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### Executive Director's Message

## Transportation for the 21st Century

WELCOME TO THIS EDITION OF **ALAMEDA CTC REPORTS**, showcasing exciting and important transportation plans, projects and programs happening around our county. Transportation is a central part of our lives that we often take for granted. Daily, we rely on our systems of transit, highways, roads, bike lanes, paths and trails for economic vitality, recreation, health and social connection. At Alameda CTC, we are busy planning, funding and delivering these systems for the 21st century.

This fall, as part of the Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) and Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) process, **Alameda CTC invites the public** to help determine the specific "transportation packages" of capital projects and program expenditures that will support both population growth and quality of life for Alameda County. This is part of a ground-breaking regional effort brought about by Senate Bill 375, Sustainable Communities Strategy. Both the CWTP and the Bay Area's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will consider how land use and transportation can be developed to grow our region in intelligent ways that help stimulate our economy, preserve our environment and support our communities.

A couple of important events are just around the corner: The first week of



October marks **International Walk and Roll to School Week**, an opportunity for children and their parents to experience Alameda CTC's Safe Routes to School Program in action. And, on October 20, we will host our quarterly **Transportation Forum**, which offers county residents a chance to learn more about the transportation projects, plans and programs under way in North County.

Lastly, **we are pleased to welcome Stewart Ng** to the agency as our new Deputy Director of Projects and Programming. We hope you'll join us this fall—share your opinions on the future of transportation at a public workshop, walk or ride to school (and work) as part of Walk and Roll to School Week, or attend our Transportation Forum. In a very real way, at Alameda CTC the future is now!

## Join us at one of the CWTP Community Workshops!

Alameda CTC Staff will be conducting a series of five workshops around the county to present the Draft Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) and and seek involvement to develop a new Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP). Please consider attending one of the following workshops to learn more about this plan for the future and share your thoughts on if the CWTP is headed in the right direction.

Workshops will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the following dates:

### **Tuesday, October 18, 2011**

District 5/North Planning Area  
South Berkeley Senior Center  
Multipurpose Room  
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley

### **Wednesday, October 19, 2011**

District 3/Central Planning Area  
San Leandro Senior  
Community Center, Main Hall  
13909 East 14th Street, San Leandro

### **Monday, October 24, 2011**

District 4/North Planning Area  
East Oakland Senior Center  
Multipurpose Room  
9255 Edes Avenue, Oakland

### **Thursday, October 27, 2011**

District 2/South Planning Area  
Union City Sports Center Classroom  
31224 Union City Boulevard,  
Union City

### **Wednesday, November 2, 2011**

District 1/East Planning Area  
Dublin Civic Center Library  
Community Room  
200 Civic Plaza, Dublin

For more event information, visit the [CWTP webpage](#).



## Planning Update

# Shaping the Future of Transportation

Progress continues on the [Alameda County Countywide Transportation Plan \(CWTP\) update and Transportation Expenditure Plan \(TEP\) development](#). In May 2011, Alameda CTC Community Advisory Working Group (CAWG) and Technical Advisory Working Group (TAWG) members participated in a survey on TEP parameters. The survey revealed that that members are interested in renewing the Measure B half-cent sales tax, as well as asking voters to approve a half-cent increase and extend the tax as long as possible or eliminate the sunset period.

When asked about funding projects and programs through the TEP, survey participants supported funding project development, innovation and technology solutions that can improve transportation systems. A majority of survey participants also recommended a balanced funding approach that would allocate 60 percent of funds to programs, and 40 percent to capital projects, including development/innovation/technology investments.

In June, as part of the countywide planning effort, Alameda CTC conducted an evaluation of various transportation networks based on the CWTP call for projects and programs. The purpose of this was to evaluate the performance of potential future CWTP projects and programs and assess which transportation scenarios could best support the adopted vision: *“Alameda County will be served by a premier transportation system that supports a vibrant and livable Alameda County through a connected and integrated multimodal transportation system promoting sustainability, access, public health and economic opportunities.”*

Based on the results of this evaluation, Alameda CTC developed the first draft of the [CWTP for review in September](#). The public will have another opportunity to review and comment on the draft plans at a second round of workshops in October 2011. To get involved through a workshop in your area or to learn more about the planning process, visit the [Alameda CTC transportation planning page](#).



