ALAMEDA CTC REPORTS



PLAN · FUND · DELIVER

NOVEMBER 2015

Keeping the BB Promise

November marks the one-year anniversary of the passage of Measure BB and what a busy year it has been. Measure BB came into effect on April 1, 2015 and Alameda CTC began to distribute funds to all Alameda County cities and transit agencies in July, pursuant to the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan. More than \$20 million has been distributed to date for critical transportation projects and programs and transit service, and the much anticipated Measure BB-funded Affordable Student Transit Pass Program is moving forward with the recent approval of a contract for the development and implementation of four three-year pilot programs.



In June 2015, Alameda CTC approved the first Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) that allocated more than \$47 million in funding for capital project scoping, design and construction. Projects include Bus Rapid Transit, interchange improvements, HOV lane extensions, and the new BART Irvington Station among many others. The CIP included \$1.2 billion over the next five years to support capital projects, funds for transit operations, local street maintenance, bicycle and pedestrian paths and safety and paratransit and transportation programs. In spring 2016, Alameda CTC is scheduled to approve its second CIP for additional project funding. See contractor outreach look-ahead information to help local businesses plan for upcoming opportunities.

As we move full speed ahead to deliver Measure BB dollars, we are also continuing to deliver Measure B-funded projects. A recent San Francisco Chronicle article, "Mass transit, carpools key to big projects" highlighted Alameda County projects opening soon - I-580 Express Lanes, BART extension to South Fremont and East Bay Rapid Transit - calling them "some of the most hotly anticipated projects." These projects were funded in part by Measure B.

Transportation News

Construction Contractor
Outreach

I-680 Southbound Express Lane
Celebrates 5 Years

Get FasTrak to Use the I-580 Express Lanes in the Tri-Valley

Commute with Confidence - Sign up for the Guaranteed Ride
Home Program

East Bay Greenway Now Open!

In This Issue

New Projects Incentivize Carpooling and Taking Transit

Three transportation projects funded by voter-approved measures are opening in the next several months - all aimed at improving commutes in and through Alameda County...

(read more)

Successful International Walk and Roll to School Day Students from more than 125 Alameda County Schools participated

Thousands of Alameda County students saw the benefits of getting to school by walking, riding or scooting on Wednesday, October 7 - International Walk and Roll to School Day. Alameda County's Safe Routes to Schools Program (SR2S) supported events at schools throughout the county and numerous visits by the BikeMobile to schools all week...(read more)

Around Alameda County - Projects Supported by Measure B

"Alameda CTC is keeping the
Measure BB promise to voters," said
Alameda CTC Chair Supervisor
Scott Haggerty. "I'm tremendously
proud that we have been able to so
quickly get dollars flowing to our
cities, the county, transit agencies
and projects to make our streets
smoother and safer, increase transit
service, improve BART stations,
address congestion and support
local jobs."

Why is what we do so important?

Alameda County is at the heart of the Bay Area and is the hub of:

Goods Movement

- 99% of Northern CA containerized cargo goes through the Port of Oakland
- 33% of jobs in Alameda County are goodsmovement dependent

Transit

- 22% of BART's 46 stations are in Alameda County
- 20% of all public transit boardings in the Bay Area are in Alameda County

Roads and Highways

 37% of Bay Area workers travel to, from or through Alameda County

Fruitvale Alive! Gap Closure Streetscape Project

The City of Oakland is working to improve the safety and experience for all modes of travel on Fruitvale Avenue from Alameda Avenue to East 12th Street. The Fruitvale Avenue corridor functions as the spine connecting...(read more)

East Bay Greenway Opens!

Alameda CTC and the East Bay Regional Park District hosted a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the first segment of the East Bay Greenway on Friday, November 6...(read more)

Fremont Completes First Phase of OBAG-funded Downtown Improvements

Alameda CTC and MTC awarded the City of Fremont a \$5.8 million One Bay Area Grant in order to launch the city's efforts to enhance pedestrian, bicycle, and auto connections between downtown and the Fremont BART Station...(read more)

New Projects Incentivize Carpooling and Taking Transit

New Express Lanes coming on I-580 in the Tri-Valley
FasTrak toll tags are required for all users. A <u>FasTrak Flex</u> toll tag
is required for carpoolers to use the lanes for free.

Three transportation projects funded by voter-approved measures are opening in the next several months - all aimed at improving commutes in and through Alameda County.

Did you know that if everyone carpooled just once a month, we would decrease traffic demand by 5 percent, which can yield up to 70 percent less daily delay? Need that little extra nudge to start carpooling? There are a number of carpool matching assistance programs and incentives for vanpooling and carpooling at www.rideshare.511.org.

The new Measure B- and Proposition 1B-funded <u>I-880 Southbound</u> <u>High Occupancy Vehicle Lane</u> opened on October 20 - extending the existing carpool lane south three miles from Hegenberger Road in Oakland to Marina Boulevard in San Leandro. The new lane is expected to help relieve the bottleneck and decrease commute times by five minutes.

