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Alameda CTC Projects to Receive \$187.4 M in SB 1 Transportation Grant Funding



We are very pleased to report that Alameda CTC in partnership with the Port of Oakland was awarded more than \$187 million in funding from competitive grant programs funded by Senate Bill 1 (the new statewide transportation funding enacted in 2017), to construct two projects of the Global Opportunities at the Port of Oakland (GOPort) Program: 7th Street Grade Separation (East) and Freight Intelligent Transportation System. "These gas tax funds (SB1) will be serving a critical role to reduce freight congestion on freeways and rail lines, reducing emissions and improving air quality and good jobs," said Alameda CTC Executive Director Arthur L. Dao. "While our local transportation sales tax measures got these projects underway, and serve as key leverage, we wouldn't be able to move forward into construction on these priority projects without the statewide gas tax funds."

\$175 million will fund the 7th Street Grade Separation Project (East), which will replace an existing railroad underpass between I-880 and Maritime Street to increase clearance for trucks and improve a shared pedestrian/bicycle pathway, and \$12.4 million will fund the Freight Intelligent Transportation System. Together these improvements will accommodate anticipated truck, rail, bike, and pedestrian uses, improve the velocity and throughput of freight, maintain and expand the Port's market and operational competitiveness, and support local, regional, state and national economic development and growth. The projects will improve reliability of travel time and access throughout the Port of Oakland, increasing efficiency, while reducing congestion and air quality impacts on the local community and eliminating truck back-ups onto local streets.

SB 1 grant funds (\$4.2 million) were also awarded to fund the Quiet Zone Safety Engineering Measures project sponsored by the City of Emeryville, and the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority was granted \$80 million for the Northern California Corridor Enhancement Program, that will

increase ridership by moving Capitol Corridor trains 10-15 minutes faster than 2018 speeds in a congested corridor from the Oakland Coliseum to San Jose.

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2018 Platinum Sneaker Award Winner



Representatives from Oliveira Elementary received their award from Alameda CTC commissioners during a ceremony held on April 26.

Congratulations to Oliveira Elementary School in Fremont, winner of the 2018 Platinum Sneaker Award for greatest percent increase in use of green modes of transport to school during the Golden Sneaker Contest. During the contest 66 percent of participating Oliveira students used either active or shared transportation for their daily commutes.

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 <u>Google Play</u> or <u>Apple Store</u>.
- 2. Set up your account. Your chances of matching increase if you select ride or drive.
- 3. In your account, click "Pricing & Payments," "Activity" and select

I-680 Sunol Northbound Express Lane Breaks Ground!



The northbound I-680 Sunol Express Lane under construction.

On April 19, Alameda CTC and Caltrans held a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new northbound express lane on I-680 over the Sunol Grade. The event commemorated the start of construction of nine miles of a high occupancy vehicle (HOV)/continuous access express lane in the northbound direction on I-680 between State Route 262/Auto Mall Parkway and State Route 84 (SR-84). Additionally, the adjacent I-680 Southbound Express Lane will be upgraded for improved access. This new express lane will promote carpooling and ridesharing, facilitate the smooth and safe transition of traffic between local streets and the freeway between interchanges, help alleviate traffic congestion and improve operations along one of the most congested corridors in the region. Follow the project progress on the Express Lanes Facebook page.

Watch a drone video of the I-680 Sunol Express Lane Corridor on YouTube at https://youtu.be/HM7IKDvJSc4.

Additional Critical Congestion Relief Projects in the I-680 Corridor

In the longer term, Alameda CTC is working to close the gap in the I-680 Express Lane network in Alameda County, and has initiated planning for the extension of the I-680 Express Lanes from SR-84 to Alcosta Boulevard. We are also planning the I-680/SR-84 Interchange Improvements project to relieve congestion on I-680 and SR-84. Regional Measure 3 (RM3), a \$4.45 billion package of construction relief projects on the June 5th ballot, could help close critical funding gaps on these projects and address regional congestion if approved by voters.

