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Citizens Watchdog Committee Reports Measure B Sales Tax Expenditures in Compliance with Expenditure Plan for 12th Year in a Row

12th Annual Report to the Public identifies no accounting concerns, highlights committee activities and provides update on transportation programs and projects

Alameda County - California. On August 26, 2014, the Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) released its [12th Annual Report to the Public](#), covering fiscal year 2012-2013 expenditures and CWC activities through July 2014. The report confirms that Alameda CTC's audited income and expenditures were in compliance with specific caps, and 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 approved by 81.5 percent of voters in 2000.

"The CWC is responsible for providing independent oversight of Alameda CTC's Measure B sales tax dollar expenditures. Doing so not only provides an important fiscal review of a large county expenditure but provides an additional demonstration to Alameda County voters and businesses that Measure B delivers on its promise," says Citizens Watchdog Committee Chair James Paxson. "The CWC's annual reviews and analyses play an important role in ensuring that Measure B funds are spent in accordance with the measure, and I am pleased to report Alameda CTC's full compliance with Measure B requirements for the 12th year in a row."

In fiscal year 2012-2013, Alameda CTC received \$121.1 million in Measure B revenue and expended \$134.2 million as follows:

- \$78.4 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.
- \$17.3 million for highway and streets projects.
- \$33.1 million for cities and Alameda County for local transportation improvements, including local streets and roads, and bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- \$4.0 million for general administration.
- \$1.4 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 represent the different perspectives of taxpayers throughout the county and to review all Measure B expenditures on projects, programs and administration for compliance with the Expenditure Plan. Approximately 60 percent of the sales tax revenues, net of administrative funding, funds programs, and approximately 40 percent, net of administrative funding, funds capital projects. One of the committee's

responsibilities is to issue an annual report to voters and taxpayers on the sales tax fund expenditures.

[The 12th CWC Annual Report](#), [Executive Summary](#), and [audits of each agency receiving Measure B funds](#), are available to the public on the Alameda CTC website. Hard copies of the report are available by request via e-mail to hbarber@alamedactc.org, via mail to Alameda CTC offices at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94607, or via telephone to 510.208.7439.

About the Alameda County Transportation Commission

Alameda CTC plans, funds and delivers 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. The [2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan](#) and measure will be on the ballot in November 2014 to fund essential future transportation improvements in every city and throughout Alameda County. Visit www.AlamedaCTC.org/2014Plan to learn more or follow us on www.facebook.com/AlamedaCTC and <https://twitter.com/AlamedaCTC>.

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
 - Bike East Bay (formerly the East Bay Bicycle Coalition)
 - League of Women Voters
 - Sierra Club

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