The <u>I-580 Express Lanes</u>, opening in early 2016, will provide the first westbound carpool/express lane in the heavily congested Tri-Valley corridor between Livermore and Dublin, and add one new carpool/express lane in the eastbound direction. All I-580 Express Lane users are required to have a <u>FasTrak toll tag</u> to use the lanes, and carpoolers will need FasTrak Flex tag to use the lanes toll-free. It only takes two to carpool on the I-580!

December 3:

Commission meeting

December 16:
Association of Pedestrian and
Bicycle Professionals
webinar on the Best Guides and
Manuals You've Never Heard
of at Alameda CTC

Learn More

Projects

Programs

Alameda CTC Financials

Contracting Opportunities

2014 Transportation
Expenditure Plan

Signage for Project and Program
Sponsors

About Alameda CTC

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.

Alameda CTC coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers the expenditure plan for Measure B, the half-cent sales tax approved by the voters 2000 as well as the expenditure plan for Measure BB, approved by voters in November 2014.

Visit www.AlamedaCTC.org to



A third project that will support carpooling and taking transit is the long-awaited <u>I-80 SMART Corridor Project</u>, between the Carquinez and Bay Bridges. Integrating a network of electronic signs, ramp meters and other state-of-the-art elements, this project will enhance safety and improve travel time reliability in two of

the top 10 most-congested locations in the San Francisco Bay Area. Transit and carpooling will be especially supported with carpool- and bus-only ramp meter bypass lanes on on-ramps throughout the corridor when the SMART corridor is activated. (Back to Top)

Successful International Walk and Roll to School Day

Students from more than 125 Alameda County schools participated

Thousands of Alameda County students saw the benefits of getting to school by walking, riding or scooting on Wednesday, October 7 - International Walk and Roll to School Day. <u>Alameda County's Safe Routes to Schools Program</u> (SR2S) supported events at schools throughout the county and numerous visits by the <u>BikeMobile</u> to schools all week.

On International Walk and Roll to School Day, 75 percent of students in participating schools traveled to school by walking, biking, scooting,

transit or carpooling. Alameda CTC Chair Supervisor Haggerty attended a special event at Kolb Elementary School in Dublin, where more than 80 percent of students participated.



Since the Safe Routes to School program began in Alameda County, the program has been growing steadily and has been effective in getting more children and families to safely use green modes of transportation, including biking, walking, using public transit and carpooling. More than 140 K-12 schools in Alameda County benefit from SR2S programming, and the program is planning to expand to an additional nearly 30 K-12 schools - securing its ranking as one of the most active and successful Safe Routes to Schools programs in the country. (Back to Top)

Around Alameda County - Projects

learn more, and follow
Alameda CTC on <u>Facebook</u>
and <u>Twitter</u>.

Supported by Measure B

Fruitvale Alive! Gap closure streetscape project



The City of Oakland is working to improve the safety and experience for all modes of travel on Fruitvale Avenue from Alameda Avenue to East 12th Street. The Fruitvale Avenue corridor functions as the spine connecting the MacArthur Freeway (I-580), densely populated

neighborhoods and shopping districts, the future AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, the Fruitvale BART Station, the Nimitz Freeway (I-880), waterfront uses and the City of Alameda to each other.

This project will build on previous planning, design and construction work completed to close the gap in this corridor's utility for bicycle and pedestrian access while improving traffic signal operations and vehicle safety. For more information and to sign up for project notifications including an announcement of the next community design workshop, visit the project's webpage at www.oaklandnet.com/fruitvalealive or contact Nick Cartagena, project manager, at ncartagena@oaklandnet.com. (Back to Top)

East Bay Greenway Opens!

Alameda CTC and the East Bay Regional Park District hosted a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of



the first segment of the East Bay Greenway on Friday, November 6. The first half mile of the East Bay Greenway, from the Coliseum BART Station to 85th Avenue in Oakland, is the initial phase of a planned 15mile Class-1 bicycle and pedestrian pathway running

roughly parallel to the BART tracks through Oakland, San Leandro and Hayward. It features a 12-foot wide Class-1 bicycle and pedestrian trail, new traffic signals and crosswalks at 71st, 75th and 81st Avenues and new lighting and decorative fencing. This segment received a federal TIGER II grant with support from Congresswoman Barbara Lee and is also funded by the East Bay Regional Park District's voter-approved Measure WW, Alameda CTC's Measure B and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air. (Back to Top)

Fremont Completes First Phase of OBAG-funded Downtown Improvements

Alameda CTC and MTC awarded the City of Fremont a \$5.8 million

One Bay Area Grant in order to launch the city's efforts to enhance pedestrian, bicycle, and auto connections between downtown and the

Fremont BART Station and support its transition "from an auto-oriented suburbia to a strategically urban community." The first phase of the project - the critical connection of Capitol Avenue to Fremont Boulevard - is now



complete, creating Capitol Avenue as the gateway to Fremont's "Main Street." The extension includes unique screen walls that enhance the pedestrian experience, bike lanes, free public parking, a landscaped median, street lights with solar powered electrical receptacles, and 10-15 foot sidewalks with street trees and additional landscaping. The second phase of project on Capitol Avenue, between State Street and Paseo Padre Parkway, is scheduled for completion in summer 2016. (Back to Top)



Alameda CTC | 1111 Broadway, Suite 800 | Oakland, CA 94607