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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Director's Message

**ALAMEDA CTC SUPPORTS** planning and funding for clean transportation and sustainable communities and submitted comments on the [Assembly Bill 32 Scoping Plan](#) update to encourage funding now for transportation investments and to administer funds regionally to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as required by the state law. Read more in "Policy News."

Many of the proposed investments in the adopted 2014 [Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plan](#) (Plan) will also reduce GHG emissions and improve air quality, including significant investments in BART, bus and commuter rail, bike and pedestrian facilities, and new technology. Alameda CTC has already received unanimous approval of the Plan by 12 of the 14 cities in Alameda County. Visit the [2014 Plan web page](#) for more information.

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## Transportation Planning Updates

### Detailed Goods Movement, Transit and Multimodal Arterial Plans

In coordination with local jurisdictions, transit operators, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Port of Oakland and other stakeholders, Alameda CTC is taking an in-depth look at goods movement, transit and multimodal arterial roadway corridors to understand current and future needs and to prioritize projects and programs for future implementation.

Together with the existing Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans and the Community Based Transportation Plans, being updated starting later this year, all of Alameda CTC's planning efforts will guide future funding decisions and inform the next update of the Countywide Transportation Plan starting in 2015 and will feed into the next Regional Transportation Plan.

The Goods Movement Plan, which kicked-off at the end of 2013, recognizes the important role of goods movement activities and infrastructure in Alameda County, including economic and consumer impacts and opportunities. It will:

- Identify projects and programs to improve goods movement via rail and roadways and through the Port of Oakland, and foster job diversity and economic opportunities.
- Encourage innovation through advanced operations and design concepts and green technology.

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## Policy News

### Assembly Bill 32 Scoping Plan Update

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) is in the process of updating the [Assembly Bill 32 Scoping Plan](#) (Plan Update) that describes the approach California will take to meet the goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. ARB released its draft first update in February and the environmental analysis in March, and public comments were due to the agency by April 28, 2014.

Alameda CTC submitted comments that address the transportation sector's significant contributions to GHG emissions and provide an approach to address reducing GHG, including:

- Raise the significant funding needed now to implement transportation investments that reduce GHG emissions.
- Direct significant cap-and-trade revenues to transportation investments and administer these funds at the regional level.
- Support successful planning and investment strategies delivered by the regions and local agencies.

The Plan Update will greatly influence transportation, goods movement, fuels and infrastructure in California and addresses energy efficiency, waste, water and agriculture, and natural resources. Investment in the transportation sector is a key strategy to meet the state's ambitious GHG reduction goals.



**Director's Message cont'd**

Three new multimodal plans — Goods Movement, Transit and Multimodal Arterial — are also in the works to guide future funding decisions and inform the next update of the Countywide Transportation Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan (see "Transportation Planning Updates").

Some of our previous planning has already paid off, and usage of the [I-680 Express Lane](#) has increased steadily since its inception. As traffic congestion increases, express lanes are vital to improve travel time reliability and decrease traffic. Alameda CTC is poised to launch the new [I-580 Express Lanes](#) (read more in "Project Updates").

[Measure B Express Bus Grants](#) are also providing traffic relief in the Tri-Valley. Read more in "Programming Updates," as well as find out about the recent [Transportation Fund for Clean Air call for projects](#) that will fund approximately \$3 million for projects that result in a reduction of motor vehicle emissions.

The finance team has developed a sustainable Alameda CTC draft budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 (FY2014-15), and has worked with all teams to develop an Overall Work Program that ties into the budget to guide Alameda CTC in its endeavors throughout FY2014-15. Learn more about this as well as about upcoming [contracting opportunities](#) in "Finance Updates."

May is [National Bike Month](#), and thousands of people throughout Alameda County participated in Bike to Work Day and Bike to School Day. Next month, I'll report back on our [Team Bike Challenge](#). In the meantime, I hope you will join us at the upcoming activities and events listed on page 4.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR L. DAO  
Executive Director, Alameda CTC

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- Address community and environmental impacts related to goods movement operations.

