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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director's Message

WELCOME NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR. I want to congratulate our new Chair, Alameda County District 1 Supervisor Scott Haggerty, and Vice Chair, Councilmember At-Large Rebecca Kaplan. I look forward to many transportation improvements for Alameda County under their leadership.

On February 22, 2013, a retreat for the Commissioners set the stage for Alameda CTC's priorities in the coming year. The Commissioners discussed transportation planning and how to prepare Alameda County to meet transportation infrastructure, operations and maintenance needs.

Current planning efforts include developing a draft Alameda County Priority Development Area (PDA) Investment and Growth Strategy, which

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Transportation Planning Updates

Draft PDA Investment and Growth Strategy

Alameda CTC has drafted the first-ever Alameda County Priority Development Area (PDA) Investment and Growth Strategy, which provides an inventory of the county's PDAs and Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs), identifies PDAs prioritized for transportation capital investments and establishes both a near- and longer-term strategy for supporting ongoing PDA planning, implementation and monitoring. It also fulfills a regional requirement established by the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program, which MTC and ABAG adopted as Resolution 4035 in May 2012.

Local governments initially identified PDAs and PCAs as part of the regional FOCUS program in 2007, a regional development and conservation strategy led by ABAG that promoted a more compact land-use pattern for the Bay Area. PDAs are designated infill sites where new housing and commercial growth could be accommodated near transit. PCAs are regionally significant open space, habitat or agricultural resources in need of conservation.

The FOCUS program subsequently became the basis for the region's Sustainable Communities Strategy and OBAG program, which are intended to integrate land use planning and transportation funding activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In Alameda County, 70 percent of OBAG funds must be programmed to transportation projects or programs that support PDAs.



Policy News

Planning, programming, monitoring policy framework

Alameda CTC is continuing work on developing a planning, programming and monitoring policy framework to guide the integration of planning, systems performance evaluation and programming in Alameda County – to best coordinate the investment of federal, state, regional and local funds for capital, operations and programs implementation under Alameda CTC's purview. The framework will go before the Commission in spring 2013.

A procurement policy will also go to the Commission this spring to facilitate the contracting process. This document will establish policies, guidelines and procedures to govern the procurement of goods and services including administrative, engineering, professional, construction, operational and other services that will assist Alameda CTC in delivering effective, efficient transportation investments while supporting local business.

Alameda CTC has also begun development of multi-agency coordination efforts on regional policy initiatives that cross jurisdictional borders.

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fulfills a regional One Bay Area Grant Program requirement and develops our strategy for supporting ongoing PDA planning, implementation and monitoring (see "Transportation Planning Updates").

Development of a planning, programming and monitoring policy framework continues, and Alameda CTC is developing a procurement policy to govern the procurement of goods and services (see "Policy News").

Alameda CTC has 43 active projects and \$2.5 billion in projects currently under construction, including high-occupancy vehicle lanes on I-580 and I-880, as well as significant progress on the BART Oakland Airport Connector and BART Warm Springs Extension (see "Project Updates").

In February 2013, Alameda CTC released its Coordinated Call for Projects with \$65.2 million in funding available from three sources for local streets and roads, bicycle/pedestrian, express bus, transit and transit-oriented development projects. Alameda CTC also released a \$2 million Paratransit Gap Grant Cycle 5 Program Call for Projects (see "Programming Updates").

Up to four contracting opportunities worth \$1.8 million per year will result in jobs for local businesses (see "Finance Updates"). Alameda CTC has already been making good progress on job creation, and continues to support local alameda County businesses through our local contract program.

Other news: Sales tax revenues are in 6 percent higher than budgeted bringing more money for essential project and program delivery.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming activities and events (see page 4 for details).

Sincerely,

ARTHUR L. DAO
Executive Director, Alameda CTC

Project Updates

Paving the way for improved mobility

Alameda CTC has over \$2.5 billion in construction projects underway at this time. Noteworthy are the Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funded projects.

Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Projects	Total Project Cost (\$ X millions)	End Construction
Highway Projects		
Route 84 Expressway - North Segment	\$36.0	Spring 2014
I-580 Eastbound HOV Lane - Segment 3	\$41.0	Fall 2014
I-580 Westbound HOV Lane - East Segment	\$83.0	Fall 2014
I-580 Westbound HOV Lane - West Segment	\$62.3	Fall 2014
I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility (ICM)	\$80.0	Summer 2015
I-880 Southbound HOV Lane - North Segment	\$37.8	Winter 2015
I-880 Southbound HOV Lane - South Segment	\$64.8	Winter 2016

Since the time of the Route 84 Expressway north segment groundbreaking in March 2012, widening of the Arroyo Mocho Bridge is complete, and paving activities have begun on the west side of Route 84 between Jack London Boulevard and Discovery Drive.

