# 15th Annual Independent Watchdog Committee Report to the Public FY2015-16



## Measure B and Measure BB Sales Tax Activities

#### IN NOVEMBER 2000, ALAMEDA COUNTY VOTERS APPROVED

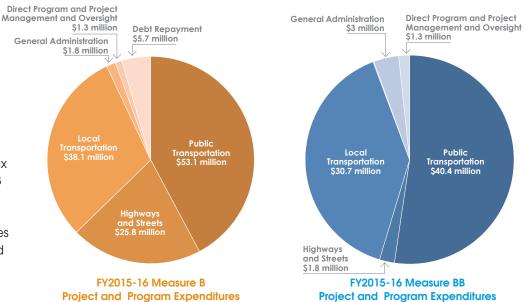
MEASURE B, which extended the County's 1986 half-cent transportation sales tax to 2022 and set forth a 20-year Expenditure Plan to enhance the County's transportation system. Measure B also established a Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) to review all Measure B expenditures for compliance with the Expenditure Plan.

In November 2014, Alameda County voters approved Measure BB, which augmented the County's halfcent transportation sales tax to one full cent, extended the tax through 2045 and set forth a 30-year Expenditure Plan for essential transportation improvements in every city throughout the County. Measure BB established an Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) that reports its findings annually to the public to ensure appropriate use of sales tax funds and provides oversight by reviewing all Measure B expenditures and Measure BB expenditures and performance measures. The IWC replaced and assumed responsibility for the CWC in July 2015. This 15th annual report covers expenditures and IWC activities during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 (FY2015-16). The full report is available at <u>www.AlamedaCTC.org/</u> IWC2017Report.

The IWC concludes that 2000 Measure B and 2014 Measure BB tax dollars were spent during FY2015-16 in accordance with the intent of the two measures, except as noted in the full report. However, opportunities for improvement remain.

### Summary of Expenditures

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is responsible for administering the Measure B and Measure BB transportation sales tax measures. In FY2015-16, Measure B revenues totaled \$137.3 million, and audited expenditures totaled \$125.8 million. Measure BB revenues totaled \$137.3 million, and audited expenditures totaled \$77.2 million in FY2015-16.



### Measure B and Measure BB Funded Programs



Alameda CTC allocates approximately 60 percent of Measure B and 65 percent of Measure BB funds on a monthly basis to programs by formula and through competitive grants to Alameda County, cities and transit agencies.

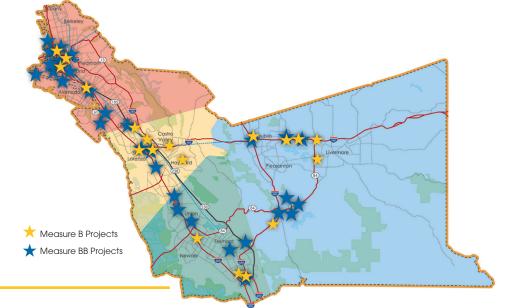
In FY2015-16, Alameda CTC expended \$74.9 million in Measure B funds and \$70.2 million in Measure BB funds on programs, including local streets and roads, mass transit, special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities (paratransit) and bicycle and pedestrian safety, and investments to improve transit connections to jobs and schools, freight and economic development, and technology development.

#### Measure B and Measure BB Funded Projects

Alameda CTC allocates approximately 40 percent of Measure B and 35 percent of Measure BB funds to capital projects.

In FY2015-16, Alameda CTC expended \$42.1 million of Measure B funds and \$2.7 million of Measure BB funds on capital projects for transportation infrastructure improvements, such as BART rail extensions, highway and transit improvements, local street and road enhancements, intermodal projects and other local projects.

This map (right) highlights the location of Measure B and Measure BB capital projects active during FY2015-16. Details for these active capital projects including phase, schedule, funding commitments and project expenditures are in the full IWC Annual Report to the Public at <u>www.</u> <u>AlamedaCTC.org/IWC2017Report.</u>



## Independent Watchdog Committee Activities

IWC members performed the following general activities from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

- Ongoing Programs and Capital Projects Monitoring: The IWC monitors specific programs, capital projects and issues of concern.
- Independent Audit of Alameda CTC: The IWC reviews the independent auditor's plan for the audit before it begins and reviews the draft audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports regarding Measure B and Measure BB revenues and expenditures.
- Audit and Compliance Report Review: The IWC members review audited financial statements and compliance reports received from Measure B and Measure BB direct

local distribution (DLD) recipients to ensure expenditures comply with the requirements in the applicable Expenditure Plan.

- Issues Identification Process: IWC members may request and receive information from DLD recipients and/or Alameda CTC staff if they have concerns regarding Measure B and Measure BB expenditures. The committee may also review issues regarding Measure B and Measure BB expenditures identified by the public.
- Annual Report to the Public:
   Each year, the IWC establishes

   a subcommittee to develop
   the annual report to the public
   regarding Measure B and
   Measure BB expenditures and
   to discuss distribution of and
   outreach for this report.



#### How to Get Involved

Independent Watchdog Committee meetings are open to the public. You can contact the IWC at IndependentWatchdog@alamedactc. org. If you are interested in vacancies on Alameda CTC's community advisory committees, contact Alameda CTC. Visit www.AlamedaCTC.org to learn more and follow Alameda CTC on:

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