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- "add referral code."
- 4. Enter Carpool511.
- 5. Schedule a trip! Tip: Your chances of matching increase if you select ride or drive.

Learn more here.

Guaranteed Parking With Scoop

You can now get guaranteed parking at the Warm Springs BART Station until 10 a.m. when you carpool with Scoop. The program has been operating successfully at Dublin/Pleasanton BART since January 2017, and has since been expanded to six additional BART stations and will be expanding to more stations in the coming year! Click here for additional information.

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Here's how:

- Visit takescoop.com and download the Scoop App on Android or iOS.
- 2. Set your work location to the Warm Springs BART station.
- Schedule your morning and afternoon trips. When you match, you'll be sent instructions on how to get your parking space.



Save the Date for <u>International Walk</u> <u>and Roll to School Day</u> and Share Your Ride Month in October!



Additional Information

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FasTrak is required to use the I-580 Express Lanes in the <u>Tri-Valley</u>

<u>Commute with confidence - Sign up for</u> <u>the Guaranteed Ride Home Program</u>

Commute Choices -Learn about all your options including carpools

Bike Share - Now in the East Bay



Student Transit Pass Pilot Program shows students how to safely take their bikes on the bus.

The Measure BB-funded <u>Student Transit Pass Pilot Program</u> is concluding its second year - another highly successful year. At the April 26 Commission meeting, Alameda CTC approved funding for the third year of the pilot program. Because the program has been such a success, Alameda CTC is working to determine how to expand and fund the program permanently, including leveraging Measure BB dollars further and securing other. Travel training has been underway this spring in a number of participating middle schools. Program staff have been providing education to students on how to safely ride the bus and how take your bike on the bus to school and after school activities. Alameda CTC is working on developing the next generation of transit riders! A report on the pilot program's second year will be available this fall. The first year report can be found here: https://www.alamedactc.org/files/managed/Document/21807/STPP Year One Evaluation Report.pdf

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Bike Month



Students from 117 Alameda County Schools participated in Bike to School Day on May 10, which was also Bike to Work Day. Every year, Bike to School/Work Day is the biggest bike day of the year - and this year did not disappoint! Schools throughout the county hosted events and energizer stations. Bike to School Day is one of several major events throughout the school year to promote bicycling as a healthy and active way to get to school and after school activities. "By supporting Bike to School Day, and year-round active transportation programs like travel training, we are helping a new generation to embrace healthy transportation choices, and prevent additional

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Alameda CTC Leverages Funding To Deliver Solutions

Alameda CTC has delivered transportation solutions throughout Alameda County by strategically leveraging local sales tax dollars with regional, state and federal funds by over \$3 billion. This year, passage of Senate Bill 1 and Senate Bill 595, authored by Senator Beall, offers new opportunities for Alameda CTC to attract state and regional funds to deliver the transportation projects promised to voters with Measure BB funds, approved by voters in 2014.

About Alameda CTC

The Alameda County Transportation Commission plans, funds and delivers transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. Funding sources for Alameda CTC's expenditure plans include Measure B, approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000; Measure F, a Vehicle Registration Fee approved by 63 percent of county voters in 2010; and Measure BB, approved by more than 70 percent of voters in 2014.

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congestion," said Alameda CTC Chair Supervisor Richard Valle. "The involvement by so many students this year is a testament to the success of our Safe Routes to Schools programming."

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Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza Construction Scheduled for Completion This Summer



An artist's rendering of the new station improvements at the Downtown Berkeley BART plaza.

By late summer 2018 construction will be complete at the Downtown Berkeley BART station, creating a dramatic new look and functional design that improves safety, walkability, access and multimodal connections for commuters, students and residents alike. Improvements include new BART entrance structures, bus shelters, public plaza resurfacing, lighting, curb ramps and bike parking. BART received awards from Alameda CTC and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for both local and federal funds to construct these improvements to the BART station and AC Transit hub. This project is a joint effort between BART and the City of Berkeley.

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