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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report provides focused updates on Alameda CTC's work to improve transportation throughout Alameda County. This report provides status updates on key activities, including capital projects management and express lane operations; planning, policy and program implementation; finance and contracting; and programming and project controls. In addition, it contains brief summaries of advisory committee and agency activities.

This monthly update provides a synopsis of transportation project and program implementation funded with local, regional, state and federal funds.

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## Project Updates

### I-580 Express Lanes celebrate 2nd anniversary!



Since opening in February 2016, the I-580 Express Lanes have been operating along approximately 11 miles from Hacienda Drive in Pleasanton to Greenville Road in Livermore in the eastbound direction, and approximately 14 miles from Greenville Road to just before San Ramon Road/Foothill Road in Dublin in the westbound direction.

By optimizing corridor capacity, the express lanes have provided motorists with significant benefits including travel-time savings and travel reliability. In fact, implementing the I-580 Express Lanes and other congestion relief strategies has moved the I-580 corridor off the Metropolitan Transportation Committee's top 10 list of most congested freeways in the Bay Area.

The express lanes are toll-free for carpools, clean-air vehicles,

motorcycles and transit vehicles. Drivers of single-occupancy vehicles can pay a toll to use the express lanes, which during peak times at congested locations have recorded 10-25 mph faster lane speeds and a better level of service than the general purpose lanes.

From February 2016 through December 2017, the I-580 Express Lanes have recorded over 14.5 million total trips and collected over \$19.1 million in gross toll revenues, which will fund ongoing operations and facility maintenance.

Visit Alameda CTC's I-580 Express Lanes web page for more information, or for questions related to the I-580 Express Lanes, call our Express Lanes Hotline at (510) 208-7499. For additional information on all express lanes managed by Alameda CTC, visit Alameda CTC's [Express Lanes web pages](#).

## Planning and Program Updates

### Affordable Student Transit Pass Pilot



Alameda CTC is responsible for implementation of the Affordable Student Transit Pass Pilot, which was funded through Measure BB to improve transportation options for Alameda County's middle and high school students, remove barriers to accessing school and build support for public transit. The pilot is in its second year of implementation with 15 schools participating — 11 under a free and universal model and four under a free and means-based model.

Key findings from evaluating Year Two to date are:

- Overall participation is higher in Year Two than in Year One, with over 6,000 students participating. This is due to the addition of new schools and the elimination of less effective pilot models between Year One and Year Two. Currently, 44 percent of total eligible students are participating, up from 36 percent in Year One.
- Testing some of the same models across different areas of the county has allowed for a more robust assessment of the different pilot models. Administration of the program for all parties has become easier, based on simplifying the models being tested.

- The bus usage data suggests that high school participants use the bus more often than middle school participants.
- BART tickets were added to the program in Year Two at participating high schools within BART's service area, and there appears to be less demand for BART tickets than for bus passes.

In February, the Commission will receive an update on Year Two implementation and recommendations for implementing Year Three.

## Policy News

### State budget proposal

Governor Brown released his proposed 2018-19 budget on January 10, 2018, which outlines a \$190.3 billion spending plan that includes \$131.7 billion in general fund spending, \$56.1 billion in special fund spending and \$2.5 billion in bond funds. The 2018-19 budget is projected to have a healthy one-time surplus of \$6.1 billion.

However, the state will face the effects of the recently enacted federal tax bill, which have not yet been factored into the budget's economic or revenue forecasts. Therefore, the budget plans for the next recession and proposes to bring the Rainy Day Fund to 100 percent of its constitutional target (10 percent of tax revenues) at \$13.5 billion.

The budget includes total funding of \$18.7 billion for all transportation programs, including \$4.5 billion from Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. Of this amount, \$2.2 billion is for local jurisdiction improvements and \$2.3 billion is for state infrastructure improvements.

The May revision will include updated estimates based on revenues, expenditures, federal funding and other factors.

