Executive Director Art Dao’s Message

Expanding Opportunities by Investing in Transportation

WELCOME TO THE JULY EDITION OF ALAMEDA CTC REPORTS!

As we begin our third year as an agency, we are poised to move forward with plans, policies and programs that implement our Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) and the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP), to guide transportation improvements in our county for the next 30 years.

We are happy to announce that on June 5th, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to place a measure to support the 2012 TEP on the November 2012 ballot, giving local voters a choice to extend and augment our countywide half-cent sales tax for transportation.

This month in Alameda CTC Reports we look at the many ways the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) expands opportunities across our county by improving mobility, and providing economic opportunities for local employers in construction, engineering and related fields.

Additionally, we highlight the impact of state bonds funds on our local roads, and feature work underway in South County, including Union City’s Intermodal Station, Dumbarton Rail and the I-680 Express Lanes. You are invited to join us to learn more about these and other projects at our South County Transportation Forum on July 26th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in Union City.

If you are attending community festivals or neighborhood events this summer, look for our staff! We welcome the opportunity to talk to you further about all of our work and the opportunities provided by the TEP for Alameda County businesses and residents! We are also pleased to invite you to like our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter to receive quick and timely updates on our activities.
At Alameda CTC, we’re working hard to stretch the county’s half-cent transportation sales tax as far as we can. One way we do this is by attracting state and federal funding for projects by providing “matching” funds with the Measure B transportation sales tax revenue. A great example of this is the work we’ve been doing with the state’s Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA), a state Proposition 1B bond program.

In November 2006, California voters approved Proposition 1B, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. Proposition 1B allowed the state to sell $19.9 billion in general obligation bonds to fund state and local transportation improvement projects. CMIA funds will provide $4.5 billion in transportation dollars, administered through the California Transportation Commission, provided that project construction dates begin no later than December 31, 2012.

Alameda County has been approved to receive over $366 million of these CMIA funds to make critical transportation improvements in Alameda County. CMIA funds support congestion relief, enhanced mobility, improved safety, and stronger highway access and connectivity throughout California’s highway system. CMIA funds have been applied to six projects in Alameda County, all of which have received final approval through the California Transportation Commission. The projects include:

- I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility
- I-880 Southbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane
- Route 84/I-580 Interchange (along Isabel Avenue)
- I-580 Westbound HOV Lane
- I-580 Eastbound HOV/Auxiliary Lanes
- State Route 84 Expressway

The total cost of all six projects amounts to over $750 million, covered in part by local matching funds contributed by the county’s half-cent transportation sales tax.
“That, and the fact that we have local funding to leverage, are why Alameda County received more than eight percent of the CMIA statewide funds, a great deal more than many other counties.”

**Leveraging Local Contributions to Attract CMIA Funding**

Alameda CTC’s ability to contribute local funds to the six highway access improvement projects has been an important factor in receiving CMIA funding. For example, the recently opened Route 84/I-580 Interchange was 37 percent funded by CMIA funds ($45.3 million), leveraged with $26.5 million of our local Measure B transportation sales tax funds. The new Transportation Expenditure Plan, to be placed on the November 2012 ballot, will offer Alameda County voters the opportunity to continue attracting additional transportation dollars.

### Planning Update: On the November Ballot

**Funds for Alameda County Transportation**

On May 24, 2012, the Alameda CTC took a critical step toward providing $9.5 billion to fund transportation in Alameda County over the next 30 years: it approved the TEP for $7.8 billion in local dollars, and in June it approved the draft CWTP, which includes local, regional, state and federal funds.

Additionally, on June 5, 2012, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted to place a measure to fund the TEP on the November 6, 2012 ballot, providing Alameda County voters the choice to extend and augment the current half-cent sales tax, to invest local dollars to provide and maintain an efficient transportation system in Alameda County.

If approved by Alameda County voters, the TEP will provide the majority of funding to implement the transportation investments identified in the CWTP. Passage of the measure will provide a steady stream of funding for maintaining and improving our countywide roads, highways, bike and pedestrian paths, paratransit services, and bus, train and ferry services, as well as several transportation programs serving the county’s transportation and land use needs. Local funding, like this sales tax, is instrumental during a time when we are facing federal and state budget cuts in transportation.
Thousands of employees in Alameda County have indicated that they would like to commute by travel modes other than their car - such as bus, train, foot, bike, carpool or vanpool. Yet, they are concerned that they need to have their own car available so they will not be stranded in case of a personal or family emergency or unscheduled overtime. Alameda CTC’s Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program gives Alameda County employees peace of mind by providing them a ride home in an emergency even when they travel to work without their own car.

