

MAY 2015

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Director's Message

### COLLECTION OF THE NEW HALF-CENT TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX MEASURE

began in April 2015 for the \$8 billion funded through Measure BB over 30 years. Staff has been diligently working on establishing procedures for acquiring the detailed project and program information necessary to effectively deliver the voter promise of Measure BB.

In the near term, Alameda CTC's Comprehensive Investment Plan, which integrates the planning and programming processes for transportation investments in Alameda County, provides a two-year allocation plan that specifies how Alameda CTC will fund active projects (see "Programming Updates"). The [Measure BB At-a-Glance fact sheet](#) provides a summary of projected two-year investments including \$47 million in capital projects and \$137 million in direct local distributions to cities, jurisdictions and transit

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## Transportation Planning Updates 2014 Performance Report



Each year, Alameda CTC summarizes how the transportation system functions in Alameda County through the Performance Report. The [2014 Performance Report](#) captures trends in overall travel patterns, roadways, transit, biking, walking and livable communities. This report is legislatively mandated by the [Congestion Management Program](#) statute. Some notable trends in the 2014 Performance Report are:

- Alameda County residents' commutes have become more multimodal and more regional with increasing travel times over the last decade.
- Robust economic growth has increased traffic volumes and congestion, particularly on key freeways and bridges leading into Alameda County.
- Transit ridership is at its highest level in more than five years; 14 percent of Alameda County residents commuted by transit in 2013. However, bus transit

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## Policy News

### Student Transit Pass Program update

Interested stakeholders from schools, transportation agencies and business, community and government organizations met in January and March 2015 to provide input on development of the Student Transit Pass Program (STPP). The [2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan](#) funded by Measure BB provides \$15 million for the STPP pilot program and includes an Innovative Grant Program for innovative and emerging transit projects that could fund successful models of STPP.

In early May 2015, Alameda CTC released a request for proposals for [project development and delivery services for the affordable STPP](#). Proposals are due June 10, 2015. The selected team will provide professional and technical services supporting the development and implementation of different models of an affordable STPP that delivers transit passes to students.

The objectives of the program are to reduce barriers to transportation access, improve transportation options, improve student transit ridership and leverage other related programs such as Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program and the Alameda County Travel Training Program.

On May 27, 2015 at 3 p.m., Alameda CTC will hold another STPP workshop for those



interested in helping develop the program.

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agencies for locally prioritized projects and programs. We're also releasing a Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) call for projects on June 1, 2015 that will help us develop our 2016 CTP, and the projects and programs selected will be considered for future CIPs. Visit our [CTP web page](#) for more information.

Before considering new projects and programs, an understanding of current transportation needs is necessary. To get a pulse on how the transportation system in Alameda County functions, the [2014 Performance Report](#) captures trends such as commute patterns, roadway conditions, transit ridership and use of alternative transportation modes such as walking and bicycling. Read more in "Transportation Planning Updates."

One program funded by Measure BB that will improve transit ridership is the Affordable Student Transit Pass Program (STPP). Alameda CTC has been meeting with representatives from schools, transportation agencies and business, community and government organizations to get input on the program, which will provide transit passes to students, and we released a request for proposals for STPP project development and delivery services in May 2015 (see "Policy News").

Find out more about the STPP contracting opportunity and upcoming [contracting opportunities](#) in "Finance Updates." The finance team has also been developing a balanced and sustainable budget and an Overall Work Program that will guide the agency's efforts for fiscal year 2015-2016.

As National Bike Month comes to a close, other events that may be of interest to you are listed on page 4.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR L. DAO  
Executive Director  
Alameda County Transportation Commission

## Project Updates

### Route 84 Expressway South Segment Project advertised

The Route 84 Expressway South Segment Project, in the city of Livermore, involves widening a 2.4-mile section of State Route 84 (Isabel Avenue) from Ruby Hill Drive to Concannon Boulevard from two to four lanes. This project is the second of two segments built to widen Isabel Avenue to expressway standards. Construction of the preceding 1.6-mile north segment widening project from Concannon Boulevard to Jack London Avenue was complete in June 2014, and the new lanes opened last summer.

