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Despite the many challenges we face in today's fiscal environment, we in Alameda County have reason for optimism.

The merger between the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority and Alameda County Congestion Management Agency is providing significant cost savings to the public. \$3 million in savings will be seen in the coming fiscal year as a result of actions this year in contracts and staffing changes.

While these changes are moving forward, we are also strengthening our collaborations with local, federal and state partners and expanding our outreach and involvement of businesses and the public to effectively plan, fund and deliver transportation improvements throughout the county. Over the past year, over \$42 million were approved for project and program development and implementation. Over 80% of the engineering and administrative contracts went to local firms, supporting jobs and mobility.

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Public Registers Support for Countywide Transportation Plan

Results from the five workshops that Alameda CTC conducted in the spring throughout the county highlight several transportation themes of importance to the public. These workshops were developed to educate Alameda County residents, business members and elected officials about the Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) update and Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) development and to provide opportunities for people to voice concerns about transportation issues and to share their top choices and priorities.

Key findings included:

- Six themes emerged from the workshops: maintenance, access, equity, safety, connectivity and coordination.
- Overall maintenance of local streets, roads, highways and public transit systems is a top priority, as well as dedicating funds for public transit operations.
- People want convenient access to school, work, community centers and shopping destinations; as well as accessibility for all users, including youth, seniors and people with disabilities.



Participants at a CWTP/TEP Public Workshop give feedback in small group discussion.

Alameda CTC also held a public hearing in May 2011 and approved a list of transportation projects and programs to submit to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for evaluation and potential inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan. They also began discussions on the TEP strategic parameters and financials, which will guide development of a plan that could fund projects and programs if approved by 2/3 of the voters in Alameda County.

The public will have another opportunity to review and comment on the draft plans at workshops held in fall 2011. Alameda CTC is closely coordinating the development of the CWTP-TEP with the development of the Sustainable Communities Strategy and the update of the Regional Transportation Plan. To learn more about the planning process or to get involved, visit the [Alameda CTC transportation planning page](#).

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These efforts are aimed at providing a range of mobility choices that support a vibrant and livable Alameda County for our residents and businesses.

Within the coming months, the Alameda CTC will expand multi-modal choices through the process of screening, packaging and selecting projects and programs that will be included in the updated [Countywide Transportation Plan](#) and a new [Transportation Expenditure Plan](#). The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Updates are also underway, which will prioritize investments in these active modes of transportation.

In June, the Alameda CTC approved the agency's annual Strategic Plan for capital project investments which allows us to efficiently and effectively deliver the wide range of projects promised to voters. You can read about some of these in our Project Update.

Two important events are coming up soon: The [Annual Mobility Workshop](#) on July 12 will provide an important opportunity to engage the public on planning and funding initiatives related to senior and disabled mobility. On July 21, the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) hosts the quarterly Transportation Forum, this time focusing on South County.

Finally, we look forward to publishing the Citizens Watchdog Committee's 9th Annual Report to the Public in late summer. As you'll see, we are proud of our past accomplishments and optimistic about our future.

Art Dao
Executive Director

Consolidating Procurements Generates Savings

We have been reporting over the last year on the creation of the Alameda CTC as a merged agency of the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA). Among other benefits, the consolidation of these two agencies allows the Commission to have a single set of annually renewed contracts.

The Alameda CTC is committed to contracting for efficient, effective and economical services in order to save taxpayer dollars and provide a sustainable agency to better serve the residents and businesses of Alameda County. In May, the Commission approved a series of consultant contracts totaling \$6.9 million, providing a \$1.9 million savings over last year's contracts, while maintaining a strong commitment to local businesses, with over 80% of the contract value with local firms.

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Attend the Eighth Annual Mobility Workshop

Join us for the 8th Annual Mobility Workshop on Tuesday, July 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ed Roberts Campus, conveniently located at the Ashby BART station in Berkeley (registration begins at 9:30 a.m.). The recently completed Ed Roberts Campus was funded in part by the Alameda CTC and is dedicated to providing universal access to all. This event is open to the public and presenters will speak on the theme ["Moving into a New Era, Building on a Decade of Experience."](#) and will focus on:

- Local and regional planning
- Funding issues
- Initiatives related to senior and disabled mobility.

