In June 2014, the Bay Area Council Economic Institute released “In The Fast Lane: Improving Reliability, Stabilizing Local Funding, and Enabling the Transportation Systems of the Future in Alameda County,” which reports the nearly $8 billion 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan (Plan) will yield more than $20 billion in total economic activity in the Bay Area and 150,000 jobs. These full-time equivalent jobs will be in the fields of construction, transit operations and maintenance; professional, scientific and technical services; and manufacturing.

This in-depth report reinforces Alameda County as a critical transportation hub for international and domestic trade in the Bay Area’s regional transportation system:

- 90 percent of the Bay Area trade in agriculture, wine and heavy machinery by weight goes through the Port of Oakland, sending California’s exports around the world.
- 99 percent of containerized cargo from Northern California passes through the Port of Oakland.
- 53 percent of workers in Alameda County live outside the county.
- 37 percent of Bay Area workers travel to, from or through Alameda County.

The 2014 Plan and transportation measure on the November 2014 ballot will ensure Alameda County can maintain its transportation system as well as upgrade it to keep pace with population growth, connect...
Project Updates

North segment opens on Route 84 Expressway

A significant mobility investment in Route 84 Corridor improvements in the Tri-Valley has been planned and implemented in stages — over two decades — to deliver congestion relief, improve access and support community vitality. The initial vision was to realign and widen Route 84 and divert traffic away from Downtown Livermore and provide direct access between the I-580 and the I-680 corridors. The Alameda County Measure B sales tax has been a major funding source and has attracted federal, state and other local funding for each stage of development.

In spring 2012, a joint ribbon-cutting/ground-breaking ceremony celebrated completion of the new Isabel Avenue/I-580 Interchange Project and the start of construction of the first segment of the Route 84 Expressway Project.

Segment opened to traffic in June

The northern, 1.6-mile segment of Route 84 was widened from north of Concannon Boulevard to Jack London Boulevard and upgraded to expressway status. In addition to improving capacity and easing congestion, it increases safety in the area for pedestrian and bicycle access by augmenting and improving the multiuse trail on a separate alignment adjacent to the expressway. In early June 2014, the project was substantially complete and opened to traffic.

Next in line for delivery, the south portion of the Route 84 Expressway Project will widen a 2.4-mile section of Route 84 from Ruby Hill Drive to Concannon Boulevard. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2015 and continue through the fall of 2017.

A remaining gap-closure project to widen the roadway between Pigeon Pass and I-680 and improvements to the I-680/Route 84 Interchange are included in the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan (Plan). Passage of the 2014 Plan will provide an infusion of funding to complete the final improvements along Route 84.

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Finance Updates

Independent audit process

Finance has begun the annual independent audit process for FY2013-14. Auditors from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. were onsite for two weeks in June. They met with the Commission Audit Committee and the Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Audit Subcommittee and performed various tests including testing of the internal controls single audit procedures, limitation calculations documentation and other testing as requested by the CWC’s Audit Subcommittee. Final audit work will commence the last week of August and last a few weeks.

Contracting opportunities

In May 2014, Alameda CTC awarded contracts to top-ranked firms for the Countywide Multimodal Arterial Corridor Plan, and for weed abatement services for the I-880 to Mission Boulevard East-West Connector, and I-880/North Safety and Operational Improvements Projects. Alameda CTC has two open requests for proposals for the Downtown Oakland Comprehensive Circulation Study and the Clement Avenue Complete Street Corridor Concept Plan and anticipates issuing up to eight solicitations through summer 2014.

Upcoming opportunities include East Bay Municipal Utility District utility relocation services for the I-880/North Safety and Operational Improvements Project, professional services for the project approval/environmental document phase for the I-880/Broadway-Jackson Interchange Improvements, maintenance services for the East Bay Greenway Maintenance Projects and professional services for the Sustainable Communities Technical Assistance Program. For more information, visit the Contracting Opportunities web page.

Programming Updates

Measure B Paratransit Gap Grant: Emeryville 8-to-Go Program

Alameda CTC recently awarded $106,000 in Measure B Paratransit Gap Grant funds to the City of Emeryville’s 8-to-Go Shuttle Program. This program provides door-to-door shuttle service for seniors and people with disabilities in the 94608 zip code area of Oakland and Emeryville, including shuttle service to Berkeley.

Through fiscal year 2013-2014 (FY13-14), Emeryville provided over 3,000 one-way trips to seniors and people with disabilities. Users indicated feeling less isolated and more independent as a result of using the door-to-door service. The city is committed to increasing the number of trips provided in FY14-15 and anticipates an increase in ridership through improved outreach. For additional information, see the project sponsor’s website.

