

A community member casts a vote for transportation projects and programs to include in the Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plan.

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Executive Director's Message

Transportation Drives Economic Vitality

WELCOME TO ALAMEDA CTC REPORTS.

This month, we examine how transportation drives the economy. As you'll read in our special feature, [Getting People to Work](#), Alameda County's transportation system offers commuters many choices to get to work; and it also puts people to work by creating jobs in administration, engineering and construction industries.

Alameda CTC is proud to work alongside local businesses in planning, funding and delivering transportation projects throughout the county. In this issue, we say ["Thank You"](#) to all the firms that have shared their expertise with us over the last year. For those firms interested in joining us in building a strong, sustainable transportation system, we have [upcoming contracting opportunities](#) available as well.

This month, the Alameda CTC Board of Directors adopted the [Transportation Expenditure Plan \(TEP\)](#) which was derived from the Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP). Together, these documents form the basis for maintaining our current transportation system and expanding it to accommodate projected population growth and transportation needs.

The CWTP and TEP identify projects and programs that a new transportation sales tax, expected to be on the ballot in November 2012, could fund, as well as other funding sources. Measure B



has been the backbone of our local transportation funding since 1986.

One Alameda CTC-funded project recently hit a major "breakthrough." The [Caldecott Tunnel project](#) literally broke through from the east and west sides of East Bay Hills. Once complete, this project will ease congestion on State Route 24 and allow for a more timely commute between Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. Funded through a partnership of local, regional, state and federal funding, this project is an excellent example of how to leverage [local transportation funding](#) to build new infrastructure and create jobs in our community.

As always, we invite your involvement. Consider joining us at one of the [upcoming meetings](#) or [outreach events](#) to learn more about how transportation drives our economy.

Thank You Alameda CTC Business Partners

As we start the New Year, the Alameda County Transportation Commission would like to thank our local business partners, who have helped us plan, fund and deliver projects and programs in Alameda County. Alameda County has a vast resource of talented and qualified firms that we are privileged to work with.

In the past fiscal year, Alameda CTC approved over \$42 million in contracts for project and program development and implementation. Over 80 percent of the engineering and administration contracts went to local businesses, supporting jobs and mobility.

The [Local Business Contract Equity \(LBCE\) Program](#) applies to contracts funded by Measure B and/or local funding only and requires contract goals of 70 percent Local Business Enterprise (LBE) and 30 percent Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) participation. In projects where federal and/or state funding is involved, Alameda CTC strongly encourages proposers to utilize LBE and/or SLBE subconsultants.

If your firm is interested in learning more about working with the Alameda CTC, see our [upcoming contracting opportunities](#). For those of you who partnered with us in 2011, we look forward to working with you in the future. Thank you for helping to keep Alameda County's transportation system running smoothly.



Special Feature: Transportation and Jobs

Getting People to Work

Our country is facing the most challenging economic conditions since the Great Depression. As of September 2011 in Alameda County alone, 76,400 people were unemployed, compared to about 46,500 people in 2008 before the real estate market crash. The people who live in Alameda County have lost nearly 30,000 jobs.

Since voters passed Alameda County's half-cent transportation sales tax in 2000, it has generated over \$1.2 billion for transportation system improvements. With these moneys, local jurisdictions and the county have removed bottlenecks, built sidewalks and bike paths, better maintained roads and bridges, and continued transit and paratransit services.

But what does that have to do with jobs? A lot, as it turns out.

Over the past decade, Alameda CTC has committed \$756 million—and leveraged an additional \$2.8 billion—for transportation capital projects in Alameda County.

Recent studies have shown that every billion dollars spent on public transit projects produced 16,410 job-months, and every billion dollars spent on highway projects produced 8,781 job-months. A job month signifies one month of employment for a single worker. This means \$756 million from the half-cent sales tax that is committed to transportation projects will create an estimated 9,550 job-months, or the equivalent of about 800 full-time jobs over the past 10 years.

