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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**

**I-680 Northbound Express Lanes** 

The I-680 northbound corridor in Sunol has repeatedly been on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's list of the most congested corridors in the Bay Area. In only one year, congestion has markedly increased, placing the I-680 northbound corridor as the fourth most congested corridor in the region. The completion of the I-680 Sunol Express Lanes project is essential to accommodate future travel demand and sustain the region's economic growth.

To provide congestion relief and enhance mobility, Alameda CTC partnered with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to deliver the first phase of the I-680 Express Lanes improvements from Auto Mall Parkway to SR-84. Final design of the new 9-mile northbound highoccupancy vehicle/express lane was complete in June 2017, followed by

advertisement of the construction contract in August 2017. Seven bids were received and opened in October 2017 and the contract was awarded in November. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2018.

This \$236 million project is funded by a combination of Alameda CTC's voter-approved Measure B and Measure BB local sales tax funds. state and federal funds. These funds leveraged \$58 million (25 percent) from external sources. In addition to providing congestion relief, this project will enhance safety, increase efficiency of the transportation system and create jobs for Alameda County.

Through the commitment of Alameda CTC and Caltrans to deliver this project, the public can look forward to the transportation benefits of the initial phase in 2020. Visit the **Projects web page** for project updates.



## **Planning and Program Updates Share Your Ride Week**



Alameda CTC and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority launched Share Your Ride Week for the first time in the Bay Area on October 2-6, 2017. This public awareness effort focused on motivating motorists to change their commute trip at least once a week or once a month to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and promote transit and other modes of transportation.

By promoting Share Your Ride Week, Alameda CTC encouraged solo drivers to create a carpool, start a vanpool or take transit to fill empty seats in cars, buses and trains — the largest untapped transportation resource. The goals for this year's educational effort included raising public awareness about alternative modes of transportation and motivating people to try different modes by promoting technologies (carpool apps, Clipper cards, etc.) that make sharing rides easier.

Activities included multi-pronged advertising that leveraged digital media, social media and sponsored traffic reporting. Street teams set up at select locations during commute

times throughout the week also raised awareness of the benefits, available technologies and ease of "sharing your ride." More than 300 people in the Bay Area made the pledge to fill an empty seat or take transit once a week or once a month.

For more information on Commute Choices including employer programs, visit commutechoices.alamedactc. org. To learn about the variety of carpooling options, visit carpool.511.org. This effort was funded by Transportation Fund for Clean Air.

## **Policy News** 2018 Legislative Program

Alameda CTC's 2018 Legislative Program will provide direction for the agency's legislative and policy activities for the calendar year. The purpose of the program is to establish funding, regulatory and administrative principles to guide Alameda CTC's legislative advocacy.

The 2018 Legislative Program that goes before the Commission for approval in December 2017 is divided into six sections and retains many of the 2017 priorities:

- Transportation Funding
- Project Delivery and Operations
- Multimodal Transportation, Land Use and Safety
- Climate Change and Technology
- · Goods Movement
- Partnerships

A top priority in 2018 will be to expand partnerships throughout the Bay Area, in California and in Washington, D.C. regarding transportation funding, policies and project delivery. Key considerations will be advocacy for funding of Alameda CTC projects and programs to leverage

local funds; identification of funding for Alameda CTC projects and programs, including the Affordable Student Transit Pass Program and the Safe Routes to Schools Program; goods movement planning and advocacy, multimodal arterial project development and delivery and countywide passenger and freight rail improvements, and countywide transit planning and delivery.

In addition, Alameda CTC will support implementation of state legislation, including Senate Bill 1 and Senate Bill 595 for critical project and programs delivery.

## **Programming Updates**

### Measure B/BB and VRF **Program Compliance**

Each year, Alameda CTC requires recipients of Measure B, Measure BB and Vehicle Registration Fee direct local distribution (DLD) funds to submit Audited Financial Statements and Program Compliance Reports that summarize revenues and expenditures that support local street and roads, bicycle and pedestrian, paratransit and transit investments. These detailed compliance reports inform the public and include recipient use of funds, fund balances and information about specific improvements and programs funded by the sales tax and revenue programs.

Recipient reports on fiscal year 2016-17 activities are due to Alameda CTC at the end of December. In the spring, Alameda CTC, in conjunction with the Independent Watchdog Committee, will review the submitted materials to determine program compliance. Program compliance information will be available on the

Alameda CTC website.

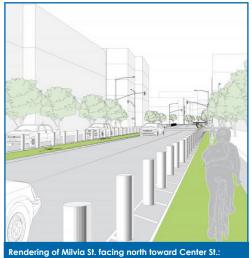
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### Measure B Bike/Pedestrian **Grant - City of Berkeley** Milvia Bikeway Project

Through the 2018 Comprehensive Investment Plan, Alameda CTC awarded the City of Berkeley \$350,000 in 2000 Measure B bicycle and pedestrian discretionary funding for preliminary engineering and environmental activities for the Milvia Bikeway Project. The project will replace the existing Milvia Street Bicycle Boulevard between Hearst Avenue and Blake Street with a cycle track and intersection improvements, including a protected intersection at University Avenue.

