



**JULY 2013** 

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Director's Message**

#### **EFFICIENT GOODS MOVEMENT**

expands job opportunities, supports local communities and undergirds the economy of Alameda County, the Bay Area and the nation. Alameda CTC is spearheading development of a Goods Movement Collaborative in Northern California that will bring together partners and stakeholders in a unified effort to support and advocate for freight and goods movement.

Alameda CTC is also developing a Countywide Goods Movement Plan to identify and plan for goods movement projects and programs in Alameda County and the region. Find out more about our planning efforts in "Transportation Planning Updates."

Regarding policy news, the update to the Assembly Bill 32 Scoping Plan is underway and will define how California will reach its 2050 greenhouse gas emission reduction goals and may guide funding allocations from

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# Transportation Planning Updates

# Goods Movement Collaborative and Plan

To strategically address the short- and long-term multimodal transportation needs of Alameda County, Alameda CTC is leading several plans focused on specific modes including transit, arterial corridors, biking, walking and, in particular, goods movement. A robust goods movement system supports Alameda County's economy and the Bay Area as a whole. Alameda CTC is in the process of creating a Goods Movement Collaborative that will bring together partners and stakeholders in a unified effort to support and advocate for freight and goods movement.



In addition, Alameda CTC will oversee technical studies that will result in an Alameda Countywide Goods Movement Plan to identify needs and priorities. Alameda CTC has initiated work on both these efforts and will coordinate them with regional, state and federal freight planning efforts.

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### Policy News Advocacy of AB 32 Scoping Plan

Protection Agency Air Resources Board held its kick-off workshop on updating the **Assembly Bill 32: Global Warming Solutions Act Scoping Plan**. On July 30, 2013, the Alameda CTC, other Bay Area congestion management agencies will participate in a workshop that will help set the path to achieve 2050 green house gas (GHG) reduction goals.

On June 13th, the California Environmental

The updated scoping plan will influence the cap-and-trade expenditure plan that may appear in the governor's 2014-2015 budget proposal — which raises the importance of Alameda CTC and partners providing input on the types of programs the AB 32 Scoping Plan should focus on to reduce GHGs.

Alameda CTC will bring recommendations to the Commission in July on advocacy for the updated scoping plan. The Air Resources Board anticipates releasing a draft scoping plan in late summer and taking Board action in November.

Alameda CTC is also helping to address climate change through its Countywide Transportation Plan that supports an estimated 24 percent reduction of GHG emissions as well as making investments that reduce GHGs and supporting climate change legislation and policies that support emerging technologies.



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California's cap-and-trade program. In late July, Alameda CTC and other Bay Area congestion management agencies plan to weigh in on this update. Read more in "Policy News."

On the project delivery front,
Alameda CTC and partners are making
a concentrated effort to improve
the I-580 corridor, which will reduce
congestion, encourage carpooling and
improve air quality. In "Project Updates,"
find out more about several corridor
improvement projects underway as well
as the I-580 Express Lanes that will be
under construction in 2014.

In addition, in July 2013, the Commission will consider approving \$1.4 million in funding for **Iransportation Fund for Clean Air** projects that build bike lanes and bike parking, improve traffic signal timing on arterials and provide transit shuttle operations (see "Programming Updates").

Last month, auditors were onsite for two weeks to perform interim audit activities. By the end of fall 2013, Alameda CTC anticipates providing eight more contracting opportunities (see "Finance Updates" for more information).

Lastly, Alameda CTC is moving to a new location in early September. By the time you receive the next monthly report, we'll be in our new offices at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800. This final step in the merger will improve productivity by allowing everyone to be on one floor and to better serve the community. Visit our website for more information.

In July and August, I hope to see you at one of the many events Alameda CTC hosts or attends (see page 4 for a listing).

Enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR L. DAO Executive Director, Alameda CTC

# Project Updates 1-580 Corridor Improvements

#### Groundbreaking for I-580 Corridor:

Alameda CTC and partners, the California Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, broke ground on the I-580 Westbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane and Corridor Improvement Projects in June 2013, celebrating \$186 million worth of corridor investments currently in construction.