Construction is underway on all I-580 projects with expected completion dates in fall 2014.

The Traffic Operations System contract for the I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility project is complete. The five remaining contracts will be complete by 2015.

The I-880 Southbound HOV Lane Project, which broke ground in September 2012, has begun its initial mobilization. Motorists traveling along I-880 in Oakland and San Leandro may have noticed in the past weeks the construction equipment stored onsite and the k-rail along the project limits. The three remaining CMIA bond-funded highway projects were recently awarded late 2012 and will begin mobilizing their crews in the coming months.

Alameda CTC also reports a significant amount of progress on transit projects to extend the BART system via the BART Oakland Airport Connector and the BART Warm Springs Extension Projects.

Once complete, these highway and transit projects will increase mobility and reduce congestion for Alameda residents and visitors.

Featured Transit Projects	Total Project Cost (\$ X millions)	Open for Revenue Service
Transit Projects		
BART Oakland Airport Connector	\$484.1	Winter 2014
BART Warm Springs Extension	\$890.0	Winter 2015



Programming Updates

Coordinated Call for Projects

In February 2013, Alameda CTC released a Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Coordinated Funding Program Call for Projects. A total of \$65.2 million from federal One Bay Area Grant (OBAG), Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) funding sources will be available on a discretionary basis for fiscal years 2013-14 through 2015-16 for transportation projects.

Alameda CTC will strategically invest approximately \$53.9 million in the federal OBAG, of which 70 percent is available competitively for transportation projects that support priority development areas. Eligible project types include roadway improvements, bicycle and pedestrian enhancements and transit oriented developments. Alameda CTC will allocate by formula the other 30 percent of OBAG funding to local street and road projects that support road maintenance efforts in Alameda County. To unify programming and evaluation efforts, Alameda CTC will award an additional \$4.7 million in Measure B and \$6.5 million in VRF discretionary funds through this Coordinated Call for Projects.

Finance Updates

Four contracting opportunities worth \$1.8 million per year

The Alameda CTC continues to engage professional services firms to assist in performing various administrative duties to deliver transportation programs and capital projects. Over the next few months, the agency will seek to retain consultant team services and issue up to four contracting opportunities worth approximately \$1.8 million per year, including State Legislative Advocacy Services, Federal Legislative Advocacy Services, Investment Advisory Services and Administration Support/Programs Management Services. For more information, visit the [Contracting Opportunities web page](#).

After finalizing the first Alameda CTC audited financial statements, which the Commission approved on January 24, 2013, the finance

Coordinated Competitive Funds	Amount (in millions)
OBAG	\$53.9
Measure B Bike/Ped	\$ 2.5
Measure B Express Bus	\$ 2.2
VRF Bike/Ped	\$ 1.5
VRF Transit	\$ 5.0
TOTAL	\$65.2

Alameda CTC held an application workshop on February 7, 2013. Applications are due March 15, 2013. For additional information, refer to the [Coordinated Call for Projects web page](#).

Paratransit Gap Grant Cycle 5 Call for Projects

Alameda CTC recently released the Measure B Special Transportation Program for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Paratransit) Gap Grant Cycle 5 Call for Projects. This program encourages proposals that support mobility management types of activities, enhance consumers' ability to access services and facilitate program coordination between other activities or agencies.

The Gap Grant Cycle 5 Program provides approximately \$2 million in Measure B [Programming Updates cont'd on page 4](#)

department has moved forward into the new fiscal year and has been preparing the first quarter-end investment and financial statement reports for fiscal year 2013. These investment and financial reports are scheduled to go to the Commission on February 28, 2013.

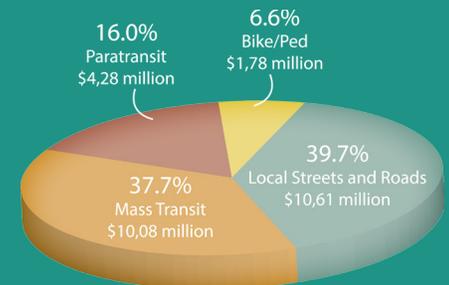
The finance department also is working to finalize calendar year-end tax activities including the issuance of W-2s to employees and 1099s to contractors and consultants.

Good news for transportation in Alameda County: Year-to-date sale tax revenues are approximately 6 percent over the currently adopted budget. Alameda CTC will continue to monitor sales tax revenues to determine if the increase warrants a future budget adjustment.

