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Citizens Watchdog Committee Reports Measure B Sales Tax Expenditures in Compliance with Voter-Approved Expenditure Plan for 13th Year in a Row

13th Annual Report to the Public identifies no accounting concerns

Alameda County - California. On August 31, 2015, the Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) released its [13th Annual Report to the Public](#), covering fiscal year 2013-2014 expenditures and CWC activities through June 2015. 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.

Each year, the Citizens Watchdog Committee reviews and analyzes Alameda CTC's Measure B expenditures to help ensure that funds are spent in accordance with the measure passed by Alameda County voters. For the 13th year in a row, Alameda CTC received a clean, unmodified opinion from the agency's independent auditors.

In fiscal year 2013-2014, Alameda CTC received \$127.1 million in Measure B revenue and expended \$172.7 million, which includes the expenditure of sales tax revenues received in prior years, as follows:

- \$113.5 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.
- \$19 million for highway and streets projects.
- \$35.3 million for cities and Alameda County for local transportation improvements, including local streets and roads, and bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- \$3.4 million for general administration.
- \$1.5 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 [13th CWC Annual Report, Executive Summary in English, Chinese and Spanish](#), 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.

The CWC is undergoing a name change to the Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC). The 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, which guides the expenditures of Measure BB (approved by Alameda County voters in November 2014), requires the development of the IWC. The IWC is a continuation of the CWC and will report directly to the public on Measure B expenditures and Measure BB expenditures and performance measures of the agency. In 2016, the IWC will release its first annual report to the public.

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 Measure B sales tax approved by county voters in 2000 and the expenditure plan for Measure BB, approved by voters in November 2014. Visit www.alamedactc.org to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About the Alameda CTC Independent Watchdog Committee

The Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) is made up of 17 members, all of whom must be a resident of Alameda County. IWC members are not elected officials at any level of government, nor individuals in a position to benefit personally in any way from the sales tax. The Citizens Watchdog Committee will be known henceforth as the Independent Watchdog Committee.

IWC 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
 - League of Women Voters
 - Sierra Club

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