Promises Made, Promises Kept: The first two years of Measure BB

November 2016 marked the second anniversary of the passage of the transportation sales tax Measure BB by Alameda County voters. Measure BB builds on a history of local funding success that began with voters passing Measure B in 1986 and extending it in 2000. Alameda CTC is keeping its pledge to residents and businesses throughout Alameda County by delivering essential transportation improvements as approved by voters, and it is leveraging state and federal funds to invest billions in transportation for the county and region.

In the past two years, significant transportation investments have improved transportation and expanded mobility options. Enhancements to Alameda County’s transportation system include upgraded and expanded BART service; increased reliability in bus service and expanded access to transit; investments to improve streets, roads and highways; and expanded safe walking and biking paths. We are pleased to provide you with a summary of accomplishments of our local funding measures between 2014 and 2016.

Transportation News

Upgraded and Expanded BART Service

Warm Springs/South Fremont BART Station and Oakland Airport Connector give commuters options

Contracting Opportunities

FasTrak is required to use the I-580 Express Lanes in the Tri-Valley

Commute with confidence - Sign up for the Guaranteed Ride Home Program

Commute Choices - Learn about all your options including carpools
New Carpooling Options

A number of new options to facilitate carpooling are now available in the Bay Area, all aiming to make carpooling easier and more convenient. Carpool apps make it easy to schedule one-way carpool trips and to be either a driver or a passenger. Try the 511 RideMatch Service that allows you to find and email neighbors with similar commutes, or one of the carpool apps available at https://carpool.511.org/ Use promo code ALAMEDA05 to save using any of the apps at https://carpool.511.org/1.

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About Alameda CTC

The Alameda County Transportation Commission plans, funds and delivers transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. Funding sources for Alameda CTC’s expenditure plans include Measure B, approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000; Measure F, a Vehicle Registration Fee approved by 63 percent of county voters in 2004.

Increased Reliability in Bus Service and Expanded Access to Transit

Measure BB results in better alternatives to driving

The Warm Springs/South Fremont BART Station extends BART toward Silicon Valley by five miles and will soon provide Alameda County commuters with a viable alternative to driving. Measure B, the predecessor to Measure BB, contributed more than one-third of the extension’s total funding. Construction is complete, and final system testing is underway.

The Oakland Airport Connector, another Measure B-funded project, provides seamless connections between BART and the Oakland International Airport and has made getting to and from the airport on transit more convenient than ever. Since opening in fall 2014, the new connector has served nearly two million passengers.

Increased Access to Transit

Expanding transportation choices to accommodate our growing county is one of the cornerstones of Measure BB. East Bay Bus Rapid

Photo courtesy of BART.

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Transit (BRT) broke ground in August of this year. Once complete, East Bay BRT will provide more reliable, faster travel along the busy 9.5-mile International Boulevard corridor from downtown Oakland to the San Leandro BART Station.

The newly-launched Affordable Student Transit Pass Pilot Program will also expand access to transit and further reduce congestion on local streets. The program provides students with free and low-cost student transit passes to improve school attendance, reduce the burden of transportation costs on families and improve access to after-school activities and jobs.

In addition, Alameda County seniors and people with disabilities in need of transportation assistance have benefited from a 100 percent increase in funding for paratransit under Measure BB. Information on the suite of services including public transit, ADA paratransit and city-based programs is available at accessalameda.org.

Improved Streets, Roads and Highways

Repairing roads and managing congestion are top priorities

Fixing local streets and roads is a top priority for Alameda County residents and businesses, and more than 50 percent of Measure BB revenues are distributed to cities to repair local streets and roads. Additional improvements implemented in the last two years mitigate traffic on Alameda County streets by managing congestion along key corridors.

The I-80 SMART Corridor (activated in September 2016) integrates state-of-the-art technology for safer, more reliable travel, while Express Lanes on I-580 and I-680 provide more reliable travel times, improve traffic conditions and provide incentives to carpool and use transit. Enhancements at the Port of Oakland will improve freight efficiency and reduce emissions from trucks idling in gridlock.
Expanding Safe Walking and Biking Paths

Improvements provide more healthy and equitable ways to travel.
Oakland and gap closures on major countywide trails increase access and quality of life for residents and commuters.