## Programming Updates

### Lifeline Cycle 5 Program

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Lifeline Transportation Program funds projects that improve mobility for the region's low-income communities. Last month, MTC approved the Lifeline Cycle 5 Guidelines and fund estimate. The fund estimate is a mix of State Transit Assistance and federal Section 5307 funding; Alameda County's share is over \$4.8 million. As the congestion management agency for Alameda County, Alameda CTC is responsible for program administration.

Lifeline projects address transportation gaps and/or barriers identified through a Community-Based Transportation Plan or other substantive local planning efforts involving focused outreach to low-income populations. Eligible activities include late night and weekend fixed-route transit operations and expansion of fixed-route services, community shuttles, vehicle purchase, transit capital/access improvements and mobility management. Only transit agencies are eligible to apply, but transit agencies may pass through the funds to eligible sub-recipients. Alameda CTC intends to release a call for projects in late February, and applications will be due in late March 2018.

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## VRF grant: Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza and Transit Area Improvements Project

Alameda CTC funds various discretionary projects through Measure B, Measure BB and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) grants. BART received an award of \$3.7 million in VRF funding from Alameda CTC for construction of the Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza and Transit Area Improvements Project, a joint effort between BART and the City of Berkeley to construct transit center improvements to the BART station and AC Transit hub.

Improvements include new BART entrance structures, bus shelters, public plaza resurfacing, lighting, curb ramps and bike parking. The construction of the plaza is scheduled for completion by late summer 2018. Once complete, the Downtown Berkeley BART station will have a dramatic new look and functional design to improve safety, walkability, access and multimodal connections for commuters, students and residents alike.



## Finance Updates

### Second quarter investment and financial reports

During January 2018, the finance team concentrated on completing Alameda CTC's FY2017-18 second quarter investment and financial reports and the second quarter financial report for the Sunol Smart Carpool Lane Joint Powers Authority (JPA). Alameda CTC's investments are in compliance with the investment policy, and the portfolios have met the benchmarks. Financial reports for both Alameda CTC and the Sunol JPA demonstrate that the agencies' expenditures are within the approved year-to-date budget authority.

The mid-year budget update process also recently began. This collaborative effort will culminate with an adjusted FY2017-18 budget, intended to update revenue and expenditure needs for the agency based on actual experience to date in the current fiscal year. The budget is anticipated to go to the Commission for approval in March.

### Contracting opportunities

Over the next year, Alameda CTC or its sponsor agencies anticipate solicitation of statements of qualifications, bids and/or proposals for the following:

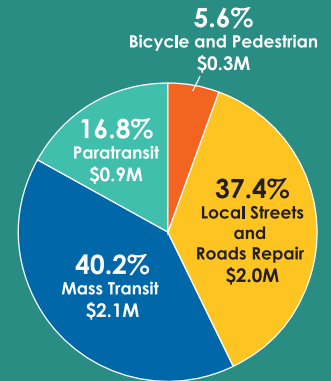
- Professional services contracts related to:
  - Administration Support Services
  - Investment Advisory Services
  - 7th Street Grade Separation and Port Arterial Improvements
  - I-880 Interchange Improvements
  - Express Lane System Manager/Program Support
  - Toll Lanes System Integrator Services for I-580 Express Lanes and Future Network Expansion
  - Express Lane Toll Revenue Forecasting

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## Transportation Investments

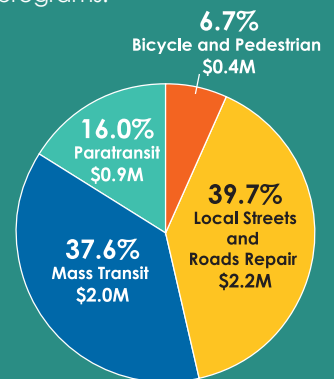
### Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$188.2 million; more than \$5.3 million was distributed in November 2017.