This spring, the California Transportation Commission approved the allocation of \$47.03 million in State Transportation Improvement Program funds for the construction phase of the south segment project. The California Department of Transportation advertised the contract on May 4, 2015 and is responsible for the contract award and administration.

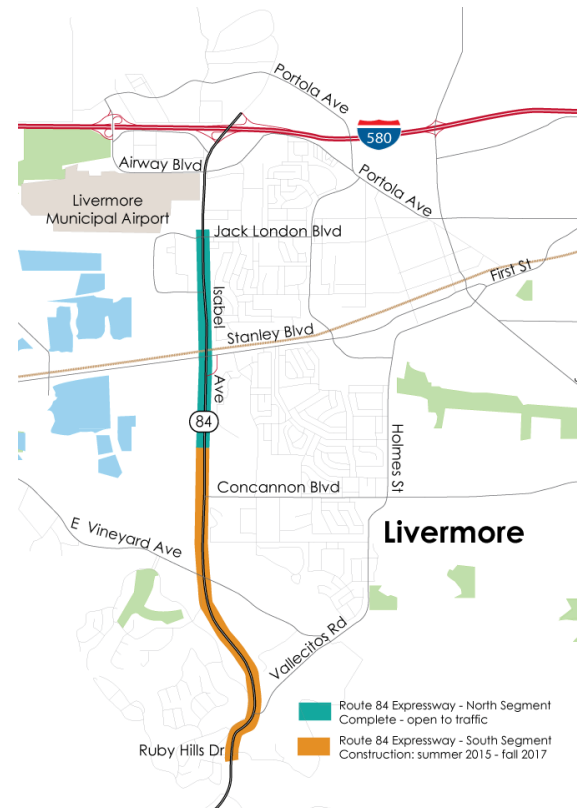


Construction activities are scheduled to begin summer 2015 and continue through the fall of 2017.

### Measure BB provides sustained investments for the State Route 84 Corridor

Once the suite of improvements that will expand access, manage congestion and minimize arterial traffic on the SR 84 Corridor is complete, construction of one segment on SR 84 will remain — a gap-closure widening project from Pigeon Pass to I-680 currently progressing toward environmental approval. In March 2015, the Alameda CTC Commission allocated Measure BB funding to advance the project development and to evaluate potential future improvements at the I-680/SR 84 interchange.

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



## Finance Updates

### FY2015-16 proposed budget

During April 2015, the finance team finalized a balanced and sustainable FY2015-16 Proposed Budget that will go to the Commission for approval in May. The finance team also worked to develop the Overall Work Program (OWP), based on the FY2015-16 Proposed Budget, which will guide the agency's efforts for FY2015-16. The OWP takes into account the requirements of Measure BB and will go to the Commission for approval in June along with the final FY2015-16 Budget.

The finance team also continues work on a new, more robust financial database that can handle Alameda CTC's growing demands and provide more streamlined processing and efficiency.

### Contracting opportunities

Also in April, Alameda CTC awarded contracts to the top-ranked firms for the development of the 2016 Countywide Transportation Plan and

the Tri-Valley Integrated Transit/Park-and-Ride Study.

Recent and upcoming contracting opportunities through Alameda CTC include the planning and project approval/environmental document phase for the East Bay Greenway; maintenance services for the East Bay Greenway – 75th Avenue to 85th Avenue in Oakland; project approval/environmental document phase for the I-80 Gilman Project; preliminary design and plans, specifications and estimates phase for the I-680 Northbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/Express Lane Project; project approval/environmental document phase for the I-680 Northbound HOV/Express Lane Project; overall monitoring services for elements of the Congestion Management Program; and development of the Alameda County Student Transit Pass Program. For more information, visit the [Contracting Opportunities web page](#).

