

SECTION 6
PROGRAMMING/ALLOCATION GUIDELINES FOR
2014 MEASURE BB
HIGHWAY PROGRAM

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Highway Program seeks to implement projects as identified in the Measure BB 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan (2014 TEP). The expenditure plan identifies specific highway and freight corridors and improvements on I-80, SR84, I-580, I-680 and I-880 that would address infrastructure gaps and facilitate greater access, congestion relief and goods movement. The 2014 TEP identifies specific projects for each of the highway corridors in the amount of \$600M, with an additional one percent (1%) of net revenue or approximately \$77M specifically targeted towards improvements that improve goods movement. Projects were based on project readiness, local priority, and the ability to leverage current investment and funds. Alameda CTC aims to prioritize the specific investments that demonstrate an ability to move forward in project implementation and delivery. A number of eligible projects, or candidate projects will be selected for funding based on their contribution to maximizing the connectivity, reliability, and efficiency of the transportation system, while also providing congestion relief and facility improvements.

FUND SOURCES

2014 Measure BB

Measure BB, approved by Alameda County in November 2014, authorizes the collection of a half-cent transportation sales tax and augments the existing 2000 sales tax program. Collection of the sales tax began on April 1, 2015 and will continue through March 30, 2045. The 2014 TEP outlines projects and programs that will be funded with the sales tax revenues. The 2014 TEP identifies \$600 million for specific highway capital improvements with an additional including one percent (1%) of net revenue or approximately \$77 million, targeted specifically for the Freight and Economic Development Program that supports goods movement related improvements.

Funds will be periodically distributed by Alameda CTC for projects that will make the existing highway system safer, more efficient and effective by:

- Removing bottlenecks at interchanges and other hot spots
- Improving efficiency by providing HOV/HOT/Express Lanes and operational improvements, and integrating Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) strategies
- Providing connectivity/accessibility between goods, markets, and employment centers
- Complementing other modes of transportation and integrating complete street features
- Completing gaps in the system
- Improving air quality by reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions

The 2014 Measure BB funds shall be expended in accordance with the requirements of the expenditure plan. The specific funding requirements related to the expenditure and reimbursement of funds allocated to projects as part of the Highway Program shall be included in the funding agreements required between the Alameda CTC and the fund recipient.

PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATION PRIORITIES

The Highway program seeks to award projects that improve the safety and efficiency of Alameda County's highway system, as specifically identified in the 2014 TEP. The programming and allocation primary priority shall be towards projects that contribute significantly towards addressing safety, access and infrastructure gaps, while also furthering countywide efficiencies and coordination of goods movement. In general, competitive projects are those that enhance safety and connectivity of freight services from more than one specific planning area or jurisdiction in Alameda County.

Priority (in no particular order) is given to projects as follows:

- 1. Projects in the Expenditure Plans:** Priority consideration is given to projects that are identified in the 2014 TEP and earmarked for certain Measure BB amounts.
 - a. Projects specifically named or referenced in the group category and that have already started various project development phases such as scoping, preliminary engineering, design, and environmental will receive priority consideration.
 - b. Projects referenced in the group category and earmarked for certain Measure BB amounts in the 2014 TEP but not yet started any project development work.
 - c. Funding from this category will be done in coordination with the Freight and Economic Development Program to support related transportation projects and corridor investments, where applicable.
- 2. Improve Safety:** Priority consideration is given to projects that improve safety among vehicles, bicycles, and/or pedestrians, on major truck routes, and the safety of maintenance and operational workers.
- 3. Measure BB Capital Program Delivery Plan:** Priority consideration is given to projects and priorities determined through the Alameda CTC Measure BB Capital Program Delivery Plan.
- 4. Improve mobility and provide congestion relief:** Priority consideration is given to projects that positively affect transportation mobility and accessibility. This includes the removal of bottlenecks at the interchange locations and other hot spots identified, improving efficiency by providing additional capacity via HOV/HOT/Express and operational improvements, and reducing travel times (peak hour vehicle delays and average vehicle delays).

5. **Enhance Connectivity/Access Improvements:** Priority consideration is given to projects that provide connectivity and accessibility between goods and markets, ports, major businesses and employment centers
6. **System Reliability:** Priority consideration is given to projects that maximize connectivity, and provide congestion relief, gap closures, and contribute to improving environmental conditions i.e. air quality.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligible projects include improvements that accomplish program's objective improve efficiency, remove bottlenecks, and increase access on the highway system to and from Alameda County. The Highway program funds will be available for projects that include, but are not limited to the following:

- Highway projects and corridors identified in the 2014 TEP from the following investment categories:
 - I-80 Improvements
 - I-580 Improvements
 - I-680 Improvements
 - I-880 Improvements
 - I-880 Improvements
 - SR-84 Improvements
- Highway related improvements that provide congestion relief, increase safety, access, and enhances mobility of vehicles and goods movement operations.

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Projects that do not directly benefit transportation in Alameda County.
- Projects that do not meet the goals and objectives of this program.

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