTS transit operators and riders, including:

- Effects of vehicle traffic on mixed flow transit operations: the analysis should evaluate if vehicle trips generated by the project will cause congestion that degrades transit vehicle operations. Analysis may be qualitative and may be based on auto traffic circulation analysis, but should consider that transit vehicles may have unique considerations compared to autos (e.g., pulling into and out of stops, longer gaps needed for left turns). For instance, the analysis may use information about delay on a key segment or intersection with transit service to determine that impacts to transit operations will exist. It should not be assumed that transit operational impacts will not exist if a roadway operates at better than automobile LOS F. Furthermore, the mitigations required to address transit operations impacts may not be the same as those to address vehicle delay.
- Transit capacity: the analysis should evaluate if transit trips generated by the project will cause ridership to exceed existing transit capacity. Both vehicle and station circulation should be considered, as appropriate. Transit operators should be consulted to see if any routes or stations in the project area require capacity analysis. If a project will cause transit capacity impacts such that additional service will be required, funding for transit operations cannot be assumed and appropriate mitigations considered. If such analysis is required, it should consider volume to capacity ratios. The Alameda CTC can assist in providing ridership data by line or route if needed.
- **Transit access/egress:** the analysis should assess whether pedestrian connections between the project site and transit stops are adequate to support any project trip generation assumed to be served by transit. The site plan should provide good access between buildings and from buildings to transit stops and stations. Sidewalks should be provided

- on both sides of all streets to provide access to bus stops. Sidewalks and curb cuts at intersections should be designed for ADA accessibility. Designs should avoid requiring pedestrians to walk through parking lots to access transit service. The assessment should include consideration of the safety of crossing opportunities, as needed. Qualitative analysis is sufficient to assess this impact type.
- **Future transit service:** developments in areas without current transit service should seek to avoid designs which preclude future transit service. Trip generation estimates should assess the potential for new transit service, and if warranted by demand, the environmental review should address a funding mechanism to support service. Transit operators should be consulted to ensure that project design and surrounding roadway networks can accommodate transit vehicles (e.g., grades, turning radii, lane widths are appropriate). Where a project proposes private shuttle services, a cost analysis of providing this service versus subsidizing existing transit service should be included. Qualitative analysis is sufficient to assess this impact type.
- Consistency with adopted plans: the analysis should disclose whether the project is consistent with plans including transit operators Short Range Transit Plan and Long Range Transit Plan and the future Alameda Countywide Transit Plan, and should consider opportunities to implement the plan in the project vicinity.
- **Circulation Element:** for projects involving major update to a General Plan Circulation Element, local jurisdictions are encouraged to develop and maintain a transit component of their Circulation Element.

#### **Bicycles**

Projects should consider impacts including:

Effects of vehicle traffic on bicyclist conditions: the analysis should evaluate if vehicle trips generated by the project will present barriers to bicyclists safely crossing roadways or executing turning movements

as well as whether project traffic volumes necessitate greater separation between bicyclists and vehicles. This analysis may be qualitative and may be based on auto traffic circulation analysis.

- Site development and roadway improvements: the analysis should evaluate if the project or its mitigations will reduce or sever existing bicycle access or circulation in the area as well as whether the project could produce conflicting movements between bicyclists and vehicle turning into and out of project driveways. Qualitative analysis is sufficient to assess this impact type.
- Consistency with adopted plans: the analysis should disclose whether the project is consistent with the Alameda Countywide Bicycle Plan, and should consider opportunities to implement the plan in the project vicinity, either in conjunction with other roadway improvements required by the project or as a mitigation measure for air quality or traffic circulation impacts. Qualitative analysis is sufficient to assess this impact type.

#### **Pedestrians**

Projects should consider impacts including:

- Effects of vehicle traffic on pedestrian conditions: the analysis should evaluate if vehicle trips generated by the project will present barriers to pedestrians safely crossing roadways at intersections and mid-block crossings. This analysis may be qualitative and may be based on auto traffic circulation analysis.
- Site development and roadway improvements: the analysis should evaluate if the project or its mitigations will reduce or sever existing pedestrian access or circulation in the area as well as whether the project could produce conflicting movements between pedestrian and vehicle turning into and out of project driveways. The need for new crossing opportunities or circulation given project pedestrian access points and likely access/egress routes should be considered. Qualitative analysis is sufficient to assess this impact type.

Consistency with adopted plans: the analysis should disclose whether the project is consistent with the most recent Alameda Countywide Pedestrian Plan, and should consider opportunities to implement the plan in the project vicinity, either in conjunction with other roadway improvements required by the project or as a mitigation measure for air quality or traffic circulation impacts. Qualitative analysis is sufficient to assess this impact type.

#### Other Impacts and Opportunities

Projects should consider impacts including:

- Noise impacts: for projects adjacent to state roadway facilities, the analysis should address noise impacts of the project. If the analysis finds an impact, then mitigation measures (i.e., soundwalls) should be incorporated as part of the conditions of approval of the proposed project. It should not be assumed that federal or state funding is available.
- Transit Oriented Development access: local jurisdictions are encouraged to adopt a comprehensive Transit Oriented Development (TOD) program, including environmentally clearing all access improvements necessary to support TOD as part of environmental documentation.

