

JULY 2015

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Director's Message

Alameda CTC fully launched Measure BB at its Commission Retreat on July 17, 2015. The Board of Equalization began collection of the Measure BB transportation sales tax in April, and Alameda CTC began monthly direct local distributions to local jurisdictions and transit agencies this month.

The retreat gave our Commissioners the opportunity to consider how to best leverage our assets to influence policy, funding and legislation to facilitate delivery of the transportation projects and programs in the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, as promised to the voters. The retreat included a panel of elected officials and leaders in the industry who discussed win-win opportunities for moving local, regional, state and federal transportation priorities forward. I want to thank the Commissioners for their participation.

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## Transportation Planning Updates

### Countywide multimodal plans

Alameda CTC is currently developing three countywide multimodal plans — Multimodal Arterial Plan, Goods Movement Plan and Transit Plan — and has initiated the Countywide Transportation Plan process. Updates include the following:

- **Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP)** is in the call-for-projects stage. Alameda CTC issued a call for transportation projects and programs to be included in the plan and hosted application workshops on June 4 and July 9. The call for projects and programs will close on July 31, 2015.
- **Countywide Multimodal Arterial Plan** received feedback at a special Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee meeting on July 21, 2015. The planning team presented updated plan performance objectives, the typology framework and maps based on stakeholder comments received since the drafts were presented in April 2015.
- **Countywide Goods Movement Plan** received input at a Goods Movement Roundtable on July 22, 2015. This interactive roundtable discussion brought together government leaders, business representatives, industry experts and community partners to share and discuss critical freight needs and strategies to address those needs in Alameda County and the Bay Area region.
- **Countywide Transit Plan** received public input at the open houses that Alameda CTC hosted in February and March 2015. The planning team has inventoried existing plans and data, analyzed existing conditions and developed a vision and goals. The team is developing measures for assessing transit network performance that reflect the vision and goals and current transit network.

## Policy News

### Legislative visit to D. C.

At the end of July 2015, the Alameda CTC Commission chair, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, and Alameda CTC staff plan to visit legislators and key staff in Washington, D.C. to discuss ways to work together to improve transportation. Alameda CTC will share its legislative program and partner with elected officials, staff and nonprofit organizations regarding policy development, funding and other opportunities to collaborate to address transportation challenges.

Alameda CTC's adopted 2015 Legislative Program provides direction for its legislative and policy activities for the year. The program has the following six priorities:

- Increase transportation funding and protect and enhance voter-approved funding.
- Advance innovative project delivery and ensure cost-effective project delivery.
- Reduce barriers to the implementation of transportation and land use investments; expand multimodal systems and flexibility.
- Support climate change legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Expand goods movement funding and policy development.
- Expand partnerships at local, regional, state and federal levels.

A few of the topics for discussion during the Alameda CTC legislative visit include the GROW AMERICA Act, the DRIVE Act and policy priorities, which focus on the long-term transportation reauthorization (the current MAP-21 extension runs through July 31) and opportunities to support local county transportation improvements that support federal interest.

**Director's Message cont'd**

The retreat's focus on building partnership continues toward the end of this month when Alameda CTC's chair and vice-chair, our deputy director of planning and programming and I visit key legislators and agency staff in Washington, D.C. to discuss ways to partner together to improve transportation (see "Policy News").

Progress toward the [2016 Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan](#) update also continues. Alameda CTC held the second of two public workshops on July 9 with local public agencies and other organizations to facilitate the projects/programs application process (see "Transportation Planning Updates" for more about this plan and other plans in process).

Two regionally significant projects featured this month in "Project Updates," funded in part by Measure B and Proposition 1B, are the [I-80 Smart Corridor Project](#) and the [I-580 Express Lanes](#), both expected to "go live" this fall. The I-80 Smart Corridor is one of the most sophisticated intelligent transportation systems in the state, and the I-580 Express Lanes will be the third express lanes facility to operate in Northern California.

The Cycle 5 Paratransit Gap Grant Program featured in "Programming Updates" extended funding for current projects that enhance quality of life for seniors and people with disabilities by offering accessible, affordable and convenient transportation options.

In addition, the finance team has been engaged in the interim portion of the independent financial audit for fiscal year 2014-2015. Find out more about this and upcoming [contracting opportunities](#) in "Finance Updates."

I wish each of you a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR L. DAO  
Executive Director  
Alameda County Transportation Commission

## Project Updates

### System integration begins

System integration has begun on two regionally significant projects funded in part by Measure B and Proposition 1B. The I-80 Smart Corridor Project and the I-580 Express Lanes Project are expected to "go live" in fall 2015.

### I-80 Smart Corridor Project

One of the most sophisticated intelligent transportation systems in the state, the [I-80 Smart Corridor Project](#) includes a network of integrated electronic signs, smart ramp meters and other state-of-the-art elements between the Carquinez Bridge and the Bay Bridge on I-80 and San Pablo Avenue. The project will enhance motorist safety, improve travel time reliability and reduce accidents and associated congestion.

