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Alameda CTC to Launch Recount of Measure B1

Narrow Margin Leads Commission to Revisit Measure B1 on Behalf of 66.53% of Voters

Alameda County – California. The Alameda County Registrar of Voters certified the November 6, 2012 election on Wednesday, November 21, 2012, and the final tally showed Measure B1 just 0.14 percent shy of the two-thirds threshold needed for passage. The Alameda County Transportation Commission has submitted a recount request for Measure B1 to the Registrar of Voters and anticipates a recount beginning as soon as December 3, 2012.

"We have an obligation to the 66.53 percent of Alameda County voters who supported Measure B1 to leave no stone unturned," said Arthur L. Dao, Executive Director. "After receiving such strong support, we won't turn away a critical \$7.8 billion investment prematurely."

Measure B1 would extend and augment the existing half-cent county transportation sales tax, which county voters approved in 1986 and again in 2000. Measure B1 expenditures would be guided by the <u>2012 Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP)</u>, which was unanimously approved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and all 14 Alameda County cities. The TEP is a comprehensive, multimodal plan created with broad and diverse input by nearly 2,000 residents and groups representing drivers, transit riders, seniors, people with disabilities, bicycle and pedestrian advocates, environmentalists, educators, businesses and unions.

By placing Measure B1 on the ballot, Alameda CTC was responding to the need to develop new funding solutions for transportation – to update critical transportation infrastructure, fund mass transit and paratransit operations, increase transit choices and reduce congestion and pollution. Alameda CTC has already leveraged \$756 million of current Measure B funds into \$3.8 billion in capital improvements in Alameda County – more than \$2.5 billion worth are under construction now – and has pumped \$495 million back into local businesses in Alameda County in the past decade, creating nearly 5,100 jobs per year.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission

The mission of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is to plan, fund and deliver transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. Alameda CTC coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers the expenditure plan for the half-cent sales tax approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000. For more information, visit <u>www.alamedactc.org</u>; <u>www.facebook.com/AlamedaCTC</u>; @AlamedaCTC