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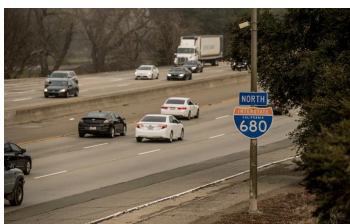


Interstate 680 Sunol Express Lanes.

Alameda CTC is advancing projects throughout Alameda County, delivering transportation solutions as promised to voters. Currently, numerous active capital projects are being delivered in various stages throughout Alameda County. Below is a brief update on several projects and workplans underway to deliver innovative projects to manage congestion and expand transportation choices.

I-680 Sunol Northbound Express Lane Project

The [I-680 Sunol Northbound Express Lane project](#) will add a new 9-mile HOV/express lane and associated improvements between Auto Mall Parkway and SR-84, providing congestion relief in the corridor and will upgrade the I-680 Southbound Express Lane access configuration from controlled



access to a near continuous access configuration. The project will increase the efficiency of the transportation system by expanding and optimizing freeway capacity to reduce congestion and accommodate existing and future travel demands.

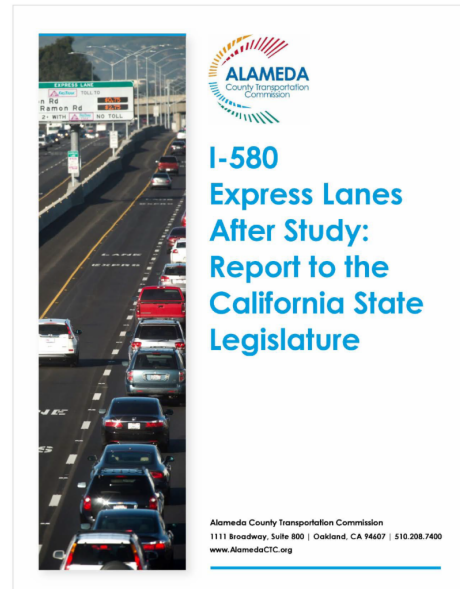
The construction contract was awarded in late November 2017. Construction began in spring 2018 and is expected to be

completed in spring 2020.

I-580 After Study

In February 2016, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) opened the I-580 Express Lanes project in eastern Alameda County through the Dublin-Pleasanton-Livermore area. Assembly Bill 2032 (Dutra) authorized Alameda CTC to build and operate these lanes and also required an "after" study of the express lanes to be submitted to the state legislature within three years of the opening of the express lanes.

The after study was adopted by the Alameda CTC in October and sent to the legislature. Overall, the I-580 Express Lanes project reduced travel times, mitigated or eliminated bottlenecks, and increased travel time reliability over a period of time when the corridor experienced a significant increase in vehicle travel. For the full report, click [here](#).



I-580/I-680 Corridor Work Program

The I-580 and I-680 corridors in Alameda County are two of the county's significant interstate corridors serving inter-regional and inter-county commute trips. Due to the importance of these interstates for commute trips and goods movement, Alameda CTC has developed a work program to address project identification, development and delivery to manage the projected demand expected on these corridors due to population and job growth in the region. In addition, the work program recognizes the importance of corridor planning to ensure that projects identified in this work program are eligible for regional, state and federal funding sources. The Work Program can be found [here](#).

GoPort Freight ITS

Alameda CTC is the implementing agency for the [Freight Intelligent Transportation System \(FITS\) project](#) - one of several projects encompassed by the Global Opportunities at the Port of Oakland (GoPort) Program. The FITS project is a comprehensive transportation technology and congestion management project consisting of a suite of 15 technological deployments, with an estimated total project cost of \$30.6 million.

Advanced technology elements include a Port-specific traffic management/emergency operations center, upgraded closed-circuit television and queue detection software, which will

improve the efficiency, safety, and overall circulation within and near the Port. Other elements, such as changeable message signs, a GoPort web/mobile application and smart parking system, will provide improved truck traveler information by disseminating real-time data to users. Overall, the FITS project will cost-effectively manage Port roadways and improve incident management and Port operations.



In August 2018, the FITS project achieved National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approval. To date, Alameda CTC, in partnership with the Port, has successfully leveraged \$6.6 million of local Measure BB sales tax funds to secure over \$22 million of external funding for the project. Alameda CTC's investment yielded awards of two highly competitive federal grants from the Port Security Grant Program and Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment program. Senate Bill 1's competitive Trade Corridor Enhancement Program was able to close the \$12.4 million funding gap, which will allow the first set of construction contracts to be released by mid-2019.

For a full list of projects underway, including fact sheets with project information and progress, visit our projects webpage at https://www.alamedactc.org/app_pages/view/4681.

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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. This year, passage of Senate Bill 1 and Senate Bill 595, authored by Senator Beall, offer 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.

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

Update on Transportation Funding



Paving local streets in Union City, Photo courtesy of Union City.

Senate Bill 1 Leverages Measure B and BB to Deliver Projects

Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) provides funding for every community to rehabilitate, repair, and maintain local streets and roads, make critical, life-saving safety improvements, repair and replace aging bridges and culverts, reduce congestion and increase mobility options, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities. More than \$58 million is estimated in FY2018-19 in state transit funding for Alameda County transit operators, including over \$34 million per year in new transit operations and maintenance funding. There are 96 projects in Alameda County that have been approved by the California Transportation Commission: 87 city projects and 9 county projects. Transportation projects in Alameda County are at risk with Proposition 6, a measure on the ballot that Alameda CTC took an oppose position on in July 2018, as described further below.