# Project Delivery and Timely Use of Funds Policy

# **Project Delivery Assistance**

The Alameda CTC will provide consultant services to assist in monitoring the implementation of projects programmed to receive state, federal or TFCA funds programmed by the Alameda CTC. This service will include ongoing collection of project monitoring information and development of a quarterly status report on the delivery status of projects programmed to receive state, federal funds or TFCA funds programmed by the Alameda CTC. The Consultant will also meet with Caltrans local assistance as needed to review the status of the Caltrans review of Alameda County projects.

The Alameda CTC will provide consultant services to project sponsors to assist in the delivery of state, federal or TFCA funded projects programmed through the Alameda CTC. This assistance could include services such as project delivery workshops for sponsors and development and management of a project delivery website. Due to budget limitations in the Alameda CTC's project oversight contract, one on one on call assistance will likely be limited to the review of documents and answering questions relative to a specific funding program. Sponsors that require assistance beyond this level, such as completing documents that are required for project delivery, can contract with the Alameda CTC's oversight consultant directly or request the Alameda CTC expand the current scope of work on a task order basis to provide the necessary support. Any additional task order work completed through the Alameda CTC contract will be reimbursed to the Alameda CTC from the local agency receiving the support. Billing rates for any additional support work will be based on the rates in the current Alameda CTC contract with the oversight consultant.

Agencies receiving funding through the Alameda CTC will, as part of the application process, submit to the Alameda CTC a baseline schedule for project delivery. The Alameda CTC's project monitoring consultant will provide assistance to sponsors in the development of the baseline schedule to insure that all required state and federal approvals are accounted

for in the schedule. Agencies agree to provide the Alameda CTC with quarterly updates on project delivery status and to notify and seek the Alameda CTC's concurrence on any significant changes to the project delivery schedule, scope or cost. The baseline schedule will identify major milestones for each project that are critical for timely delivery of the project. These milestones will likely include start and end dates for: environmental clearance, development of PS&E, acquisition of right of way and construction of the project. Deadlines associated with any timely use of funds provisions such as Caltrans or California Transportation Commission authorizations and/or approvals will also be identified.

The Alameda CTC may host a workshop on project delivery after the adoption of a state/federal/TFCA program by the Alameda Board. The workshop would review the project delivery requirements of the particular funding program(s) adopted by the Alameda CTC and provide an opportunity for project sponsors to have questions related to the specific program answered by both Alameda CTC staff and staff from other agencies that may have project approval authority (i.e., Caltrans, the Air District, MTC). Attendance at this workshop may be mandatory for all project sponsors.

# **Extension and Reprogramming** Requests

The Alameda CTC will consider the following prior to endorsing an extension or reprogramming request: Are the circumstances causing the delay truly "extraordinary," or an oversight during project planning?

Although the circumstances may be unforeseen, baseline project schedules should incorporate risk factors related to unknowns. Are these circumstances "beyond the control" of the implementing agency. Sponsors requesting extensions or reprogramming will be required to provide justification why the circumstances causing the delay are "extraordinary and beyond their control."

Has the project sponsor exercised due diligence in the delivery of the project and is such diligence documented? Have previous milestones in the project delivery scheduled been met and has the Alameda CTC been notified of and concurred with any changes to the schedule? The Alameda CTC should be notified when a delay situation, or potential delay situation, arises in order to be prepared to review the request and to take whatever action may be required to assure no loss of funding to Alameda County. Sponsors requesting extensions or reprogramming must demonstrate that previous milestones identified in the baseline schedule as critical to the delivery of the project have been met, or that the Alameda CTC was notified and concurred with any potential delays to the project schedule.

If the Alameda CTC were to grant an extension or reprogramming, how prepared is the sponsor to meet future delivery deadlines? For example, failure to meet the initial STIP project delivery deadline—project allocation approval—will result in the funds being deprogrammed from the project but returned to the county share. However, once the initial allocation has been received, failure to meet any future SB 45 deadlines will result in a loss of funds to both the project and the county. Sponsors requesting extensions or reprogramming requests must provide the Alameda CTC with a revised schedule for project delivery and a strategy for resolution of the problem that is causing the delay in project delivery. This revised schedule will also provide detail relating to the impact this delay and modified schedule may have on other projects sponsored by the respective agency. The Alameda CTC will consider the circumstances causing the project delivery delay and the impact on other projects being implemented by the sponsor and may deny the extension or reprogramming request until the sponsor can demonstrate an acceptable resolution to the problem causing the delay.

# **Timely Use of Funds Policy**

Any project sponsor that fails to meet a timely use of funds deadline that results in a loss of programmed

funds to Alameda County will be penalized in a future state or federal funding cycle an amount equal to the funds that were lost to Alameda County.

This policy will apply to all funding programs administered by the Alameda CTC. Projects programmed to receive TFCA funds will be subject to additional delivery requirements included in the Alameda CTC's adopted TFCA Timely Use of Funds Policy.

