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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report provides focused updates on Alameda CTC's work to improve transportation throughout Alameda County. This report provides status updates on key activities, including capital projects management and express lane operations; planning, policy and program implementation; finance and contracting; and programming and project controls. In addition, it contains brief summaries of advisory committee and agency activities.

This monthly update provides a synopsis of transportation project and program implementation funded with local, regional, state and federal funds.

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Project Updates

Route 84 corridor improvements in Alameda County

State Route 84 (SR-84) serves as a regional connection between I-580 and I-680 in Alameda County through the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton and the community of Sunol. **Five key projects** are being implemented in this corridor to improve interregional connectivity, relieve congestion, improve local traffic circulation and improve safety. The estimated total cost to design and construct these improvements is \$507 million.

Since 2010, Alameda CTC's commitment of \$213.5 million in local funds for this corridor has successfully brought in additional local, state and federal funds to construct four of the projects. Construction on three projects is complete. The **Route 84 Expressway South Segment**, which will widen the segment from Ruby Hill Drive to Concannon Boulevard from two lanes to four lanes, is under construction and 40 percent complete. The target date to open this segment to traffic is fall 2018.



The **Route 84 Expressway Widening and Route 84/I-680 Interchange Improvements project** will widen the 3-mile segment from south of Ruby Hill Drive to the I-680 interchange from two lanes to four lanes and will provide operational improvements, such as ramp modifications, at the interchange. This project is in the environmental phase and seeks to clear both state and federal environmental requirements. Public circulation of the draft environmental document is anticipated to occur in fall 2017. Alameda CTC intends to pursue regional, state and federal funds to close the estimated \$82 million construction funding gap to allow the project to move into construction in spring 2021.

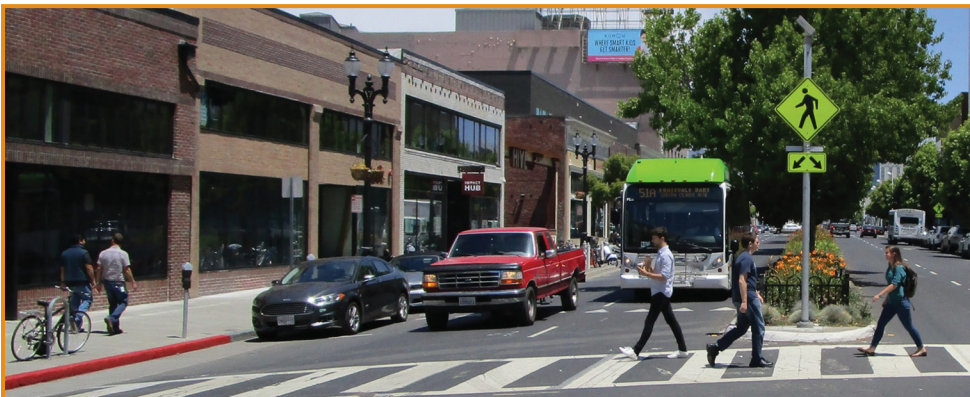
For project updates, visit the **[Projects web page](#)**.

Planning and Program Updates

San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Project



The San Pablo Avenue (State Route 123) Multimodal Corridor Project is the first corridor project advancing out of the [Countywide Multimodal Arterial Plan](#) and [Countywide Transit Plan](#), both of which identified the need for multimodal improvements to the county's key arterial corridors. San Pablo Avenue traverses four cities in Northern Alameda County (Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, and Albany) and several cities in Western Contra Costa County (including El Cerrito, Richmond, San Pablo, and unincorporated Contra Costa County).



San Pablo Avenue is a critical link for communities along the corridor. It provides north-south connections throughout the inner East Bay, paralleling the I-80 corridor, and carries up to 27,500 average daily vehicles of all types, including nearly 17,800 daily transit riders. San Pablo Avenue connects multiple mixed-use neighborhoods and communities to job and activity centers. Significant growth is also forecast to occur throughout the corridor; most segments of San Pablo Avenue have been designated as priority development areas (PDAs) by local jurisdictions.