Alameda CTC's early project investments have helped establish a pipeline of projects ready to be delivered in Alameda County. [GoPORT](#), which represent a program of projects to improve truck and rail access to the Port of Oakland, are an example of how Alameda CTC is leveraging Measure BB funds to develop the initial phase of the project as well as apply for and be awarded \$187 million of SB 1 funds to close the funding gap for construction. Additionally, SB 1's Local Partnership Program

schedule one-way carpool trips and allow you to be a driver or a passenger. Try the 511 RideMatch Service to find and email neighbors with similar commutes, or try one of the carpool apps available at rideshare.511.org.



Commute Choices

Whether you're a commuter trying to affordably and safely get around Alameda County or an employer coordinating staff transportation options, the [Commute Choices website](#) has the resources you need.

Additional Information

[FasTrak is required to use the I-580 Express Lanes in the Tri-Valley](#)

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rewards jurisdictions with voter approved taxes, tolls and fees that are dedicated solely to transportation. For Alameda CTC, that is almost \$3.8 million each year from the passage of voter-approved sales tax measures Measure B and BB, and vehicle registration fees.

SB 1 has become a critical funding stream to allow other projects a path forward to construction. Alameda CTC has invested \$20 million of Measure BB funds to initiate the [I-680 Express Lanes from SR-84 to Alcosta Boulevard](#) project and is looking to external funding sources, such as SB 1 and Regional Measure 3, to fund the remaining shortfall of over \$450 million.

Update on Proposition 6

Proposition 6 (Prop 6) is an initiative on the November 2018 ballot to repeal SB 1 through a constitutional amendment. If successful, it will:

- **Eliminate over \$40 million per year in new funding** for road maintenance funds from city and county budgets.
- **Eliminate all SB 1 funding designated for state highways.**
- **Eliminate more than \$30 million per year in transit funds** in Alameda County.
- Require any measure enacting specified taxes or fees on gas or diesel fuel, or on the privilege to operate a vehicle on public highways, to be submitted to the electorate for approval.
- **Potentially lower future transportation tax revenues.**

In Alameda County many projects that improve highways, rail, goods movement, roads, bridges, trails and pedestrian safety could be delayed indefinitely with the elimination of SB 1 funding.

For more information on what is at risk, go to www.alamedactc.org/fundingsolutions.

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Berkeley BART Plaza Ribbon Cutting



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.

For more information, visit:

www.AlamedaCTC.org,
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The new Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza was unveiled on Thursday, October 18. This new \$13 million plaza features an impressive new glass main entrance, a state-of-the-art sound and light system for live performances and artist soundscapes, and a dramatic large piece of public art.

This project, which includes improvements to safety, walkability, access and the multimodal connections for commuters, students and residents, is funded by Alameda CTC: \$7.78 million with both voter-approved Vehicle Registration Fee dollars (\$3.71 million) and the One Bay Area Grant, Cycle 1 federal funds (\$4.06 million). For more information, visit ontheplaza.downtownberkeley.com.

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Student Transit Pass Pilot Program Update

In August 2018, the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program launched its third and final year in Alameda County. This school year, the program is in 21 schools throughout Alameda County, including 11 high schools and 10 middle schools in seven school districts. Free and universal transit passes are being distributed at 15 schools, and free passes are being distributed to low-income students at six schools.



In November, Alameda CTC will release the full evaluation report of the second year of the pilot program and will consider next steps on continuing the program after the three year pilot period ends in July 2019.

For a list of all schools participating in the pilot, please visit <http://www.alamedactc.org/studentpass>.

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Independent Watchdog Committee Annual Report

In its [Annual Report to the Public](#), for the 16th year in a row, Alameda CTC's [Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#) affirmed that the agency spent Measure B and Measure BB tax dollars during fiscal year 2016-17 in compliance with voter-approved expenditure plans and identified no accounting concerns.

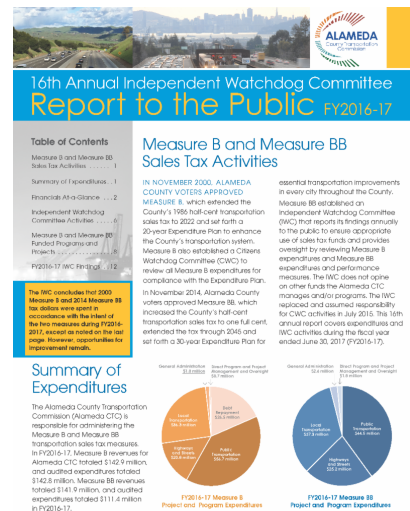
Each year, the IWC reports directly to the public on the agency's Measure B and Measure BB expenditures, performance measures and IWC activities. The IWC reached out to inform the public beginning in August by way of its annual

press release, Twitter, Facebook and advertisements in publications reaching a broad segment of Alameda County residents, the October Alameda CTC Executive Director's Monthly Report and the October Alameda CTC E-newsletter.

The report provides an update on the delivery of programs and projects funded by Measure B and Measure BB, both of which were approved by Alameda County voters. In FY2016-17, Alameda CTC received \$142.9 million in Measure B revenue, expending \$142.8 million and received \$141.9 million in Measure BB revenue, expending \$111.4 million.

The [16th Annual Report to the Public](#), the [Executive Summary in English, Chinese and Spanish](#), and [audits of each agency receiving Measure B and BB funds](#) are available to the public on the Alameda CTC website.

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