# Glossary of Terms

Air Quality Attainment Plan. The plan for attainment of state air quality standards, as required by the California Clean Air Act of 1988. It is adopted by air quality districts and subject to approval by the State Air Resources Board.

Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32). The California Global Warming Solutions Act passed in 2006, requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop regulations and other measures to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, representing a 25% reduction statewide.

Assembly Bill 84 (AB 84). The original bill number for the legislation that required Project Study Reports (PSRs) and the development of Future Project Development lists by the counties.

Assembly Bill 210 (Wieckowski) (AB 210). Adopted in August 2013, AB 210 extends the authority of the County of Alameda and authorizes the County of Contra Costa to impose the transactions and use tax of no more than 0.5 percent for countywide transportation programs until December 31, 2020, conditioned upon prior voter approval.

Assembly Bill 1358 (Leno) (AB 1358). The Complete Streets Act of 2008 stipulates that during the next major update of their General Plan's Circulation Element, all jurisdictions in California are required to incorporate complete streets principles. Alameda CTC required jurisdictions to adopt complete streets policies by June 30, 2013 as part of the Master Program Funding Agreements signed in 2012. All jurisdictions have met this requirement.

Assembly Bill 1963 (Katz) (AB 1963). This legislation amended the Congestion Management Program in 1994 to define the performance element of the CMP as in Government Code Section 65089(b)(2) and to meet Federal Transportation Act requirements. Since that time, the California Department of Transportation Highway Capacity Manual 2010 and the California

Environmental Quality Act transportation checklist have also emphasized the importance of multimodal transportation system performance measures. (See chapter 4 for the Alameda County CMP multimodal performance measures.)

Assembly Bill 2032 (Dutra) (AB 2032). Adopted in 2004, this legislation authorized implementation of the Interstate 680 Express Lane. The project was completed and opened to traffic in September 2010. The legislation also approved a second express lane in the county. The CMA approved Interstate 580 (I-580) as a candidate corridor, and this project is currently in the design phase. As a first step, the eastbound I-580 high occupancy vehicle lane opened in November 2010.

Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). The regional agency that is responsible for regional planning other than for transportation. ABAG publishes forecasts of projected growth for the region.

Average Daily Traffic (ADT). The average number of vehicles passing a specified point during a 24-hour period.

#### Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).

The regional agency created by the state legislature for the Bay Area air basin (Alameda, Contra Costa, western Solano, southern Sonoma, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara counties) that develops, in conjunction with MTC and ABAG, the state and federal air quality plans for the region. BAAQMD has an active role in approving the TCM (see definition below) plan for the region, as well as in controlling stationary and indirect sources of air pollution.

Bid targets. Based on the county minimum formula, each county is limited in the amount of funds that can be requested from the state in a given STIP cycle. This limit is called the bid target. In a multi-county region such as MTC, bid targets can be pooled to give additional flexibility at the regional level. MTC also uses bid targets for the federal Surface Transportation Program.

California Transportation Commission (CTC). A body appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the legislature that considers Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIPs) and the PSTIP (see definitions below) and then includes transportation projects from these programs into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This qualifies the projects for state funding. The CTC also has financial oversight over the major programs authorized by Propositions 111 and 108.

Caltrans—The California State Department of

**Transportation.** Responsible, as the owner/operator of the state highway system, for its safe operation and maintenance. Proposes projects for Intercity Rail, Interregional Roads, and soundwalls in the PSTIP (see definition below). Also responsible for the HSOPP (see definition below), Toll Bridge, and Aeronautics programs. The TSM and State/Local Partnership Programs are administered by Caltrans. Caltrans is the implementing agency for most state highway projects, regardless of program, and for the Intercity Rail program.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP). As used in this document: A seven-year program of projects to maintain or improve the traffic level of service and performance measures developed by the CMP, and to mitigate regional transportation impacts identified by the CMP Land Use Analysis Program, which conforms to transportation-related vehicle emissions air quality mitigation measures.

Capital Outlay. "All money allocated by the CTC from the State Highway, Account, and the net revenues from the passenger rail transportation Bond Fund for streets, highways, guideways, and rail, but not including allocations or expenditures for projects for maintenance, traffic system management, intercity rail, and the state-local partnership program, which are expended for construction, including the acquisition of rights-of-way, reconstruction, and construction engineering." (Streets and Highways Code 188.)

Capital Priorities. A process used by MTC to evaluate and prioritize transit projects in the region. All sources

of transit funding, including FTA grants, state programs, and other sources are considered. This process involves all of the transit operators in the region, including bus, rail, and ferries.

Congestion Management Agency (CMA). The agency responsible for developing the Congestion Management Program and coordinating and monitoring its implementation.

Congestion Management Program (CMP). A multijurisdictional program to reduce traffic congestion. Required of every county in California with an urbanized area as defined by the Census Bureau (at least 50,000 people).

Council of Governments. A voluntary consortium of local government representatives, from contiguous communities, meeting on a regular basis, and formed to cooperate on common planning and solve common development problems of their area. COGs can function as the RTPAs and MPOs in urbanized areas.

