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Alameda CTC Merger Saves Taxpayers over \$3 Million

Alameda County - California. Taking action to trim government bureaucracy and save Alameda County taxpayer dollars, July marked the first anniversary of the Alameda County Transportation Commission, a Joint Powers Authority resulting from a merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA).

The Commission's first consolidated budget for the FY 2011-2012 reflects consolidation efficiencies that will save taxpayers over \$3 million and presents greater detail to improve accountability and transparency. In a time of diminishing revenues, the Alameda CTC is streamlining operations and eliminating redundancies. "Good government begins with looking at what efficiencies we can make in our own institutions," says Alameda CTC Chair Mark Green, Mayor of City of Union City. "The merger of two countywide transportation agencies in Alameda County is saving taxpayers over \$3 million and it will provide uninterrupted services through improved strategic planning, effective funding decisions and on-going project and program implementation. These savings go directly into transportation projects and operations, supporting jobs and mobility. The public expects and deserves these efficiencies and the Alameda CTC is delivering them."

Some of the efficiencies realized in the budget include streamlining of staff by 20 percent, which saved over \$1 million in salaries from the FY2010-11 budgets of the two former agencies and the consolidation of annually renewed contracts, which saved an additional \$2 million.

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In July, the Commission unanimously approved reappointing Union City Mayor Mark Green as its Chair and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty as its Vice-Chair, noting their effectiveness in merging the two agencies and the resulting substantial cost savings.

The Alameda CTC centers its work on the mission and core functions as defined in the Agency Strategic Business Plan, which is to plan, fund and deliver transportation projects and programs that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission

The Alameda County Transportation Commission is a newly-formed countywide transportation agency, resulting from a merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). This merger eliminates redundancies and creates efficiencies in planning, programs and projects delivery and also streamlines legislative, policy and funding efforts. For more information on the Alameda CTC, ACCMA and ACTIA, visit www.alamedactc.org.

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