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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director's Message

WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS.

The November 2012 elections resulted in three new Commissioners, and I want to welcome Vice Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, City of Alameda; Mayor Peggy Thomsen, City of Albany; Mayor Jerry Thorne, City of Pleasanton; and Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci, City of Union City.

I am looking forward to a good year ahead and making much progress on policy, legislation, planning, programming and project implementation — all of which will improve transportation and enrich communities throughout Alameda County. In fact, we're already off to a great start.

Alameda CTC is drafting the framework for a planning and programming policy and is establishing a local legislative working group (see "Policy News"). Top legislative priorities include supporting legislation to:

- Allow Alameda CTC to place a new sales tax measure on the ballot that would exceed the 2 percent cap on sales tax

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Transportation Planning Updates

2012 LOS Monitoring Report

As the congestion management agency for Alameda County, Alameda CTC is required to biennially monitor the level of service (LOS), such as vehicle delay, on the Congestion Management Program (CMP) designated roadways. The CMP network (323 miles of regionally and countywide significant roadways) was expanded in 2011 by adding 90 miles of arterials and major collector roadways to comprehensively monitor performance of the countywide significant roadways.

In spring 2012, travel time data was collected during the p.m. and a.m. peak periods on the entire CMP network and during the weekend peak period on freeways. The results show that since 2010, overall speeds have declined (between 0.9 to 1.5 mph), and some areas have shown improvements. This decline is likely due to the economic recovery combined with countywide construction activities. Improvements appear to result from recently completed projects (I-880/SR 92 improvements; southbound I-680 Express Lane; eastbound I-580 high-occupancy vehicle Lane).

Long-term trend analysis shows that when the unemployment rate goes down, speeds on freeways go down (congestion increases); however, arterial speeds do not change. Further, speeds on the CMP network have been stable despite a considerable increase in vehicle miles traveled over the last 15 years, likely due to the various congestion management planning activities and implementation of projects undertaken in the county. The [LOS Monitoring Report](#) is now available on the agency's website.



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Policy News

Legislative Working Group

Alameda CTC has established a local, quarterly legislative working group to share legislative information, ensure coordination on legislative efforts and share detail about grants and other opportunities for collaboration to support Alameda County transportation improvements. The group will meet at Alameda CTC and will include agency partners from Alameda County, the cities, transit operators, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Port of Oakland and other interested parties.

Top legislative priorities for Alameda CTC in 2013 include supporting new legislation to allow Alameda County to exceed the 2 percent special sales tax cap, to lower the voter threshold from a two-thirds majority and to increase funding for transportation. Alameda CTC is also leading an effort to develop and provide statewide information on the benefits of Self-Help Counties and is coordinating a legislative platform and priorities with the Bay Area Congestion Management Agencies.

In addition, a planning and programming policy framework will go before the Commission in spring 2013 to guide and coordinate the Alameda CTC's planning and programming process.

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- Lower the two-thirds majority requirement for special sales tax measures
- Increase funding for transportation
- Improve project delivery, transportation and local connections, and expand multimodal opportunities

The planning department has just finished its [2012 Level of Service Monitoring Report](#) on Congestion Management Program-designated roadways, showing changes in travel times over time. For more information, see "Transportation Planning Updates."

As we look ahead in 2013, Alameda CTC anticipates four more capital projects will be completed this year, and five will achieve design complete milestones (see "Project Updates"). We appreciate the public's involvement in shaping these projects. Alameda CTC also recently announced a coordinated call for projects with approximately \$50.7 million in funding available from three sources for local streets and roads, bike/ped and transit-oriented development projects. In addition, Alameda CTC is releasing a \$2 million Paratransit Gap Grant Cycle 5 Program Call for Projects in February (see "Programming Updates.").

I'm proud to say our first Alameda CTC financial statements, as a fully merged agency, received a clean opinion from the independent auditor. Alameda CTC is also in the process of negotiating with the top-ranked proposer for financial advisory services (see "Finance Updates" for more information).

Other news: On February 22, Alameda CTC is planning to hold a retreat for the Commissioners, which will give us an opportunity to closely consider our future top priorities to plan, fund and deliver transportation programs and projects throughout Alameda County.

I look forward to a good year ahead working with all of you.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR L. DAO
Executive Director, Alameda CTC

Project Updates

Looking ahead in 2013

To date, 18 of 57 capital projects have been constructed. 2012 touted ribbon-cutting celebrations for four projects totaling over \$107 million in construction value.