Testing of the overhead sign frames, other elements and the communications software that integrates the project components with the Caltrans Traffic Management Center and local road elements is planned for this summer.



### I-580 Express Lanes

The [I-580 Express Lanes](#) will be the third express lane facility to operate in Northern California and the first to incorporate with near continuous access. The project entails constructing approximately 25 miles of high occupancy vehicle/express lanes in both directions of I-580 through Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore.

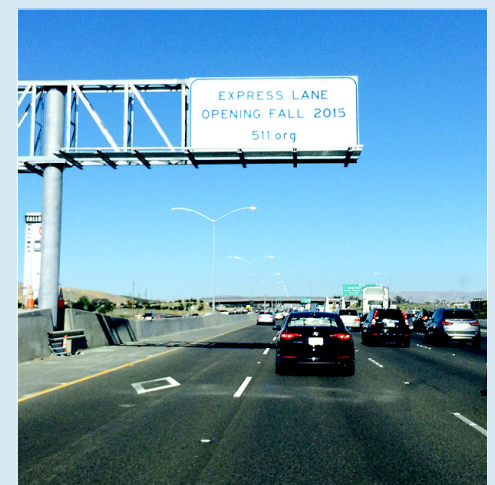
Roadway work is in full swing. Overhead gantries were erected, digital message signs are being installed, and system integration and extensive public outreach and education are underway. Final paving will continue through the summer during nighttime hours.

### New FasTrak Flex available July 2015

All I-580 Express Lane users will need to have a valid FasTrak toll tag. FasTrak Flex is the new switchable toll-tag available July 1, 2015. Carpoolers and other eligible vehicles will continue to use the express lanes for free, as long as they have a valid FasTrak Flex toll tag set to 2 or 3+. Solo drivers can use either their existing FasTrak or the new Flex tag.

[FasTrak Flex](#) is available online, at Costco, Safeway and Walgreens, and at a number of Alameda CTC's outreach events. For questions related to the I-580 Express Lanes, call our new Express Lanes Hotline at 510.208.7499.

### Overhead gantries for the I-580 Express Lanes



## Finance Updates

### Interim audit in June 2015

During June, the finance team was engaged in the interim portion of the independent financial audit for fiscal year 2014-2015 (FY2014-15). Auditors were in Alameda CTC's offices for two weeks, during which they performed significant testing and review of expenditures, policies and procedures, internal controls and procurement documents, and they engaged in single-audit activities required for federal funding.

The finance team also brought a proposed final budget and Overall Work Program (OWP) for FY2015-16 to the Commission for approval in June 2015. The OWP ties directly to the budget and provides information related to all major transportation planning, programming and project activities that Alameda CTC will accomplish to ensure staff meets the needs of the Commission during FY2015-16.

## Programming Updates

### Measure B Paratransit Gap Cycle 5 extensions

Due to the recent passage of Measure BB and the development of Alameda CTC's Comprehensive Investment Plan, Alameda CTC extended the Measure B Cycle 5 Paratransit Gap Grant program for an additional fiscal year, through June 30, 2016. This program is intended to enhance quality of life for seniors and people with disabilities by offering accessible, affordable and convenient transportation options.

In conjunction with the Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO), Alameda CTC extended existing Paratransit Gap Grants, awarding recipients an additional \$1.2 million. The funding extension will allow for continued operational services as Alameda CTC seeks to coordinate future Paratransit Gap Grant programming cycles with other discretionary programming events over the next fiscal year. The programming recommendations considered the recipients' funding needs, past performance, project growth and effectiveness of meeting the Paratransit Gap Grant program guidelines.

### Contracting opportunities

Alameda CTC recently completed the procurements for the project approval/ environmental document (PAED) phase of the East Bay Greenway Project and the PAED and final design plans, specifications and estimates phases for I-80 Gilman Interchange Improvement Project. In May 2015, Alameda CTC released a request for proposals for project development and delivery of the Affordable Student Transit Pass Program.

Upcoming Alameda CTC contracting opportunities include system integration design and installation services for I-680 Sunol Express Lanes; maintenance services for the East Bay Greenway project; environmental and design services for the Central Avenue Overpass Project; and overall monitoring services for the Congestion Management Program. For more information, visit the [Contracting Opportunities web page](#).

### Comprehensive Investment Plan approved

Last month, the Commission approved Alameda CTC's first Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) for fiscal year 2015-16 (FY2015-16). The CIP translates long-range plans into short-range implementation by establishing a list of priority transportation improvements to enhance and maintain Alameda County's transportation system.

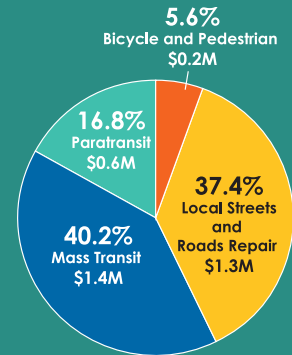
The CIP identifies more than \$1.2 billion in anticipated transportation funding from voter-approved, state, regional and federal funds programmed by Alameda CTC over a five-year horizon and strategically matches funding sources to targeted transportation priorities in Alameda County's transportation system. Alameda CTC selected and programmed projects and programs included in the CIP through the specific guidelines associated with those funding sources.