A lunchtime resource fair will include opportunities to learn about mobility options, key services and service providers that support mobility for seniors and people with disabilities. An afternoon working session will enable participants, as well as Alameda CTC community advisory committee members to provide input on the Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan development process.

The Annual Mobility Workshop is a free event, sponsored by Alameda CTC and its Paratransit and Advisory Planning Committee. Visit the [Alameda CTC website](#) to access the [Special Transportation Provider Resource Toolkit](#) and to obtain more information.

Grant Programs

Alameda CTC grant programs allow public agencies and non-profit organizations to provide bicycle and pedestrian safety programs, express bus services, paratransit, and transit-oriented development programs. To date, Alameda CTC has awarded over \$27.1 million to four grant funding cycles.

In April 2011, Alameda CTC approved an extension and supplemental funding until June 30, 2012, of 13 paratransit gap grants. These grant projects meet the needs of seniors and people with disabilities and provide an array of services ranging from paratransit shuttles and volunteer driver programs, to programs that maximize use of accessible transit, such as travel training.

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Attend the South County Transportation Forum

Transportation projects and programs in South County are being implemented over the next five years. Learn how these improvements are creating more multi-modal options for reaching your destinations.

Date: July 21, 2011

Location: Ruggieri Senior Center,
33997 Alvarado Niles Road,
Union City

Presentations will include:

- Regional and Countywide Transportation Planning Activities
- Countywide Bicycle Education Safety Programs
- Fremont Senior Mobility Programs
- BART Extension to Warm Springs and Irvington
- Union City Intermodal Station
- I-680 Hot Lanes

Visit 511.org for transit options to the Forum.

CWC Annual Report to Public

Each year the Citizens Watchdog Committee issues its report on Measure B expenditures according to the voter-approved plan. Look for this important report, which will be released in late July.

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Other Alameda CTC Grant Projects Support Multimodal Options

- The City of Fremont recently completed its [Bay Street Streetscape Project](#). This transit-oriented development project creates a pleasant, accessible and pedestrian-friendly atmosphere that maximizes access to public transport.
- A bicycle and pedestrian safety project, the [Iron Horse Trail Feasibility Study](#), recently received approval from the City of Pleasanton and secured federal funding to complete a 1.6 mile segment, which will close a gap in the Iron Horse Trail and greatly improve bicycle and pedestrian access in Pleasanton, between Dublin/Pleasanton BART and Santa Rita Road.



Iron Horse Trail

- The [Line 1R/International Rapid Weekday and Weekend Operations Project](#), an express bus services project, provides continued service in a vital corridor along Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley, through Oakland along International Boulevard and along East 14th Street in San Leandro to the Bay Fair BART Station, then back again. AC Transit has served as many as 3.6 million people since the project began.

Vehicle Registration Program Strategic Plan

One benefit of the annual vehicle registration fee is that a \$10 portion of the annual fee you pay supports valuable transportation improvements in our county. The Measure F Alameda County Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Program

was approved by voters in November 2010, with 63% of the vote. The fee will generate about \$10.7 million annually for transportation projects resulting from a \$10 per year vehicle registration fee.

Alameda CTC is in the process of developing a strategic implementation plan that defines funding targets, based on population and the number of registered vehicles in each planning area, for each of the programmatic categories identified in the Expenditure Plan for a five-year period. Revenues will come into Alameda CTC in monthly increments beginning summer/fall 2011, and funding will support:

- Local road improvement and repair
- Transit for congestion relief
- Local transportation technology
- Pedestrian and bicyclist access and safety programs

Transportation for Clean Air

Alameda CTC administers the Alameda County portion of the Transportation for Clean Air (TFCA) Program for projects that result in the reduction of motor vehicle emissions within the Bay Area Air Quality Management's District.

In February 2011, the Alameda CTC released a call for projects, and in May 2011, the Commission adopted the TFCA 2011-2012 program.

