

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

A

ABAG	Association of Bay Area Governments
ACCMA	Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, also known as CMA
ACE	Altamont Commuter Express
ACTA	Alameda County Transportation Authority (governing agency established by the passage of the 1986 Measure B)
ACTIA	Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (governing agency established to administer the 2000 Measure B)
AC Transit	Alameda Contra Costa Transit District
At-grade Crossing	Crossing of travel paths which intersect at the same grade (i.e. elevation) thereby permitting only one direction of travel through the crossing at a time
Auxiliary Lane	An additional travel lane built for a specific travel movement, such as a merge or a turn, rather than a general road widening

B

BART	Bay Area Rapid Transit District
BOE	State Board of Equalization is the state organization that collects and distributes the sales taxes

C

CAC	The Citizens Advisory Committee formed by the 1986 Measure B to provide public input and public outreach
Capital Project	A project which includes a capital phase such as right of way acquisition or construction phase which will result in a capital improvement
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CHCCI	California Highway Construction Cost Index
CMA	Congestion Management Agency

CMA TIP	Congestion Management Agency Transportation Improvement Program
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CMP	Congestion Management Program
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CTC	California Transportation Commission
CWC	The Citizens Watchdog Committee formed by the 2000 Measure B to report to the public about 2000 Measure B expenditures
CWTP	Countywide Transportation Plan prepared by the Congestion Management Agency for the County (Alameda CTC in Alameda County)
D	
DEIR	Draft Environmental Impact Report
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Study
E	
EIR	Environmental Impact Report (state-level environmental document)
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement (federal-level environmental document)
ENR	Engineering News Record
EPDC	Expenditure Plan Development Committee
Expenditure Plan	The Transportation Expenditure Plan placed on the ballot to establish the Measure B Programs: the first in 1986 and the second in 2000
Expressway	An arterial highway for through traffic which may have partial control of access, but which may or may not be divided or have grade separated intersections with other roadways
F	
FEIR	Final Environmental Impact Report
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Study
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration

FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
Freeway	A divided arterial highway for through traffic with full control of access and with grade separated intersections with other roadways
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
Funding Constraint	Limit to the amount and timing of expenditures based on revenue projections
FY	Fiscal Year (July 1 through June 30)
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 through September 30)
G	
G & A	General and Administration
Grade Separation	Crossing of travel paths which intersect at different grades (i.e. elevations) to permit all directions of travel to continue without conflicting with each other at the point of crossing.
Grading	The phase of a road construction project in which earth is moved to form the base of the new roadway
H	
HOT Lane	High Occupancy Toll lane
HOV Lane	High Occupancy Vehicle lane (used by buses and carpools)
I	
I/C	Interchange
I-Bond	Infrastructure Bonds approved by California Voters in 2006 which made funding available for certain transportation projects (funds administered, and allocated, by the California Transportation Commission)
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991
ITIP	Interregional Transportation Improvement Program – State funding source
L	
LATIP	Local Alternative Transportation Improvement Program

Local Share The portion of a Measure B Capital Project cost which is paid by the local jurisdiction it serves (local funds and/or matching funds)

M

MAR Modified Access Report

MTC Metropolitan Transportation Commission - The metropolitan planning organization that adopts the RTP and RTIP for the Region

N

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

NOD Notice of Determination

NTP Notice to Proceed

P

PAC Policy Advisory Committee

PE Preliminary Engineering

PEF Program Escalation Factor (factor used to escalate the Programmed Balance from FY to FY for each 2000 Measure B capital project)

PHASE A portion of an overall project implementation plan typically correlating with certain deliverables, approvals or milestones such as the Preliminary Engineering/Environmental Studies Phase, the Final Design Phase, or the Construction Phase. The Alameda CTC uses a certain set of project phases to segregate project costs and funding.

PLAN Alameda County's Transportation Expenditure Plan approved in 1986 or 2000, i.e. the 1986 PLAN or 2000 PLAN

Project Sponsor Entity responsible for project development/delivery

Prop 42 Proposition 42 passed by California voters earmarking certain revenues related to the sales of gasoline for transportation purposes

PS&E Plans, Specifications and Estimates

PSFA Project Specific Funding Agreement

PSR Project Study Report

PR	Project Report
R	
RM1	Regional Measure 1 - A November 1988 ballot measure that raised specific bridge toll limits to fund specific bridge corridor improvements and is administered by the Bay Area Toll Authority administers these funds.
RM2	Regional Measure 2 - A March 2004 ballot measure which raised State-owned bridge toll limits to assist in funding transit operations and transportation projects/progress
Revenue Projection	Forecast of incoming sales tax revenue
RDA	Redevelopment Agency
RFP	Request for Proposal
RIP	Regional Improvement Program of transportation funding programmed by the CTC in the STIP based on recommendations from the CMAs
ROD	Record of Decision
ROW	Right-of-Way
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan (MTC's long range plan for the nine-county Bay Area Region)
RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
S	
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Act - A Legacy for Users - A federal appropriations bill for transportation
SCVTA	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (also VTA).
SHA	State Highway Account. State funding source.
SHOPP	State Highway Operation and Protection Program – State funding source focused on correcting existing safety and operational issues
SLTPP	State-Local Transportation Partnership Program. State funding intended to match local expenditures on approved transportation projects.

Soundwall	A barrier constructed along the edge of a roadway to mitigate noise impacts on adjacent properties.
SPECIFIC AGREEMENT	Project Specific Funding Agreement (2000 MB)
SPONSOR	Entity responsible for project development/delivery
S RTP	Short Range Transit Plan
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program - The program for state funding administered by the CTC
STIP-TE	State Transportation Improvement Program – Transportation Enhancement
STP	Surface Transportation Program - A federal fund source
T	
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TBD	To be determined
TCRP	Transportation Congestion Relief Program (a state-level source of funding)
TEA	Transportation Enhancement Act - A federal fund source for projects that enhance the transportation experience
TEA 21	Transportation Equity Act for 21 st Century signed into law on June 9, 1998 and was intended to expire at the end of federal fiscal year 2003 (has been extended a number of times)
TIF	Traffic Impact Fees
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program - MTC’s three-year program of projects utilizing federal funds or subject to required federal actions
TLC	Transportation for Livable Communities
TVTC	Tri-Valley Transportation Council
U	
Utility Relocation	The relocation of underground and overhead utility lines which would otherwise conflict with roadway construction
UPRR	Union Pacific Railroad
V	
VPPP	Value Pricing Pilot Program - A federal funding source

VTA Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (also SCVTA)

W

WSX Warm Springs Extension (BART)