## Programming Updates

### Comprehensive Investment Plan update

Alameda CTC is developing its first Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) process, which integrates existing planning and programming processes for transportation investments in Alameda County and provides the basis for the programming and allocations of funding within Alameda CTC's purview. Collection of the Measure BB countywide sales tax began on April 1, 2015, and the initial CIP will go to the Commission for approval in June 2015.

Projects in the CIP are consistent with those in the current Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP). The next call for projects and programs for the 2016 CTP begins June 1, 2015. Alameda CTC will host a workshop in early June, and applications are due July 31, 2015. The projects and programs selected for the 2016 CTP will be considered for inclusion in future CIPs. Visit [www.alamedactc.org/CountywideTransportationPlan](http://www.alamedactc.org/CountywideTransportationPlan) for more information.

### VRF funds Berkeley BART Plaza and transit area improvements

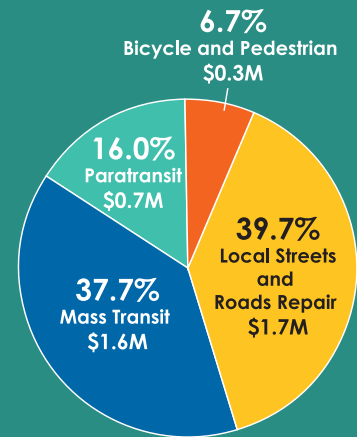


In 2013, Alameda CTC awarded BART, in conjunction with the City of Berkeley, \$3.7 million in Vehicle Registration Fee transit grant funds to implement improvements to the Downtown Berkeley BART station. The project will redevelop the public space surrounding the station, improve pedestrian safety, support commerce, replace sidewalk and landscaping, and integrate sustainability practices. The project is currently finalizing design plans. Construction is expected to begin late summer 2015.

## Transportation Investments

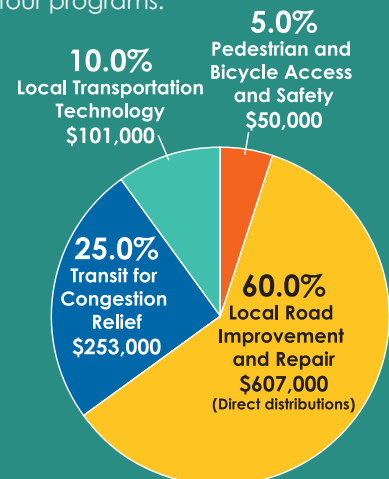
### Measure B Program Distributions Since 2002

Alameda CTC has provided more than \$679.0 million in Measure B local program distributions since 2002. In February 2015, Alameda CTC disbursed over \$4.3 million for the following four programs.



### Vehicle Registration Fee Distributions Since 2011

Alameda CTC has dispersed nearly \$43.0 million in VRF Local Road Repair funds since 2011. In February 2015, Alameda CTC collected over \$1 million 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

