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Citizens Watchdog Committee Reports on Transportation Investments

11th Annual Report to the Public covers Measure B sales tax expenditures and project highlights

Alameda County - California. On August 22, 2013, the Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) released its [11th Annual Report to the Public](#), covering fiscal year 2011-2012. The report notes that audited income and expenditures were in compliance with specific caps and that the auditors identified no accounting concerns. It also provides an update on the delivery of voter-approved programs and projects funded by Measure B, Alameda County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements.

“Alameda CTC is responsible for allocating Measure B sales tax dollars for a wide range of transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility, and the CWC is responsible for providing independent oversight of these expenditures to demonstrate to voters and businesses of Alameda County that Measure B is delivering on its promise,” said Citizens Watchdog Committee Chair James Paxson, “The review and analysis done by the CWC play a key role in making sure that Measure B funds are spent in accordance with the wishes of the voters.”

Measure B was approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000. In fiscal year 2011-2012, Alameda CTC received \$112.6 million in revenue and expended \$149.7 million as follows:

- \$92.0 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.
- \$16.7 million for highway and streets projects.
- \$36.8 million for cities and Alameda County for local transportation improvements, including local streets and roads, and bicycle and pedestrian projects.

- \$3.2 million for general administration.
- \$1.0 million for direct program and project management and oversight.

The Citizens Watchdog Committee was created in 2002, after reauthorization of the local sales tax measure in 2000, to review agency financial audits and reports as well as the deadlines for program and project completion. Approximately 60 percent of the sales tax revenues, minus administrative costs, funds programs, and approximately 40 percent, minus administrative costs, funds capital projects. Part of the committee's responsibility is to issue an annual report to voters and taxpayers to report on the sales tax fund expenditures, and it keeps watch on all projects, programs and administrative costs.

The CWC Annual Report as well as audits of each agency receiving Measure B funds are available to the public on the [Alameda CTC website](#). Hard copies of the report can be requested via e-mail to aayers@alamedactc.org, via mail to Alameda CTC offices at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94607, or via telephone to 510.208.7400.

About 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 www.alamedactc.org.

About the Alameda CTC Citizens Watchdog Committee

The Citizens Watchdog Committee is made up of 17 members, all of whom must be a resident of Alameda County. CWC members are not elected officials at any level of government nor public employees from agencies that either oversee or benefit from the proceeds of the sales tax measure. Members are appointed for a two-year term, as follows:

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

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