



*Alameda CTC funds projects that improve multi-modal access throughout the County*

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## 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.

## 2012 Transportation Expenditure Plan Support

Alameda County Transportation Commission has received official support for the 2012 TEP from the following entities and organizations as of June 25th, 2012:

- AC Transit
- Alameda County Board of Supervisors
- Albany Strollers and Rollers
- BART
- Bay Area Council
- Bay Planning Coalition
- Center for Independent Living
- City of Alameda
- City of Albany
- City of Berkeley
- City of Dublin
- City of Emeryville
- City of Fremont
- City of Hayward
- City of Livermore
- City of Newark
- City of Oakland
- City of Piedmont
- City of Pleasanton

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## Over \$366 Million from State Bonds

### Vital Transportation Projects

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.



**2012 TEP Support (continued)**

- City of San Leandro
- City of Union City
- Congressman Jerry McNerney
- Congressman Pete Stark
- Congressman John Garamendi
- Downtown Oakland Senior Center
- East Bay Bicycle Coalition
- East Bay Economic Development Alliance
- East Bay Regional Park District
- Engineering & Utility Contractors Association
- Fremont Chamber of Commerce
- Livermore Chamber of Commerce
- North Oakland Senior Center
- Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce
- Port of Oakland
- Transform
- United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County
- Walk Oakland Bike Oakland
- West Oakland Senior Center



“Alameda County’s highways are essential to the economic health and overall vitality of the Bay Area and the region, and are disproportionately congested,” says Mayor Mark Green, Chair of the Alameda CTC and Mayor of Union City.

“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.

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## **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.

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## You're Invited to the South County Transportation Forum!

Join the Alameda CTC and its Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) at the South County Transportation Forum on Thursday, July 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at City Hall in Union City. The theme of the evening is "Best Value for Public Funds" and will feature presentations on the following projects and programs:

- New measure to fund the Transportation Expenditure Plan on the November Ballot
- Safe Routes to Schools and BikeMobile
- Fremont Senior Mobility Programs
- BART Extension to Warm Springs and Irvington Station
- Union City Intermodal Station
- Dumbarton Rail Corridor
- I-680 High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) Express Lanes

This public forum is one of a series of four Transportation Forums held throughout the year. Visit our calendar to learn more at [www.alamedactc.org](http://www.alamedactc.org).



## Planning Update: Our Safety Net Increases Transit Use

### Guaranteed Ride Home Program

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](#).

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## 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.

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## Calendar of Events

### July - August 2012

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

Note: The Alameda CTC Board and its standing and advisory committees do not meet in the month of August.

**Alameda CTC Board Meeting**  
July 26  
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (ACTAC)**  
July 3  
1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

**Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Webinar**  
July 18—Topic: The Greener Side of Green Streets: Reducing Pavement Footprints  
August 15—Topic: Transforming Streets into Inviting Public Spaces  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**  
July 12  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)**  
Union City City Hall  
34009 Alvarado-Niles Road,  
Union City, Calif. 94587  
July 26  
5:30 – 6:30 p.m., followed by:

**South County Transportation Forum**  
Union City City Hall  
34009 Alvarado-Niles Road  
Union City, Calif. 94587  
July 26  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC)**  
July 9  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

## Program Update

### One Bay Area Grant Program

The One Bay Area Grant Program (OBAG) guides funding from the second cycle of certain federal funds to counties in the region. The goal of the program is to provide flexible funding to support the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) in the Bay Area. The SCS aims to link housing and transportation in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide housing for residents of all income levels. OBAG will be funding programs that support Priority Development Areas

(PDAs) and Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs), including bike and pedestrian infrastructure, and streets and roads that link to housing and jobs. Alameda County expects to receive approximately \$67 million from this program and is in the process of developing how the funds will be allocated in the county. Projects and programs must be submitted to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission by June 2013.

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## Program Update: Bike and Pedestrian Projects

### Call for Projects Coming Soon

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.



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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.

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**calendar of events (continued)****Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)**

July 9  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

**I-580 Express Lane Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)**

July 9  
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

**I-680 Joint Powers Authority (JPA)**

July 9  
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

**Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO) and Alameda CTC 9th Annual Mobility Workshop**

Ed Roberts Campus, 3075 Adeline, Berkeley, Calif. 94703  
July 16  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Planning, Policy and Legislation Committee (PPLC)**

July 9  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Programs and Projects Committee (PPC)**

July 9  
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

**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.

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## Laurel Poeton Helps Alameda CTC Reach Out to Communities

Have you seen Alameda CTC's Assistant Transportation Planner Laurel Poeton at a recent community event? Laurel has been out working hard to ensure that community members are aware of Alameda CTC's work.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in Geography at San Francisco State University, Laurel joined the project controls team at Alameda County Congestion Management Agency in 2005. From there she moved into the planning department, and today she works in policy, public affairs and legislation. A Vermont native, Laurel enjoys living in the Bay Area and chooses not to own a car, relying completely on public transit.

An exciting new part of her work at the Commission is to help document community events and project ribbon-cuttings and groundbreakings. You can follow her photos and videos on [www.facebook.com/AlamedaCTC](http://www.facebook.com/AlamedaCTC) and Twitter @AlamedaCTC



Laurel Poeton, Assistant Transportation Planner

## Project Updates

### Focus on South County

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.

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## 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](mailto: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](http://Alameda CTC website).

## 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.

### Upcoming Opportunities

Project Name	Type of Contract	Estimated Issue Date
I-580 Landscaping Project	Construction	Summer 2012
I-580 Landscaping Project	Construction Management	Summer 2012
City of Alameda Webster Street Project	Construction - ITS System	Summer 2012
I-80 Procurement Contract	ITS Equipment Procurement	Summer 2012
Professional Services to Operate the Guaranteed Ride Home Program	Professional Services	Summer 2012
I-580 WB HOT System Integrator	Professional Services	Summer 2012
Financial Advisory Services	Professional Services	Fall 2012
East Bay Greenway construction: 75th Avenue to 85th Avenue, Oakland	Construction	Spring 2013
East Bay Greenway maintenance: 75th Avenue to 85th Avenue, Oakland	Maintenance	Spring 2013 - Spring 2018
Transit Oriented Development Technical Assistance Program (TOD TAP)	Professional Services	TBD

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](mailto:scho@alamedactc.org).

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