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Relief On Its Way!



Alameda CTC has fast-tracked the construction of the <u>I-680 Northbound Express Lane</u> to help ease your commute. The project will widen the existing freeway, construct a roughly nine-mile express lane on northbound I-680 from Auto Mall Parkway to SR-84, and upgrade the adjacent southbound I-680 express lane for easier access. In addition to reducing traffic, these improvements will also provide more reliable travel times and encourage ride sharing and the use of public transit on one of the top 10 most congested freeway corridors in the Bay Area.

The construction contract was awarded to Concord-based Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Inc. "Alameda CTC is keeping its pledge to residents and businesses by delivering critical transportation improvements and supporting local jobs with funding from Measures B and BB," according to Alameda CTC Executive Director Arthur L. Dao. "It's not every day that more than \$100 million in local construction work hits the street!" Alameda CTC will celebrate the groundbreaking of this critical project on **April 19, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.**

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New Chair and Vice Chair Elected



On February 1, 2018, the Alameda County Transportation Commission unanimously elected <u>Alameda County</u> <u>Supervisor Richard Valle</u> to serve as chair and unanimously elected <u>San</u> <u>Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter</u> to serve as vice chair of the Commission. The chair and vice chair are elected to serve a one-year term.

Upon taking his leadership role, Chair Valle outlined several priorities for 2018, including:

- Advancing our rail strategy in partnership with other agencies and Union Pacific Railroad, while expanding our Safe Routes to Schools program to include a rail safety education program to reduce pedestrian collisions.
- Making major multimodal corridor improvements.
- Updating the bicycle and pedestrian plan.
- Expanding express lanes.
- Expanding the Affordable Student Transit Pass Program.

"I'm truly honored to be elected to serve as chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission," says Chair Valle, who has been a member of the Commission since 2012. "It is a great privilege to lead Alameda CTC in partnership with my colleagues, as we deliver critically important transportation programs and projects throughout Alameda County. This year, we will focus on leveraging our local Measure BB funds to close project funding gaps with new state and regional funds."



As of February 2018, travelers have made over 15.8 million trips on the I-580 express lanes.

Since opening in February 2016, the <u>I-580 Express Lanes</u> have been operating along approximately 11 miles from Hacienda Drive in Pleasanton to Greenville Road in Livermore in the eastbound direction, and approximately 14 miles from Greenville Road to just before San Ramon Road/Foothill Road in Dublin in the westbound direction.

By optimizing corridor capacity, the express lanes have provided motorists with significant benefits including travel-time savings and travel reliability. In fact, implementing the I-580 Express Lanes and other congestion relief strategies has moved the I-580 corridor off MTC's top 10 list of most congested freeways in the Bay Area.

The express lanes are toll-free for carpools, clean-air vehicles, motorcycles and transit vehicles. Drivers of single-occupancy vehicles can pay a toll to use the express lanes, which during peak times at congested locations have recorded 10-25 mph faster lane speeds and a better level of service than the general purpose lanes.

From February 2016 through February 2018, the I-580 Express Lanes have recorded more than 15.8 million total trips. For additional information on all express lanes managed by Alameda CTC, visit Alameda CTC's **Express Lanes web pages**.

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Regional Measure 3 Proposes Funding for Alameda County Congestion Relief Projects

A regionwide survey commissioned by the <u>Metropolitan Transportation Commission</u> (<u>MTC</u>) identified the expansion and improvement of BART as one of the top regional funding priorities, followed closely by improving air quality by addressing truck congestion. Responding to identified needs and priorities, <u>Regional Measure 3 (RM 3)</u>, a \$4.45 billion package of construction relief projects, funded by bridge toll increases is on the June 5th ballot. If approved by voters, RM 3 would raise tolls by \$1 per year in 2019, 2022 and 2025 to fund a wide variety of projects in the nine Bay Area counties, including BART and goods movement improvements. This funding should help close funding gaps in Measure

- Expanding BART's railcar fleet and extending BART's Silicon Valley service to downtown San Jose and Santa Clara;
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Resolve to Carpool Instead in 2018

Save money and save time in 2018 by carpooling! For a limited time, 511 Carpool will pay for your first trip or give you a bonus for the first trip you drive using the carpool app Scoop.

Ready to start saving?

- Download the Scoop app at the Google Play or <u>Apple Store</u>.
- 2. Set up your account. Your chances of matching increase if you select ride or drive.
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Learn more <u>here</u>.

Regional Measure 3

On January 24th, the Bay Area Toll Authority authorized Regional Measure 3 (RM 3) to appear on the June 5, 2018 ballot in each of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties. If approved by a majority of voters, this measure would fund major roadway and public transit improvements via an increase in tolls on the Bay Area's seven state-owned toll bridges. RM 3 was authorized by the State Legislature by Senate Bill 595 (authored by Senator Jim Beall) and signed into law by Governor Brown in 2017.

<u>Click here</u> to review the complete Regional Measure 3 Expenditure Plan.

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Learn More

- Expanding transbay bus services and AC Transit's bus rapid transit lines;
- Expanding transit in the Tri-Valley and making improvements to key AC Transit corridors;

Providing funding for improving goods movement;

- Constructing a direct connector between I-680 and I-880 in Fremont;
- Upgrading the I-680/SR-84 interchange;
- Expanding the express lane network;
- Various upgrades to relieve congestion in the Dumbarton Bridge corridor;
- Adding more vessels to the San Francisco Bay Ferry fleet; and
- Improving bicycle and pedestrian access to regional transit hubs and closing gaps in the San Francisco Bay Trail.

Additionally, in late February MTC adopted a 10-year Goods Movement Strategy that will leverage RM 3 funding and other critical funds, such as Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) funds, and help implement various projects in Alameda County that are designed to help increase efficient truck movement and reduce air quality and community impacts, including:

• The <u>GoPort</u> project, which includes safety/efficiency improvements at the entrance to the Port of Oakland and the addition of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) along major roads leading into the Port to help cost-effectively manage truck

arrivals, limit truck queueing and idling, and improve incident response;

 The <u>Cool Port</u> project - an innovative refrigerated warehouse served by major rail lines and trucks that will expand the Port's capacity to export US produce and meats; and



 Emissions reduction programs to introduce cleaner freight vehicles and support equipment.

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Rendering of Eastbay Greenway in unincorporated Cherryland near north Hayward.

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