## Calendar of Events

### October – November 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

October 27, December 1  
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

#### Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (ACTAC)

October 4, November 1  
1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

#### Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Webinar

October 19—Topic: Multimodal Level of Service  
November 16—Topic: Parking: Buffers, Bikes and Cars  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

#### Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

TBD October  
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

#### Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans Working Group (BPPWG)

October 13  
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

#### Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

October 20, 2011— followed by North County Transportation Forum: Open House 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.; Project/Program Presentations 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

#### Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC)

November 7  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

October 6, November 3  
2:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Alameda CTC is closely coordinating the development of the [CWTP-TEP](#) with the development of the Sustainable

Communities Strategy (SCS) and the update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

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## Additional Transportation Plan Update

### Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Updates

Alameda CTC is also making headway on updating the 2006 Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans. These new updates build on local plans and will become a part of the larger Alameda County Countywide Transportation Plan. In July and August, after collecting committee and public input, Alameda CTC developed a final draft proposal for the bicycle and pedestrian countywide capital project networks, as well as the educational and promotional programs.

During August and September, the project consultant estimated the total cost to build the complete networks and implement the proposed programs through 2040. The consultant team also estimated potential revenue and identified implementation steps. This information will be included in the draft implementation chapters which are scheduled to be reviewed by Alameda CTC's community advisory committees in October. 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 legislatively required [Congestion Management Program \(CMP\)](#), a plan that describes the policies and strategies to address congestion problems in the county. Alameda CTC



updates the CMP in coordination with all local governments and transit operators in Alameda County along with other regional partners.

Since January 2011, the Commission has been involved in first identifying various CMP elements that need to be updated and later acting on the updates to those elements. The updated CMP elements include Level of Service Standards, CMP Roadway System, Land Use Analysis Program and CMP Conformity. In September 2011, the Commission will adopt the draft updated 2011 CMP.

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**calendar of events** *(continued)***Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan Development (CWTP-TEP) Steering Committee**

October 27, December 1  
12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**CWTP-TEP Steering Committee/CAWG Joint Meeting Joint Meeting**

October 7  
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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

October 13, November 7  
1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

**Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)**

October 10, November 7  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

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

October 10, November 7  
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

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

October 10, November 7  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO)**

September 26, November 28  
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

October 24  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

November 8  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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

October 10, November 7  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Programs and Projects Committee (PPC)**

October 10, November 7  
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

## Projects Update

### I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project



**Project Sponsor:** Alameda CTC

**Measure B Contribution:** \$1.8 million toward the total cost of \$94.1 million

**Project Description:** The Interstate 80 Integrated Corridor Mobility (ICM) Project will integrate the transportation management systems of the I-80 corridor and the San Pablo Avenue corridor in

Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The project will employ State-of-the-Practice Intelligent Transportation System tools to improve safety, mobility and trip reliability for all users. Main project components will be I-80 Incident Management, I-80 Adaptive Ramp Metering (ARM), traffic and transit information and improvements to San Pablo Avenue and arterials connecting with mainline I-80. The construction work along the freeway mainline is scheduled to begin September 2011.

**Benefits:** The project will improve operations along the freeway and the local road network and is being implemented to enhance transit operations in the corridor. The system will also be implemented to assist with traffic management during incidents and other events requiring quick responses based on real-time information.

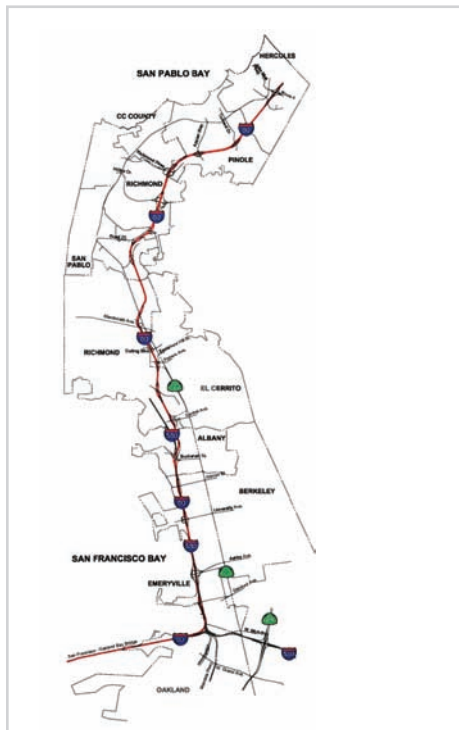
### Oakland Airport Connector



**Project Sponsor:** BART

**Measure B Contribution:** \$89 million toward the total cost of \$484 million

**Project Description:** The BART Oakland Airport Connector (OAC) project will provide a 3.2 mile Automated Guideway Transit (AGT) system to connect the BART Coliseum Station to the Oakland International Airport. BART and contractor teams have been mobilized on site;



## Join Us at the North County Transportation Forum!

On Thursday, October 20, 2011, the Alameda CTC and its Citizens Advisory Committee will host the North County Transportation Forum. This forum's theme is Transportation for the 21st Century, at the Alameda CTC offices located in downtown Oakland at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300 (City Center/12th Street BART Station). The open house begins at 6:30 p.m. and presentations start at 7:00 p.m., each presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

The following projects and programs will be featured:

- Regional and Countywide Transportation Planning Activities Update
- Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Update
- Free Shuttle Programs in Oakland and Emeryville
- I-80 Integrated Mobility Corridor Project Update
- East Bay Rapid Bus Transit Updates
- I-880 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes Update
- BART Oakland Airport Connector

We invite you to meet project sponsors and hear more about key projects and programs underway in North Alameda County (Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland and Piedmont).

preconstruction activities are underway and passenger service is expected to begin during 2014.