This summer or fall, ten projects are expected to commence, including:

- Mattox Road Bike Lanes in unincorporated Alameda County (Hayward area)
- 2nd Shuttle from Cal State University East Bay (CSUEB) Campus to BART
- CSUEB Transportation Demand Management Program (pilot)
- North Fremont Arterial Management Operations Program
- Traffic Signal Synchronization along Martin Luther King, Jr. Way in Oakland
- Pleasanton Trip Reduction Program

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Business Opportunities

As a way to encourage public involvement, the Alameda CTC supports local businesses by offering various **contracting opportunities**. There are also a number of opportunities for non-profit and government agencies to receive funding through grant programs.

Strategic Planning is Underway

Learn how the Commission is working to meet the priorities and needs of the County, by updating the **Countywide Transportation Plan**, developing a **Transportation Expenditure Plan** and also updating the **Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans**. These efforts are aimed at expanding mobility choices for all in Alameda County.

Make the Healthier Choice

Take a bike ride to the store, a friend's house, to transit or perhaps to work. Make the healthier choice. Get rolling and **Ride into Life!**

- San Leandro LINKS Shuttle (between San Leandro BART and West San Leandro businesses)
- Alameda County Guaranteed Ride Home Program, administered by Alameda CTC
- Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) Route 9 BART/Hacienda Business Park Shuttle
- LAVTA Route 10 BART/Livermore ACE Station



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Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans Identify Capital Project Priorities

Alameda CTC is making progress on updates to the 2006 Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans, which build on local plans and will become a part of the larger Alameda County CWTP and will feed into the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy. Alameda CTC has met with local staff and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPACs) throughout the county to revise maps for the bicycle and pedestrian countywide capital project networks, and to prioritize projects.

In June, local BPACs and interested community members were invited to provide input on these networks and capital project priorities at meetings held around the county. To find out more about the updates process, visit the **[Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans update page](#)**.



Congestion Management Plan Update

As the congestion management agency for Alameda County, Alameda CTC is in the process of updating the **Congestion Management Program (CMP)**, a plan that addresses congestion issues throughout the county. To update the CMP, Alameda CTC works cooperatively with the MTC, transit agencies, local governments, the California Department of Transportation and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

In April, the Commission focused on the CMP Level of Service Standards Element and considered options for revising and re-evaluating the threshold for including roadways as principal arterials on the CMP network. As well, the Commission agreed to incorporate a multi-modal level of service standard in future CMPs.

Staff is currently revising the plan, and the Alameda CTC will distribute the draft CMP for review in September.



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July—September 2011

Listings are shown in alphabetical order. All meetings held at Alameda CTC office, 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, unless otherwise indicated. Please visit the Alameda CTC calendar webpage for the latest information.

Alameda CTC Board Meeting

2:30—4:30 p.m.

July 28

September 22

Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (ACTAC)

1:30—4:00 p.m.

September 6

Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Webinar

1:00—2:00 p.m.

Topic: Crosswalk Policies, Designs and Signals
July 20

Topic: Designing and Retrofitting Bridges for Active Transportation
August 17

Topic: ADA Compliance: Self-evaluation and Transition Plan
September 21

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

5:30—8:00 p.m.

July 26

September 8

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans Working Group (BPPWG)

1:30—3:30 p.m.

July 27

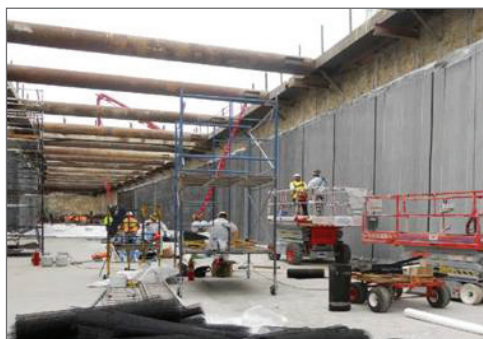
Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

5:30—6:30 p.m. (*Ruggieri Senior Center in Union City*)
July 21—*South County Transportation Forum, with open house 6:30—7:00 p.m., project/program presentations, 7:00—8:30 p.m.*

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Strategic Plan

Every year the Commission develops a Strategic Plan to determine the best way to allocate funds to implement the capital projects. In June the Commission approved the FY 2011-12 Strategic Plan which will allow the agency to continue to deliver on its commitment to construct priority multi-modal improvements to the transportation network. A couple of examples of projects in various stages of delivery follow.

