



## Planning and Project Delivery

The outlook for transportation in 2016 is bright. The federal government is repairing streets through its [Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act](#). Governor Brown budgeted \$1 billion to reduce emissions through transportation such as public transit and zero-emission vehicles, and cities across the country are competing to win the [Smart City Challenge](#) to address growing demands on their transportation infrastructure.

On a local level, Alameda CTC is focused on planning and project delivery across Alameda County and is working closely with partners, local jurisdictions and the public to make excellent progress this year. As part of the effort to update the [Countywide Transportation Plan](#), Alameda CTC hosted [Transportation Open Houses](#) to learn more about which improvements are most important to local communities. Three plans that feed into the countywide plan are scheduled for completion this year: [Countywide Goods Movement Plan](#), [Countywide Multimodal Plan](#) and the [Countywide Transit Plan](#).

Three projects are also scheduled to go live in the first half of 2016: [The I-580 Express Lanes](#) will make efficient use of the roadway, encourage carpooling and help make travel times more reliable for cars and transit. [The BART Warm Springs Extension](#) will facilitate transit use by connecting the existing Fremont line to a new Warm Springs station, and the [I-80 SMART Corridor](#) will use technology to enhance motorist safety, improve travel time reliability and reduce accidents and associated congestion on one of the busiest corridors in the Bay Area.

Watch for the latest information on these projects and programs such as [Guaranteed Ride Home](#) on [AlamedaCTC.org](#).



## Transportation News

[Contractor Opportunities](#)

[Get FasTrak to Use the I-580 Express Lanes in the Tri-Valley](#)

[Commute with Confidence - Sign up for the Guaranteed Ride Home Program](#)

### **Cocoa for Carpools Receives Award**

On behalf of participating high schools in the Tri-Valley, Executive Director Arthur L. Dao recently received the Tri-Valley Air Quality Impact Award for Cocoa for Carpools, which provides hot chocolate and encouragement for carpooling students and families when they arrive at school. The award

## In This Issue

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### **Insurance for your Commute: Guaranteed Ride Home Program**

presentation took place on Tuesday, January 12th at the Alameda County Board of Supervisors meeting in Oakland.

### Youth Environment and Sustainability (YES) Conference



The Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools High School Task Force gave a presentation at the YES Conference on January 30 sponsored by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Students discussed transportation issues, climate change and ways to encourage everyone to walk, bike, take transit or carpool to school to improve air quality in the San Francisco Bay Area.

### AAA Bond Rating

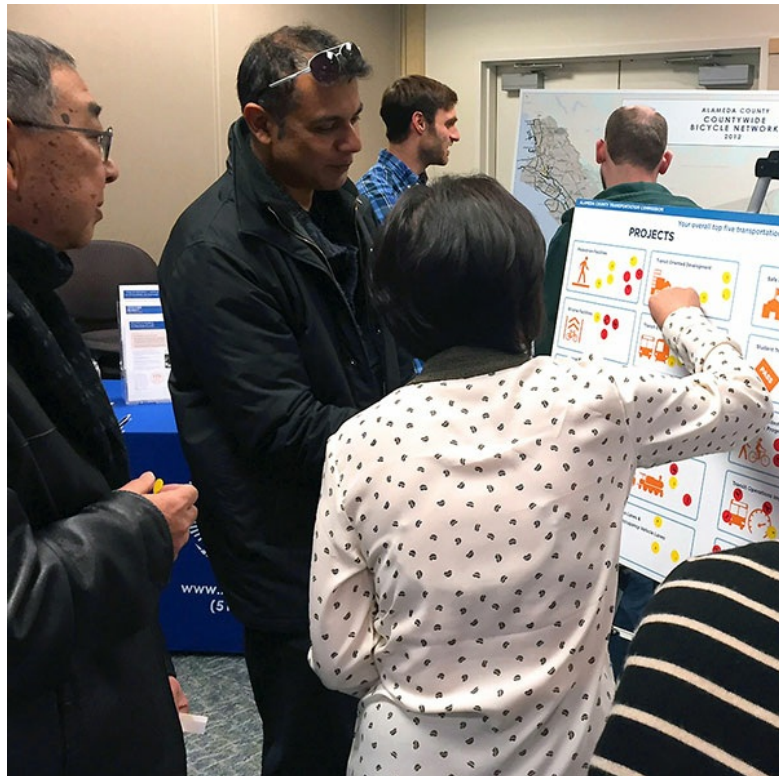
Two years after receiving their initial AAA rating, Fitch Ratings reaffirmed Alameda CTC's sales tax revenue bonds (limited tax bonds) series

2014 at the top rating of AAA. The bonds were sold in February 2014 to fund important voter-approved projects. The top rating acknowledges Alameda CTC's financial strength and responsible delivery of Measure B, the county's one-half-cent transportation sales tax measure.

The Alameda County [Guaranteed Ride Home Program](#) does just what it says. It guarantees you a ride home from work if you are enrolled in the program and have an emergency. [\(Read more\)](#)

## Transportation Open Houses

Hearing about your top priorities



In January 2016, Alameda CTC hosted a series of Transportation Open Houses throughout the county to better understand the public's top priorities for transportation improvements in Alameda County. Participants learned about the update to the [Countywide Transportation Plan](#), a long-range plan through 2040 for Alameda County's multimodal transportation network, as well as supporting plans, and had the opportunity to share their project and program priorities.