Measure B/VRF compliance program FY12-13 accomplishments

Annually, Measure B/VRF Direct Local Program Distribution recipients are required to submit Program Compliance Reports that describe actual and planned fund expenditures. In FY12-13, recipients expended a total of $71.1 million in Measure B ($64.5 million) and VRF ($4.6 million) funds to support local streets and roads, bicycle and pedestrian, paratransit and mass transit improvements within Alameda County.

Local agencies and transit providers delivered over 50 million transit trips, 35 million square feet of pavement repair and maintenance enhancements, and over 40 lane miles of bicycle improvements using Measure B/VRF investments. These essential improvements provide congestion relief, increase safety and enhance mobility throughout Alameda County. Recipients’ Measure B and VRF FY 2012-13 Program Compliance Reports are available on Alameda CTC’s website.
**Outreach and Events**

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

- BikeMobile events – The BikeMobile will be at elementary and high schools, and libraries throughout Alameda County. Go to [http://bike-mobile.org/calendar/](http://bike-mobile.org/calendar/) to find an event near you.
- Farmers’ market events – Go to the 2014 Outreach Calendar for market updates.
- July 1 – Alameda City Council presentation on the 2014 Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plan
- July 2 – City Center Summer Sounds Concert Series in Oakland: 1st Wednesdays Street Party in Pleasanton
- July 3 – Hayward Chamber of Commerce Government Relations Committee meeting
- July 8 – Alameda County Board of Supervisors presentation on the 2014 Plan
- July 14 – Newark 2014 Annual SummerFest
- July 15 – A 2014 Plan and Paratransit presentation to Allen Temple Arms
- July 17 – Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) Webinar at Alameda CTC: From Fast to Safer: Best Practices Where Road Speeds Change
- July 17 – Healthy Living Festival at the Oakland Zoo; Downtown Hayward Street Parties
- July 22 – Goods Movement Roundtable at Alameda CTC offices; 2014 Plan and Paratransit presentation to Downtown Oakland Senior Center; Hilton Pleasanton Commute Fair
- July 26 – Pedalfest at Jack London Square/BikeMobile in Oakland; Park Street Art and Wine Fair in Alameda; 2014 Black Expo at Oakland’s Frank Ogawa Plaza
- August 2 & 3 – Fremont Festival of the Arts
- August 5 – Emeryville Chamber of Commerce Board meeting
- August 6 – City Center Summer Sounds Concert Series in Oakland: Healthy Aging Fair at Chabot College Cafeteria in Hayward
- August 12 – Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce Board meeting
- August 16 – Health Fair at Oakland’s Allen Temple Baptist Church
- August 20 – APBP Webinar at Alameda CTC: Transform Bicycling and Walking Outside the Urban Context
- August 21 – San Leandro Chamber of Commerce Board meeting; Downtown Hayward Street Parties
- August 23 – Oakland Chinatown StreetFest
- August 24 & 25 – Caltopia 2014 at U.C. Berkeley
- August 27 – Mastick Senior Center Open House and Resource Fair in Alameda

**Other News**

**Goods Movement Collaborative**

Alameda CTC and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission are hosting a roundtable to address the opportunities, impacts and emerging trends related to goods movement and freight in Alameda County, the Bay Area and beyond.

This half-day event, “Building a Regional Perspective: Goods Movement Opportunities and Issues in the Bay Area,” will bring together a diverse audience of government leaders, business representatives, industry experts and community partners. The roundtable is on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at the Alameda CTC office.


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housing and jobs, and support the economic competitiveness of the region.

See the four-page summary of the report or visit [www.AlamedaCTC.org/2014Plan](http://www.AlamedaCTC.org/2014Plan) to learn more.

**Committee Activities**

**July 2014 advisory committees**

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

- July 10 – The Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC) approved the Countywide Goods Movement Plan Performance Measures. ACTAC members also received updates on the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, the 2014 Level of Service Monitoring Study draft results, implementation of Senate Bill 743 and the Alameda County revised Freeway Soundwall Policy.

- July 10 – The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) elected its chair and vice chair and reviewed and approved the BPAC Bylaws and its FY14-15 calendar. The committee also received an update on the Measure B/ Vehicle Registration Fee Local Direct Program Distribution Compliance Report, Bicycle and Pedestrian Expenditure Analysis.

- July 14 – The Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) approved the “CWC 12th Annual Report to the Public” as well as publication distribution and costs. The committee also received a report on the CWC Pre-Audit Subcommittee meeting and an update on the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan approved ordinance with final ballot language.

- July 28 – The Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO) elected its chair and vice chair and reviewed and approved the PAPCO Bylaws. PAPCO members also made a recommendation to fund a capital project with Paratransit Gap Grant funds. In addition, the committee received a demonstration of the updated transportation section of Alameda County’s 2-1-1 online service.