County Minimums. Instituted in 1983 by SB 215 (Foran), the county minimum represents the minimum share of programming each county should receive. Under this statute (Section 188.8 of the Streets and Highways Code), 70 percent of the capital outlay (defined above) funds must be expended in each county according to a formula based 75 percent on county population and 25 percent on state highway miles in the county. The county minimum calculated over a fixed five year period called a quinquennium.

**Database.** 1) A collection of data from which information is derived and from which decisions can be made; and 2) A non-redundant collection of data items that can be processed by one or more computer applications.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). A division of the U.S. Department of Transportation, established to ensure development of an effective national road and highway transportation system. It assists states in constructing highways and roads, and provides financial aid at the local level.

Federal Transit Administration (FTA). A division of the U.S. Department of Transportation, delegated by the Secretary of Transportation to administer the federal transit program under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, and various other statutes.

FTA Section 3 Funds. Discretionary transit capital fund provided by the federal government through FTA. New Rail Starts and Extensions are funded through this program, which operates through earmarking at the Congressional level. The Section 3 program is updated approximately every four years. The minimum local match is 20 percent, although larger local shares are encouraged.

FTA Section 8 Funds. Transit operating funds provided by the federal government through UMTA. Made available through Section 8 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1972, Section 8 funds are available for planning components of the operating budget, only, such as development of Short Range Transit Plan.

FTA Section 9 Capital Funds. Capital funds provided by the Federal government through FTA. Section 9 capital funds are available to support capital purchases only. They must be matched with local capital funds on an 80 percent federal. 20 percent local basis.

FTA Section 9 Operating Funds. Operating funds provided by the Federal government through FTA. Available only to support annual operating budgets. Capital purchases must be supported with other funds. The total amount of Section 9 operating funds is determined by Congress each year and is then divided among regions and operators within regions on a formula basis.

FTA Section 16 (b) 2 Funds. Funds provided by the federal government through FTA to private non-profit providers of transportation for the elderly and handicapped. Program is administered annually in the Bay Area by MTC.

FTA Section 18 Funds. Transit funds provided by the federal government through FTA by formula to rural areas. Administered by Caltrans in California, these

funds can be used for either capital or operating expenses. Capital projects require a 20 percent local match. Operating projects require a 50 percent local match.

Flexible Congestion Relief (FCR). One of the state's funding programs for local or regional transportation projects that will reduce congestion. State highway projects, local roads, and rail guideway projects are all eligible.

Fund Estimate. The STIP cycle begins with the development of the Fund Estimate, which compares existing commitments against total estimated revenue expected from state and federal sources. Caltrans estimates state and federal funds "reasonably expected" in annual increments for 7 years (the STIP period). The calculation of existing capital program commitments is based on Caltrans' Project Delivery Report (see definition below), while non capital expenditures of operation and administration costs are estimated based on current spending and projected needs. This comparison of revenues to commitments results in an estimate of total uncommitted funds that are available for programming and which are then prorated to each program category. The Fund Estimate is required by law to be submitted by 7/15 of odd-numbered years and to be adopted by the CTC by 8/15 of odd numbered years. CTC adopts a policy, known as the "Fund Estimate Methodology" that guides Caltrans in formulating the Fund Estimate.

High Occupancy Vehicle Lane (HOV). A lane of freeway reserved for the use of vehicles with more than a preset number of occupants; such vehicles often include buses, taxis and carpools.

Indirect Source Control Measure. The Federal Clean Air Act defines indirect source as "...a facility, building, structure, installation, real property, road or highway which attracts, or may attract, mobile sources of pollution." An indirect source control measure is a rule or ordinance established to reduce the mobile source emissions associated with specific activity centers such as those noted above.

Interregional Road System (IRRS). On February 1, 1990, Caltrans submitted a plan to the state legislature that identified a set of projects that "will provide the most adequate interregional road system to all economic centers in the State." Statute defines eligible routes that were included, and specified that these be located outside the boundaries of urbanized areas of over 50,000 population, "except as necessary to provide connection for continuation of the routes within urban areas." From this plan, Caltrans includes projects, consistent with the Fund estimate, in its PSTIP to the CTC for programming in the STIP.

Level of Service (LOS). A qualitative measure describing operational conditions within a traffic stream; generally described in terms of such factors as speed and travel time, freedom to maneuver, traffic interruptions, comfort and convenience, and safety.

#### Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Created by the state legislature in 1970 to prepare a Regional Transportation Plan for the nine counties of the Bay Area. Other important responsibilities include: approving transportation projects that receive state or federal funding, allocating several sources of funds for transit operations, evaluating the performance of the transportation system and the provision of transportation service, promoting and setting guidelines for transit systems coordination, and advocating adequate transportation funding. MTC consists of 16 voting members, including one member from ABAG, and one member from the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. MTC also includes 2 non-voting members, from the state and federal transportation agencies.

Metropolitan Transportation System. A regional, multi-modal transportation system defined as part of MTC's RTP (see definition below). Emphasizes a balanced strategy of highway, arterial, and transit capital investments and operational improvements to manage congestion projected over the next 20 years.

Model: Gravity. A mathematical trip distribution model that is based on the premise that the amount of travel between two zones in proportional to the amount of activity in each of the two zones and inversely

proportional to the impedance to travel between the two zones. In other words, trips produced in any given area will distribute themselves in accordance with the accessibility of other areas and the opportunities.