Transportation Investments

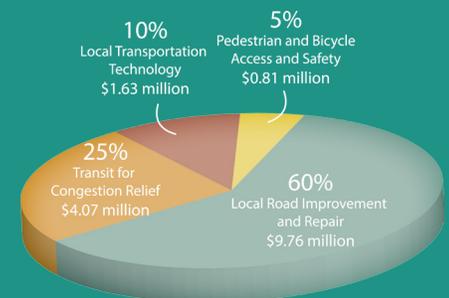
Measure B Program Distributions Since 2000

By mid-second quarter of fiscal year 2012-2013, Alameda CTC distributed \$26.76 million, and has distributed over \$617.8 million in Measure B pass-through funds since 2000.



Vehicle Registration Fee Distributions Since 2012

Alameda CTC distributed over \$16.2 million in VRF pass-through funds through November 30, 2012.



Total Measure B-funded Contracts*

Alameda CTC has funded \$807.0 million in contracts for Alameda County businesses since 2000.

* Total contract amount includes additional fund sources.

Outreach and Events

In February and March, Alameda CTC is hosting or participating in these outreach events:

- February 5 – 4th Annual Transition Information Night (for high school students with disabilities)
- February 6 – Leadership Pleasanton sponsored by Pleasanton's Chamber of Commerce
- February 9 – The BikeMobile at Parkmont Elementary School in Fremont
- February 13 – A presentation to the ACEC East Bay Chapter in Alamo
- February 14 – 9th Annual Mayors' Economic Forecast in San Francisco
- February 20 – APBP Webinar at Alameda CTC: Driving Deaths Down – Proven Countermeasures that Work
- February 21 – Business Expo sponsored by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce
- February 23 – The BikeMobile at Redwood Heights Elementary School in Oakland
- March 16 – The BikeMobile at Manzanita Seed School in Oakland
- March 16 – Transition Information Faire sponsored by the Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council in Alameda
- March 16 – St. Patrick's Day Festival in the City of Dublin
- March 20 – APBP Webinar at Alameda CTC: Dynamics of Effective Advisory Committees
- March 21 – United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County Annual Convention at the Oakland Zoo
- March 23 – Oakland Running Festival Expo in the City of Oakland
- March 27 – BikeMobile at Cherryland Elementary School in Hayward

Carpool to School Day Sequoia Elementary School, Oakland, CA



Committee Activities

Highlights of February advisory committees

In February, the following community advisory committees met. Highlights include:

- February 5 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee](#) approved the Transportation Fund for Clean Air program guidelines and Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Expenditure Plan Application as well as the release of the draft Priority Development Area Investment and Growth Strategy. The committee also discussed various funding opportunities.
- February 7 – The [Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee](#) received updates on the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program and the One Bay Area Grant Funding Program Coordinated Call for Projects and Priority Development Area Planning. The committee discussed the Bicycle Safety Education Program.
- February 12 – The [Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee \(PTAC\)](#) received an update on the pass-through funding

estimates and on the Community Based Transportation Provider – Senior Helpline Services Volunteer Driver Program and discussed the Annual Mobility Workshop for seniors and people with disabilities.

- February 21 – The [Citizens Advisory Committee](#) received an update on Alameda CTC projects and programs. The committee discussed Measure B1 election outcomes, Alameda CTC's communication efforts and the committee's outreach roles.
- February 25 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\)](#) established memberships on three subcommittees, including Finance and Program Plan Review, Paratransit Gap Grant Review and Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Grant Program Review; and held a joint PAPCO/PTAC meeting to discuss the draft Coordinated Plan, the Paratransit Cycle 5 Call for Projects and the Annual Mobility Workshop for seniors and people with disabilities.

Other News

Successful legislative roundtable meeting

On January 30, 2013, Alameda CTC hosted its first legislative roundtable meeting of the year. Participants from throughout the Bay Area discussed emerging federal, state and local legislative issues as well as the participants' legislative platforms and opportunities for united messages. Future quarterly legislative meetings will ensure coordination on legislative efforts and facilitate information sharing about grants and other opportunities for collaboration to support Alameda County transportation improvements.

are due to Alameda CTC by March 4, 2013. For additional information, refer to the [Paratransit Gap Grant Cycle 5 webpage](#).



Join Us at the Next Free Webinar

On the third Wednesday of each month, Alameda CTC hosts the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) webinar. This event is free and open to all. Watch for upcoming topics on the meetings calendar, and bring your lunch if you like. The topic of the March 20 webinar is the Dynamics of Effective Advisory Committees.