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a message from the executive director

Over the past year, the Alameda CTC has embarked upon major developments that have accelerated the pace of progress. The recent voter **approval of Measure F - Vehicle Registration Fee** will result in an additional \$11 million annually to improve local streets and roads, transit, transportation technology and bicycle and pedestrian safety throughout Alameda County. In addition, **Measure B grants** are helping to advance and sustain important programs such as Travel Training, Safe Routes to Schools, the BikeMobile and various Paratransit programs.

This January we **welcome two new County Board of Supervisor members**, Wilma Chan and Nadia Lockyer, to serve on the Commission. At the same time, we bid thanks and farewell to our esteemed Commission members, Alameda County District 2 Supervisor Gail Steele and District 3 Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker. Their dedication and support have helped to achieve many successes over the years.

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Countywide Plans Move Forward

A well-crafted transportation plan is essential to keep Alameda County moving safely and efficiently. In May 2010, the Countywide Transportation Plan and Expenditure Plan Development Steering Committee initiated the update of the Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) and the development of a new Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP). The CWTP is a transportation planning document that spans twenty-five years, and will form the basis of projects and programs that will go into the TEP and to voters for approval in 2012.

The thirteen-member Steering Committee, comprised of Alameda CTC members representing all areas of the county, is making excellent progress. Throughout the planning process, the **Steering Committee** is encouraging public participation



to help shape the plans and best address the needs of those who live, work and travel throughout Alameda County.

Shaping the Vision

A twenty-seven-member Community Advisory Working Group (CAWG) adopted by the Steering Committee, is providing input into the development of the CWTP and TEP so that they support the multi-modal needs of diverse communities and businesses in Alameda County. The focus of the CWTP and TEP

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Central County Transportation Forum in Hayward, January 20th

A number of important projects and programs taking place in central Alameda County will be featured at a Transportation Forum on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at Hayward City Hall. The public is invited to an open house from 6:30 to 7:00 pm, followed by

presentations on the Countywide Transportation Plans, the East Bay Greenway, Senior Travel Training, I-880 Corridor Improvements, Route 238 Improvements and the Lewelling/East Lewelling Boulevards Project. The Forum is sponsored by the Alameda CTC's Citizens Advisory Committee, which meets prior to the open house at 5:30 pm.

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During 2011, construction will continue on the BART Warm Springs Extension and the Oakland Airport Connector projects, among many other system improvements.

With our partners, stakeholders and constituents, we will make great progress on the development of **Countywide Plans** that will shape our transportation future. Happy New Year!

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Executive Director

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is to provide accessible, efficient and sustainable transportation throughout the county. CAWG members represent a broad array of perspectives, including business, civil rights, education, the environment, faith-based advocacy, health, public transit, seniors and people with disabilities, along with social justice.

A Technical Advisory Working Group (TAWG)—comprised of staff members from Alameda County, the fourteen cities, educational institutions, law enforcement, park districts, public health, regional agencies, social services and transit—provides technical input to the Steering Committee for development of the plans. TAWG members provide input on the vision and goals, evaluate the cost estimating guidelines, scoring, screening criteria and performance measures for projects and programs included in the plans. They also provide feedback regarding technical studies and polling conducted to develop plans.

Sustainable Communities Strategy

Under Senate Bill 375, all metropolitan regions in California must develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), that supports an integrated land use and transportation plan that will reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to meet the GHG reduction goals adopted by the State in September. In the San Francisco Bay Area, this integration includes the Association of Bay Area Governments' Regional Housing Needs Allocation process and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's 2013 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The CWTP-TEP will serve to inform the RTP regarding transportation needs in Alameda County.

Community Outreach and Participation

The Alameda CTC is working with all local jurisdictions, transit operators, Caltrans District 4, the Port of Oakland, MTC, other stakeholders and the general public to collect input regarding the plans development effort.

In November 2010, the Alameda CTC drafted a public participation approach to guide the involvement of stakeholders and interest groups regarding CWTP and TEP development. During October and November, 2010, stakeholder interviews were held to gain input as well as to identify key issues and concerns.

In addition, focus groups were formed to obtain insights and opinions from Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee members, Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee representatives, those from environmental justice organizations and pedestrian and bicycle advocates, businesses, elected leaders, and the Port of Oakland. During spring and fall of 2011, Alameda County-registered voters will be polled via telephone to gather public opinion at key milestones of plan development.

Additional opportunities for public involvement include a [project website](#) with web-based surveys, a reviewers' guide and a schedule of public workshops throughout the planning process.

How You Can Get Involved

- Attend a Steering Committee, CAWG or TAWG meeting (view the Commission's meetings calendar for dates, times and locations).
- Visit the CWTP-TEP website, to stay abreast of polling and public workshops in your area.