Due to the safety net offered through the Alameda CTC GRH Program, in 2011 over 4,700 employees enrolled in the Alameda CTC GRH Program and committed to get out of their cars to travel to work. Over the year, the GRH program participants saved over 202,000 car trips, 11.7 million miles, and over $1 million in gas. As a result of the program, the County benefited by saving 339,425 gallons of gas and preventing 3,300 tons of carbon dioxide from being emitted into the air we breathe.

Of the 4,700 employees enrolled in the program in 2011, less than one percent, or 55 people, needed to take a free ride home because of an emergency or unscheduled overtime.

The Alameda County GRH program is administered by the Alameda CTC and funded by Transportation Funds for Clean Air from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. To sign up for the GRH Program, see the website.

Agency Update: Looking Ahead

Plans, Policies and Programs for Fiscal Year 2012-13

With our first two years as an agency coming to a close, we are busy planning for the next fiscal year. In fiscal year 2012-13 we will be focusing on the alignment of policy development with the priorities in the updated CWTP and TEP, including policies on Transit Oriented Development and Complete Streets (where every street project takes into account all users – bikers, pedestrians, drivers, freight, seniors and the disabled). We will also be developing a new Goods Movement Plan and will be updating the countywide travel demand model, which helps us plan for current and future capacity needs. In addition, we are aligning programming efforts for Measure B (the half-cent sales tax) funds, vehicle registration fee funds, as well as state and federal transportation funds in accordance with the priorities developed in our long-range transportation plan.
We are working to integrate programming efforts to align our available fiscal year 2012-13 funding for bicycle and pedestrian access and safety, including federal (OBAG), state and local funds (including Measure B half-cent sales tax and Vehicle Registration Fee). Opportunities to coordinate programming with other fund sources is a primary consideration in scheduling the call for projects. A schedule of our call for projects will be on our website once the funding guidelines are approved by the Board later this year.

### Program Update: Bike and Pedestrian Projects

**Call for Projects Coming Soon**

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### Program Update

**Paratransit Grant Projects Continuing**

In order to provide continuity of service for people with disabilities and seniors in Alameda County, this spring current grant recipients were invited to apply for an extension of their grant, and, where appropriate, supplemental funding. Eleven organizations submitted requests to receive funding to bridge the funding gap that exists between now and a new funding stream that would begin if the 2012 TEP is passed by voters in November. If passed by voters, the TEP will provide $774 million in critical new funds for paratransit programs over the next 30 years.
Measure B at Work

Supporting Mobility in San Leandro

Alameda CTC and Measure B funds support a variety of projects in San Leandro, some that are recently completed, others that are currently underway, and some in the planning stages. What do they have in common in addition to being supported by Measure B? They all improve mobility and community vitality.

BART/Downtown Streetscape Improvements

Streetscape improvements are coming to San Leandro Boulevard between Davis and Williams Streets. This project aims to make the San Leandro BART Station more pedestrian-friendly, with improvements including wider sidewalks, on-street parking, landscaping, street and pedestrian lighting, and sidewalk bulb-outs and upgrades pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Local Street Rehabilitation and Sealing

In the last year, a number of local street segments throughout the city were rehabilitated, improved and sealed. Curb ramps were upgraded to be consistent with ADA standards, and rubber speed cushions were installed to calm traffic. This is the second year San Leandro has used a more durable asphalt rubber chip seal in its annual street sealing program. This material lasts longer than conventional materials and re-uses old rubber tires, keeping them out of landfills.

Marina Boulevard Street Rehabilitation

Marina Boulevard between San Leandro Boulevard and Washington Avenue also got upgrades in 2012. Concrete was replaced, curb ramps were built and the City installed video traffic detection systems at the intersections of Marina Boulevard with Teagarden and Alvarado Streets.

Annual Sidewalk Program

As part of the City of San Leandro’s ongoing improvements for pedestrian safety, this year’s sidewalk program repaired or replaced 11,000 square feet of damaged concrete sidewalk and 400 lineal feet of curb and gutter.

Intersection Improvements at E.14th Street/Hesperian Boulevard/150th Avenue

Significant improvements are planned for this congested intersection and will be implemented in phases. The purpose of the project is to reduce vehicle delays and improve the service at the intersection with additional turning lanes onto eastbound 150th Avenue from East 14th Street and from northbound Hesperian Boulevard to northbound East 14th Street. Construction is expected to commence in spring 2014, starting with utility relocation.

