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Thousands of Alameda County Kids will Benefit from Participating in International Walk & Roll to School Day

Alameda CTC Chair Supervisor Scott Haggerty kicks off events on October 9, 2013.

Alameda County - California. Students from more than 100 elementary, middle, and high schools in Alameda County will be walking, bicycling, scootering, skateboarding, carpooling and riding transit to school along with parents, teachers and community leaders on International Walk & Roll to School Day on Wednesday, October 9, 2013.

"Recent studies are demonstrating what we've all experienced - that kids who bike or walk to school concentrate better," said Alameda CTC Chair Supervisor Scott Haggerty. "I'm pleased that there is such extensive support in Alameda County and in our schools for supporting active, healthy transportation options for kids and families."

Sponsored by the Alameda County Transportation Commission (<u>Alameda CTC</u>), this year's event will be the largest on record with close to 65,000 students participating. A number of Alameda CTC's Commissioners will join in the festivities including: Alameda CTC Chair Supervisor Scott Haggerty (Oliveira Elementary in Fremont), Supervisor Nate Miley (Mohr Elementary in Pleasanton), and Supervisor Keith Carson (Rosa Parks Elementary in Berkeley); San Leandro Vice Mayor Michael Gregory (Washington Elementary in San Leandro); and Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti (Dougherty Elementary in Dublin). Other elected officials throughout the county will also be participating. See list of participating schools <u>here</u>.

The event is part of Alameda County's <u>Safe Routes to Schools Program</u>, a countywide collaboration that promotes safe walking and biking to school. International Walk and Roll to School Day kicks off a full school year of Safe Routes to Schools programming to encourage walking and bicycling to school, as well as carpooling and public transit use to promote healthy habits and improve air quality.

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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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