Commute Choices: From employer programs to new apps

You have more choices than ever to improve your commute. Employer program benefits, new apps and partnerships make it easier for people to carpool, share rides and take transit. New incentives to carpool are launched regularly and taking transit is easy with Clipper and BikeLink. Now, if you carpool to the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station with a carpool you created using Scoop, you can get guaranteed parking at the BART station until 10 a.m. Do you work or live in Pleasanton? Get a discount for carpooling here. Commuters who cross the Bay Bridge to go to Kaiser or University of California, San Francisco can receive incentives to carpool using Waze Carpool. And of course, carpools with a FasTrak Flex mounted on your windshield use the I-580 Express Lanes toll free. Empty seats in the cars on our freeways are a large untapped transportation resource. Let's unite to fill them and reduce congestion.

Transportation projects are also improving travel for commuters. The Hesperian Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project, which begins construction this spring, will provide congestion relief between Hayward and San Leandro. Riding on AC Transit’s new bus routes is another green option for commuters, and goods movement projects are improving the health and safety of our community and the efficiency on our roads. The Port of Oakland Emissions Inventory presented at the Goods Movement Planning Committee meeting in January 2017 showed significant reduction in truck and ship emissions. The more we vary our commutes, the better air quality and congestion relief can be throughout the Bay Area. Let’s work together.

Transportation News

Carpooling Made Easy
Alameda CTC spreads the word to #CarpoolInstead

Alameda CTC is expanding its travel demand management activities, by adding carpool promotions, so people have easy access to carpooling and ride sharing opportunities. We are also strategically coordinating with regional partners to leverage

Contracting Opportunities

FasTrak is required to use the I-580 Express Lanes in the Tri-Valley

Commute with confidence - Sign up for the Guaranteed Ride Home Program

Commute Choices -
Learn about all your options including carpools

New Carpooling Options
A number of new options to facilitate carpooling are now available in the Bay Area, all aimed at making carpooling more convenient. Carpool apps make it easy to schedule one-way carpool trips and allow you to be either a driver or a passenger. Try the 511 RideMatch Service to find and email neighbors with similar commutes, or one of the carpool apps available at https://carpool.511.org/

Guaranteed Carpool Parking at Dublin/Pleasanton BART
Thanks to a partnership with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), BART and Scoop, commuters who carpool to the Dublin/Pleasanton Station with the Scoop app are guaranteed parking until 10 a.m. The app verifies two or more people were in the car when parked, and Scoop coordinates with BART police to verify which vehicles belong to Scoop users. Learn more.

I-80 SMART Corridor Wins Engineering Excellence Honor
 Implemented by the Alameda County Public Works Agency, the Hesperian Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project will improve traffic safety and congestion relief along the San Lorenzo commercial corridor while further establishing a livable community that benefits motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Proposed improvements include wider sidewalks areas with improved lighting; bicycle lanes; intersection improvements, including upgraded traffic signals, highlighted crosswalks, pedestrian ramps and bulb outs; roadway pavement resurfacing; public transit enhancements; and environmental sustainability features including LED streetlights and drought-tolerant landscaping. The public can look forward to the benefits of these improvements in 2019. (Back to top)

Port of Oakland Emissions Reductions
Key findings from recent report
Transportation YOU Wins Excellence in Motion Merit Award

Alameda CTC’s Krystle Pasco (far left) was one of the mentors in Transportation YOU, which won a 2016 Excellence in Motion Merit Award from MTC. This joint initiative between WTS International and the U.S. Department of Transportation introduces teen girls, ages 13-18, to a wide variety of transportation careers. Watch the video to learn about their good work.

The Transportation Research Board Accepts Two White Papers From Alameda CTC’s Planning Department

Principal Transportation Planner Saravana Suthanthira (pictured) and Assistant Transportation Planner Daniel Wu crafted two white papers accepted by and presented to the prestigious Transportation Research Board at its annual meeting in January 2017: “A Countywide Planning Framework to Identify Continuous and Connected Multimodal Arterial Networks” and “Evaluating and Visualizing Multimodal Networks at Scale.” Both documents are byproducts of the agency’s innovative Countywide.

On the Move Around Alameda County

Returning Line 19 service in Alameda offers convenience and traffic relief

A new bus route operating between Fruitvale BART and Downtown Oakland via Alameda’s Buena Vista Avenue re-establishes Route 19, a line AC Transit retired several years ago. Route 19 was reactivated as part of AC Transit’s service expansion and in response to public transit riders and residents who worked closely with AC Transit to reinstate the service. View the new Line 19 map and schedule.

Line 19 began operating on December 18, 2016 and represents the second phase of AC Go: AC Transit’s unprecedented expansion of service funded by voter-approved Measure BB, which will fund a nearly 14 percent increase in AC Transit’s overall bus service.
From 2014 to 2017 the City of San Leandro completed or scheduled the following Measure B-funded projects that improve safety for motorists, transit riders, bicyclists and pedestrians:

- Installation of accessible pedestrian signal equipment with vibrating-tactile push buttons and audible sounds at 15 existing signalized intersections.
- Reconstruction of a number of residential streets through San Leandro’s annual street overlay and rehabilitation program.
- Repair or replacement of about 16,500 square feet of damaged concrete sidewalk, 2,700 linear feet of curb and gutter, and installation of 78 curb ramps.
- Preventative surface maintenance treatments to a number of streets in the northeast quadrant.
- Dedicated left-turn lanes and signal improvements on Bancroft/Sybil.
- East 14th Street-Hesperian Boulevard-150th Avenue Street improvements including lane adjustments and signal modifications.
- Bikeway network expansion: 4.5 miles of new Class II bikeways (bike lanes) and 13.2 miles of new Class III bikeways in Downtown San Leandro and at the BART station.
- West Juana pedestrian improvements at several intersections including sidewalk bulb outs and stamped crosswalks.