**Benefits:** The OAC project will connect the Oakland Coliseum BART Station to the Oakland International Airport, providing an alternative for travelers using the local roadway system to access the airport.

2006. The project is currently in the design phase with concurrent right of way and utility coordination activities underway. Construction is expected to begin before the end of 2012.

**Benefits:** Improved safety and access from I-880 to the local adjacent communities.

### I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvements at 23rd and 29th Avenues Project



**Project Sponsor:** Alameda CTC

**Measure B Contribution:** \$800,000 toward a total project cost of \$101.7 million

**Project Description:** This project proposes to construct operational and safety improvements on I-880 at the existing overcrossings of 23rd Avenue and 29th Avenue in the City of Oakland. Improvements include replacing three freeway overcrossing structures, improvements to the northbound on and off ramps as well as the freeway mainline. This project is funded with \$73 million from the Trade Corridor Improvements Fund (TCIF) of the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006; approved by the voters as Proposition 1B November

### Telegraph Avenue Corridor Bus Rapid Transit



**Project Sponsor:** AC Transit

**Measure B Contribution:** \$10.4 million toward a total project cost of \$216.1 million

**Project Description:** The project involves planned improvements to bus stations, shelters, lighting, signalization and other related enhancements. The project also involves purchasing buses. The planned improvements are intended to enhance bus reliability and to reduce travel time in the heavily travelled transit corridors along Telegraph Avenue, Broadway, International Boulevard and East 14th Street. The project is currently in the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Studies phase. Construction is expected to begin in 2013.

**Benefits:** When completed, transit users will experience more reliable and convenient service, along with upgraded amenities.

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## Alameda CTC Out in the Community

Fremont Festival of the Arts,  
Alameda County Fair,  
Oakland Chinatown  
StreetFest and Solano Stroll

As part of the agency's community outreach program, staff and members of the Alameda CTC Citizens Advisory Committee attended a number of public events during the summer, including the Alameda County Fair and the annual Fremont Festival of the Arts on August 6 and 7. In Fremont, Vice Mayor and Alameda CTC Commissioner, Suzanne Chan was among those who stopped by the booth to celebrate.

These events provide opportunities to let the public know about how transportation planning, funding and delivery are supporting the quality of life we enjoy here in Alameda County.

If you see us out in your community, please stop by our booth to say hello and learn more about transportation investments in your community.



## Program and Programming Updates

# Programs for the 21st Century

### Transportation for Clean Air

Alameda County is incrementally addressing air pollution through the adoption of projects and programs that provide transportation alternatives and effectively manage the transportation system. Approximately 40 percent of a \$4 Vehicle Registration Fees (VRF) collected in Alameda County goes toward the Transportation for Clean Air (TFCA) County Program Manager Fund. This fund is allocated to projects that result in the reduction of motor vehicle emissions within the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Per the Alameda CTC TFCA Guidelines, Alameda CTC allocates 70 percent of the available funds to the cities/county based on population, with a minimum of \$10,000 to each jurisdiction. The Commission allocates the remaining 30 percent of the funds to transit-related projects on a discretionary basis.

The Alameda CTC adopted the TFCA 2011-2012 program in May 2011. At that time the program had a remaining fund balance for additional projects. In July, the Commission approved using the balance to program five projects: Park Street Arterial Management in Alameda, the Buchanan Bike Path in Albany, two Arterial Management projects in Hayward and the Broadway Shuttle in Oakland. All available TFCA funds are required to be fully programmed annually.

### Free Broadway Shuttle in Downtown Oakland

Need a lift to Downtown Oakland? Hop on the **"FREE B"** for easy connections from BART, the Oakland/Alameda/San Francisco Ferry and Amtrak Capitol Corridor to downtown Oakland offices.



Weekday service is every 15 minutes (10 minutes during commute times) and runs between Embarcadero West (Jack London Square) and Grand Avenue, and weekend service is on Friday and Saturday nights until 1 a.m. and runs from Jack London Square to 27th Street.

The Broadway Shuttle, in association with AC Transit, is a program of the City of Oakland's Community & Economic Development Agency made possible through generous support from several local agencies including the Alameda CTC via TFCA funding.