In the past 10 years, over 70 percent of the funds for administrative and engineering contracts annually have gone to local business enterprises (LBEs) through Alameda CTC's Local Business Contract Equity Program. Alameda CTC is directly pumping back a large portion of the sales tax revenues into the Alameda County economy



Calendar of Events

February – March 2012

Listings appear in alphabetical order. All meetings are held at Alameda CTC offices, 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, unless otherwise indicated. Please visit the [Alameda CTC calendar webpage](#) for the latest information.

Alameda CTC Board Meeting

February 23, March 22
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (ACTAC)

February 7, March 6
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Webinar

February 15—Topic: Emerging Technologies for Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning
March 21—Topic: Land Use Planning: Routine Inclusion of Bicycling and Walking in New Developments
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

TBD
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC)

March 12
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan Development (CWTP-TEP) Community Advisory Group (CAWG) and Technical Advisory Working Group (TAWG) Joint Meeting

March 8
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

through contracts with Alameda County-based companies.

The funds also create a “ripple effect” that spreads out to other Alameda County businesses—and their employees—that supply goods and services like concrete and asphalt, pipes, traffic signals and landscape plantings.

In turn, increases in income lead to increases in spending by companies and workers, which creates even more jobs in industries such as cleaning services, insurance, office support, food, health care and car repair.

Additionally, Alameda CTC has allocated \$542 million to local transportation

programs that support local jobs such as drivers of accessible taxis for senior citizens and people with disabilities, construction workers to repair city streets, designers to create pedestrian-friendly sidewalks and many others.

We must continue to improve, maintain and support our vital transportation networks. People’s jobs—and our county’s economic vitality and strength—depend on it.

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Planning Update

Transportation Expenditure Plan for Alameda County

An efficient transportation system is critical for moving people and goods, retaining businesses and ensuring access and mobility for the growing and aging population of Alameda County. To that end, Alameda CTC is leading the effort to develop a Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) that will have a far-reaching effect on local transportation systems and communities in Alameda County. The TEP is the primary funding source for transportation projects and programs in the Alameda County Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP), which guides transportation investments and defines improvements in Alameda County through 2040.

Alameda CTC proposes to fund the TEP projects and programs by an extension and augmentation of the existing half-cent transportation sales tax, if approved

by voters in November 2012. The current tax that voters approved in 2000 will expire in 2022 and over 95 percent of the projects approved by voters in 2000 have been delivered in half of the time. However, the recession has led to a reduction in tax revenues, resulting in fewer funds generated than anticipated for transportation programs such as repairing roads, providing transit and paratransit services for seniors and people with disabilities, and improving bicycle and pedestrian routes.

A new TEP will ensure that transportation projects and programs for Alameda County’s 1.5 million residents and 719,000 employees continue. It will also support the economy and create job growth, as the dollars funnel back to local businesses for work on projects and programs that require a variety of skillsets.

calendar of events *(continued)***CWTP-TEP Steering Committee**

March 22
12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)

February 13, March 12
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

I-580 Express Lane Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)

February 13, March 12
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

I-680 Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

February 13, March 12
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

February 14
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO)

March 26
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

February 27
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Planning, Policy and Legislation Committee (PPLC)

February 13, March 12
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Programs and Projects Committee (PPC)

February 13, March 12
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

Extensive Community Outreach

While developing the CWTP and TEP, the Alameda CTC conducted two rounds of extensive public outreach to acquire community input on priorities for how to spend limited transportation dollars. A telephone poll conducted in October 2011 showed high support for the TEP. Of those interviewed, 79 percent supported extending and augmenting the tax to meet the county's transportation needs.

The fall outreach also revealed the most pressing transportation issues in the county:

- Keeping public transit service affordable for those who depend on it
- Making it easier to get to work and school using public transportation
- Maintaining streets, roads and highways
- Maintaining and operating existing transit service
- Improving transportation for seniors and people with disabilities
- Providing more complete and safer bicycle and pedestrian routes

Key Planning Milestones

After reviewing the TEP in December 2011, the Alameda CTC's Board directed Commission staff to increase funding for transit, augment support for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and ensure the most effective and efficient funding for projects and programs.

