



JUNE 2013

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Director's Message

THE RECORD BREAKING BIKE MONTH in May was a huge success. Over 12,000 cyclists stopped by Alameda County's Bike to Work Day energizer stations, more kids than ever biked in Bike to School Day events, and many Commissioners and staff rode their bikes. Find out more in "Transportation Planning Updates" and learn about Alameda CTC's planning efforts related to freight and goods movement, arterial corridors, transit and closing transportation gaps in underserved communities.

In addition to developing a Countywide Goods Movement Plan, Alameda CTC is spearheading a Goods Movement Collaborative in Northern California to ensure efficient goods movement in and out of Alameda County, the state and beyond, and to create a forum for on-going advocacy for goods movement needs. Read more in "Policy News."

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## Transportation Planning Updates

### Bike Month breaks records in 2013

May's Bike Month was a huge success in Alameda County! Over 12,000 cyclists stopped by one of Alameda County's 62 energizer stations during Bike to Work Day on June 9th, up 4 percent since 2012. Even more notable: over 3,000 children pedaled to school, doubling the participation in Bike to School Day since 2012. Local elected officials also broke records, with 15 participating in pedal pools and energizer stations throughout the county.

Alameda CTC expanded our Bike to Work Day outreach by tabling at the Dublin/Pleasanton BART energizer station in addition to being at Oakland's downtown event. Bicycling enthusiasm also filled the Alameda CTC offices: 14 staff participated in the Team Bike Challenge, logging roughly 1,500 miles — 300 percent more than last year!

### Countywide planning efforts

Alameda CTC is leading efforts to plan for countywide needs related to freight and goods movement, arterial corridors, transit and to close transportation gaps in underserved communities. These planning efforts will help Alameda CTC identify and prioritize projects and programs to incorporate into the Countywide Transportation Plan and Congestion Management Program. The Commission will review scopes of work for the various plans beginning in June. Work on the plans is expected to begin later this year, after

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## Policy News

### Goods movement collaborative

Alameda CTC is in the process of establishing a Goods Movement Collaborative to address increasing goods movement demands despite limited funding available for transportation infrastructure improvements and to create a long-term organized structure to create policy, educate and advocate for goods movement in Alameda County and the region. The collaborative will also be directly involved in developing a Goods Movement Plan to identify, plan and advocate for goods movement projects and programs in Alameda County and the region.

The Goods Movement Collaborative and Plan will define a long-range vision and help keep Alameda County competitive on a global, national, statewide and regional level. Many areas around the country have already established comprehensive, collaborative approaches. In Northern California, collaboration is critical to ensure efficient goods movement in and out of the state and beyond, expand job opportunities, attract investments, support local economies and enhance development that supports clean/green goods movement and vibrant, healthy communities.

### OBAG outreach summary

As required by the One Bay Area Grant Program, Alameda CTC is developing an outreach report in June 2013 that summarizes our efforts to educate the public and work with partners and stakeholders to get the word out about the OBAG program funded by federal funds to meet the requirements of Title VI.

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transportation, such as the [Safe Routes to Schools Program](#) and the [East Bay Greenway Project](#). Another key capital project, the [I-580 Express Lane Project](#) will reduce congestion. Read more in "Project Updates."

After a comprehensive evaluation process, Alameda CTC makes its final [Coordinated Funding Program](#) recommendation for over \$70 million to the Commission this month.

Based on a review of fiscal year 2011-2012 (FY11-12) audit and compliance reports, Alameda CTC has found all Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee fund recipients in compliance (see "Programming Updates").

The FY12-13 sales tax revenue projection has increased, the finance department has finalized a sustainable, balanced budget, and Alameda CTC anticipates issuing seven additional [contracting solicitations](#) in the coming months (see "Finance Updates").

As we close out this fiscal year, I want to reflect on all the work the Alameda CTC and the Commission completed to plan, fund and deliver transportation programs and projects in Alameda County.

Highlights include:

- Delivering 44 active capital projects: four in the closeout phase, 19 under construction (valued at \$2.56 billion) and 13 in design/right-of-way phase (valued at \$0.78 billion).
- Performing extensive outreach for the Transportation Expenditure Plan on the November 2012 ballot.
- Preparing and adopting a Priority Development Area Investment and Growth Strategy.
- Programming a total of \$74.6 million through three grant programs.
- Funding more than \$341 million in active contracts for Alameda County businesses.

I truly believe we're making a difference in Alameda County, and I look forward to another productive year.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR L. DAO  
Executive Director, Alameda CTC

**Project Updates**

**Alternative transportation improvements**

Alameda CTC strives to promote healthy transportation alternatives that encourage people in Alameda County to walk, bicycle and use public transportation.

The [Safe Routes to Schools Program](#) will educate approximately 4,000 adults, teenagers and children in safe bicycle riding techniques. The countywide education program encourages bicyclists to ride with greater control and environmental awareness to enhance their travel safety. Proposals to lead this program were due to Alameda CTC in May 31, 2013.