Model: Land Use. A model used to predict the future spatial allocation of urban activities (land use), given total regional growth, the future transportation system, and other factors.

Model: Mode Choice. A model used to forecast the proportion of total person trips on each of the available transportation modes.

Model: Regional Growth. A model used to estimate land uses in a region.

Model: Travel Demand. A mathematical equation or graphic technique used to simulate traffic movements, particularly those in urban areas or on a freeway.

MTC Resolution No. 3434. The Regional Transit Expansion Program adopted by MTC in 2001 as Resolution 3434 identifies the regional commitment to transit investments in the Bay Area. It has been amended many times. The most recent September 2008 amendment identifies a nearly \$18 billion investment in new rail and bus projects that will improve mobility and enhance connectivity for residents in Alameda County and the Bay Area. For Alameda County, Resolution 3434 includes the following transit expansion projects:

- AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit in Berkeley/Oakland/ San Leandro
- AC Transit Enhanced Bus/Bus Rapid Transit: Grand-MacArthur corridor
- BART Warm Springs Extension to San Jose
- **Dumbarton Rail**
- Ferry service expansions in Alameda and Berkeley

MTC Resolution No. 3866. Adopted in February 2010, the Transit Coordination Implementation Plan, which includes a regional Transit Connectivity Plan and Implementation Requirements, coordinates

public transportation services between public transit operators, including coordination of fares and schedules for all public transit systems within MTC's jurisdiction, and details a cohesive strategy for easing passengers' movement from one transit system to another.

MTC Resolution No. 4035. Adopted in May 2012, Resolution 4035 sets forth project selection policies and programming for the federal Surface Transportation Program (STP)/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding available to MTC for its programming discretion as part of the federal Transportation Improvement Program. Resolution 4035 established the One Bay Area Grant Program, which integrates the region's federal transportation program with California's climate law (Senate Bill 375) Sustainable Communities Strategy for the Bay Area by promoting transportation investments in Priority Development Areas.

North/South Split. State law (Section 188 of the Streets and Highway Code) requires that programming be balanced so that 60 percent of the capital outlay (see definition above) is spent in the 11 Southern counties, and 40 percent is spent in the North (45 counties). This balance must occur for the period July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1993, and for each subsequent five year period. This rule has a serious impact on the type of projects programmed in the North or the South. Rehabilitation and safety funds have historically tended to be spent roughly 60 percent in the north, and only 40 percent in the South, due to worse weather conditions and more mountainous roads in the North. In addition, engineering costs are relatively higher in the North than in the South. Furthermore, Caltrans' project support for locally funded projects, of which the North has a disproportionate share, is also included. Thus, funds for capacity increasing projects have historically been weighted towards the South, so that the overall balance remains 60 percent/40 percent.

**Obligation.** An action by an administrative agency approving the spending of money for a specific purpose to a specific grant recipient.

Pavement Management System (PMS). Required by Section 2108.1 of the Streets and Highways Code, any jurisdiction that wishes to qualify for funding under the STIP must have a PMS that is in conformance with the criteria adopted by the Joint City/County/State Cooperation Committee. At a minimum, the PMS must contain:

- An inventory of the arterial and collector routes in the jurisdiction that is reviewed and updated at least biennially;
- An assessment of pavement condition for all routes in the system, updated biennially;
- Identification of all sections of pavement needing rehabilitation or replacement; and
- Determination of budget needs for rehabilitation or replacement of deficient sections of pavement for the current biennial period, and for the following biennial period.

Certification is done by implementing jurisdiction and submittal to MTC. MTC then makes a finding of agreement with the certification and transmits the certification to the CTC with the RTIP.

Peak (Peak Period, Rush Hours). 1) The period during which the maximum amount of travel occurs. It may be specified as the morning (A.M.) or afternoon or evening (P.M.). 2) The period when demand for transportation service is the heaviest.

Principal Arterial. The functional classification system at the federal level defines principal arterials for rural areas, urbanized areas, and small urban areas. (Note: other definitions of principal arterials exist). In urbanized areas, the principal arterial system can be identified as unusually significant to the area in which it lies in terms of the nature and composition of travel. Principal arterials derive their importance from service to rural oriented traffic, but equally or even more importantly, from service for major movements within the urbanized area. The principal arterial system should carry the major portion of trips entering and

leaving the urban area, as well as the majority of through movements desiring to bypass the central city. In addition, significant intra-area travel, such as between major business districts and outlying residential areas, between major inner city communities, or between major suburban centers should be served by this system. Frequently, the principal arterial system will carry important intra-urban as well as intercity bus routes. Finally, this system in small urban and urbanized areas should provide continuity for all rural arterials which intercept the urban boundary. Because of the nature of the travel served by the principal arterial system, almost all fully and partially controlled access facilities will be part of this functional system. However, this system is not restricted to controlled access routes. The spacing of urban principal arterials will be closely related to the trip-end density characteristics of particular portions of the urban areas. The US Department of Transportation provides the guidance than 50-65 percent of the VMT should be accounted for on the principal arterial system.