### 8th Annual Mobility Workshop

Over 80 people turned out at the 8th Annual Mobility Workshop in July [\[hyperlink to event flyer or if the summary newsletter is ready, link to that\]](#) at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley to hear presenters speak on the theme "Moving into a New Era, Building on a Decade of Experience," and to focus on local and regional planning and funding issues and initiatives related to mobility for seniors and people with disabilities. Alameda CTC and its Paratransit and Advisory Planning Committee (PAPCO) sponsored the free event, which brought people together to discuss the state of the system, planning for mobility, as well as new paradigms and realities in delivering transportation to seniors and people with disabilities.

## Community Involvement

Participate in International Walk and Roll to School Week, October 3-7!



Alameda County schools will once again come alive with students, parents and staff joining the healthy trend to walk or bike to school throughout the first week of October! The Alameda CTC supports the Safe Routes to School program and each year supports work with schools to promote safety, walking and biking. Currently, approximately 50 schools in the county participate, and the benefits are many, including improved health, reduced obesity, greater attentiveness and more. To learn about the Safe Routes to School program and join the "movement", visit [TransForm](#), a partner in delivering the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program.

The workshop included a lunchtime resource fair with information on mobility options and key services and service providers. At a working session in the afternoon, participants provided valuable input on the Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan development process. Visit the Alameda CTC website for information on [PAPCO](#) or [paratransit resources](#), such as the [Provider Resource Toolkit](#).

## East Bay Greenway Project



Alameda CTC is collaborating with local and regional partners to implement the East Bay Greenway Project. Running along a 12-mile stretch that begins in the City of Oakland and continues south toward the Hayward BART Station, this project will transform areas beneath or parallel to the elevated BART tracks into a landscaped, accessible bicycle and pedestrian trail. The Greenway will connect communities, offering residents healthier and safer modes of transportation between home, work and school destinations.

The East Bay Greenway recently received a federal Tiger II grant for the segment adjoining the Oakland Coliseum BART Station and extending south to 85th Avenue. The federal grant comes with an award deadline of September 30, 2012.

## Improving the Streets in the City of Alameda



As part of Alameda CTC's Local Streets and Roads Program, the City of Alameda Public Works Department has been installing and maintaining various striping within the city with its Measure B funded on-call striping contract. The striping work includes installing a bus zone for the City's Estuary Crossing Bike Shuttle, maintaining school related pavement markings in the Ruby Bridges School Zone, installing a KEEP CLEAR zone in front of the Alameda Main Library to ensure that Alameda police officers can get onto Oak Street from the police station across the street, and installing a crosswalk on Oak Street at San Antonio Avenue.



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## Stewart Ng Named Deputy Director of Projects and Programming

Stewart Ng joined the Alameda CTC as its new Deputy Director of Projects and Programming on August 16. Mr. Ng has over 32 years of transportation delivery experience. Stewart's last position was the Deputy Director of Projects and Program Management at Caltrans District 4 for the past 10 years. Prior to that, he was the Caltrans Project and Design Manager assisting the Santa Clara County Transportation Sales Tax Measure in delivery it's program projects. Stewart has a great deal of familiarity with the workings of a Congestion Management Agency and Sales Tax Authority. He will be responsible for project and program delivery for Alameda CTC.

## Contact Us

Do you know of someone who does not have email access but would like to receive Alameda CTC's news? 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 will be maintained on the [Alameda CTC website](http://www.alamedactc.org).

## Business Corner

# Upcoming Contracting Opportunities

Project Name	Type of Contract	Estimated Issue Date
I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project	System Integrator	September, 2011
City of Alameda Webster Street Project	ITS / Construction	October-November, 2011
I-580 Sound Wall Project	Landscaping Services	January-February, 2012
I-580 WB High Occupancy Toll Project	System Integrator	February-March, 2012

*NOTE: All Upcoming Contracting Opportunities are subject to change(s).*

Building for the 21st Century, the Alameda CTC awarded a total of \$16 million in the month of June and July for construction and professional services contracts. The agency awarded construction contracts to Rosendin Electric and Steiny and Company, Inc. for the Interstate 80 Integrated Corridor Mobility (I-80 ICM) Project, one of several contracts being let for this project, and Forster and Kroeger Landscape Maintenance, Inc. for the Interstate 580 Castro Valley Interchanges Improvement Project.

In support of the procurement activities, the Alameda CTC is pleased to announce that Seung Cho is the new Contract Procurement Analyst. Mr. Cho is responsible for the procurement, administration and

monitoring of all capital improvement construction and professional services contracts. He has experience in project controls and tracking of capital projects and programs. Prior to joining Alameda CTC, he worked as an associate for a privately-owned engineering consulting firm. The Alameda CTC encourages the certification and participation of local businesses in our contracting opportunities.

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

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