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New Elected Officials

Alameda CTC salutes all newly-elected local officials who are taking office this month as mayors, city councilmembers County supervisors and state legislators.

New CWTP/TEP Project

Get involved in these important countywide planning efforts! See the article in this newsletter or [click here](#).

Mobility Management Recent Developments - Updated Provider Toolkit

Please [click here](#) to see recently updated resources for providers and consumers.

Step Into Life Campaign

[Click here](#) to follow the Alameda CTC's campaign to encourage walking.

Central County Transportation Forum

January 20, 2011,
6:30 to 8:30 pm

Hayward City Hall,
777 B Street, Hayward

- Alameda CTC and Countywide Transportation Plans
- East Bay Greenway
- Senior Travel Training
- I-880 Corridor Improvements
- Route 238 Improvements
- Lewelling/East Lewelling Project

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January Ushers in Change

The November 2010 elections had a profound effect on communities across the country, and advancements in Alameda County in transportation were no exception.

Welcoming New Commission Members

Locally, the elections resulted in two new Alameda County supervisors who will begin serving on the Alameda CTC in January 2011. The Commission welcomes **Wilma Chan**, representing District 3, which includes Alameda, Ashland, Hillcrest Knolls, San Leandro, San Lorenzo and the Chinatown, Fruitvale and San Antonio portions of Oakland; and **Nadia Lockyer**, representing District 2, which includes Fremont, parts of Hayward, Newark, Sunol and Union City.

Alameda CTC bids farewell and extends our appreciation to Supervisors **Alice Lai-Bitker** and **Gail Steele**, who served as Commissioners, and were on the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) Board. Lai-Bitker is former ACTIA Board Chair. Steele served on both the ACTIA and Alameda County Transportation Authority boards, as well as previously serving on the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency. Both were instrumental in helping to bring a wide range of transportation projects and programs to Alameda County.



Newly-elected Supervisors and Alameda CTC members Wilma Chan and Nadia Lockyer.

Successful Vehicle Registration Fee Measures

The November elections also brought passage of five of the seven vehicle registration fee (VRF) measures in the Bay Area, including those in Alameda (Measure F), Marin (Measure B), San Francisco (Measure AA), San Mateo (Measure M) and Santa Clara (Measure B) counties. Contra Costa and Sonoma counties were unable to cross the 50 percent hurdle to pass their measures.

We thank Senator Loni Hancock for her work in getting SB 83 approved, which allowed the VRF to be placed on the ballot.

In Alameda County, the additional \$10 annual fee approved as Measure F by 62.9 percent of voters will result in approximately \$11 million dollars which will be allocated as follows in the graphic below.

Vehicle Registration Fee Distribution			
Local Streets & Roads	Transit	Technology	Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety
60%	25%	10%	5%

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Grants Sustain and Expand Various Transportation Programs

Grants often determine whether an important transportation program continues or ends. Alameda CTC is pleased to support grants for programs focused on increasing walking and biking in Alameda County:

- **Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S).** Under the Regional Transportation Plan's Climate Initiatives category, the SR2S program strives to reduce greenhouse gases by promoting walking, biking, transit and carpooling to school. MTC is allocating \$3.22 million to Alameda CTC, based on student population, to expand the Alameda County SR2S program.

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Tri-Valley Rapid Launches on January 24, 2011!

The new Tri-Valley Rapid bus will launch on Monday, January 24. The service will operate on weekdays only every 10 minutes during commute times and every 15 minutes during non-commute times from approximately 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Rapid is a limited stop service and will only serve bus stops featuring the Rapid bus stop sign and displayed on the route map. Visit the Rapid [website](#) for more information.

A \$420,000 match in Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Funds brings the total program budget to \$3.64 million—for a K-8 program in ninety schools; New High School program in ten to thirteen schools; New Commute Alternatives program to reduce faculty and staff drive-alone trips in one to two school districts; and capital technical assistance for capital project development and funding.

- **The BikeMobile.** Alameda CTC, in partnership with Cycles of Change, a local nonprofit organization offering bicycle education and repair and a partner in the current Alameda County SR2S program, also received a competitive grant award as part of the MTC Climate Initiatives Program Safe Routes to School Creative Grants. The BikeMobile: A Bike Repair and Encouragement Vehicle, will regularly visit schools with SR2S programs, recreation centers and other applicable sites.

Paratransit Grant Extensions

The Alameda CTC also supports important paratransit programs through grant funding. In fiscal year 2009-2010, after experiencing a 23 percent reduction in Measure B sales tax revenue, the Commission chose to augment or extend sixteen paratransit programs under its Gap Grant Program, in lieu of releasing Gap Grant Cycle 5 call for projects.

In April 2010, the Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO) brought funding recommendations to the Board, which resulted in the approval of additional funding and/or delivery time extensions for 16 grant projects that included programs such as:

- Shuttle services
- Group trips



- Taxi programs
- Same-day transportation services and escorts
- Travel training for seniors and disabled
- Travel services for people with dementia
- Vehicle donation program.