Project Delivery Report. Government Code Section 14525.5 requires Caltrans to submit to the legislature by November 15 of each year a report on the delivery of all state highway projects in the adopted STIP which cost \$1M or more and for which the department is the responsible agency for project development work (including some, but not all locally funded projects). The report must identify milestone dates by month and year for these projects, and must summarize the number of projects which met milestones and identify those that failed to meet one or more milestones. For those that failed, the report must explain the reasons for the delay and present a plan to resolve any problems and a new schedule for delivery. The Plan must also include an estimate of Caltrans' capital outlay project development staffing needs for the next fiscal year in order to delivery the adopted STIP. The Report must also include a determination of the portion of project development work that will be performed by Caltrans and the portion that will be "contracted out." This Plan is then assessed by the Legislative Analyst in its annual analysis of the Governor's proposed budget.

Project Study Report (PSR). Chapter 878 of Statutes 1987 requires that any capacity increasing project on the state highway system, prior to programming the STIP, have a completed PSR. The PSR must include a detailed description of the project scope and estimated costs. The intent of this legislation was to improve the accuracy of the schedule and costs shown in the STIP, and thus improve the overall accuracy of the estimates of STIP delivery and costs.

#### Proposed State Transportation Improvement Program

(PSTIP). This seven-year program is based on the adopted STIP and the most recent Project Delivery Report. It may include additional schedule changes and/or cost changes, plus new projects that Caltrans proposed for the interregional road system, retrofit soundwalls, and toll bridge and aeronautics programs, as well as the intercity rail program. Caltrans may also propose, under specified conditions, alternative FCR projects to those proposed in the RTIPs; this is the only overlap with the RTIPs. The PSTIP is due to the CTC on 12/1 of odd numbered years.

**Proposition 116.** Passed by voters in June of 1990, this initiative sponsored by the Planning and Conservation League provides \$1.99B in rail bonds, primarily to projects specified in the legislation. Guidelines for the implementation of the program were available in the Fall of 1990.

Public Transit (Mass Transit). Passenger transportation service, usually local in scope, that is available to any person who pays a prescribed fare. Operated on established schedules along designated routes or lines with specific stops and is designed to move relatively large numbers of people at one time. Examples include bus, ferry, light rail and rapid transit.

Public Transportation. Transportation service to the public on a regular basis using vehicles that transport more than one person for compensation, usually but not exclusively over a set route or routes from one fixed point to another. Routes and schedules may be determined through a cooperative arrangement. Subcategories include public transit service, and

paratransit service that are available to the general public.

Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). A list of proposed transportation projects submitted to the CTC by the regional transportation planning agency (for the Bay Area, MTC), as a request for state funding. The individual projects are first proposed by the CMAs, then evaluated and prioritized by the regional agency for submission to the CTC. The RTIP has a seven year planning horizon, and is updated every two years. MTC may only include projects in its RTIP that are first included in a CMP.

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A comprehensive 20-year plan for the region, updated every two years by the regional transportation planning agency (for the Bay Area, MTC). The RTP includes goals, objectives and policies, and recommends specific transportation improvements.

**Ridesharing.** Two or more persons traveling by any mode, including but not limited to, carpooling, vanpooling, taxipooling, jitney and public transit.

Regional Traffic Signalization and Operations Program (RTSOP). Administered by MTC, this program was created to fund traffic signalization projects that implement cost effective traffic control measures. The types of eligible projects include signal re-timing; upgrades of existing controllers to comply with AB 3418 and NTCIP; repair, replacement, installation, and improvement of hard-wire interconnect systems; and upgrade and improvements to traffic signal systems.

Senate Bill 45 (Kopp) (SB 45). In 1997, this legislation had a significant impact on the regional transportation planning and programming process, by amending the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) process. The statute delegated major planning decisions to the regional transportation planning agencies (RTPAs), requiring them to take a more active role in selecting and programming transportation projects and encouraged more decision-making through partnerships among stakeholders. It divided STIP into two sub-programs and designated 75 percent

of funding to the region for the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and 25 percent of funding to the California Department of Transportation for the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP). SB 45 changed the transportation funding structure; modified the transportation programming cycle, program components, and expenditure priorities; and required the development and implementation of transportation system performance measures.

Senate Bill 226 (Simitian) (SB 226). In 2011, the Office of Planning Research issued regulations to implement SB 226, which seeks to streamline environmental review for eligible infill development projects. These Infill Streamlining updates to the California Environment Quality Act Guidelines also contain the performance standards used to determine an infill project's eligibility for a streamlined review.

Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg) (SB 375). Adopted in October 2008, SB 375 requires California's MPOs to prepare a "sustainable communities strategy (SCS)" that demonstrates how the region will meet its greenhouse gas reduction target through integrated land use, housing and transportation planning.

Senate Bill 743 (Steinberg) (SB 743). Adopted in September 2013, SB 743 includes a series of amendments to the California Environmental Quality Act that streamline the environmental review process, encourage infill development, overhaul traditional impact analysis metrics, and exempt certain projects in transit priority areas. For the Congestion Management Program, it removed the sunset date for establishing the infill opportunity zones including related alternative level of service standard requirements.