In January 2012, the Steering Committee and Commission adopted the TEP and now seek endorsements from the cities and the County to place it on the ballot in November 2012. The Alameda CTC is closely coordinating the development of the CWTP-TEP with the development of the Sustainable Communities Strategy and the [Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\)](#) update that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission is leading with the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Alameda CTC is also leading the effort to update the [Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans](#), which roll into the CWTP and RTP. Alameda CTC will release the draft plans in March 2012.

Visit the [Alameda CTC transportation planning page](#) for more information or to review the CWTP-TEP documents.

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Project Sponsor: Alameda County Public Works Agency

Measure B Contribution: \$13 million toward the total project cost of \$31.8 million

Project Description: Construction is underway to widen Lewelling Boulevard and East Lewelling Boulevard from two lanes to four lanes. Construction also includes a median island, curb,



Central County Transportation Forum

On Thursday, January 19, 2011, the Alameda CTC and its Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) hosted the **Central County Transportation Forum**. This forum's theme was *Building for the Future*. Hayward Councilmember Olden Henson welcomed the public to the Forum which featured the following projects and programs:

- Regional and Countywide Transportation Planning Activities Update
- Senior Travel Training
- Safe Routes to School
- East Bay Greenway Bike and Pedestrian Corridor
- Route 238 Construction

The presentations were followed by a question-and-answer period.

This public forum is one of a series of four Transportation Forums held throughout the year. The next Transportation Forum will be in East County on April 12th at the Dublin City Hall, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Visit [our calendar](#) to learn more.



gutters, sidewalks and other associated improvements. This project is part of a larger scope of improvements to widen East Lewelling Boulevard to East 14th Street and to move utilities underground within the project limits.

Benefits: This local street widening will reduce congestion for San Leandro drivers as well as create safer walking routes for pedestrians.

Route 238/Mission - Foothill - Jackson Corridor

Project Sponsor: City of Hayward

Measure B Contribution: \$80 million toward the total project cost of \$98 million

Project Description: Improvements to the Route 238/Mission corridor began in 2010. This project will repair roads, sidewalks and intersections along this important corridor that runs through Castro Valley and Hayward. Improvements include the conversion of existing parking lanes on Foothill to serve as a fourth traffic lane during peak periods to accommodate more vehicles. Between A Street and Jackson Street, the project will also convert some existing two-way streets to one-way streets. Improved signal operations and bicycle and pedestrian access are also included in the project.

Benefits: Expected to reach completion in late 2013, this project will reduce traffic congestion in downtown Hayward as well as improve pedestrian and bicycle access along the corridor.

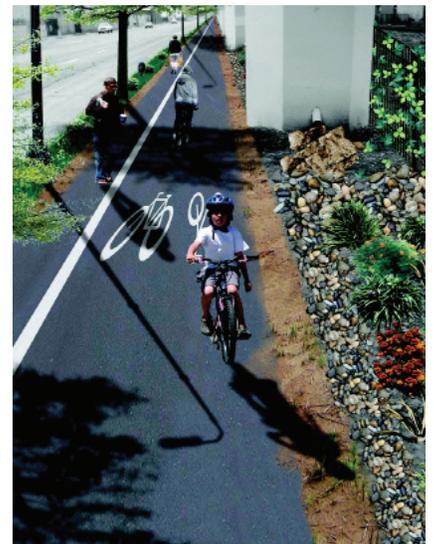
East Bay Greenway

Project Sponsor: Alameda CTC

Measure B Contribution: \$1.3 million toward the total project cost of \$3.2 million

Project Description: Environmental clearance work is currently underway for the East Bay Greenway, a 12-mile pedestrian and bicycle multi-use path. The path will be built beneath and adjacent to BART tracks and connect Oakland, San Leandro and Hayward. The environmental review process is expected to conclude in August 2012.

Benefits: The East Bay Greenway will connect communities and offer residents healthier and safer modes of transportation. It will also provide mobility for local communities through safe connections to five BART stations, two downtown areas and multiple parks and schools. More information about the East Bay Greenway project is available on [Alameda CTC's website](#).