Many of these programs will extend into 2011.

Stabilization Funding

Another way Alameda CTC contributes to programs is through stabilization funding. To be eligible, programs must demonstrate exhaustion of revenues and reserves during the current fiscal year and ensuing service cuts without stabilization funding. These funds help stabilize the base paratransit programs. After reviewing applications in fiscal year 2009-2010, the Board approved PAPCO's recommendations for both the mandated and non-mandated base paratransit programs for \$7.75 million for all city-based program plans and base funding, and approved two Minimum Service Level grants: \$75,000 for the City of San Leandro and \$25,000 for the City of Oakland. These efforts by the Commission keep important transportation services afloat and eliminate service cuts during these difficult economic times.

To learn more about Alameda CTC's grant programs and awards, visit our [website](#).

calendar of events

January 2011—March 2011

Note: Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held at Alameda CTC offices, 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland. Listings are shown in alphabetical order.

Alameda CTC Board Meeting

January 27
February 24
March 24
2:30–4:30 p.m.

Alameda County Climate Action Transportation Group

March 9, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (ACTAC)

February 1, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Webinar

January 19, 12:00–1:00 p.m.
Topic: Bike Boxes
February 16, Topic: TBD
March 16, Topic: TBD

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

February 10, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans Working Group

February 9
March 23
1:30–3:30 p.m.

Central County Transportation Forum

(held at Hayward City Hall)
January 20, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

(held at Hayward City Hall)
January 20, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Progress on Projects in 2010: A Retrospective

The following tables highlight projects funded and/or sponsored by the Alameda CTC in 2010 that reached significant milestones:

Construction Completed in 2010					
Project Name	Benefits	Construction Start Date	Construction Completion Date	Measure B Commitment	Total Project Cost
I-580/ Castro Valley Interchanges Improvements	Improves access between I-580 and central Castro Valley and the BART station.	June 2008	Open to traffic: Sept. 2010	\$11.5 Million	\$33.2 Million
I-580 Eastbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane	Reduces eastbound peak period congestion and delay, improves highway service for carpool and transit riders, decreases commute times for drivers, enhances safety, and encourages ridesharing and mass transit use.	Sept. 2008	Nov. 2010	\$126 Million	\$154 Million
I-580 Sound Walls Project in San Leandro	Reduces traffic noise and improves community safety and aesthetics.	June 2009	Nov. 2010	\$7 Million	\$10 Million
I-680 Southbound High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lane	Maximizes southbound I-680 efficiency, encourages bus and carpool use, reduces traffic congestion, opens a HOV/HOT lane to create improved freeway efficiency.	Oct. 2008	Open to traffic: Sept. 2010 (construction still underway)	\$15.2 Million	\$36.6 Million
Bill Lockyer Bay Trail Slough Bridge	Close a major gap in the San Francisco Bay Trail.	July 2009	May 2010	\$0.1 Million	\$2.5 Million
Union City Intermodal Station	Accommodates future commuter rail services, expanded transit services, planned Transit Oriented Development and access for all transportation modes to and from the existing BART station.	Mar. 2002	Dec. 2010	\$12.6 Million	\$47 Million

Construction Continues in 2010					
Project Name	Benefits	Construction Start Date	Construction Completion Date	Measure B Commitment	Total Project Cost
BART to Warm Springs Extension	Will reduce overall traffic congestion and improve regional transit network by shortening travel distance for connecting transit services to and from points to the south. Extension will also reduce transit travel times and will improve reliability.	Sept. 2009	Estimated construction completion date: Summer 2014	\$224.4 Million	\$890 Million

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Citizens Watchdog Committee Meeting

March 14, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Community Advisory Working Group (CAWG)

March 3, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Coordination and Mobility Management Planning Meeting (CMMP)

(location TBD)

March 8, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan Development Steering Committee Meeting (CWTP-TEP)

January 27

February 24

March 24
12:00–2:00 p.m.

Finance and Administration Committee Meeting (FAC)

February 14

March 14
1:30–2:30 p.m.

I-580 Express Lanes Policy Advisory Committee

February 14, 9:45–10:30 a.m.

I-680 Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

February 14, 9:30–9:45 a.m.

Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO)

January 24, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee & Technical Advisory Committee (PAPCO/TAC) Joint Meeting

February 28, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

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Construction Started in 2010

Project Name	Benefits	Construction Start Date	Construction Completion Date	Measure B Commitment	Total Project Cost
BART Oakland Airport Connector	Will provide a direct transit link to the Oakland International Airport; help boost Oakland's economic, environmental and expansion goals; create or sustain thousands of jobs; facilitate greater regional connectivity and inter-modal transit; and support Oakland International Airport's expansion goals.	Nov. 2010	Estimated construction completion date: Summer 2014	\$89.1 Million	\$484.1 Million
Lewelling/East Lewelling Boulevard Widening and Hesperian Boulevard/Lewelling Boulevard Intersection Improvement	Will provide traffic flow improvements along length of Lewelling Boulevard with pedestrian and bicycle enhancements, including wider sidewalks, street trees, planted medians and street furnishings.	Jan. 2010	Estimated construction completion date: Winter 2011	\$13.8 Million	\$32.5 Million
Route 238/Mission-Foothill-Jackson Corridor Improvement	Will reduce traffic congestion in downtown Hayward and on Foothill/Mission Boulevards, improve traffic signal operations at multiple intersections, including Mission/Foothill/Jackson, improve pedestrian and bicycle access, provide landscaping and efficient street lighting.	Aug. 2010	Estimated construction completion date: Winter 2012	\$80 Million	\$98 Million

Major Milestones met in 2010

Project Name	Benefits	Construction Start Date	Construction Completion Date	Measure B Commitment	Total Project Cost
I-580/Bart to Livermore Studies	Will alleviate congestion on I-580, especially during heavy commute hours across Altamont Pass; provide intermodal connections to ACE regional rail system that links Stockton with San Jose through Tri Valley area and the east side of San Francisco Bay; improve air quality and reduce green house gas and other emissions associated with automobile use.	July 2010: BART Board certified the Final Program EIR with Alternative 2B as preferred alignment. Alameda CTC allocated \$1.668 million of Measure B in December 2010 for BART to perform conceptual studies and analysis related to Alternative 2B.	TBD	\$12 Million	\$3.8 Million

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Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC)

February 8, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Planning, Policy and Legislation Committee Meeting (PPLC)

February 14

March 14

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Programs and Projects Committee (PPC)

February 14

March 14

12:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Technical Advisory Working Group (TAWG)

March 1, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Major Milestones met in 2010, *continued*

Project Name	Benefits	Construction Start Date	Construction Completion Date	Measure B Commitment	Total Project Cost
I-880 North Safety and Operational Investments at 23rd/29th Avenues	Will widen northbound lanes and shoulders on I-880, reduce impact to mainline operations and improve operations and safety at I-880 on and off ramps; provide standard vertical clearance for trucks at 29th Avenue and 23rd Avenue over-crossings; and improve sound intensity.	Estimated construction start date: Summer 2012	Estimated construction completion date: Fall 2015	\$80 Million	\$100 Million
Route 84 Expressway	Will improve SR 84 as a regional connection between I-680 and I-580, consistent with SR 84 Pigeon Pass Safety Project and City of Livermore/Caltrans I-580/Isabel Avenue Interchange Project.	Estimated construction start date: Spring 2012. September 2010: Alameda CTC secured \$20 million of I-Bond funding from the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) for the project.	Estimated construction completion date: Summer 2014	\$96.5 Million	\$127.1 Million
Telegraph Avenue Corridor Bus Rapid Transit	Will enable buses to move faster than regular traffic, effectively; reduce amount of cars on road and decrease greenhouse gasses; supports transit-oriented development smart growth; and improves conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.	Estimated construction start date: Spring 2013. June 2010: AC Transit Board adopted a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) to be incorporated in the Final Environmental Impact Study/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR).	Estimated construction completion date: Fall 2016	\$10.4 Million	\$232.7 Million

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Public Participation— Spotlight on Community Advisory Committees

Public participation and oversight is important to the success of project and program delivery at the Alameda CTC. All Commission meetings are open to the public, and the agency website, regular publications and fact sheet updates, as well as Quarterly Transportation Forums, provide opportunities for information and



engagement at every step of the project and program delivery process. This commitment to public involvement helps to ensure transparency and accountability

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as the Commission delivers projects and programs. One important way that community members provide input and oversight for the agency is through participation on a range of committees:

- **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC):** The longest standing citizens' body hosts Quarterly Transportation Forums to inform the public about the progress of Measure B-related projects and programs.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC):** This group oversees 5% of Measure B funds dedicated to bicycle and pedestrian improvements and advises the Commission on a Countywide Discretionary Grant Fund to provide opportunities for new infrastructure and pilot projects related to walking and biking.
- **Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC):** This group reviews all expen-

ditures of taxpayer dollars and each year releases an independent Annual Report to the Public regarding their findings for all Measure B expenditures on projects, programs and administration. The CWC is made up of seventeen Alameda County residents, who are appointed by elected officials and specific organizations.

- **Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO):** A 28-member committee of users of transit services for seniors and people with disabilities, PAPCO reviews and makes recommendations on all program plans and grants for jurisdictions receiving Measure B funds for Special Transportation (Paratransit).

For more information about the Alameda CTC's advisory committee meetings and other opportunities for public involvement, [click here](#).

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