



May is National Bike Month!



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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Director's Message

We owe tremendous gratitude to Governor Jerry Brown, Senator Jim Beall and Assemblymember Jim Frazier for their leadership, and to our Bay Area legislative delegation for their support and passage of Senate Bill 1, which will provide \$52 billion to support transportation infrastructure, local streets and roads, transit, trade and congested corridors and active transportation. This funding package was a long time in coming and will make a substantial difference to our mobility and economic development.

In addition to this exciting news, we are bringing to the Commission this month the 2018 Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) for approval. The five-year CIP programs \$405 million, of which \$261 million will be allocated over the next two fiscal years to key projects and programs to improve mobility, transit access and congestion. The CIP supports a diverse set

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## Project Updates

### Preparing for construction ahead

For the two-year period of work between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017, Alameda CTC has approved the programming of more than \$750 million for transportation projects throughout Alameda County.

In the months ahead, local Alameda County contractors will see the benefits of participating in Alameda CTC's Local Business Contract Equity (LBCE) Program, which includes a 60 percent local business and 20 percent small local business component for construction contracts. The following projects are anticipated under Alameda CTC's LBCE Program.

### Warm Springs BART Station – West Side Access



Sponsored by the City of Fremont, this project consists of a pedestrian/bicycle bridge that will connect the west side of the new Warm Springs/South Fremont BART station to a new at-ground entry plaza connecting new development and job centers.

- \$25 million Measure BB investment
- Target advertisement: Winter 2017

### Dublin Widening (Westbound from two to three lanes, Sierra Court to Dougherty Road)



Sponsored by the City of Dublin, this project will widen Dublin Boulevard from Sierra Court to Dublin Court in the westbound direction from two to three lanes.

- \$3 million Measure BB investment
- Target advertisement: Summer 2017

### Mission Boulevard Phases 2 and 3 (Complete Streets)

Sponsored by the City of Hayward, Phase 2 includes the 1.5-mile segment of Mission Boulevard between Industrial Parkway and the Hayward/Union City boundary; Phase 3 includes the 0.5-mile segment of Mission Boulevard between A Street and the Hayward/San Leandro boundary at Rose Street.

- \$9.5 million Measure BB investment
- Target advertisement: Summer 2017

In addition to providing transportation benefits, these projects invest in Alameda County businesses. Visit the [contracting opportunities web page](#) for upcoming construction opportunities.

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of projects and transportation modes in various stages of development. We look forward to executing project funding agreements with local agencies, to seeing these projects get underway and to the local jobs that they support – together delivering the promises of Measure BB.

On another note, we continue to work diligently at the state level to ensure that our trade corridors receive the necessary investments through the California Freight Investment Program.

Our outstanding finance team has been recognized twice in the past month for its exemplary work. For the fourth consecutive year, Alameda CTC received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its [Comprehensive Annual Financial Report](#), the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Earlier this month Fitch Ratings affirmed the AAA rating of Alameda CTC's series 2014 sales tax revenue bonds. This excellent rating has already reduced the interest cost over the life of the bonds.

Late last month our chair, vice chair, a few other Commissioners and I traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with our legislators and agency and committee staff to advance our 2017 Legislative Program. We had a very productive set of meetings during which we highlighted our highly successful project and program delivery and discussed potential funding opportunities and the need for infrastructure investments. I appreciate our Commissioners for their good and hard work on this trip. It was clear that the work we do here in Alameda County serves as a model for the country and that we will be called upon to discuss prioritizing infrastructure investments when congress begins focusing on infrastructure.

Finally, May is Bike Month. We hope you will join us on Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 11.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR L. DAO  
Executive Director  
Alameda County Transportation Commission

## Transportation Planning Updates

### Celebrate National Bike Month in May on your own two wheels



Now is a great time to get your bike tuned up and ready to ride. May is National Bike Month! Create or join a Team Bike Challenge at your workplace for friendly competition. Find out if your school is involved in Bike to School Day, and get the whole family rolling.

This year, the Bay Area annual Bike to Work Day will be on Thursday, May 11. You can visit one of the many energizer stations located throughout the county to fuel riders on their way to work, join fellow bicyclists for a pancake breakfast in Frank Ogawa Plaza or partake in a number of planned after-work bike happy hours. You can find more information on all the activities here: <https://bikeeastbay.org/events/bike-work-day-2017>.