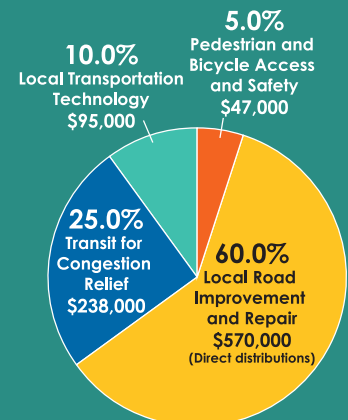
### Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$956.6 million since 2002. In November 2017, ~\$5.5 million was distributed for four programs.



### Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$46.3 million for local road repair; over \$0.9 million was collected in November 2017.



## Agency Activities

In February, Alameda CTC participated in the following events:

- BikeMobile visits:
  - February 1 – Niles Elementary School, Fremont
  - February 2 – Mendenhall Middle School, Livermore
  - February 3 – Newark Library, Newark
  - February 6 – Tyrell Elementary School, Hayward
  - February 7 – Schafer Park Elementary School, Hayward
  - February 8 – Global Family Elementary School, Oakland
  - February 9 – Oakland International High School, Oakland
  - February 10 – University Village, a University of California, Berkeley student housing community, Albany
  - February 13 – Encompass Academy, Oakland
  - February 14 – San Lorenzo High School, San Lorenzo
  - February 15 – Albany High School, Albany
  - February 16 – Bridges Academy at Melrose, Oakland
  - February 21 – Rancho Las Positas Elementary School, Livermore
  - February 22 – Fairlands Elementary School, Pleasanton
  - February 24 – YES conference, Laney College in Oakland
  - February 27 – Fairview Elementary School, Hayward
  - February 28 – Corvallis Elementary School, San Leandro
- February 21 – 2018 Lunar New Year celebration at Sacred Heart Middle School, Oakland

## CARPPOOLING OPTIONS



A number of options to facilitate carpooling are available in the Bay Area, all aimed at making carpooling more convenient. Carpool apps available at [rideshare.511.org](http://rideshare.511.org) make it easy to schedule one-way carpool trips and allow you to be either a driver or a passenger.

## COMMUTE CHOICES

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

## Other News

### New Alameda CTC chair and vice chair



On February 1, 2018, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) unanimously elected Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle, who represents District 2, to serve as chair and unanimously elected San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter to serve as vice chair of the Commission. The chair and vice chair are elected to serve a one-year term.

Chair Valle outlined several priorities for 2018, including:

- Advancing our rail strategy in partnership with other agencies and Union Pacific Railroad.
- Expanding our Safe Routes to Schools program to include a rail safety education program.
- Making major multimodal corridor improvements.
- Updating the bicycle and pedestrian plan, including Niles Canyon Trail.
- Expanding the express lanes.
- Expanding the Affordable Student Transit Pass Program.

Chair Valle says, “It is a great privilege to lead Alameda CTC in partnership with my colleagues, as we deliver critically important transportation programs and projects throughout Alameda County. This year, we will focus on leveraging our local Measure BB funds to close project funding gaps with new state and regional funds.”

## Committee Activities

### February advisory committees

In February, the following committees met or will meet:

- February 8 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) approved the Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 5 guidelines and programming process. ACTAC members received an update on the grade crossing analysis and safety improvements. In addition, they received information on the Transportation Fund for Clean Air FY2017-18 Program and development of the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program.
- February 27 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\) and the Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee \(ParaTAC\)](#) will meet jointly to focus on mobility management and best practices. PAPCO and ParaTAC members will receive a presentation from Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation (FACT), a regional brokerage of transportation services based in the San Diego area, and FACT and three local mobility management providers will participate in a panel discussion.

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- Construction contracts related to:
  - Dublin Widening, Westbound from Two to Three Lanes
  - Mission Boulevard Phases 2 and 3
  - South Bayfront Bridge

For more information, visit the [Contracting Opportunities web page](#).