Senate Bill 916 (Perata) (SB 916). As amended in June 2003, this bill required the supervisors of the counties of San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Solano to call a special election in March 2004 on Regional Measure 2 (RM2) authorizing a comprehensive Regional Traffic Relief Plan (RTRP). The voters in those counties passed the measure, which authorized a \$1 toll surcharge to fund specified transportation projects and programs.

In addition, the bill required the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to adopt a regional transit connectivity plan. The latest plan highlights connectivity improvements at 21 regional transit hubs around the Bay Area.

**Senate Bill 1474 (Kopp) (SB 1474).** Passed in 1996, this bill requires the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to adopt, in coordination with a regional transit coordinating council, rules and regulations to promote the coordination of fares and schedules for all public transit systems within its jurisdiction. See MTC Resolution No. 3866 regarding the Transit Coordination Implementation Plan.

Senate Bill 1636 (Figueroa) (SB 1636). Signed by the governor in 2002, this bill established "infill opportunity zones" (IOZs) to encourage transit supportive and infill developments. The statute exempted infill opportunity zones from the requirements to maintain level of service E. None of the local jurisdictions within Alameda County established or adopted infill opportunity zones by the statute's sunset period of December 2009. Senate Bill 743 instituted key changes to the CMP statute that support infill development, including lifting the sunset date on designating IOZs and directing the governor's Office of Planning and Research to develop new metrics for assessment of transportation impacts to replace the level of service measure.

Short Range Transit Plans (SRTP). A seven-year comprehensive plan required by federal and regional transportation funding agencies of all transit operators. The plans must define the operator's mission, analyze its past and current performance, and plan specific operational and capital improvements to realize its short-term objectives.

State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) [Formerly called the Highway System Operations and Protection Plan (HSOPP)]. A program created by state legislation that includes state highway safety and rehabilitation projects, seismic retrofit projects, land and buildings projects, landscaping, some operational improvements, bridge replacement,

and the minor program. SHOPP is a four year program of projects, adopted separately from the STIP cycle. The June 1990 gas tax increase partially funds the program, but it is primarily funded through the "old" 9 cent gas tax and federal funds. For the purposes of the Fund Estimate, a formula based on a pavement index and safety concerns is used to estimate an additional 3 years of the SHOPP program.

State Implementation Plan (SIP). State plan required by the Federal Clean Air Act of 1990 to attain and maintain national ambient air quality standards. It is adopted by local air quality districts and the State Air Resources Board.

State/Local Partnership. Originally created by SB 140, and subsequently funded by the passage of Proposition 111 by the voters in June of 1990, the State/Local Partnership provides state matching funds for locally funded and constructed highway and exclusive public mass transit guideway projects. \$2 billion over ten years have been designated for this program. Eligible projects are defined by the legislation and clarified by guidelines published by the Caltrans Division of Local Streets and Roads. Applications are annually submitted to Caltrans (by June 30 for the following fiscal year), which administers the program. The amount of state match available in a given year is dependent upon the number of eligible applicants and the size of the appropriation to the program by the legislature during the budget process. The state match can not exceed 50 percent.

**State Transit Assistance (STA).** This program provides funding for transit and transportation planning. Fifty percent of the revenues transferred to the TP&D Account (see definition below) are appropriated to STA. STA apportionments to regional transportation planning agencies (MTC in the Bay Area) are determined by two formulas. 50 percent by populations and 50 percent by the amount of operator revenues (fares, sales tax, etc.) for the prior year. The Bay Area usually receives about 38 percent of the amount available for STA state-wide. STA funds may be used for transit capital or operating expenditures. Passage of

Proposition 117 disallows use of STA funds for streets and roads in the non-urban counties.

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). A list of transportation projects, proposed in RTIPs and the PSTIP, which are approved for funding by the CTC.

Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). Mandated by Senate Bill 375, it is an Integrated Transportation, Land Use and Housing Plan required to be developed by the 18 Metropolitan Planning Organizations in California to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The SCS will be adopted as an element of the Regional Transportation Plan.

#### Traffic Systems Management (TSM) Program. A

state-funded program that funds those projects which "increase the number of person trips on the highway system in a peak period, without significantly increasing the design capacity of the system, measured by vehicle trips, and without increasing the number of through traffic lanes". This program is funded outside of the STIP process, through direct application to Caltrans. The CTC programs the projects from a prioritized list submitted by Caltrans. Statute requires that priority be given to projects from counties with adopted CMPs.

Transit Capital Improvement Program (TCI). A state program, currently funded primarily from the TP&D account (see definition below) for transit capital projects and the STA program (see definition above). An annual program, all state funds must be matched 50 percent by local funds.

Transit Operators Coordinating Council (TOCC). A statutorily created committee of MTC that consists of the General Managers of the major transit operators in the region. It meets monthly to discuss matters of mutual concern and to advise MTC.

Transportation Control Measures (TCMs). A measure intended to reduce pollutant emissions from motor vehicles. Examples of TCMs include programs to encourage ridesharing or public transit usage, city or county trip reduction ordinances, and the use of cleaner burning fuels in motor vehicles. MTC has

adopted specific TCMs, in compliance with the Federal and State Clean Air Acts that can be found in MTC Resolution No. 3758 and the Transportation Control Measure Plan for the State Clean Air Plan prepared by MTC in January 2006.