Various elected officials representing the local jurisdictions also participated in the groundbreaking, which includes:

- A new 13-mile westbound HOV lane, from Greenville Road overcrossing in Livermore to the San Ramon/ Foothill Road overcrossing in Dublin/Pleasanton.
- An eastbound auxiliary lane between Isabel Avenue and First Street in Livermore.
- Widening of two eastbound bridges at Arroyo-Las Positas.



I-580 Express Lanes: Alameda CTC has been at the forefront of express lane development and implementation in Northern California and is actively engaged in the delivery of the I-580 Express Lanes Project that will convert the new HOV lanes along the I-580 Corridor in the Tri-Valley to a new express lane facility.

The introduction of express lanes in the I-580 corridor will utilize proven technology, traffic engineering expertise and dynamic pricing to more efficiently use existing roadway capacity to improve traffic flow. In addition, it will provide users safe and reliable travel times to their destinations and generate revenue for future transportation and transit improvements in the I-580 corridor.

Project	Total Project Cost (x\$1000)	Construction Start	Construction End
I-580 HOV Lanes			
Westbound	143,877	10/2012	11/2014
Eastbound	96,200	8/2008	11/2010
I-580 Express Lanes	54,980	9/2014	6/2015
Other I-580 Improvements			
I-580 Eastbound Auxiliary Lane	40,954	11/2012	11/2014

### **Finance Updates Audit activities in June 2013**

In May 2013, the Commission approved a draft fiscal year 2013-2014 (FY13-14) Alameda CTC budget with no adjustments requested. In June 2013. Alameda CTC's sustainable. balanced FY13-14 budget received final approval from the Commission.

Also, during the month of June, the Alameda CTC had independent auditors on site for two weeks to perform interim audit activities. Staff made sure that all requested information was prepared for the auditors before they arrived in our office and had all accounts reconciled through the third quarter for their review.

The audit partner met with both the Commission Audit Committee and the Citizens Watchdog Committee Audit Subcommittee while in the office. The auditors reviewed internal control processes and procedures, Measure B expenditures and other postemployment data and performed single audit and various other audit tasks.

### **Programming Updates Transportation Fund Clean Air** FY13-14 Final Program

**Transportation Fund for Clean Air** (TFCA) is a local fund source generated from a \$4 vehicle registration fee and collected by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. As the TFCA program manager for Alameda County, the Alameda CTC is responsible for annually selecting projects to fund with 40 percent of the fee collected in Alameda County. In Alameda, 70 percent of these available funds are allocated to the cities/county based on population, and the remaining 30 percent of the funds are for transit-related projects.

In July 2013, the Commission will consider approving \$1.8 million in available funding for projects that build bike lanes and bike parking, improve traffic signal timing on arterials and fund transit shuttle operations.

### Contracting opportunities by fall 2013

Alameda CTC anticipates letting out eight contracting opportunities by the end of fall 2013. These opportunities are for various planning activities, capital projects and an administrative professional services contract. They include Administrative Support Services, a maintenance contract for the East Bay Greenway Project, an environmental and design consultant contract for the I-880/Broadway-Jackson Interchange Improvements Project, development of the Countywide Goods Movement Plan, a Countywide Transit Plan including updates of Community Based Transportation Plans, and the Countywide Multimodal Arterial Corridor Plan and On-Call Travel Demand Modeling Services. For more information, visit our Contracting Opportunities web page.

### **Measure B Paratransit Mobility Management Program**

In July 2013, Measure B Paratransit Gap Grant fund recipients begin to provide innovative transportation services, mobility management and travel training programs to support seniors and people with disabilities throughout Alameda County. These projects include the Center for Independent Living's Mobility Matters Project, the City of Fremont's Mobility Management and Travel Training Program, and Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay's Specialized Transportation for People with Dementia. These projects provide educational outreach, off-site travel training and transportation services to seniors and people with disabilities.

Over the next two years (through mid 2015), Measure B Paratransit discretionary funds will support efforts by local cities and nonprofit organizations to enhance paratransit travel options and access to paratransit services. See the Alameda CTC's Measure B Grants Fact **Sheets** for more information.

#### **Transportation Investments**

**Measure B Program Distributions Since 2000** 

Alameda CTC distributed more than \$53.9 million by the close of the third quarter of fiscal year 2012-2013, and has distributed over \$758.0 million in Measure B pass-through funds since 2000.



