

SECTION 2
PROGRAMMING/ALLOCATION GUIDELINES FOR
2014 MEASURE BB
ARTERIALS GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Arterials Grant Program includes discretionary funding from the 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan (2014 TEP). This program aims to support the arterials in our community that serve as major commute routes for those traveling by transit, auto, bicycle, or foot, and enhance access to jobs, stores, and more through capital infrastructure investments, service operations, and innovative projects. This program focuses on improvements to major roads, bridges, freight corridors, or quiet zones.

The 2014 Measure BB funds shall be allocated and expended in accordance with the requirements of the expenditure plan. The specific funding requirements related to the expenditure and reimbursement of the 2014 Measure BB funds allocated to projects as part of the Arterials Grant Program shall be included in the funding agreements required between the Alameda CTC and the fund recipient.

FUND SOURCE

2014 Measure BB

Measure BB, approved by Alameda County voters in November 2014, authorizes the collection of a half-cent transportation sales tax and augments the existing 2000 sales tax program. Collection of the sales tax began on April 1, 2015 and will continue through March 30, 2045. The 2014 TEP outlines projects and programs (“projects”) that will be funded with the sales tax revenues. Ten percent (10%) of the net revenue collected is dedicated to funding congestion relief, local bridge, and seismic safety type projects benefiting arterials and roadways that improve the mobility of transit riders, motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, as well as the movement of goods to stores and consumers within Alameda County.

Funds will be periodically distributed by Alameda CTC for projects with proven abilities to improve accessibility, enhance operational efficiencies, increase safety, and reduce congestion. Such activities include projects that remove bottlenecks, improve safety, enhance operations, and enhance alternatives to single occupant auto travel in key commute corridors.

Examples of commute corridors eligible for funding include:

- *North County Major Roadways*: Solano Avenue Pavement resurfacing and beautification; San Pablo Avenue Improvements; State Route 13/Ashby Avenue corridor; Marin Avenue

local road safety; Gilman railroad crossing; Park Street, High Street and Fruitvale Bridge replacements; Powell Street Bridge widening at Christie; East 14th Street improvements and Oakland Army Base transportation infrastructure improvements.

- *Central County Major Roadways:* Crow Canyon Road safety improvements, San Leandro local road resurfacing, Lewelling Road/Hesperian Boulevard improvements and Tennyson Road grade separation.
- *South County Major Roadways:* East-west connector in North Fremont and Union City, I-680/I-880 cross connectors, Fremont Boulevard improvements, upgrades to the relinquished Route 84 in Fremont, Central Avenue Overcrossing, Thornton Avenue widening, Mowry Avenue and Newark local streets.
- *East County Major Roadways:* Greenville Road widening, El Charro Road improvements, Dougherty Road widening, Dublin Boulevard widening and Bernal Bridge construction.
- *Countywide Freight Corridors:* Outer Harbor Intermodal Terminal at the Port of Oakland, 7th Street grade separation and roadway improvement in Oakland, as well as truck routes serving the Port of Oakland.

PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATION PRIORITIES

The Arterials Grant Program seeks to award projects that advance goals identified in the Countywide Multimodal Arterials Plan and as identified in the Measure BB expenditure plan. The programming and allocation primary priority shall be towards projects that contribute significantly to furthering countywide mobility along arterials. This program recognizes that concentrating improvements in key arterial corridors will improve access and efficiencies, increase safety, and reduce congestion. In general, competitive projects are those that serve residents from more than one specific planning area or jurisdiction in Alameda County.

Priority (in no particular order) is given to projects as follows:

1. **Regional projects or corridors identified in the Transportation Expenditure Plan:** Priority consideration is given to regional projects that are identified in the Transportation Expenditure Plans.
2. **Projects aligned with needs established in the Multimodal Arterials Plan:** Priority consideration is given to projects that align with the modal priorities and needs as established in the Countywide Multimodal Arterials Plan.

3. **Measure BB Capital Program Delivery Plan:** Priority consideration is given to projects and priorities determined through the Alameda CTC Measure BB Capital Program Delivery Plan.
4. **Enhance multimodal connectivity:** Priority consideration is given to projects that enhance the reliability, safety, and connectivity of transit, bicycle and pedestrian networks.
5. **Congestion relief and increased mobility:** Priority consideration is given to projects identified as significantly improving congestion on major commute corridors and facilitating connectivity and travel over multiple jurisdictions.
6. **State of Good Repair:** Priority consideration is given to projects that improve the conditions of existing transportation facilities or address conditions that would otherwise deteriorate if left unimproved.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligible projects include improvements that expand and enhance mobility, access, safety, and convenience in Alameda County. The program goal is to fund projects that will best serve the County. Alameda CTC's evaluation process will consider the balance of all project types, and prioritize improvements relative to each other (i.e. capital projects to capital projects, operations to operations, study to study), as feasible and practical.

Arterials Grant Program funds will be available for projects that include, but are not limited to the following:

Capital Infrastructure

- Resurfacing and beautification
- Local road safety improvements
- Intersection enhancements
- Traffic/signal operation improvements
- Grade separations and railroad crossings
- Bridge replacements
- Cross connectors
- Truck route improvements
- Quiet zone enhancements
- Education, enforcement and promotion programs

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