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Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plan Moves onto November 2012 Ballot

If approved by voters in November, over \$7.8 billion in funds for
transportation will flow in Alameda County

Alameda County - California. The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) received the Alameda County Board of Supervisors' final unanimous approval today on the 2012 Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP), which will guide spending and provide \$7.8 billion in sales tax revenue for critical transportation projects throughout Alameda County over the next 30 years. With this approval, the Board of Supervisors has authorized the TEP for placement as a measure on the November 6, 2012 ballot that will go before Alameda County voters.

"Passing the new transportation measure will be critical to the future economic health and overall quality of life for Alameda County by creating more local jobs, reducing congestion, and providing greater access to a variety of transportation options," said Supervisor Nate Miley, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

The TEP is the result of an extensive county-wide public engagement process, and reflects public and stakeholder priorities. If passed by voters in November, the transportation projects included in the TEP will be funded through the augmentation and extension of the existing county transportation sales tax, Measure B, which was passed by voters in 1986 and reauthorized in 2000 with 81.5% support.

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“We have a one-time shot at getting this measure passed by voters this November,” said Alameda CTC Executive Director Art Dao. “It will make the difference between advancing the county and region into the 21st century of transportation, or contending with increasing traffic congestion and fewer options for transit, senior and disabled transportation services, and pedestrian and bicyclist safety programs, as our aging infrastructure deteriorates.”

The Alameda CTC developed the 2012 TEP because:

- All major projects approved by voters in the current Measure B are either completed or fully funded—10 years ahead of schedule. To proactively prepare for our future transportation needs, Alameda County needs a new plan and source of funds for capital projects, which take several years to plan, design, fully fund, and build.
- Transit operators have experienced significant service cuts due to volatility and decreases in federal and state funding.
- The economic downturn has reduced funding for many programs supported by Measure B, including senior and disabled transportation, walking and biking facilities, and programs such as Safe Routes to Schools.

The Alameda CTC Board approved the TEP in January 2012. Since then, Alameda CTC has received approvals of the TEP from every city in Alameda County, AC Transit and BART, and a number of other individuals and organizations, before seeking approval from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

The TEP can be found on the Alameda CTC website at
http://www.alamedactc.org/app_pages/view/7046

About the Alameda County Transportation Commission

The mission of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is to plan, fund and deliver transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. Alameda CTC coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers the expenditure plan for the half-cent sales tax approved by 81.5% of county voters in 2000. For more information, visit www.alamedactc.org.

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