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## **Alameda CTC to Honor Caldecott Fourth Bore Medallion Design Competition Winners and Commission Chair**

*Alameda CTC to Honor Young Alameda County Participants and Outgoing Chair Mayor Mark Green*

*Alameda County - California.* The Alameda County Transportation Commission will honor and celebrate Alameda County students who participated in the Caldecott Fourth Bore Medallion Design Competition during its monthly Commission meeting on Thursday, December 6 from 4-4:30 p.m. under Agenda Item 9 - Members Reports.

The ceremony will honor three students whose designs were chosen to adorn the Alameda County side of the new Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore, as well as the 30 students selected to receive honorable mentions, and all students who submitted entries to the Medallion Design Competition from Alameda County.

All participants are invited to attend the brief ceremony, which will be led by Commission Chair, Mayor Mark Green of Union City, and Caltrans District 4 Director, Bijan Sartipi.

The Caldecott Fourth Bore Medallion Design Competition was launched on March 26, 2012 to provide children in grades K-12 in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties an opportunity to play a role in the design of an important architectural detail of the Fourth Bore. The competition drew more than 300 entries from both counties. Judging panels in each county convened to select designs for the medallions. The Alameda County panel ultimately selected the designs of 10-year-old Ellina Bartholomew Coutts, 11-year-old Aoife Gorshow, and 8-year-old Nuala Gorshow. The three medallion designs chosen to adorn the Contra Costa County side of the tunnel were submitted by 16-year-old Daniell McCann, 8-year-old Chaya Tong, and 13-year-old Penelope Watson, all honored by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority at a celebration earlier this fall.

The Caldecott Fourth Bore will have three medallions cast out of concrete on each side of the tunnel. The selected artwork from the design competition will inform the development of molds, which will be used for medallions that will become a permanent feature of this regional landmark.

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When it opens to traffic in late 2013, the Fourth Bore will relieve traffic congestion in the off-peak direction along this heavily travelled section of State Route 24 by permanently dedicating two bores to westbound traffic and two to eastbound traffic. The \$402.1 million Caldecott Fourth Bore Project is one of the largest recipients of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding in the nation – a testament to the regional importance of this project.

Also on December 6, Alameda CTC will honor outgoing Commission Chair, Mayor Mark Green, a significant champion of transportation projects and funding throughout his 19-year tenure as Mayor of Union City and as Chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission since its inception in 2010.

“Alameda County has benefited for two decades from the vision and innovative leadership of Mayor Mark Green,” said Alameda CTC Executive Director Arthur Dao, “and we will truly miss him. It was Mayor Green’s hard work and leadership that led to the passage of Measure B in 2000, and his vision led to the merger of the ACCMA and ACTIA that created the Alameda CTC. His legacy in transportation in Alameda County will be felt for decades to come.”

Mayor Green has championed local transportation dollars to support a great variety of projects including local street rehabilitation, freeway improvements and innovations, transit centers and bike and pedestrian lanes throughout the county – improving health, mobility, efficiency and transportation choices. His legacy will include the I-680 Express Lanes, the BART to Warm Springs Extension, the Union City Intermodal Station and the Caldecott Fourth Bore Tunnel.

#### **The Caldecott Fourth Bore Project**

The Caldecott Fourth Bore Project represents a partnership between the Federal Highway Administration, the California Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and the Alameda County Transportation Commission to build a two-lane fourth tunnel bore north of the existing three Caldecott tunnels.

#### **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](http://www.alamedactc.org); [www.facebook.com/AlamedaCTC](https://www.facebook.com/AlamedaCTC); @AlamedaCTC

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