BART Warm Springs Extension

Project Sponsor: BART

Measure B Contribution: \$224.4 million toward the total cost of \$890 million

Project Description: The first stage of construction for the BART Warm Springs Extension is well underway and more than 60% complete. The first stage consists primarily of a tunnel beneath Lake Elizabeth, appurtenant facilities such as ventilation structures, and relocation of existing facilities that conflict with the future BART extension. On June 23, the BART Board of Directors awarded the second of two major construction contracts that will all but complete the long-awaited 5.4 mile Warm Springs Extension that's designed to ease congestion while creating thousands of badly needed jobs.

Warm Springs Constructors of Fairfield, CA, will design and install the trackway and associated facilities as well as build the future Warm Springs BART Station, which will be nestled near the Alameda-Santa Clara County line some 5.4 miles from the current Fremont BART Station. The station should open in 2015.

"This is a double dose of good news for East Bay residents," BART Board Member Thomas Blalock said. "In the short run, this means tens of thousands of jobs – many for local, out-of-work residents. In the long run, it means tens of thousands of East Bay commuters will be able to relax and ride environmentally-friendly BART instead of sitting frustrated and fuming at heavy 680 or 880 traffic while burning carbon-polluting, expensive gas."

This contract alone will support 7,100 jobs in both Alameda County, which suffers from a 10.1% unemployment rate, and across the nation. The Warm Springs project overall will support some 18,800 jobs (Source: American Public Transportation Association).

Benefits: Passenger service along the extension is scheduled to begin in the latter part of 2014 and will provide another transportation alternative in the severely congested north-south corridor along western Alameda County. The BART Warm Springs Extension is also the first step toward extending service into Santa Clara County.



Photo simulation of future Warm Springs BART station.

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Citizen Watchdog Committee (CWC)

6:30—8:30 p.m.
July 11

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

12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
July 7
1:00—5:00 p.m.
September 1

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

12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
July 28
September 22

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

1:30—4:30 p.m.
July 14
September 8

Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)

1:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
July 11
September 12

I-580 Express Lane Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)

9:45—10:30 a.m.
July 11
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I-680 Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

9:30—10:30 a.m.
July 11
September 12

Union City Intermodal Station



Project Sponsor: City of Union City

Measure B Contribution: Over \$12 million toward the total cost of \$47 million

Project Description: Improvements at the station are included in two construction contracts which are effectively complete:

1. Site Improvements Contract

Reconfigure the station area, including transit access facilities

2. Station Improvements Contract

Modifies the existing BART station to accommodate the full build-out of the intermodal station. The City of Union City is currently working on implementing pedestrian access improvements to complement the station and site improvements that were previously constructed.

Benefits: Union City Intermodal Station consists of a multi-faceted set of transportation improvements intended to develop a world class transportation facility which supports transit-oriented development and a host of choices for travelers in Alameda County. The Union City Intermodal Station project is already providing benefits realized by the current users of the facility, and also plays an important role in future, regional transit plans involving the Dumbarton Rail Corridor, the Capital Rail Corridor and the Altamont Commuter Rail Corridor.

I-680 Sunol Express Lane



Project Sponsor: Alameda CTC

Measure B Contribution: Over \$15 million toward the total cost of \$36 million

Project Description: I-680 southbound express lane in the Sunol Grade area was opened to traffic in September 2010. The project is currently in a transition from a "capital" project to an operating facility. While the express lane has been in use since September 2010, operations of the facility have been monitored and the system adjusted as necessary during the warranty period included in the construction and implementation contracts. Project development work on a northbound facility is expected to begin by the end of 2011.

