# ALAMEDA CTC REPORTS



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## Delivering Transportation Solutions – Your Measure B and BB dollars at work!



We are pleased to report that this month Alameda CTC approved \$18 million worth of contracts to further three critical voter-approved transportation infrastructure projects: the <u>I-80/Ashby Interchange</u> in Emeryville/Berkeley, the <u>I-880</u> <u>Interchange Improvements at Whipple Road and Industrial Parkway</u> in Hayward and the <u>I-680 Express Lanes from SR-84 to</u> <u>Alcosta Boulevard</u>. Each project is designed to improve safety and reduce congestion, and the contracts will move the projects forward into the environmental and design phases. <u>Learn more</u>.

Also this month, Alameda CTC received \$4.1 million in federal Active Transportation Program cycle 3 funding to expedite much-needed improvements at the <u>I-80/Gilman Street interchange</u>. This funding is subject to California Transportation Commission approval in December 2017. The project will improve interchange functionality, reduce congestion, shorten wait times and provide safe access for bicycles and pedestrians traveling between the Bay Trail and North Berkeley. This funding allows us to meet our goal of having improvements in place by spring 2022.

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Bike Share - Now in the East Bay

## Match Your Ride with 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 <u>rideshare.511.org</u>.

## SHARE YOUR RIDE WEEK! OCT 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>



Make commute time your time during Share Your Ride Week, October 2-6, 2017. Alameda CTC encourages you to share a ride or take public transit to work or school. It's easy, relaxing and saves time and money.

Want to fill up those empty seats in October? Match your ride - use promo code ALAMEDA05 for a \$5 credit on any of the ridesharing apps at <u>Rideshare.511.org</u>. Looking to take public transit? The all-in-one <u>Clipper® Card</u> helps make payment on ACE Rail, AC Transit, BART, Dumbarton Express and the VTA a breeze! Still unsure of how to plan your commute for Share Your Ride Week or want a safe route to bike or walk to your destination? Visit <u>Rideshare.511.org</u> for more information and trip planning assistance, and to find a carpool match.

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Highway improvements across Alameda County



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#### 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.AlamedaCIC.org, facebook.com/AlamedaCIC twitter.com/AlamedaCIC Alameda CTC is moving the needle forward on three key interchange improvements across our highways to relieve congestion and make it easier for you to reach your destination. In Berkeley and Emeryville, in addition to the <u>I-80/Gilman</u> <u>Interchange Project</u>, we're working to <u>provide greater access to Emeryville via</u> <u>Shellmound Street</u> by constructing a direct connection on westbound I-80, and creating safe access for pedestrians and bicyclists over the freeway between Ashby Avenue and Shellmound Street and connecting Emeryville to the San Francisco Bay Trail. We have entered into the environmental review phase of the project and anticipate construction will occur from 2019-2022.

We're working to improve off-ramps along <u>I-880 between Whipple Road and</u> <u>Industrial Parkway</u> in an effort to reduce congestion, add a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) bypass lane and improve pedestrian/bicyclist access at both interchanges. We are currently scoping the project and anticipate construction will occur from 2024-2026.

We're also scoping a 10-mile segment of <u>express lanes on I-680 between SR-84 and</u> <u>Alcosta Boulevard</u>, to improve efficiency of the transportation system on I-680, to accommodate the current and future traffic demand, and improve travel time and travel reliability for all users. Construction is anticipated to occur from 2022-2026.

Through this and other transportation projects, we continue to put your Measure B and BB dollars to work, so you can get where you need to be on-time and relaxed.

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### **Oakland-Alameda Access Project**

Public comment period through October 31, 2017



The I-880 <u>Oakland-Alameda Access</u> <u>Project</u> proposes to improve connectivity between I-880, I-980 and the cities of Alameda and Oakland. Alameda CTC, the project sponsor, and Caltrans, the lead for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, are working in partnership with the local communities and cities of Oakland and Alameda to address access and local roadway improvements.

The public is invited to <u>view project</u> <u>materials and submit comments</u> through October 31, 2017.

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### Senate Bill 1 Funding Opportunities

Speeding up the delivery of Measures B and BB projects and programs

Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, is the first significant increase in state transportation funding in more than two decades. This funding will be dedicated to the repair and maintenance of local roadways,



state highways, public transit and active transportation programs.

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) falls under the purview of SB 1 funding programs. Alameda County's share of the state's 2018 STIP fund estimate is \$48.8

million. Alameda CTC has approved a set of <u>guiding principles</u> to prioritize projects and achieve or advance goals in the <u>Countywide Transportation Plan</u> and is scheduled to approve the County STIP program in October 2017 for submission to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. We anticipate the final 2018 STIP will be adopted by Alameda CTC in April 2018.

The STIP funding as well as additional funding from various funding programs included under SB 1 will help speed the delivery of transportation projects and programs in Alameda County. Working together with partner agencies, local jurisdictions, stakeholders, elected officials, community members and the public, we can enhance mobility, enrich communities and expand transportation choices in Alameda County.

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## Potential New Regional Funding

#### Alameda CTC opportunity to leverage local transportation funding

On September 14, the state legislature passed Senate Bill 595 (Beall), which is now with Governor Brown for signature. Through its Legislative Program, Alameda CTC advocated for the bill that authorizes a special election as early as June 2018 in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma counties to decide whether to raise tolls by up to \$3 on the region's seven state-owned toll bridges. This would provide \$4.45 billion in funding for new transportation projects collectively known as Regional Measure 3 (RM 3). In January 2017, Alameda CTC adopted a list of candidate projects and submitted them to partner agencies and our state legislative delegation.

RM3 would help reduce congestion and increase transportation options in Alameda County by funding the following projects:

- Expansion of BART's fleet to accommodate record ridership and the system's expansion to Diridon Station in San Jose.
- Expansion of Transbay bus services and AC Transit's rapid bus lines.
- Construction of a direct connector between I-680 and I-880 in Fremont.
- Upgrades to the I-680/State Route 84 interchange.
- Various upgrades to relieve congestion on the Dumbarton Bridge.
- Bicycle and pedestrian access improvements to regional transit hubs and the closure of gaps in the San Francisco Bay Trail.
- Goods movement and rail improvements for greater safety and efficiency.

Funds will also support projects in San Francisco, Marin and Contra Costa counties to relieve congestion and improve overall traffic flow. Previous regional measures were passed by voters in 1988 and 2004. According to the bill's author, Senator Jim Beall, "If we're serious about having a dynamic Bay Area economy, we have to be equally serious about making the investments needed to keep businesses and their workers moving."

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## Independent Watchdog Committee Annual Report

For 15th year in a row, Watchdog approves of Measure B and BB spending

In its <u>Annual Report to the Public</u>, for the 15th year in a row, Alameda CTC's <u>Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC)</u> affirmed that the agency spent Measure B and Measure BB tax dollars during fiscal year 2015-16 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 expenditures and Measure BB expenditures and performance measures, and IWC activities.

The report also provides an update on the delivery of programs and projects funded by Measure B, Alameda County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, and those funded by Measure BB, approved by voters in November 2014.

The <u>15th Annual Report to the Public</u>, the <u>Executive Summary in English</u>, <u>Chinese</u> and <u>Spanish</u>, and <u>audits of each agency</u> <u>receiving Measure B and BB funds</u> are available to the public on the Alameda CTC website.

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