The project will provide a safer, more direct route through Downtown Berkeley with a more accessible alternative to Shattuck Avenue, which currently has no dedicated bicycle facilities. With preliminary engineering and environmental studies and clearances scheduled to be complete in June 2018, the city will be in a more competitive position for future discretionary local, state and federal fund sources to support final design and construction of the project.



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## **Finance Updates**

## **Draft Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

Finance staff worked with auditors over the last two months to produce a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2017. A CAFR is a transparent way to present audited financial reports; it provides additional information to help the public understand the agency's finances. The draft CAFR includes a clean opinion from auditors stating that the financial statements present fairly Alameda CTC's financial position in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The draft CAFR will go to the Commission for approval in December. In addition, staff prepared financial and investment reports for the first quarter of FY2017-18 for Commission approval in December.



## Contracting opportunities

Over the next few months, Alameda CTC anticipates advertisement of the following:

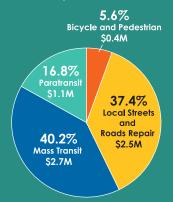
- · Alameda CTC professional services contracts for:
  - Administration Support Services
  - Investment Advisory Services
  - 7th Street Grade Separation and Port Arterial Improvements
  - I-880 Interchange Improvements
  - Express Lane Toll Revenue Forecasting
  - San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor
  - East Bay Greenway
  - Dublin Boulevard North Canyons Parkway Extension

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#### **Transportation Investments**

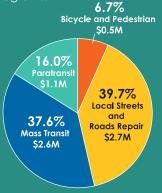
#### **Measure BB Program Distributions**

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$175.0 million; \$6.7 million was distributed in September 2017.



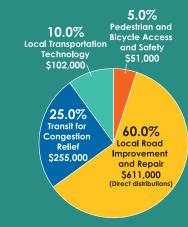
#### **Measure B Program Distributions**

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$942.9 million since 2002. In September 2017, \$6.9 million was distributed for four programs.



#### Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$45.2 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in September 2017.



#### **Agency Activities**

In November and December, Alameda CTC participated in or is hosting the following events:

- BikeMobile school visits:
  - November 7 Korematsu Discovery Academy, Oakland
  - November 8 Reach Academy,
     Oakland
  - November 14 McKinley
     Elementary, San Leandro
  - November 15 Andrew N.
     Christensen Middle, Livermore
  - November 16 Jefferson Elementary, San Leandro
  - November 28 Mohr Elementary, Pleasanton
  - November 29 East Oakland PRIDE Elementary, Oakland
  - November 30 San Leandro High, San Leandro
- November 18 Ashland/Cherryland FamFest in San Leandro. Alameda CTC was a sponsor for this fun-packed event for the whole family with a 5K run/walk/ roll, the BikeMobile and great music.
- December 11 The Future of Freight Roundtable: Goods Movement in the Bay Area at Alameda CTC in Oakland. This roundtable will bring together government leaders, business representatives, industry experts and community partners to discuss the future of freight including investments in goods movement projects that will improve efficiencies and Senate Bill 1 and Regional Measure 3 funding opportunities.

#### **NEW CARPOOLING OPTIONS**



A number of new options to facilitate carpooling are now available in the Bay Area. Carpool apps available at <u>rideshare.511.</u>

ora make it easy to schedule

one-way carpool trips as 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.

#### Other News

## Insurance for your commute — Guaranteed Ride Home Program

The Alameda County Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) Program provides a safety net for commuters who



choose to take the bus, train or ferry, or who carpool, vanpool, walk or bike to work. Knowing that you will have a ride home in case of illness, family crisis, unscheduled overtime or another unexpected emergency provides the peace of mind that allows many people to choose alternative transportation modes.

The Alameda County GRH Program reimburses rides home taken by taxi, rental car, car share, public transportation or transportation network companies.



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 **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 **grh.alamedactc.org/update-your-account**.

Help spread the word by sharing this information with friends and coworkers!

## Committee Activities October advisory committees

In November and December, the following committees met.
Highlights include:

- November 13 The Independent
  Watchdog Committee (IWC)
  received a presentation of the draft
  Comprehensive Annual Financial
  Report for the year ended
  June 30, 2017, as well as an
  IWC Annual Report outreach
  summary and publication cost
  update. IWC members also reviewed
  IWC Bylaws and discussed the
  IWC calendar and roster.
- November 20 The Paratransit
   Advisory and Planning
   Committee (PAPCO) approved the
   Paratransit Program Implementation
   Guidelines and Performance
   Measures for FY2018-19 and
   received a status report on the
   San Leandro Paratransit Program.
   PAPCO members also received
   updates on the Access Alameda
   booklet and mobility management, as
   well as committee and transit reports.

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- Sponsor agency construction contracts related to:
  - Dublin Widening, Westbound from Two to Three Lanes
  - Mission Boulevard Phases 2 and 3
  - South Bayfront Bridge
  - San Francisco Bay Trail Albany Beach to Buchanan
  - Berkeley Southside Pilot Transit Lanes (including Telegraph, Bancroft)

For more information and the full lists of opportunities, visit our <u>Contracting</u> <u>Opportunities web page</u>.