Benefits: The southbound express lane provides an alternative for single-occupant vehicles to use excess capacity in the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) or carpool lane for a toll.



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Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO)

1:00—3:30 p.m.

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Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO) Annual Mobility Conference

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. *(held at Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley)*

July 12

Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

9:30—11:30 a.m.

September 13

Planning, Policy and Legislation Committee (PPLC)

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

July 11

September 12

Programs and Projects Committee (PPC)

12:15—1:30 p.m.

July 11

September 12

Upcoming Contracting Opportunities

Project Name	Type of Contract	Estimated Issue Date
I-80 ICM Project	System Integrator	June–July 2011
City of Alameda Webster Street Project	Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)/Construction	July–August 2011
I-580 Sound Wall Project	Landscaping Services	September–October 2011
I-580 WB High Occupancy Toll Project	System Integrator	October–November 2011

In May 2011, the Alameda CTC awarded a total of \$6.9 million for professional and administrative services to support Countywide Congestion Management and Transportation programs and projects. Of these, eighty percent (80%) went to Local Business Enterprise (LBE) and thirty-seven percent (37%) went to Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE).

Streamlining the Certification Process

The Alameda CTC, as member of the East Bay Interagency Alliance (EBIA), continues to leverage public resources and streamlines the Small and Local Business certification process.

The EBIA was created to assist Alameda County firms in accessing business opportunities with local public agencies. They brought together the Alameda CTC, the County of Alameda, the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland to form a working group focused on removing obstacles and lessening challenges faced by small and local businesses in local public contracting.

EBIA has been in operation for over ten years and continues to keep pace with the spirit, commitment and vision of the

creators. The Certification Task Force, currently co-led by the Alameda CTC and the County of Alameda, was formed as a sub-committee in 2005. The mission of the task force is to make it easier for business owners to get certified and to simplify the certification process for all collaborating agencies. Standardized certification applications and renewal applications were created and are now in use by all EBIA agency members.

As its next goal to work smarter and more efficiently for our local businesses, the Certification Task Force has introduced synchronized certification dates. In order to renew certification with up to FOUR partner agencies, firms can submit ONE application with ONE set of documents at ONE time.

Visit the Alameda CTC's [website](#) for more information regarding certification and contracting opportunities.

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Community Involvement

Guaranteed Ride Home Program: Insurance for Your Commute!

Through the Guaranteed Ride Home Program, Alameda CTC offers transit riders, carpoolers, pedestrians and bicyclists a free transportation trip should they unexpectedly be required to stay at work beyond transit operating hours or need to get home quickly due to illness or emergency.

The program is a commuter benefit available to all Alameda County employers and employees free of

charge, as well as employees who live within 100 miles of their worksite. Participants do not have to live in Alameda County. Employers must pre-register before employees can register.

As of the end of December 2010, the program has reduced 3,330 roundtrips and saved 173,160 miles traveled per week. There are 4,582 employees and 238 employers actively registered in the program. To find out more about the program, visit [website](#).

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Moving the Ball Forward: Increasing Transportation Choices

Our transportation system must serve the multiple needs of a diverse population: one type of transportation does not serve all people nor deliver all goods. A projected 40 percent increase in Alameda County population by 2050 requires transportation solutions that accommodate more people on transit, walking, biking, efficient freeways and living in places that offer more mode choices. When they approved the 2000 Measure B half-cent sales tax and the Measure F vehicle registration fee in November 2010, Alameda County voters have already supported dramatic investments in transit, smart growth, as well as walking and biking facilities.

To increase transportation options and choices throughout the region, Alameda County supports legislation that:

- **Encourages, funds and provides incentives for transit-oriented developments.** Encourages developing around transit centers by reducing barriers and enhancing public transportation and non-motorized modes.
- **Provides multiple transportation system choices for consumers.** Champion multimodal transportation systems that improve access, safety, mobility and reduce congestion..
- **Develops transportation projects/programs that support seniors and people with disabilities.** The goal is to increase the number and flexibility of projects/programs that improve access to transit for seniors and people with disabilities.

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