Bancroft Avenue & 136th Avenue Traffic Signal

The intersection of Bancroft Avenue and 136th Avenue connects the San Leandro High School Main Campus and the new 9th Grade Campus. During school hours, many conflicts and delays occur. This project will construct a new traffic signal system with bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements as well as signing and striping, installation of accessible curb ramps, and connection of the signal system to the Traffic Operation Center at City Hall. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2012.
The great variety of projects funded by Measure B is evident in South County today, with efforts focused on transit oriented development in Union City, rail connectivity in the Dumbarton Rail Corridor, and highway capacity and efficiency on the I-680 corridor.

**I-680 Express Lanes**

**Current Measure B Contribution:** $35.2 million

The first high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes in the region opened in September 2010 on southbound I-680, from south of State Route 84 to north of State Route 237. Created to reduce congestion and increase capacity, there are now almost 2,000 Express Lane trips per day. Alameda CTC is currently pursuing environmental clearance for a complementary HOT lane on I-680 in the northbound direction and MTC is planning for an almost 600-mile HOT lane network around the Bay Area. Interested in using this HOT lane? Learn all about it at the I-680 website.

**Dumbarton Rail Corridor**

**Current Measure B Contribution:** $19.4 million

This project will create a rail connection from the Union City Intermodal Station to the Caltrain corridor on the Peninsula, upgrade the Dumbarton Rail bridge, and provide other commuter improvements to relieve congestion in the Dumbarton Bridge corridor.

**Union City’s Award Winning Intermodal Station**

**Total Measure B Contribution:** $12.6 million

The Union City Intermodal Station is an example of excellent transit-oriented development, with high-density housing, retail, commercial business, industrial land and open space, centered around BART, bus, bicycle and pedestrian connections. The first phase of this project was completed in March 2012, resulting in a fully operational intermodal area. Union City is now proceeding with Phase Two of the project, which includes further improvements within the station building and on its east side, as well as integrating a pedestrian connection with the residential units. On April 12, the City of Union City received the Association of Bay Area Governments’ Building a Better Bay Area Urban Design Award for this project.
Warm Days of Summer

The warm days of summer are here. Alameda CTC is hosting and participating in a number of community and business events throughout the county.

Upcoming events include:

- **July 16** – Alameda CTC Annual Mobility Workshop (Berkeley)
- **July 26** – South County Transportation Forum (Union City)
- **July 28 & 29** – Alameda Park Street Art and Wine Faire (Alameda)
- **August 1** – 1st Wednesdays Street Party (Pleasanton)
- **August 4 & 5** – Fremont Festival of the Arts (Fremont)
- **August 19 & 20** – Caltopia (UC Berkeley)
- **August 25 & 26** – Chinatown Streetfest (Oakland)
- **September 5** – 1st Wednesdays Street Party (Pleasanton)
- **September 9** – Solano Avenue Stroll (Berkeley and Albany)

Please join us, and don’t hesitate to let us know if you are interested in having Alameda CTC participate in a community event near you by contacting Carol Crossley at ccrossley@alamedactc.org or 510-208-7454.

Contact Us

Do you know of someone who does not have email access but would like to receive news about Alameda CTC? He or she can call 510-208-7400 or write us at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, Calif. 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.

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Business Corner

New Contracting Opportunities this Summer & Fall

At its meeting on May 24, 2012, the Alameda CTC Board approved 13 annually renewed professional services consultant contracts totaling approximately $6.4 million for fiscal year 2012-2013. The Local Business Contract Equity (LBCE) Program goals, set by the Commission - 70 percent for Local Business Enterprise (LBE) certified firms and 30 percent for Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) certified firms - are again expected to be exceeded, with roughly 89 percent of payments estimated to go to LBE-certified firms and 39 percent to SLBE-certified firms. For projects that receive federal funds, Alameda CTC anticipates meeting or exceeding the project specific Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal applicable to these contracts.

In addition to these annually renewed professional services consultant contracts, we provide a number of additional contracting opportunities. See chart below.

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The Alameda CTC has a strong commitment to local businesses and encourages the participation of Alameda County businesses in our contracting opportunities and has paid over $325 million to Alameda County businesses from the current sales tax measure. If you are interested in getting your firm certified with our LBCE Program, visit our website [contracting page](#) for more information, or contact Seung Cho, Contract Procurement Analyst, at scho@alamedactc.org.