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

- BikeMobile events:
  - May 1 – East Avenue Middle School (Livermore)
  - May 2 – Jefferson Elementary School (Berkeley)
  - May 6 – Southgate Elementary School (Hayward)
  - May 7 – Searles Elementary School (Union City); Hart Middle School (Pleasanton)
  - May 8 – Irvington High School (Fremont)
  - May 9 – Malcolm X Elementary School (Berkeley)
  - May 11 – Kolb Elementary (Dublin)
  - May 12 – Foothill High School (Pleasanton)
  - May 13 – Mohr Elementary School (Pleasanton)
  - May 15 – Kitayama Elementary School (Union City)
  - May 16 – Bret Hart Middle School (Oakland)
  - May 16 – Anna Yates Elementary School (Emeryville)
  - May 17 – Tennyson High School – Festival de Immigrante (Hayward)
  - May 18 – Castro Valley High School (Castro Valley)
  - May 20 – Corvallis Elementary School (San Leandro)
  - May 22 – Fallon Middle School (Dublin)
  - May 27 – Tyrrell School (Hayward); San Lorenzo High School
  - May 30 – Bike to Read at the Oakland Public Library – Main Branch
  - June 3 – Burbank Elementary School (Hayward)
  - June 5 – Forest Park Elementary School (Fremont)
  - June 6 – Edison Elementary School (Alameda)
  - June 9 – Eastin Elementary School (Union City)
  - June 13 – Bikes, Bubbles and Books Summer Reading Kick-Off Party at the Oakland Public Library West Branch
  - June 15 – Wexford Apartments (Dublin)
  - June 22 – Berkeley Public Library, South Branch
- May 2 – 10th Annual Cinco de Mayo at the Ashland Community Center in San Leandro; Bike Month at Delucchi Park (Pleasanton Farmers' Market); 24th Annual Livermore Wine County Festival
- May 6 – Older Americans Month Celebration at Oakland City Hall; Oakland Unified School District; 1st Wednesdays Street Party in Pleasanton
- May 7 – Senior Health and Wellness Resource Fair in Castro Valley
- May 9 – Bike Month at Delucchi Park (Pleasanton Farmers' Market)
- May 14 – Bike to Work Day at Oakland's Frank Ogawa Plaza and Dublin's East BART Station; East Bay Economic Development Alliance meeting in Oakland; WTS 2015 Annual Event in Oakland
- May 20 – Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) Webinar at Alameda CTC: Law Enforcement Strategies to Improve Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety
- May 21 – California Transportation Foundations' 26th Annual Transportation Awards
- May 27 – American Council of Engineering Companies' Bay Bridge Chapter in Oakland
- June 5 – Four Seasons of Health Expo at the Fremont Senior Multi-Service Center
- June 6 – Mountain House Kite Festival in Mountain House
- June 11 – Senior Resource Fair in Albany
- June 17 – APBP Webinar at Alameda CTC: First Mile/Last Mile Connections to Transit
- June 18 – Dublin Farmers' Market in Dublin
- June 30 – Annual Joint Chamber 2015 Business Expo (Albany, Berkeley and Emeryville Chambers of Commerce) in Berkeley

## Committee Activities

### May advisory committees

May community and technical advisory committee highlights include the following:

- May 7 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) approved the 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program development schedule and principles. ACTAC members also received updates on the 2014 Performance Report and on existing land use data for the 2017 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy as well as information on the State Route Relinquishment Proposal by the California Department of Transportation.
- May 18 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\)](#) offered its recommendation regarding the outcomes of the Program Plan Review Subcommittee, which met in April to revisit the viability of the existing Paratransit Gap Grant projects. PAPCO members also discussed the strategy for the FY2015-16 Mobility Workshop and received a Paratransit Gap Grant report by the Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program.



Bike to Work Day at Frank Ogawa Plaza in front of City Hall in Oakland – May 14, 2015

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speeds have declined and require collaboration between cities and transit operators to address.

- The percentage of Alameda County residents commuting by bike has remained relatively consistent from 2012 to 2013, but has nearly doubled over the last decade.
- Walking to work has remained steady as the mode used by 3-4 percent of Alameda County workers; however, many additional walking trips are made for non-work purposes.
- Alameda County's housing production has not kept pace with population growth or met Regional Housing Needs Allocation targets. Some major development projects approved in fiscal year 2013-14 exhibit strong transit orientation, while others are not near high-frequency transit.

The full report with detailed performance measures is available on the [Alameda CTC reports web page](#).

## First Mile/Last Mile Connections to Transit

Join us for a free webinar on June

17 to address first and last mile

connections to transit. On the

third Wednesday of each month,

Alameda CTC hosts the Association of

Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals

(APBP) monthly webinar at 1111

Broadway, Suite 800 in Conference

Room D. This webinar is on

Wednesday, June 17 from 12 to

1 p.m. (PST).