**Total Project Cost:** \$0.5 million



The [East Bay Greenway Project](#) will construct a half-mile segment of a multi-use Class 1 bike lane facility paralleling San Leandro Street from 75th Avenue to 85th Avenue in Oakland, on the western side of BART support columns. This project is designed to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to intermodal transit hubs by providing a safe, accessible trail to encourage alternative transportation modes. Funded by Measure B bicycle and pedestrian grant funds and a federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) II grant, Alameda CTC expects to award a construction contract for this project in summer 2013.

**Total Project Cost:** \$3.0 million



The [I-580 Express High Occupancy Toll \(HOT\) Lane Project](#) in the Tri-valley will convert the newly constructed eastbound HOV Lane from Hacienda Drive to Greenville Road to a double-lane express-lane facility and the westbound HOV lane (under construction) to a single express-lane facility. The project will help provide connectivity and alleviate congestion in the I-580 corridor; which provides a gateway to the employment and goods movement centers of the San Francisco Bay Area from California's Central Valley.

**Total Project Cost:** \$55.0 million

Caltrans and Alameda CTC held a public meeting in Dublin in May 2013 about the project, which is anticipated to receive environmental approval in late summer 2013. The project is well positioned to compete for federal 2013 TIGER V grant program funds.

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Alameda CTC advertises requests for proposals and selects consulting teams.

In June, the Alameda CTC announced a call for projects for the Sustainable Communities Technical Assistance Program that will provide significant planning and technical support for Priority Development Area (PDA) implementation, complete streets policy implementation and bicycle and pedestrian projects. The program is funded by One Bay Area Grant PDA Planning and Implementation funds as well as local Measure B funds.



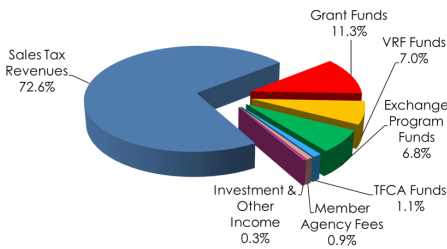
## Finance Updates

### Sales tax revenue projection exceeds historical peak levels

In May, an increased fiscal year 2012-2013 (FY12-13) sales tax revenue projection of \$119 million was brought to the Commission for approval, which exceeds historical peak levels of \$116.3 million experienced in FY07-08 and reflects the economic recovery.

Also in May, the finance department presented a draft, balanced and sustainable budget to the Commission for FY13-14.

#### Alameda CTC FY13-14 Revenues



This budget allocates available resources and provides funding for:

- Critical planning activities to assess transportation needs and priorities.
- Programming activities for various funds under Alameda CTC's purview.

## Programming Updates

### Final Coordinated Funding Program

In June 2013, Alameda CTC presents its final fiscal year 2012-2013 (FY12-13) **Coordinated Funding Program** to the Commission for approval. Alameda CTC released the call for projects in February 2013, and prospective sponsors submitted applications for transportation projects throughout Alameda County to compete for approximately \$65.2 million in available funds from the federal One Bay Area Grant Program, Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) funding sources. Alameda CTC reviewed the 69 project applications requesting \$121.1 million through a comprehensive evaluation process.

Based on the number of quality applications received, Alameda CTC revisited the local grant programming capacity and, as a result, recommends a \$70.6 million funding program. The final Coordinated Funding Program is

- Project management and delivery of the \$2.5 billion capital program.

#### 8 new contract solicitations

Alameda CTC received proposals in May 2013 for Federal Legislative Advocacy Services and Operations Services of the Safe Routes to Schools Program, and received construction bids for the East Bay Greenway Project. Contract awards are expected by late spring/summer 2013.

Alameda CTC anticipates issuing eight additional solicitations in the coming months for: Policy, Legislation, Communications and Administrative Support Services; East Bay Greenway Project Maintenance Services; Countywide Community Based Transportation Plans Update; Development of the Countywide Goods Movement Plan; Development of the Countywide Transit Plan; Development of the Countywide Multimodal Arterial Corridor Plan; On-Call Travel Demand Modeling Services and Express Lanes Education and marketing. For more information about these opportunities, visit the [Contracting Opportunities web page](#).

depicted by project category in the table.

Final FY12-13 Coordinated Funding Program		
Category	Projects	Amount Awarded (in millions)
Local Streets and Roads	15	\$15.2
Priority Development Area Supportive Investments	10	\$38.7
Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects	9	\$4.5
Transit Projects	7	\$12.2
<b>Total Amount Awarded</b>		<b>\$70.6</b>

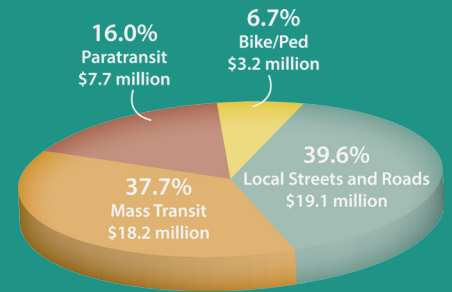
These investments are consistent with the program's goals of decreasing automobile usage and carbon emissions and maintaining existing infrastructure. Projects selected for funding will also facilitate bicycle and pedestrian travel and safety, support access to the county's transit system and help link housing and jobs to multimodal transportation.