The project will seek to improve safety for all users, accommodate forecasted growth by improving efficiency and reliability in the corridor, and support local land use and economic development priorities. Improvements for all modes – transit, pedestrian, bicycle, auto and urban freight delivery – will be evaluated. A consultant team has been selected for the project, and work will get underway later this summer.

For more information, see the [project fact sheet](#).

Policy News

Transportation Funding

In June 2017, Governor Brown signed into law California's budget bill for this fiscal year. The 2017-18 budget contains \$12.8 billion in transportation funding, including significant funding from the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Senate Bill 1), which provides an average of \$5.4 billion per year for state and local transportation. SB1 funding will:

- Focus on “fix-it-first” investments to repair neighborhood roads and state highways and bridges.
- Make key investments in trade and commute corridors to support continued economic growth and implement a sustainable freight strategy.
- Match locally generated funds for high-priority transportation projects.
- Invest in passenger rail and public transit modernization and improvement.

Implementation of SB1 is underway at the state level through a series of workshops to develop and define guidelines for funds distributed by formula and discretionary grants. Alameda CTC is participating and providing input into the guidelines development process and is getting ready to pursue grants that will become available with SB1 funds in early 2018.

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Finance Updates

Interim independent audit activities

During June, independent financial auditors were onsite for two weeks to perform interim auditing functions for FY2016-17. The auditor's concentration for FY2016-17 includes:

- Reviews of procurement, invoice review and invoice payment processes.
- Review of controls over financial database.
- Internal controls over significant account balances and processes.
- Substantive testing of account balances.
- Tests of compliance with debt covenants, government code and the Single Audit Act.
- Review of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Government Accounting Standards Board and Government Finance Officers Association compliance.

Contracting opportunities

Over the next six months, Alameda CTC anticipates solicitation of statements of qualifications, bids and proposals, by Alameda CTC and/or sponsor agencies, for the following:

- Professional services contracts related to:
 - East 14th Street/Mission Boulevard Multimodal Corridor Project
 - Project Scoping and Approval and Environmental Document for Various Capital Projects in Alameda County
 - Transportation Demand Management Program, including Guaranteed Ride Home and Bicycle Safety Education Programs
 - I-580 Express Lanes Performance Evaluation Study

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Programming Updates

Dublin Boulevard – North Canyons Parkway Extension Project

Through the 2018 Comprehensive Investment Plan, Alameda CTC approved the programming of \$8.3 million in Measure BB funds to the City of Dublin for the Dublin Boulevard – North Canyons Parkway Extension Project. This will fund the preliminary design/environmental phase (\$2.4 million) and final design phase (\$5.7 million) of the project, which will construct the street extension to connect Dublin Boulevard at Fallon Road in Dublin to North Canyons Parkway in Livermore at Doolan Road.

Along with relieving congestion along the I-580 corridor, the Dublin Boulevard – North Canyons Parkway Extension Project works to address the Sustainable Communities Strategy by incorporating circulation inside and outside priority development areas. It incorporates multimodal travel accessibility and provides for greater transportation options. The project will complete its final design phase in June 2020, and construction is anticipated to be complete in January 2023.

Paratransit Program Gap Grants underway

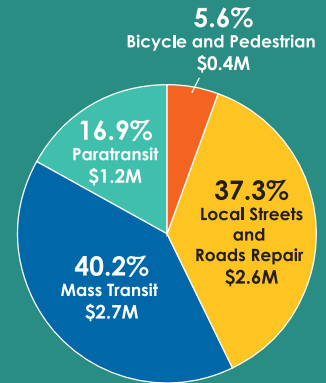
Last spring, Alameda CTC awarded paratransit funds to transportation projects and programs that benefit seniors and people with disabilities. Approximately \$2.2 million in Measure B and Measure BB Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program funds were awarded over fiscal years 2017-18 through 2018-19.

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Transportation Investments

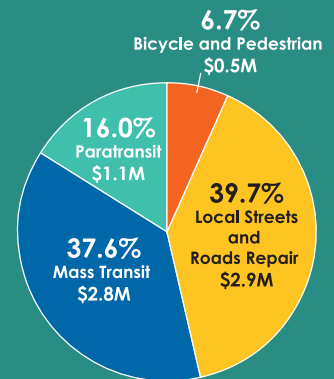
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$144.3 million; \$6.9 million was distributed in April 2017.