The CIP will be updated annually to coincide with Alameda CTC's annual budget update and biennially to review the CIP projects/programs and provide open enrollment for new projects and programs.

## Transportation Investments

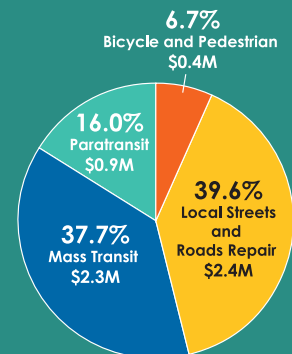
### Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in 2015 with over \$3.5 million distributed in April 2015.



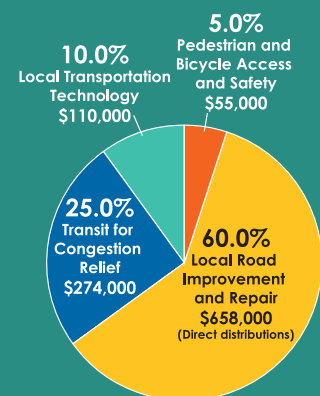
### Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions total more than \$679.0 million since 2002. In April 2015, over \$6.0 million was distributed for four programs.



### Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed over \$45.0 million for local road repair; over \$1 million was collected in April 2015.



Alameda CTC has funded more than \$837.5 million\* in contracts for County businesses since 2000.

\* Total contract amount includes additional fund sources.

## Outreach and Events

Alameda CTC will host or participate in the following outreach events during June and July:

- Farmer' markets:



July 11 – Tracy at 10th Street between Central Avenue and B Street  
 July 16 – Livermore at Carnegie Park in the free speech area  
 July 23 – Dublin at Emerald Glen Community Park  
 August 15 – Tracy at 10th Street between Central Avenue and B Street  
 August 27 – Livermore at Carnegie Park in the free speech area

- July 1 – 1st Wednesday's Street Party in Pleasanton
- July 7 - BikeMobile at MORH One Community Center in Oakland
- July 9 – Countywide Transportation Plan Call for Projects Workshop at Alameda CTC
- July 15 – Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) Webinar at Alameda CTC: Health in All Policies
- July 17 – Alameda CTC Annual Commission Retreat in Oakland
- July 25 – PedalFest in Oakland at Jack London Square
- July 28 – Rotary Club of Dublin I-580 Express Lanes presentation
- August 1-2 – Fremont Festival of the Arts in Fremont
- August 5 – Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Economic Development meeting I-580 Express Lanes presentation; 1st Wednesday's Street Party in Pleasanton
- August 19 – APBP Webinar at Alameda CTC: Streetscape Design to Improve Walking and Cycling
- August 20 – Tri-Valley Rotary Club I-580 Express Lanes presentation in Pleasanton
- August 21-23 – 29th Annual Good Guys West Coast Nationals Car Show

## Other News

### Safe Routes to Schools program



In FY2014-15, the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) program increased the number of schools participating to more than 130 schools. Many of these schools held events and participated in activities such as International Walk & Roll to School Day, Bike to School Day and the Golden Sneaker Contest – activities that encourage students to make safe and healthy transportation choices. Most participating schools have seen an increase in the number of students who walk and bicycle to school.

Administered by Alameda CTC, the Alameda County SR2S program is funded by federal and Measure B funds. In FY2015-16, Alameda CTC plans to encourage even more schools to participate from throughout Alameda County and to focus on increasing green modes of transportation, improving safety and health, partnerships and student leadership.

### Streetscape Design to Improve Walking and Cycling

On Wednesday, August 19 from 12-1 p.m. (PST), join us for an Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals free webinar at Alameda CTC, 1111 Broadway, Suite 800. The topic is "Streetscape Design to Improve Walking and Cycling." Feel free to bring a brown-bag lunch. Alameda CTC hosts the event and covers the registration fee, so attendance is free.

## Committee Activities

### July advisory committees

In July, several advisory committees met. Highlights include:

- July 9 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) approved the Countywide Transportation Plan vision and goals. The committee also received updates on the Transportation Fund for Clean Air FY2015-16 Program, the draft FY2015-16 Annual Obligation Plan, the Active Transportation Program and the ACTAC Bylaws.
- July 13 – The [Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#), formerly known as the Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC), held a public hearing on the CWC Annual Report. After receiving public comment, the committee approved the report. In addition, the IWC discussed its bylaws and calendar for FY2015-16, as well as received updates from staff on items of interest.
- July 27 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\)](#) members met and discussed their bylaws. PAPCO and the Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee (ParaTAC) also held their first quarterly Paratransit Strategic Planning Workshop in FY2015-16, "Dialysis Transportation Challenges." In lieu of PAPCO's annual mobility workshop, PAPCO and ParaTAC plan to hold four small workshops each year that focus on a specific topic.

