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Alameda CTC Chair Mark Green Named “Elected Official of the Year” Award by the California Transportation Foundation

Alameda County - California. The California Transportation Foundation (CTF) has selected Mark Green, Mayor of Union City and Chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC), as the recipient of the “Elected Official of the Year” award in recognition of his role in delivering excellent public service for transportation in California during 2011. Mayor Green received the award today at the 23rd Annual CTF Transportation Awards ceremony in Sacramento.

For the past 19 years, Mayor Green has been an important champion for transportation projects that benefit Alameda County and the San Francisco Bay region. He led the effort for creation and passage of the 2000 Measure B, Alameda County’s half-cent sales tax for transportation that was approved by 81.5 percent of county voters, and which funded key improvements throughout the county. Most recently, Mayor Green spearheaded the effort to develop the 30-year, \$7.8 billion Transportation Expenditure Plan that will go before Alameda County voters in November 2012.

“Mayor Green’s leadership has been effective in multiple areas including securing transportation funding for major project and program investments throughout the county, strategically developing long-range plans that will guide future investments, and streamlining local government to save taxpayers’ dollars,” said Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. “All of his work has expanded transportation choices and improved efficiencies for the traveling public.”

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Major Improvements to Alameda County Transportation

Alameda CTC Chair, Mayor Green led the July 2010 merger of two countywide transportation agencies (the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA)) into the Alameda County Transportation Commission, in order to more efficiently deliver transportation investments to the public. This merger has resulted in more than \$3 million in savings to taxpayers and increased streamlined delivery of projects and programs.

A number of these projects supported and facilitated by Mayor Green reached significant milestones in 2011. The BART Warm Springs Extension and BART Oakland Airport Connector, both began construction. The Union City Intermodal Station was completed. The I-680 Sunol Express Lane (southbound) Project—the first toll lane in Northern California—reached its one-year operations milestone in September, and in November, Alameda County celebrated the breakthrough of the Fourth Bore of the Caldecott Tunnel when the east and west sides of the excavation project met.

“Alameda County is centrally located in the Bay Area. Transportation connections to San Francisco, Silicon Valley, and our neighboring counties are an economic lifeline for the region,” commented Thomas Blalock, BART Director, when highlighting Mayor Green’s accomplishments. “Improvements and expansion to mass transit have been paramount, including several BART projects. Each of these projects improve mobility locally and interface with regional transit.”

Under Mayor Green’s leadership transportation improvements to the I-80, I-238, I-580, I-680, I-880, Route 84 and Route 92 corridors in Alameda County have also been completed, in addition to local street rehabilitation, bike and pedestrian safety improvements, transit for seniors and the disabled, and other projects supported by the Measure B half-cent sales tax for transportation.

Mayor Green’s Outstanding Career in Public Service

In addition to his role as Mayor and Chair of Alameda CTC, Mayor Green is a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Commissioner; past president of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG); and a past board member of the former ACCMA, the former ACTIA and

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the former Alameda County Transportation Authority (ACTA). Mayor Green is also the vice chair of the Joint Policy Committee (JPC), which coordinates the regional planning efforts of ABAG, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and MTC, where growth, climate protection and development of sustainable communities are the focus of current initiatives. He serves on the Alameda County Mayors Conference and the East Bay Economic Development Alliance.

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% of county voters in 2000. For more information, visit www.alamedactc.org.

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