If you want to tune up your bicycling skills, learn theft prevention tactics or get tips for riding at night or on downtown streets, Alameda CTC sponsors free Bicycle Safety Classes in English, Cantonese or Spanish to help all riders feel comfortable cycling throughout the county. For more information visit the [Bike East Bay website](#).

Keep your eyes open for the iBike! promotion in early May. As in previous years, these ads will be located throughout Alameda County on buses, at bus shelters and at online locations to celebrate and promote bicycling in Alameda County during Bike Month in May. Let us know if you see these promotional ads – we welcome your photos of them out in the field. Please send your pictures to [contact@alamedactc.org](mailto:contact@alamedactc.org).

## Policy News Legislative updates

**Federal legislative visit:** In late March 2017, Alameda CTC Commissioners and staff had productive meetings with U.S. senators and representatives, transportation committees and Department of Transportation agencies in Washington, D.C. Working together to support transportation innovations and efficient goods movement will help the system better meet demand while creating jobs and economic opportunities.



**New state transportation funding:** After lengthy floor debates in both houses and around-the-clock negotiations, the Legislature met its April 6th deadline and approved Senate Bill 1, a \$52 billion funding program for transportation maintenance and transit capital and operations.

In Alameda County, beginning in 2018-19, cities will expect to see over \$55 million and the county over \$45 million for local street and road maintenance.



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## Finance Updates

### Mid-year and annual budget updates

During the month of March, the Commission approved a mid-year budget update for FY2016-17, which reflects updates to beginning fund balances based on audited financial statements for FY2015-16 and changes to revenue and expenditure projections for projects and programs since the original budget was adopted in June 2016. The updated FY2016-17 budget is balanced and remains sustainable. The Commission also approved an update to the agency's organizational structure and salary ranges for FY2017-18 which was based on a total compensation study completed by Koff and Associates, a human resources consulting firm.

Finance staff has begun work on developing the annual budget for FY2017-18 and is gathering data regarding revenue and expenditure needs for projects and programs for the upcoming fiscal year from all departments. The goal is to create a budget that will help to plan, fund and deliver the transportation projects and programs outlined in the transportation expenditure plans. The Commission will receive a draft for review in May and the final version for approval in June.

### Contracting opportunities

Over the next six months, Alameda CTC anticipates soliciting statements of qualifications, bids and proposals for professional services related to the following:

- General Counsel Services
- East 14th Street/Mission Boulevard Multimodal Corridor Project
- Project Scoping and Approval and Environmental Documents for Various Capital Projects in Alameda County

For more information, visit the [Contracting Opportunities web page](#).

## Programming Updates

### 2018 Comprehensive Investment Plan update

This month, the Commission will consider Alameda CTC's 2018 Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) programming recommendations. The CIP consolidates and programs fund sources under Alameda CTC's purview to strategically pair available funds with projects and programs that promote greater transportation accessibility, safety, state of good repair, multimodal connectivity and congestion relief.

The 2018 CIP programming recommendations include over \$400 million in programming from fiscal year (FY) 2017-18 to FY2021-22, of which approximately \$260 million is allocated in the first two years. The funding includes federal, state, regional and local fund sources such as the One Bay Area Grant Program Cycle 2 Program, Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program, Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Program and local sales tax measures. The 2018 CIP programming signifies a balance of project and program investments in all modes, planning areas and implementation stages that will achieve the maximum transportation benefit to the users of Alameda County's transportation system.

### Compliance reporting review update

Each month, Alameda CTC distributes a portion of Measure B, Measure BB and VRF revenues by formula known as direct local distribution (DLD) funds to local agencies to maintain transportation infrastructure and provide services in Alameda County. DLD recipients use their allocations to implement locally prioritized transportation improvements that provide better local access, safety, transit connectivity, infrastructure preservation and long-term system reliability.

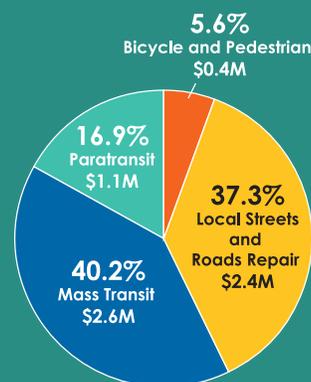
To ensure accountability and proper use of public funds in accordance with the voter-approved transportation expenditure plans,

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## Transportation Investments

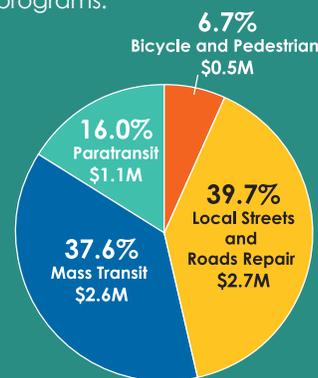
### Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$127.1 million; over \$6.5 million was distributed in January 2017.



