I am honored to begin my leadership as Executive Director of the new countywide transportation agency, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC). This new role is the result of a recent merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), where I have served as Deputy Director since 2001.

This merger is a strategic response to the economic climate. It will streamline costs, eliminate redundancies and create efficiencies in planning, funding, and project delivery. The Alameda CTC stresses accountability and transparency in administering public funds to effectively plan and build the transportation improvements that have been promised to Alameda County taxpayers.

In my new role as Executive Director, I will build on and expand the achievements of both agencies, such as the early delivery of nearly all Measure B capital infrastructure projects and delivery of many other significant transportation improvements throughout the county. This e-news will continue to inform you of important projects, programs and projects funded by measure B.

New Alameda CTC is Evolving

Alameda CTC, a merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), was formed to provide greater efficiencies in planning, funding, and project delivery of a broad spectrum of transportation projects and programs throughout the County.

The creation of Alameda CTC began in January 2009. An analysis of both agencies demonstrated the benefits of combining ACTIA and ACCMA. In January 2010, the ACTIA and ACCMA Boards expressed joint support for a merger, and in February 2010, the joint Boards approved a draft Joint Powers Agreement. The JPA received approval of the Board of Supervisors, the City Councils of all 14 cities in the County and the AC Transit and BART Boards.

In July 2010, at its first meeting, Alameda CTC members elected Mayor Mark Green of Union City as its Chair and County Supervisor Scott Haggerty as its Vice-Chair.

Alameda CTC Board Members:

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Short-Term Transportation Investment Opportunity

To address funding challenges and growing transportation needs, the Alameda CTC has placed a measure on the ballot to increase funding for transportation throughout the County. The Transportation Improvement Measure, also known as Measure F, would allow a Vehicle Registration Fee of $10 for local transportation and transit improvements throughout Alameda County. If approved by voters, funds would be expended according to an adopted Expenditure Plan in the following categories:

- Local Road Improvement and Repair Program (60%)
- Transit for Congestion Relief Program (25%)
- Local Transportation Technology Program (10%)
- Pedestrian and Bicyclist Access and Safety Program (5%)

This fee would generate approximately $11 million per year for on-going transportation investments and requires a 50% voter approval. None of the funds raised, outside of the limited costs incurred by the Department of Motor Vehicle to collect the fee, can be taken by the State. For more information on this short-term transportation investment measure visit www.alamedacountyvrf.org.

Long-Term Transportation Investment Opportunity

To provide a framework for future transportation investments under the new Alameda CTC, the existing County-wide Transportation Plan (CWTP) will be updated. The updated plan will be expanded in scope from the current plan and will inform the Metropolitan Trans-
Alameda CTC’s New Web Portal

- The Alameda CTC’s new web portal includes information regarding the new consolidated agency, along with links to ACTIA’s and the ACCMA’s websites.

Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Releases 8th Annual Report to the Public

- CWC exercises accountability by compiling the 8th Annual Report on all expenditures regarding Measure B funds.

Ribbon Cutting Commemorating the Completion of I-580/Redwood Road Interchange Improvements

- Date/Time: September 20, 2010 - 1:00 p.m.
- Location: I-580 westbound off-ramp at Redwood Road, between the I-580 overpass and the Jess C Spencer Mortuary parking lot.
- Click here to download the project fact sheet.

North County Transportation Forum

- First Transportation Forum of the new Alameda CTC
- Date/Time: October 21, 2010, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Location: Alameda CTC Offices in downtown Oakland.
- Click here to download the Transportation Forum flyer.

A Profile of Alameda CTC Chair, Union City Mayor Mark Green

Union City Mayor Mark Green is at the helm of progress. He is spearheading the development of one of our county’s most significant efforts toward fiscal stewardship and government accountability. Under his leadership, ACTIA and its sister agency, the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) consolidated their efforts to form the new Alameda County Transportation Commission.

In 1995, Mayor Green joined the ACTA Board, where he led development of the 2000 Measure B Expenditure Plan as the Chair of the Measure B Steering Committee.

Mayor Green recalls raising the idea of a merger while on the ACTIA Steering Committee, when he worked on the 2000 Measure B Expenditure Plan. At the time, he thought, “We should study whether a merger will save money. It would give us a more unified voice for lobbying in Sacramento and Washington DC and, from a tactical standpoint, it would show voters that we had done all we could to curtail expenditures.”

After becoming Chairman of the ACCMA in 2008, Mayor Green once again saw the opportunity to present the idea for an agency merger. A January 2009 study revealed the cost savings of joining ACTIA and ACCMA, and by January 2010, under Mayor Green’s leadership, both Boards acted in support of a merger. At its first meeting in July 2010, Mayor Green was elected Chair of the Commission, which is made up of 22 elected officials from throughout Alameda County. Less than one month later, under Green’s leadership, the Commission appointed its first Executive Director, Art Dao.

Name: Mark Green
Hometown: Peoria, Illinois
First Political Appointment: 1991, Councilmember, City of Union City (Pop. 74,000)
Current Leadership Roles
- Mayor, City of Union City, CA
- Chairman, Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC)
- Chairman, Alameda County Transportation Authority/Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTA/ACTIA)
- Chairman, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA)
- President, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
calendar of events

September 2010 – November 2010

Note: Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held at ACTIA offices, 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland.