Transportation Demand Management (TDM). "Demandbased" techniques for reducing traffic congestion, such as ridesharing programs and flexible work schedules enabling employees to commute to and from work outside of the peak hours.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A federally required document produced by the regional transportation planning agency (MTC in the Bay Area) that states the investment priorities for transit and transitrelated improvements, mass transit guideways, general aviation and highways. The TIP is the MTC's principal means of implementing long-term planning objectives through specific projects.

Transportation Management Association (TMA). A consortium of business and industry (private sector) interests formed to help solve mutual transportation problems. A TMA is not in any form a publicly sponsored or coordinated agency or group.

Transportation Planning and Development Account (TP&D). A state account, funded by the sales tax on the new 9 cent gas tax and the diesel sales tax, that is the primary funding source for the TCI (see definition above) program.

Transportation System Management (TSM). A set of relatively low-cost techniques to relieve congestion without adding vehicle capacity to the transportation system. TSM techniques are numerous. Some are "demand-based" techniques such as ridesharing programs and flexible work schedules enabling employees to commute to and from work outside of the peak hours. (Sometimes the demand-based strategies are referred to as TDM). Other TSM measures are engineering-oriented, such as timing traffic signals to smooth the flow of traffic, and ramp metering, which regulates the entrance of vehicles onto a freeway, increasing the efficiency of the freeway.

**Urban and Commuter Rail.** A state funding program financed by the sales and bonds authorized by Proposition 108. Two additional bond measures to fund this program were rejected by voters in 1992 and 1994. All projects must be matched 50 percent by local funds. Projects are proposed through the CMP process to regional agencies, which then may include them in their RTIPs.

Urbanized Area. As defined by the Bureau of the Census, a population concentration of at least 50,000 inhabitants, generally consisting of a central city and the surrounding, closely settled, contiguous territory (suburbs). The boundary is based primarily on a population density of 1,000 people/mile, but also includes some less densely settled areas, as well as such areas as industrial parks and railroad yards, if they are within areas of dense urban development. The boundaries of urbanized areas, the specific criteria used to determine urbanized areas, or both, may change in subsequent censuses.

Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). Travel demand forecasting (modeling) is used to generate the average trip lengths for a region. The average trip length measure can then be used in estimating vehicle miles of travel, which in turn is used in estimating gasoline usage or mobile source emissions of air pollutants.

Vehicle Occupancy. The number of people aboard a vehicle at a given time; also known as auto or automobile occupancy when the reference is to automobile travel only.

**Vehicle Trip.** A one-way movement of a vehicle between two points.

# Glossary of Acronyms

ABAG	Association of Bay Area Governments	GPA	General Plan Amendment
AC Transit	Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District	GRH	Guaranteed Ride Home Program
ACCMA	Alameda County Congestion Management Agency	НСМ	Highway Capacity Manual
		HOT	High Occupancy Toll
ACE	Altamont Commuter Express	HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle
ACTA	Alameda County Transportation Authority (1986 Measure B authority)	GOA	Growth Opportunity Areas
ACTAC	Committee  Alameda County Transportation	JPA	Joint Powers Agreement
ACTIA		LAVTA	Livermore-Amador Valley Transportation Authority
7(01)/(		LOS	Level of Service
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	MTC	Metropolitan Transportation Commission
ATG	Automobile Trip Generated	MTS	Metropolitan Transportation System
BAAQMD	Bay Area Air Quality Management District	NEPA	National Environmental Protection Agency
BART	Bay Area Rapid Transit District		
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation	NOP	Notice of Preparation
CARB	California Air Resources Board	O/D	Origin/Designation
СВТР	Community Based Transportation Plan	PCI	Pavement Condition Index
CDT	Community Design Transportation	PDA	Priority Development Areas
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
CIP	Capital Investment Program	RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	SCS	Sustainable Communities Strategy
CMP	Congestion Management Program	SCTVA	Santa Clara Transportation Valley
CTC	California Transportation Commission		Authority
CWTP	Countywide Transportation Plan	SFCTA	San Francisco County Transportation Authority
EIR	Environmental Impact Report		
FWHA	Federal Highway Administration	SIP	State Implementation Plan
GOA	Growth Opportunity Areas	STA	State Transit Assistance

STIP State Transportation Improvement

Program

STP Surface Transportation Program

**SWITRS** Statewide Integrated Traffic Record

System

**TASAS** Traffic Accident Surveillance and Analysis

System

TAZTraffic Analysis Zones

TCM Transportation Control Measures

**TCRP** Transportation Congestion Relief Program

Travel Demand Management **TDM** 

TEP Transportation Expenditure Plan

**TFCA** Transportation Fund for Clean Air

TIP Transportation Improvement Program

TLC Transportation for Livable Communities

**TMS** Transportation Management System

TOD Transit Oriented Development

TOS Transportation Operations System

V/C Volume/Capacity

Vehicle miles traveled VMT