The Countywide Transit Plan, which will be fully underway in late spring/early summer, will seek to identify near- and long-term transit needs. It will:

- Develop a 25-year vision for Alameda County's transit network with near- and long-term strategies to implement that vision.
- Address all modes of transit (bus, BART, commuter and intercity rail, ferries and shuttles).
- Include transit connections into and out of Alameda County.

The Multimodal Arterial Plan, also expected to be in late spring/early summer, will:

- Understand the existing role/function of countywide major arterial corridors by mode.

- Identify a countywide arterial network that supports all modes and connects to surrounding land uses.
- Create a framework for an integrated approach to countywide arterial management.
- Identify projects and programs to improve overall mobility and access, connect different transportation modes using arterial corridors and improve the arterial roadway network's safety and efficiency.

**Project Updates****Express lane use increases as economy recovers**

In 2010, the southbound [I-680 Express Lane](#) launched a new era of congestion relief for solo drivers in Northern California, giving them the choice to pay a toll for access into the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane, when there is excess capacity. Carpool lane users continue to enjoy the convenience of sharing rides at no cost.



**I-680 Express Lane**

The benefits of the express lanes, such as travel time reliability and maximization of corridor efficiency, are even more vital as the economy recovers and traffic congestion

increases. Usage of the toll lane has increased steadily since its inception — by nearly 58 percent in the number of monthly toll-paying users from 2010 to 2013. See the I-680 Annual Report.

**New Alameda County express lanes**

Express lanes are still a new concept across the nation. Only two express lanes currently operate in the Bay Area region, on I-680 in Alameda and Contra Costa counties and on Route 237 in Santa Clara County.

Alameda CTC is poised to launch the new [I-580 Express Lanes](#), which will be the third set in operation and the first to incorporate continuous access. The project will convert approximately 25 miles of HOV lanes, currently under construction, to express lanes in both directions along I-580.

Project highlights:

- March 2014 — Caltrans provided final environmental clearance.

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## Finance Updates

### Sustainable draft FY2014-15 budget

Throughout April, the finance team worked to develop a sustainable Alameda CTC draft budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 (FY2014-15). In conjunction with this budget, finance worked with all teams to develop an Overall Work Program that ties into the budget to guide Alameda CTC in its endeavors throughout FY2014-15. Both documents focus on Alameda CTC's mission and core functions and will enable staff to plan, fund and deliver transportation programs and projects in Alameda County.

Finance has also developed the financial and investment reports for the third quarter of FY2013-14. All documents, including the draft budget, the Overall Work Program for FY2014-15 and the financial and investment reports for the third quarter of FY2013-14, went to the Finance and Administration Committee in early May and will go to the Commission for approval in late May.

## Programming Updates

### Measure B Express Bus Grants provide congestion relief in the Tri-Valley

Alameda County's transit agencies use Measure B half-cent sales tax revenues to preserve and expand public transit services that promote multimodal transportation and congestion relief. While these local agencies directly receive Measure B funds every month to operate their services, a portion of net sales tax revenues is reserved for the [Measure B Express Bus Grant Program](#).



Last year, the Livermore Amador Valley Transportation Authority (LAVTA) received \$2.0 million in grant funds to enhance LAVTA's Route 10 and Rapid Route operations and the 12v, 20x and 70x express bus services. Over

### Contracting Opportunities

Alameda CTC received and reviewed proposals for the Hospital Discharge Transportation and Wheelchair and Scooter Breakdown Transportation Services and for the Countywide Multimodal Arterial Corridor Plan Project. Alameda CTC awarded contracts to the top-ranked firms for each project for work to begin in May 2014. As part of the Sustainable Communities Technical Assistance Program, Alameda CTC is issuing solicitations in April through June for Bikeway Network 2.0, Clement Avenue Complete Street Corridor, Central County Complete Streets Implementation, Citywide Parking Study and Plan, Comprehensive Downtown Circulation Plan, Hayward Downtown Specific Plan, Integrated Transit/ Park and Ride Study, Iron Horse Connectivity to BART Feasibility Study and San Leandro Downtown Parking Management Plan.