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Faces from Alameda CTC

Alameda CTC staff member Liz Brazil has been riding transit and working in transportation almost her whole life. As a child, she rode BART on its opening day in 1972, and she still rides it everyday on her commute to and from work. After graduating college, Liz took a position working for BART. She has spent her career working with transportation agencies around the Bay Area.

As the Alameda CTC Contract Compliance and Outreach Analyst, part of her job is to ensure conformance with applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. Liz also serves as an Outreach Analyst and provides outreach throughout the County to educate residents and businesses about Alameda CTC, the transportation planning processes and contracting opportunities.

When asked about her work, Liz says, "The greatest part of my job is the people I meet along the way. I look forward to seeing you at one of our outreach events in 2012."



Liz Brazil, Alameda CTC Contract Compliance and Outreach Analyst

Breakthrough for the Caldecott Tunnel

The Caldecott Tunnel project reached a major milestone when workers had a "breakthrough" in the East Bay Hills in November. Since construction began in 2010, workers have been digging their way from both the east and the west sides of the East Bay Hills to create a fourth tunnel bore. The Caldecott Tunnel provides access from Contra Costa to Alameda County on State Route 24.



Alameda CTC and MTC Commissioner Mark Green speaks about partnerships and local investments that bring transportation relief.

Photo: Karl Nielsen for MTC/Caltrans

Once complete, this project will bring much-needed congestion relief on State Route 24 and for the 160,000 commuters

that drive it every day. The fourth bore will allow for two tunnels to be open permanently in each direction during both on- and off-peak commute times.

Union City Mayor and Alameda CTC Commission Member, Mark Green, spoke at the breakthrough celebration on November 30th. The Fourth Bore Project is made possible through a partnership between the Federal Highway Administration, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and the Alameda CTC. By leveraging local and regional dollars, this project attracted funding from the federal American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.

At the press conference, Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi referenced the value of the Fourth Bore Project saying, "More than a congestion-relief project, the Fourth Bore represents infrastructure investment that can create jobs and stimulate the economy."

The Fourth Bore Project is expected to be complete and open to traffic in late 2013. For more information on the project, visit the website, www.caldecott-tunnel.org. MTC also has a [video](#) of the breakthrough available on its website.



The giant roadheader peeks through the plug separating the east and west sides of the tunnel while crew members on the west side pause to document the historic moment.

Photo: Karl Nielsen for MTC/Caltrans

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Current Measure B Accomplishments

The 2002 Measure B sales tax has provided a wealth of transportation projects and programs for Alameda County.

All of the major projects approved by the voters in that measure are either underway or complete, 10 years ahead of schedule.

Projects

- Over \$3.5 billion in capital investments, and 12 of 27 projects are complete
- Eight are under construction
- Two more begin construction in 2013
- Improvements reduce congestion, improve movement of goods and people

Measure B-funded programs improve access for Alameda County's growing population, provide valuable transportation services and improve mobility throughout Alameda County.

Programs

Over \$542 million in operations and services for:

- Local streets and roads repairs
- Mass transit operations
- Paratransit services for seniors and people with disabilities
- Bicycle and pedestrian projects
- Transit oriented development

Visit the Alameda CTC [Projects web page](#) or the [Programs page](#) for more information.

Funding Update

Protecting Local Funding Resources

In November 2000, Alameda County voters approved Measure B, a half-cent transportation sales tax, which is scheduled to sunset in 2022. This local funding source has already provided \$1.2 billion in funding for valuable transportation programs and capital projects. Local fund recipients have leveraged these dollars with local, state and federal funding for capital projects that total over \$3.5 billion.

Most of the projects promised in Measure B have either already been implemented or are underway, yet the need to continue improving the County's transportation system remains critical. Alameda County's population is expected to be 24 percent higher in 2035, and experts predict that vehicle miles traveled could increase by 40 percent. Unless the county increases local resources for transportation, the result will be slower rush-hour speeds, deteriorating conditions of local roads and walking and biking routes, and service cuts and fare increases for public transit.