Alameda CTC Meeting
October 28, 2:30 p.m.

Finance and Administration Committee
October 11, November 8
1:30 p.m.

Planning, Policy and Legislation Committee
October 11, November 8
11:00 a.m.

Programs and Projects Committee
October 11, November 8
12:15 p.m.

Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee
October 5, November 2
1:30–3:30 p.m.

Countywide Transportation Plan/Expenditure Plan Steering Committee
October 18
1:30–3:30 p.m.

Community Advisory Working Group (CAWG)
October 7, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Technical Advisory Working Group (TAWG)
October 5
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Alameda County Climate Action Transportation Group
November 10
9:30–11:30 a.m.

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Oakland Airport Connector

Project Sponsor: Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)

Measure B Contribution:
$89 million

Improvements: The OAC Project is a design-build contract scope. It entails the design and construction of an Automated Guideway Transit (AGT) System, including the guideway, passenger stations, a combined maintenance and central control facility, power distribution substation rooms, and wayside equipment rooms.

Benefits:
• Provides a direct, reliable transit link to the Oakland International Airport.
• Creates and sustains thousands of jobs.
• Facilitates greater regional connectivity and inter-modal transit.
• Helps expand the Oakland International Airport.

Status: With the loss of $70 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds in February 2010, BART and partners, including ACTIA, developed a new funding plan for the project.

In July 2010, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) voted to reprogram $20 million in Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds to the OAC. This action was reaffirmed in September and funds will be allocated once the State budget is approved. In addition to the $20 million in STIP funds, BART has committed $10 million in San Francisco Airport (SFO) reserve account funds and $5.4 million in High Speed Rail funds to the project and proposed to increase the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation (TIFIA) loan request to $105 million. By lowering the project contingency, the costs on the project were reduced to $484 million to fully fund the project.

On July 22, 2010, the BART Board of Directors accepted the full funding plan and reaffirmed the award of the Design/Build contract to Flatiron/Parsons Joint Venture and the operation and maintenance contract to Doppelmayr Cable Car company. The award of the design/build contract is contingent upon the commitment of the $20 million in state funds and the obligation of Small Starts funding from the Federal Transit Administration.

Green recognizes the significance of Dao’s appointment, particularly as transportation planning is emerging as an important aspect of delivery. He says, “Dao will have innovative ideas about the structure of the agency and how to maximize the abilities of every individual working here. For the Commission, employees, and the public, I anticipate that the outcome will be excellent.”
Walk and Roll to School in October

This October, hundreds of children in Alameda County will be strolling and pedaling to school during International Walk to School Week (October 4-8). Walk to School Week is part of the year-round Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Program. Funded largely by Measure B, Safe Routes to Schools encourages kids to walk and bike to school by engaging elementary schools, students and their parents through activities, events and lessons, while also addressing safety. In many schools throughout Alameda County, TransForm is implementing SR2S Programs. Visit TransForm’s website to learn how your school can participate in International Walk to School Week.

To help children safely bike to school, the East Bay Bicycle Coalition (EBBC), with Measure B funding and in conjunction with the SR2S program, organizes free Bicycle Rodeos for children and Family Cycling Clinics for both parents and children. Classes teach bike safety and riding skills, and offer free helmets.

Seventh Annual Mobility Workshop a Success

On Friday, July 30, 2010, the Paratransit Advisory Planning Committee (PAPCO) and ACTIA held the seventh Annual Mobility Workshop at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Auditorium. The theme was “Planning for Progress.” Nearly 100 people from Alameda County and the Bay Area, including seniors, people with disabilities, non-profit agencies, as well as transportation advocates and providers, attended.

The morning panel began with a presentation about the State of the System by Bonnie Nelson, Principal of Nelson/Nygaard. ACTIA’s Programs and Public Affairs Manager, Tess Lengyel, provided a synopsis of efforts to update the current Countywide Transportation Plan and to develop a new Transportation Expenditure Plan.

Ken Kirkey, with the Association of Bay Area Governments, discussed the Sustainable Communities Strategy as part of legislatively mandated planning efforts. Following lunch, attendees...
**ACTIA projects, programs and financials**

For a list of ACTIA’s 28 projects, funding and delivery schedules, [click here](#).

For a list of ACTIA programs, [click here](#).

For a list of Pass-through fund allocations, grants, and agency audit information, [click here](#). 

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**MEASURE B Helps Fund Sidewalk Repair for Homeowners**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved the Public Works Agency’s participation in a Measure B cost-sharing program for sidewalk repairs for single-family residential properties in Measure B Planning Area 2 (Central County).

Annually, ACTIA allocates approximately $300,000 of Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Funds to Alameda County, which uses a portion of these funds toward its Sidewalk Repair Program. The funds are divided equally among unincorporated Ashland, Castro Valley, Cheryland, Fairview, and San Lorenzo and are offered on a “first come, first served basis.” The County will reimburse 50% of the sidewalk repair cost per property, or a maximum of $750, whichever is less. Prior to the County’s program, residents were responsible for 100% of the repair costs. To date, approximately 350 sidewalks have been repaired in various locations.

If you’re interested in the County’s Sidewalk Repair Program, contact the Alameda County Public Works Agency at 510-670-5500.

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