For more information, visit the [Contracting Opportunities web page](#).

the two-year grant period (FY2013-14 and FY2014-15), LAVTA anticipates transporting approximately 2 million passengers to destinations and transit hubs throughout the Tri-Valley Area. Through Measure B funding, Tri-Valley transit passengers are contributing to fewer vehicles on the roadways and providing considerable congestion relief on the I-580 Corridor and local roadways.

### FY2014-15 TFCA Call for Projects

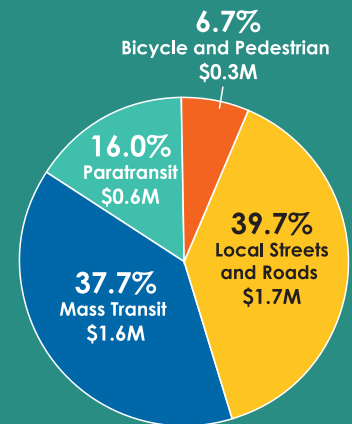
Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) is a local fund source of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District intended for projects that result in a reduction of motor vehicle emissions. As the TFCA program manager for Alameda County, Alameda CTC is responsible for annually programming 40 percent of the \$4 vehicle registration fee collected in Alameda County for this program.

Projects typically funded with TFCA include shuttle operations, traffic management systems, bicycle and pedestrian projects and alternative-  
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## Transportation Investments

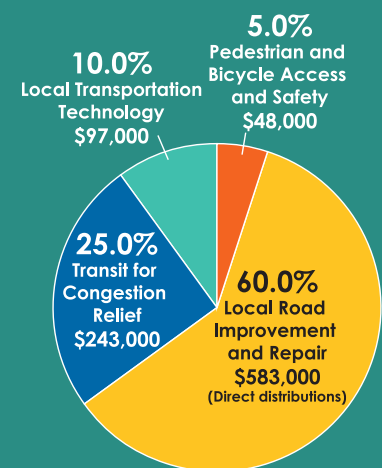
### Measure B Program Distributions Since 2002

Alameda CTC has provided more than \$679.0 million in Measure B local program distributions since 2002. In February 2014, Alameda CTC disbursed \$4.2 million for the following four programs.



### Vehicle Registration Fee Distributions Since 2011

Alameda CTC has dispersed more than \$18.5 million in VRF Local Road Repair funds since 2011. In February 2014, Alameda CTC collected \$971,000 for the following four programs.



### Total Measure B-funded Contracts\*

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

\* Total contract amount includes additional fund sources.

## Outreach and Events

**May is Bike Month!** In May and June, Alameda CTC is participating in the following outreach events:

- City Council meetings:  
May 5 – City of Albany  
May 20 – City of Pleasanton
- Farmers' Markets:  
May 31 – In Berkeley on Center St.  
June 1 – In Fremont on Bay St.  
June 3 – In S. Berkeley on Adeline  
June 4 – In Albany on Solano at San Pablo Ave.  
June 12 – In N. Berkeley on Shattuck St.
- May 1 – Senior Health and Wellness Resource Fair at Kenneth C. Aitken Senior Center in Castro Valley
- May 3 – Cinco de Mayo con Orgullo at the REACH Ashland Youth Center; 23rd Annual Livermore Wine Country Festival
- May 6 – Newark Rotary Club
- May 8 – Bike to Work Day sponsored by Bike East Bay at Frank Ogawa Plaza in Oakland and City of Dublin BART station
- May 9 – Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group in Pleasanton
- May 14 – Economic Development Forum sponsored by the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
- May 17 – National Kids to the Park Day with the BikeMobile in Emeryville
- May 21 – Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) APBP Webinar at Alameda CTC: Best Planning and Engineering Practices for School Zones
- May 22 – Annual Joint Chamber 2014 Business Expo in Berkeley, sponsored by the cities of Albany, Berkeley and Emeryville
- May 28 – Tri-Valley City Council Meeting in San Ramon
- May 31 – 2014 Valor Games at Coast Guard Island in Alameda
- June 4 – City Center Summer Sounds Concert Series in Oakland
- June 6 – Four Seasons of Health Expo at Fremont's Multi-Service Senior Center
- June 12 – FUN Sunset Rotary Club in Union City
- June 18 – APBP Webinar at Alameda CTC: Calming Arterial Streets for Safer Walking and Cycling
- June 21 – Tropics Senior Resource Fair in Union City
- June 18 & 26 – Senior Days at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton

## Project Updates cont'd from page 2

- April 2014 – Alameda CTC began integrated public education and outreach to prepare motorists for the changes coming to I-580.
- Fall 2015 – I-580 Express Lanes will open.

Alameda CTC is coordinating this effort with regional partners to promote safe and proper use of the lanes, manage enforcement and provide a model for future projects in the planned regional Express Lane Network that includes Alameda CTC's existing I-680 Express Lane.

For more information about the [Alameda County express lanes](#) and [how they work](#), visit our [projects web page](#).

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fuel infrastructure. Approximately \$3.3 million is available for FY2014-15. Alameda CTC released a [call for projects](#) in April, and applications were due in mid-May. A funding recommendation is scheduled for July 2014.

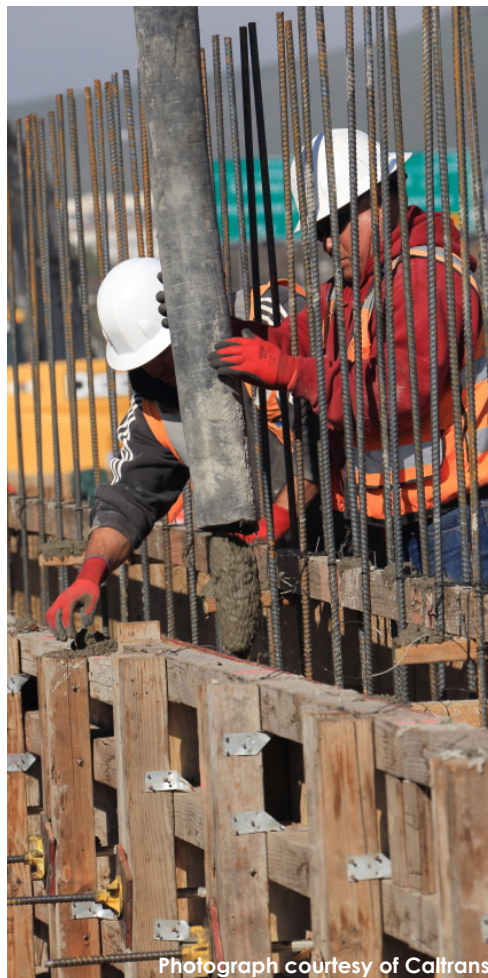


Watch for "I Bike" ads throughout the county sponsored by Alameda CTC and partners at AC Transit, Bike East Bay, MTC and 511, with support from Kaiser Permanente and Clear Channel.

## Committee Activities

May community and technical advisory committee highlights include:

- May 8 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee](#) received a number of updates, including updates on the [2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan](#), the Legislative Program, 2014 Level of Service Monitoring Results, Senate Bill 743 and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Freeway Performance Initiative.
- May 13 – The [Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee](#) received a report on the Measure B Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Program Plans and funding, received a presentation from community-based transportation provider, On Lok Lifeways, and exchanged technical information.
- May 19 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\)](#) reviewed and approved the PAPCO Bylaws, as well as received a Paratransit Gap Grant Cycle 5 Program report on the Pleasanton Downtown Route and received an update on the Annual Mobility Workshop.



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