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## Transportation Investments

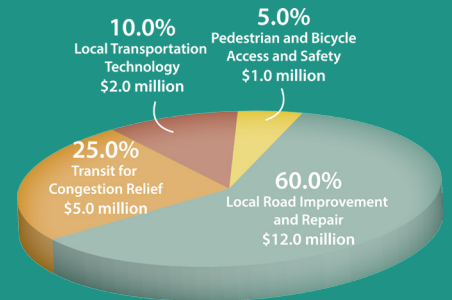
### Measure B Program Distributions Since 2000

Alameda CTC distributed more than \$48.2 million by the close of the third quarter of fiscal year 2012-2013, and has distributed over \$704.1 million in Measure B pass-through funds since 2000.



### Vehicle Registration Fee Distributions Since 2012

Alameda CTC has distributed over \$20.0 million in VRF pass-through funds through March 31, 2013.



### Total Measure B-funded Contracts\*

Alameda CTC has funded more than \$828.4 million in contracts for Alameda County businesses since 2000.

\* Total contract amount includes additional fund sources.

## Outreach and Events

### Upcoming Annual Mobility Workshop on July 1, 2013



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

- June 5 – City Center Summer Sounds Concert Series in Oakland
- June 7 – Four Seasons of Health Expo at Fremont's Multi-Service Senior Center
- June 13 – I-580 Westbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane and Corridor Improvements Groundbreaking Ceremony in Livermore; U.C. Berkeley's 28th Annual Staff Appreciation Day – Summerfest '13
- June 18 – Castro Valley Rotary, a Measure B update presentation
- June 19 – Association of Pedestrians and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) Webinar at Alameda CTC: Mining National Data for Information on Walking and Bicycling
- June 20 – Senior Days at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton; Downtown Hayward Street Parties
- June 26 – Transportation Fair in Pleasanton sponsored by Safeway, Inc. and the City of Pleasanton
- June 27 – Senior Days at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton
- July 1 – Alameda CTC's Annual Mobility Workshop at Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley
- 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 20 – Pedalfest at Jack London Square in Oakland

During the month of June, the BikeMobile, a part of Alameda CTC's Safe Routes to Schools program, provided opportunities for children in 11 elementary schools throughout Alameda County to learn about bike mechanics and safety, and to participate in a Fix-a-thon to repair their bicycles.

## Committee Activities

### Highlights of May advisory committees

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

- June 4 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee](#) approved the FY12-13 Coordinated Funding Program, the draft FY13-14 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program and the Countywide Goods Movement Plan and Collaboration Strategy Work Scope.
- June 6 – The [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee \(BPAC\)](#) reviewed the FY12-13 Coordinated Funding Program, provided input on the draft Capital Improvement Program/Programs Improvement Plan Screening and Prioritization Criteria, and elected officers and reviewed the bylaws and calendar for FY13-14.
- June 10 – The [Citizens Watchdog Committee](#) elected officers and reviewed the bylaws and calendar for FY13-14. In addition, the committee approved the draft CWC Annual Report and established a CWC Audit Subcommittee.
- June 11 – The [Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee](#) received an update on the FY13-14 Program Plan, the Gap Cycle 5 Program and the Hospital Discharge Transportation Service/Wheelchair and Scooter Breakdown Service, and exchanged technical information.

- June 24 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\)](#) elected officers for FY13-14, reviewed the PAPCO bylaws and received an update on the July 1, 2013 Annual Mobility Workshop.

### I-580 Westbound Express Lane Groundbreaking Ceremony



On June 13, 2013, the Alameda CTC and Caltrans celebrated the start of construction of the [I-580 Westbound Express Lane](#) and the [I-580 Eastbound Auxiliary Lane](#) projects and overall corridor improvements. These projects are slated to increase capacity, safety and efficiency for commuters and freight movement along a primary trade corridor connecting the Bay Area with the Central Valley. Construction completion is expected late 2014.

### Programming Updates cont'd from page 3

#### Measure B and VRF Program FY11-12 Compliance Reports

Measure B and VRF recipients are required to submit an annual report on Measure B/VRF expenditures as part of program compliance and reporting requirements. This process confirms voter-approved transportation dollars are being used to support local transportation, bicycle and pedestrian, paratransit and mass transit improvements within Alameda County. Alameda CTC reviewed the recipients' reported FY11-12 Measure B/VRF revenues and expenditures and found all jurisdictions in compliance with the program. The [Measure B and VRF FY11-12 Compliance Reports](#) the jurisdictions submitted are available on Alameda CTC's website.

## Other News

### Endorsement of I-580 Express Lane Project for TIGER V grant

In May 2013, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission endorsed five regional projects through the \$474 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) V grant program, including one Alameda CTC project. In the "economic competitiveness" category, MTC recommended \$27 million in funding for the [I-580 Express Lane Project](#). Several elected officials have also endorsed this project that will provide users with safe and reliable trip times and offer an alternative way to generate revenue for future transportation and transit improvements (see "Project Updates").