Capital Projects Completed in 2012	(x 1,000)
Isabel Avenue - Route 84/I-580 Interchange	\$ 56,509
I-680 Sunol Express Lanes - Southbound	\$ 30,382
Lewelling/East Lewelling Boulevard Widening	\$ 19,953
Hesperian/Lewelling Boulevard Intersection Improvement Stage 2	\$ 536
TOTAL Construction Value	\$ 107,380

As we look ahead in 2013, four more projects are anticipated to be added to this list. These projects extend from our local streets to our highways and address the ever-present challenge of transportation needs in the region.

Capital Projects to Be Completed in 2013	Estimated End Construction
I-580 San Leandro Landscaping	March 2013
Webster Street SMART Corridor	April 2013
Route 238/Mission-Foothill-Jackson Corridor Improvement	July 2013
BART Oakland Airport Connector	December 2013

Alameda CTC anticipates five projects will complete design in 2013, signaling that more construction work and jobs are on their way.

Capital Projects	Estimated Design Complete
I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvements at 23rd and 29th	July 2013
Iron Horse Transit Route	June 2013
Route 92/Clawiter-Whitesell Interchange and Reliever Route	July 2013
East 14th Street/Hesperian Boulevard/150th Street Intersection Improvement	September 2013
Telegraph Avenue Corridor Bus Rapid Transit	December 2013

The achievements slated for 2013 are a collaborative effort between the Alameda CTC and the local communities in which they are implemented. Alameda CTC consistently supports community participation during the early stages of the projects, which helps shape the projects' final outcomes to best serve the transportation needs in the county.

Currently, Alameda CTC has eight projects under construction, in addition to the four capital projects listed above to be completed in 2013.

Additional Capital Projects Under Construction	
BART Warm Springs Extension	I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project
Downtown Oakland Streetscape Improvement	I-880/Mission Boulevard (Route 262) Interchange Completion
I-580 Eastbound HOV Lane - Segment 3 with Auxiliary Lane	I-880 Southbound HOV Lane
I-580 Westbound HOV Lanes	Route 84 Expressway - North Segment

Programming Updates

OBAG Call for Projects

As part of implementation of the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Program, Alameda CTC will allocate \$63.0 million in funds, of which \$38.7 million of OBAG will be available competitively this January in a coordinated call for projects that includes Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee funding for an estimated total of \$50.7 million in available funding.

Agencies throughout Alameda County may apply for funding to support local streets and roads (LSR) projects, bicycle and pedestrian projects and transit-oriented developments in priority development areas. Alameda CTC will award transportation funding for improvements that support Sustainable Communities Strategies to reduce greenhouse emissions and provide residents with multimodal transportation choices.

Under the OBAG Program, Alameda CTC will program the remaining funds using a formula for distribution to eligible LSR

projects. This programming will support the “fix it first” strategy as well as address the LSR maintenance shortfall in Alameda County. OBAG funds will also support congestion management agency planning and programming and a countywide Safe Routes to Schools augmentation.

The Alameda CTC will release the call for projects in late January 2013 and hold an application workshop on February 7. Applications are due mid-March 2013. Refer to the [OBAG Program webpage](#) for additional information.

Measure B Paratransit Gap Grant Cycle 5 Program Call for Projects

Alameda CTC anticipates releasing a Measure B Special Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities Program (Paratransit Gap Grant Cycle 5) call for projects on February 1, 2013. Gap Grant Cycle 5 will [Programming Updates cont'd on page 4](#)

Finance Updates

First clean audit for Alameda CTC

Over the last month, the finance department has been working with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP (VTD), Alameda CTC's independent auditor, to finalize the audited financial report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2012. This is the first annual financial report for the Alameda CTC that consolidates the financial data for the historical agencies. These financial statements were reviewed in detail by the Commission's audit committee and the Citizen Watchdog Committee at a joint meeting on December 6.

The auditors have expressed an unqualified, or clean, opinion on these financial statements. The Alameda CTC audited financial report for fiscal year 2011-2012 was presented by VTD to the Finance and Administration Committee at the January 14 meeting and goes before the Commission on January 24.

Separate financial statements were audited for ACTIA and ACCMA as of February 29, 2012. Both of these financial statement reports also received an unqualified opinion from VTD and were presented to the Commission at the December 6 meeting.