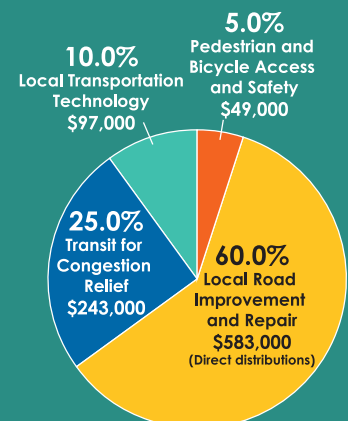
Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$910.9 million since 2002. In April 2017, \$7.3 million was distributed for four programs.



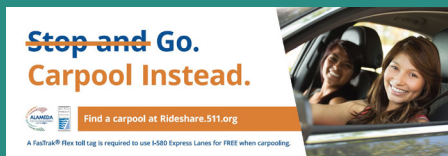
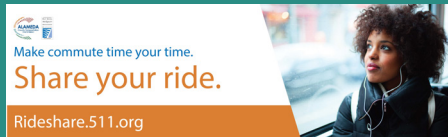
Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed \$41.9 million for local road repair; \$1.0 million was collected in April 2017.



Agency Activities

Watch for the "Share Your Ride" and "Carpool Instead" campaigns that promote carpooling and transit throughout the summer, leading up to Share Your Ride Week, October 2-6, 2017.



NEW CARPOOLING OPTIONS

A number of new options to facilitate carpooling are now available in the Bay Area, all aimed at making carpooling more convenient. Carpool apps



available at rideshare.511.org make it easy to schedule one-way carpool trips and allow you to be either a driver or a passenger.

COMMUTE CHOICES

Whether you're a commuter trying to affordably and safely get around Alameda County or an employer coordinating staff transportation options, the [Commute Choices website](#) has the resources you need.

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Regional Measure 3

Alameda CTC has been engaged in development of Regional Measure 3 (RM3), a potential bridge toll increase that could fund congestion-relief projects and improve mobility in the bridge corridors.

Senate Bill 595 (Beall) is the vehicle bill that would allow Bay Area counties to place a measure on the ballot if approved through the legislative process. Alameda CTC took a support position on SB 595 in May 2017. The Senate passed the bill on May 31, and the Assembly Transportation Committee amended the bill on July 19 to include a project list.

In June, MTC developed [a proposed framework for RM3](#) including a \$3 bridge toll increase and a draft set of projects and operational categories. Alameda CTC is working with both state legislators and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to ensure that Alameda County transportation needs are eligible in proportion to bridge use-related congestion and tolls generated by Alameda County toll payers.



Committee Activities

July advisory committees

July community and technical advisory committee highlights include the following:

- July 10 – The [Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#) held a public hearing on the FY2015-16 IWC Annual Report to the Public. After closing the hearing, the committee approved the report and discussed outreach for it. IWC members also elected FY2017-18 officers and approved the IWC calendar/work plan for FY2017-18.
- July 26 – The [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee \(BPAC\)](#) reviewed the Oakland/Alameda Freeway Access Project. BPAC members also elected FY2017-18 officers and approved the BPAC calendar for FY2017-18. In addition, members received an overview of the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans updates.

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The Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program funds projects and programs through a competitive process to meet needs not being adequately met through Americans with Disabilities Act-mandated paratransit or city-based programs. These grants aim to improve availability, affordability, access to and coordination of transit and paratransit services for seniors and people with disabilities.

Programs selected for funding include volunteer driver programs, taxi programs, travel training programs and mobility management programs that support greater transportation mobility in Alameda County. This July, project sponsors began implementing their respective programs throughout the county.

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- Construction contracts related to:
 - Warm Springs BART – West Side Access
 - Dublin Widening, Westbound from Two to Three Lanes (Sierra Court – Dougherty Road)
 - Mission Boulevard Phases 2 and 3 (Complete Streets)
 - I-680 Sunol Express Lanes Improvements Project

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