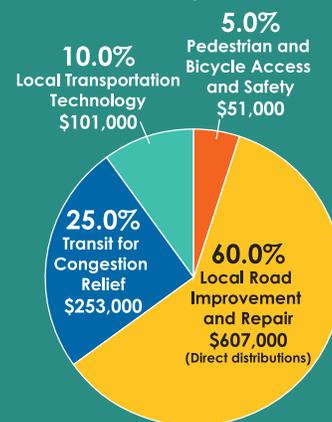
### Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$893.0 million since 2002. In January 2017, \$6.9 million was distributed for four programs.



### Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed over \$40.1 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in January 2017.



## Outreach and Events

In April and May, Alameda CTC will participate in the following events.

- April 6 – Earth EXPO, City of Oakland Department of Public Works Environmental Services' annual event at Frank Ogawa Plaza
- April 13 – A regional transportation update with Supervisor Nate Miley's office
- May 4 – Plan Bay Area 2040 Alameda County open house in Fremont sponsored by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- May 3-5 – The 2017 California Transportation Planning Conference in Walnut Creek, sponsored by Caltrans and the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Berkeley; panel on California's demographic trends led by Alameda CTC
- May 9 – The 2017 National Planning Conference, sponsored by the American Planning Association in New York, NY
- May 11 – Blue Book Construction Expo in Santa Clara
- May 17 – Breakfast of Champions' Meet the Buyers in San Francisco
- May 24 – 28th Annual California Transportation Foundation Awards Luncheon in Sacramento; awards will be presented to Alameda CTC for I-580 Express Lanes (Freeway/ Expressway), I-80 SMART Corridor (Operational Efficiency) and Student Travel Pass (Sustainable Transportation/ Environmental Enhancement)
- May 27 – 2017 Upcoming A & E Contracting Opportunities in Hayward, sponsored by the Alameda County Public Works Agency Building Opportunities for Business

## Other News

### Malcolm X Elementary School wins Platinum Sneaker Award



L-R: Alameda CTC Chair Rebecca Kaplan; Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Site Coordinator for Malcolm X Rachel Davidman; Malcolm X Elementary SR2S Parent Champion, Tim O'Keefe; Malcolm X Elementary School Vice Principal Susanne Reed; special guest, Zachary Cohen, Warriors Community Foundation Program Manager; and Alameda CTC Commissioner Kriss Worthington.

Approximately 65,000 students from 96 Alameda County elementary and middle schools throughout Alameda County walked, biked, carpoled and took transit as frequently as possible from February 27 to March 10, competing in the Safe Routes to Schools Golden Sneaker Contest. For the first time trophies for the winning classrooms are extra golden, as they are made with sneakers donated by the Golden State Warriors.

At the end of the two-week contest, the classroom in each participating school with the highest percent of students using active or shared transportation to commute to and from school received a Golden Sneaker trophy in honor of their efforts to support a healthier environment. Families who live too far away to walk or bike to school participated in the contest by parking several blocks away and then walking to school together, taking the bus or carpooling.

The ultimate prize, the Platinum Sneaker award, will be presented to the school with the greatest percent increase of students using green modes of transportation during the contest, and will be honored by Alameda CTC at its March 23, 2017 Commission Meeting.

This annual contest is sponsored by Alameda County's Safe Routes to Schools Program and funded by the Alameda County Transportation Commission and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

## Committee Activities

### April advisory committees

Highlights for April community advisory committees include the following:

- April 6 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) approved the draft 2018 Comprehensive Investment Plan and the execution of funding agreements and/or cooperative agreements with sponsors and project partners. ACTAC members also received updates on freight funding opportunities and the Rail Strategy Study.



Union Pacific Railroad train with hopper cars.

- March 24 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\)](#) received progress reports on the Paratransit Gap Grant Cycle 5 extensions and a report from East Bay Paratransit. PAPCO members also received updates on paratransit outreach and other staff updates.



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DLD recipients are required to submit annual Audited Financial Statements and Program Compliance Reports. Alameda CTC, in conjunction with the Independent Watchdog Committee, is reviewing the submitted reports for FY2015-16. In June, Alameda CTC will provide a compliance status update to the Commission as a part of its Annual Program Compliance Report.