Contracting activities

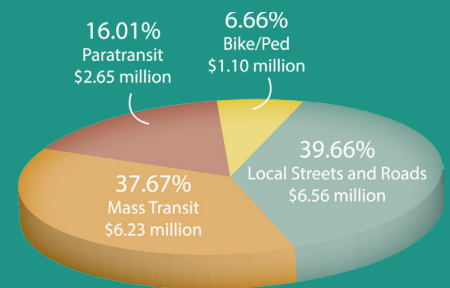
In October, the Alameda CTC issued a request for proposals for financial advisory services, and proposals were due in November 2012. These services are necessary as the Alameda CTC moves forward due to the need for external financing mechanisms. Staff along with one outside expert have reviewed proposals and held interviews. Alameda CTC is in the process of negotiating with the top-ranked proposer.

For information on upcoming opportunities, visit the [Contracting Opportunities web page](#).

Transportation Investments

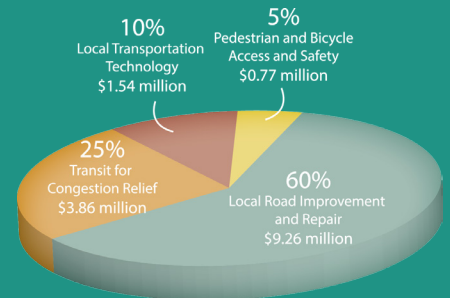
Measure B Program Distributions Since 2000

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2012-2013, Alameda CTC distributed \$16.5 million, and has distributed over \$591.1 million in Measure B pass-through funds since 2000.



Vehicle Registration Fee Distributions Since 2012

Alameda CTC distributed over \$15.4 million in VRF pass-through funds through October 31, 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 January and February, the Alameda CTC is hosting or participating in these outreach events:

- January 10 – East Bay Economic Development Alliance’s Legislative Reception 2013
- January 16 – Open Houses on I-880 Southbound HOV Lane Construction hosted by Alameda CTC, Caltrans, and the cities of Oakland and San Leandro
- January 16 – Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) Webinar at Alameda CTC: Best Practices in Pedestrian Wayfinding
- January 24 – Moving Forward: Alameda County Transportation, a presentation to the American Public Works Association
- January 30 – Fremont, Milpitas, Newark and Santa Clara Chambers of Commerce State of the State Luncheon
- February 5 – 4th Annual Transition Information Night (for high school students with disabilities)
- February 20 – APBP Webinar at Alameda CTC: Driving Deaths Down – Proven Countermeasures that Work

Other News

Compliance reports received on time

Before 2012 came to a close, Alameda CTC worked closely with local jurisdiction, county and transit agency recipients of Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) funds to answer compliance reporting questions regarding their submittals for fiscal year 2011-2012. Audits and compliance reports were due at the end of December 2012, and all 20 recipients submitted their reports on time. The [Measure B](#) and [VRF reports](#) are available for public review on the Alameda CTC website.

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consist of a two-year funding cycle with approximately \$2.0 million in competitive funding available to local jurisdictions and community-based organizations to finance paratransit-related operations and programs. The primary goal of Gap Grant Cycle 5 is to support mobility management types of activities that improve consumers’ ability to access services and improve coordination between programs.

The majority of funds, \$1.7 million, is designated to fund mobility management grants

for fiscal years 13-14 and 14-15. The remaining \$300,000 is identified for grant matching, capital purchases and implementation guideline assistance available only to Measure B pass-through fund recipients.

Alameda CTC will host a mandatory applicant workshop on February 7, 2013 at 10 am. Applications are due to Alameda CTC by March 4, 2013. For additional information, refer to the [Paratransit Gap Grant Cycle 5 webpage](#).

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Countywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans

After a 2 1/2-year planning process, the final Countywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans were adopted by the Commission on October 25, 2012. The plans reflect current bicycling and walking conditions and identify countywide capital Project and program priorities. The [Countywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans](#) are available on the Alameda CTC website.



Committee Activities

Highlights of January advisory committees

In January, three community advisory committees met. Highlights include:

- January 8 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee](#) discussed the Program Timely Use of Funds Monitoring Reports for the State Transportation Improvement, the Federal Surface Transportation/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and the Transportation Fund for Clean Air programs. The committee also received an update on Alameda CTC’s local transportation funding priorities for the One Bay Area Grant Program and an update on LOS monitoring.
- January 14 – The [Citizens Watchdog Committee](#) met an hour earlier for this

month’s meeting to allow for audit and compliance review. Committee members received a summary of fiscal year 2011-2012 programs and an update on pass-through fund and grant programs. The committee also received a presentation on the annual financial report and a cost benefit analysis on the “CWC Annual Report to the Public.”

- January 28 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee](#) received quarterly reports from LAVTA and East Bay Paratransit. The committee also received an update regarding the Paratransit Gap Cycle 5 Program Call for Projects and an outreach summary report for 2012.