Thanks to those of you who participated. If you didn't attend or want more information, [take the survey](#) or [view the materials](#). You can also join us at the North County workshop that has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 23 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Alameda CTC. [\(Back to top\)](#)



Alameda County is the gateway to the world for goods movement, integral to the region's economic growth. Our transit operators move millions of residents and workers to, through and beyond the county.

- 90% of Bay Area trade by weight goes through the Port of Oakland.
- 33% of jobs in Alameda County are goods-movement dependent.
- ~100 million riders boarded transit in Alameda County in 2014.

## What's Ahead

Events are at Alameda CTC unless noted.

**February 10:** California Freight Advisory Committee Meeting

**February 11:** East-West Connector Project Update Meeting at Union City Hall

**February 17:** Ped-Bike Webinar on Planning for Facility Maintenance; Bike-Walk Castro Valley

**February 22:** Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee and Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee Strategic Planning Workshop: Countywide Transit Plan and Needs Assessment

**February 23:** Transportation Open House at Alameda CTC

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## Goods Movement Plan

### Stimulating jobs and reducing community impacts

[The Alameda County Goods Movement Plan](#), scheduled for adoption by the Commission in February 2016, outlines a long-range strategy for how to move goods effectively within, to, from and through Alameda County by roads, rail, air and water. The plan identifies a set of investments that will improve the efficiency of freight flows, support jobs and address community impacts related to goods movement.

The Goods Movement Plan has been developed in close coordination with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and a [Bay Area Goods Movement Collaborative](#). A robust outreach effort included a series of roundtables that brought together business, government, labor and community stakeholders from across the county and region.

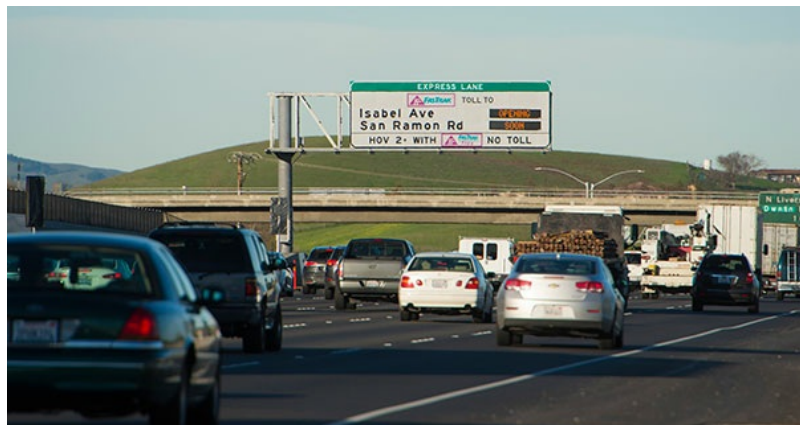
The fifth and final Bay Area Goods Movement Roundtable hosted by Alameda CTC and MTC on January 22, 2016 focused on [The Future of Freight: Mobilizing Partners Across the Bay Area](#).

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offices in Oakland

**February 24:** Business Expo in Dublin at the Shannon Community Center

**February 26:** A Downtown for Everyone Brown Bag Meeting

**February 25:** Commission Meeting

## Learn More

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## About Alameda CTC

The Alameda County Transportation Commission plans, funds and delivers transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. Funding sources for Alameda CTC's expenditure plans include Measure B, approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000, and Measure BB, approved by more than 70 percent of voters in 2014.

For more information, visit: [www.AlamedaCTC.org](http://www.AlamedaCTC.org).

Learn more and sign up to receive express lane updates at:

[www.alamedactc.org/580express](http://www.alamedactc.org/580express) and <https://www.facebook.com/AlamedaCountyExpressLanes>

Carpoolers ride toll-free with FasTrak Flex - [Get yours now!](#) Need help finding a carpool so you can use the lanes for free? [www.rideshare.511.org](http://www.rideshare.511.org). [\(Back to top\)](#)

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### BART Warm Springs Extension Project

[The BART Warm Springs Extension](#) is 95 percent complete, and BART is currently performing rigorous system testing in the first half of this year. The new 5.4-mile transit link that will connect the existing Fremont line to a new Warm Springs station is set to open to the public in summer 2016, following project acceptance by the California Public Utilities Commission.

[The I-80 SMART Corridor Project](#) is set to "go live" in spring 2016. A 19.5-mile portion of the I-80 Corridor from the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Toll Plaza to the Carquinez Bridge in Alameda County and Contra Costa County received a high-tech upgrade. Software implementation, system integration and sign testing are underway. [\(Back to top\)](#)

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## Insurance for Your Commute

### Guaranteed Ride Home Program

The Alameda County [Guaranteed Ride Home Program](#) does just what it says. It guarantees you a ride home from work if you are enrolled in the program and have an emergency.



You can feel comfortable taking the bus, train or ferry, carpooling, vanpooling, walking or bicycling to work, knowing that you will have a ride home in case of illness, family crisis, unscheduled overtime or an unexpected emergency. The goal of this program is to reduce single car drivers by providing the option

and ease to get home in an emergency when taking transit, carpooling and more.

This program is available to all people over 18 years old employed within Alameda County. Participants do not have to live in Alameda County.

**Registration:** To receive reimbursement for your commute emergencies, register at <http://grh.alamedactc.org/register>

**Current GRH participants:** If your information has changed over the last year, please update your email address and/or employment at <http://grh.alamedactc.org/update-your-account/>

Help spread the word by sharing this information with friends and coworkers. ([Back to top](#))