#### **Vehicle Registration Fee Distributions Since 2012**

Alameda CTC has distributed over \$21.0 million in VRF pass-through funds through April 30, 2013.



#### Total Measure B-funded Contracts\*

Alameda CTC has funded more than \$829.8 million in contracts for Alameda County businesses since 2000.

\* Total contract amount includes additional

#### **Outreach and Events**

In July and August, Alameda CTC is hosting or participating in these outreach events:

- July 3 City Center Summer Sounds Concert Series in Oakland
- July 17 APBP Webinar at Alameda CTC: From Paint to Preform: Getting the Most from Pavement Markings
- July 18 Healthy Living Festival at the Oakland Zoo
- July 19 Meet the Buyers Procurement Forum at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in Oakland
- July 20 Pedalfest in Oakland's Jack London Square
- July 24 Complete Streets Workshop: Implementing Policies at Alameda CTC
- August 3 Fremont Festival of the Arts
- August 7 Healthy Aging Fair in Alameda County at Chabot College
- August 7 City Center Summer Sounds Concert Series in Oakland
- August 10 Bay Area Black Expo at Mills College in Oakland
- August 15 Breakfast with Congressman Eric Swalwell at the Dublin Library Community Room
- August 17 21st Annual Festival of Lights – Diwali Mela 2013 in Fremont
- August 21 APBP Webinar at Alameda CTC: Getting Better Data for Better Decisions: Improving Performance Measures and Outcomes
- August 24 Chinatown Streetfest in Oakland
- August 26 Caltopia at U.C. Berkeley

#### Join Us at a Free Webinar on August 21

Each month, the Alameda CTC hosts the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) monthly webinar at 1333 Broadway, Suite 220. The next webinar is on Wednesday, August 21 from 12 to 1 p.m. (PST) and will examine how to improve performance measures, benchmark progress toward mode-share goals, increase safety and provide support for equitable policy for transportation spending. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. The Alameda CTC pays the APBP registration fee, so attendance is free and open to all.

#### Other News

# Alameda CTC offices move in September

In early September 2013, Alameda CTC is packing up and moving just down the street from its current offices on the second and third floor at 1333 Broadway to Suite 800 on the eighth floor at 1111 Broadway in downtown Oakland. This move will improve efficiencies by allowing all staff and onsite consultants to work together on one floor. The phone and fax numbers will remain the same. The first public meeting in the new office will be the Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee on Thursday, September 5, 2013. For more information about the move, visit http://www.alamedactc.org/news\_items/view/11570.

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# Workshop on complete streets best practices

All 15 local jurisdictions have adopted complete streets policies, and many have asked for training, resources and assistance in implementing these policies. Therefore, on Wednesday July 24, 2013, the Alameda CTC will offer its second **complete streets workshop** for local agency staff.

The first workshop, held in June 2012, focused on developing complete streets policies. The second workshop will focus on policy implementation. This workshop will include best practices from cities of all types and sizes and will launch a program of resources that Alameda CTC is developing to assist local jurisdictions in complete streets implementation in fiscal year 2013-2014.

#### **Complete Streets Workshop**

On Wednesday, July 24, 2013, the Alameda CTC will sponsor a workshop on complete streets policy implementation that builds on last month's workshop that initiated dialogue on policies, resources and implementation. The workshop will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Alameda CTC offices at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA.

# Committee Activities Highlights of July advisory committees

#### Citizens Watchdog Committee



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

- July 2 The Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee received an update on the approach to the Level of Service Monitoring and Land Use Analysis Program elements of the Congestion Management Program and approved the \$1.4 million Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Final FY13-14 Program.
- July 8 The <u>Citizens Watchdog</u>
  <u>Committee (CWC)</u> approved the CWC
  11th Annual Report to the Public and
  discussed outreach objectives and proposed
  activities. The committee also received an
  update on the authorization to proceed to
  initiate a debt issuance in FY13-14.
- July 16 The <u>Bicycle and Pedestrian</u>
  <u>Advisory Committee (BPAC)</u> received
  an update on the final Coordinated Funding
  Program and had a debriefing on the
  call for projects process. The committee
  also received an update on the Complete
  Streets Workshop and reviewed the draft
  annual Countywide Pedestrian and Bicycle
  Counts Report.