The new Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) developed by Alameda CTC will provide over \$7.7 billion in much-needed local funding. The table below shows the allocation of new TEP net funding across a range of transportation needs. The TEP is available for download at the [Alameda CTC website](#).

Mode	Funds in Thousands
Transit & Specialized Transit (48%)	\$3,732
Mass Transit: Operations, Access to Schools, Maintenance, and Safety Programs	\$1,857
Specialized Transit for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities	\$774
Bus Transit Efficiency and Priority	\$35
BART System Modernization and Expansion	\$710
Regional Rail Enhancements and High-speed Rail Connections	\$355
Local Streets & Roads (30%)	\$2,348
Major Commute Corridors, Local Bridge Seismic Safety	\$639
Freight Corridors of Countywide Significance	\$161
Local Streets and Roads Program	\$1,548
Highway Efficiency & Freight (9%)	\$677
Highway/Efficiency and Gap Closure Projects	\$600
Freight & Economic Development Program	\$77
Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure and Safety (8%)	\$651
Sustainable Land Use & Transportation (4%)	\$300
Priority Development Area (PDA)/Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Infrastructure Investments	\$300
Technology, Innovation, and Development (1%)	\$77
TOTAL NEW NET FUNDING (2013 - 2042)	\$7,786

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Coming to an Event Near You!

Over the course of 2011, Alameda CTC staff participated in over 70 community and business outreach events. The purpose of these events is to provide information to Alameda residents and businesses about the Alameda CTC programs and projects and to promote participation in our committees, planning processes and our contracting opportunities.

Alameda CTC is hosting or participating in the following events in February:

February 15 – Webinar at Alameda CTC: Land Use Planning: Routine Inclusion of Bicycling and Walking in New Developments

February 24 – United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County 21st Annual Convention at the Cathedral of Christ the Light



Contact Us

Do you know of someone who does not have email access but would like to receive news about Alameda CTC? They can call 510-208-7400 or write us at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612, to request a hardcopy of the e-newsletter. For easy access, past issues of the e-newsletter are available on the [Alameda CTC website](#).

Agency Update

Annual Measure B Compliance Reporting

Each year, transit agencies and local jurisdictions in Alameda County must submit an audit and compliance report on their Measure B-funded transportation programs to Alameda CTC. These reports document the funds expended, as well as the yearly progress, on the following programs:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety
- Local Streets and Roads
- Mass Transit
- Paratransit

Compliance reports and audits enable Alameda CTC and its Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) to track the expenditures

of Measure B funds and ensure recipients responsibly spend the tax payer dollars, as mandated by the Expenditure Plan. The audits for fiscal year 2010 - 2011 were due to Alameda CTC on December 27, 2011, and the compliances report were due on December 31, 2011. Of the 20 organizations that receive funding, 17 of them submitted their audits and reports on time. In early January, Alameda CTC staff and the CWC began a thorough review of the audits and reports to ensure all programs are in compliance. [Compliance reports](#) from previous years are available on the Alameda CTC website.

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Business Corner

Upcoming Contracting Opportunities

Project Name	Type of Contract	Estimated Issue Date
City of Alameda Webster Street Project	Construction - ITS System	Winter 2011
I-580 Landscaping Project	Construction Management	Winter 2011
I-580 Landscaping Project	Construction	Early 2012
Transit Oriented Development Technical Assistance Program (TOD-TAP)	Professional Services	Early 2012
Early Right-of-Way Acquisition Services	Professional Services	Early 2012
I-580 WB HOT Toll System Integrator	Design, Construction - ITS System	Spring 2012
I-80 Procurement Contract	ITS Equipment Procurement	Spring 2012

NOTE: All Upcoming Contracting Opportunities are subject to change.

For more information regarding contracting opportunities and/or certification visit the Alameda CTC's [website](#) and/or procurement information contact Seung Cho, Contract Procurement Analyst at scho@alamedactc.org.

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