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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Director's Message**

### ALAMEDA COUNTY IS ON THE MOVE!

With over \$4 billion delivered through construction and ongoing funding for operations and maintenance, Alameda CTC is expanding mobility throughout the county.

Alameda CTC has also been on the move. Our offices are now located at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800 in Oakland. The move is a significant milestone for the agency and is a cost-savings measure by bringing all staff onto one floor. In addition, our new location facilitates greater interteam communication and increases productivity. (Visit our website for more information.)

Simultaneous with the move, Alameda CTC is putting a new fiscal year 2013-2014 (FY13-14) Work Plan into effect. This integrated plan will facilitate coordination between all departments and provide greater

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# Transportation Planning Updates

Walking and biking increasing in Alameda County



This month, Alameda CTC published its third annual report analyzing data on the number of bicyclists and pedestrians counted throughout the county. Findings show increases since 2002 of 59 percent in pedestrians counted and 64 percent in bicyclists counted during the afternoon commute period.

Over the previous year (2011 to 2012), pedestrians counted in the same period increased by 7 percent, and bicyclists increased by 12 percent. The number of women biking has climbed in each of the past three years, from 26 percent in 2010 to 33 percent in 2012. More bicyclists are wearing helmets, too — 61 percent in 2012, up from 51 percent in 2010. The **full Counts Report** is available on the Alameda CTC website.

# Countywide Transit Plan and Community Based Transportation Plans

Developing a vision for the transit network in Alameda County through the development of a Countywide Transit Plan will enable Alameda CTC, local jurisdictions and transit

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## Policy News Goods Movement Collaborative

As part of the process in developing a Goods Movement Collaborative, in July 2013, the Goods Movement Leadership Team held its kick-off meeting with executive staff from the following partners: Alameda County Transportation Commission, Caltrans, East Bay EDA, Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Port of Oakland.

The Leadership Team is working to identify the technical team, focus group stakeholders and the Goods Movement Roundtable Meeting participants and structure. In addition, the Leadership team is finalizing a schedule for development and implementation of key milestones for the collaborative, which will address policy requirements and environmental and economic aspects regarding transporting freight within and across communities.

#### **Alameda CTC Work Plan**

Alameda CTC staff has collaborated to develop an integrated FY13-14 Alameda CTC Work Plan that supports seamless coordination between the departments of planning and policy (including legislation and communications), programming and projects, and finance and procurement.

The Work Plan will create greater efficiencies in planning, strategizing, scheduling and budgeting for transportation project and program delivery activities in Alameda County throughout the year.

Visit our webite to access the **workplan implementation schedule**.

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efficiencies in planning, budgeting and overseeing transportation program and project activities (see "Policy News").

One such activity includes securing \$421.2 million in funding from the California Transportation Commission for oversight and delivery of seven Proposition 1B I-Bond Program projects that will improve performance in highly congested corridors (see "Project Updates").

Mobility continues to improve in Alameda County. Alameda CTC recently published the 2013 Pedestrian and Bicycle Manual Counts Report, which shows that since 2002, the number of pedestrians and bicyclists counted has increased by 59 percent and 64 percent respectively (read more in "Transportation Planning Updates"). Alameda CTC has played an important role in encouraging these alternative modes of transportation by funding bicycle and pedestrian programs and projects.

The finance department has developed its first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to submit to the Government Finance Officers' Association with the hopes of receiving an award for excellence in financial reporting. Find out more about this and six more contracting opportunities in "Finance Updates."

Alameda CTC's annual compliance workshop for Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee fund recipients was well-attended on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 (see "Programming Updates").

Also, our 10th Annual Mobility Workshop is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2013 at the Ed Roberts Campus. Please join us there or at any of the other events that Alameda CTC hosts or attends (see page 4 for a listing).

Sincerely,

ARTHUR L. DAO Executive Director, Alameda CTC

### **Project Updates**

## Successful delivery of Proposition 1B I-Bond Program

In 2006, in response to substantial demand for funding to improve the Bay Area's highway system and aging infrastructure, Alameda CTC aggressively pursued additional funding from the Proposition 1B Program for vital highway projects throughout Alameda County. In collaboration with the agency's Infrastructure Bond (I-Bond) Working Group and other regional agencies, Alameda CTC proposed projects through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for Proposition 1B I-Bond funding to improve performance in highly congested corridors.

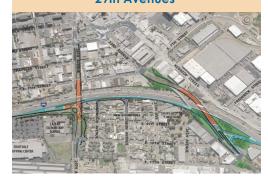
MTC's final \$1.9 billion funding recommendation to the CTC for Northern California included 10 Alameda County projects and requested I-Bond funds from the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA), the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program, the Traffic Light Synchronization Program (TLSP) and the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program. The CTC selected seven of the 10 Alameda County projects.

## I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvements

In August 2013, Alameda CTC achieved a significant funding milestone by securing the CTC's approval of \$73.4 million in TCIF I-Bond funding for the I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvements at 23rd and 29th Avenues Project.

With this last project, Alameda CTC has successfully secured a total of \$421.2 million in Proposition 1B Bond funding toward the delivery of an \$801.2 million construction program. This is a major advancement of our mission to plan, fund and deliver projects that improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County.

### I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvements at 23rd and 29th Avenues



Proposition 1B Bond Program (\$ x million)			
Highway Project	Total Project Cost	Bond Funds	Bond Type
I-580 Eastbound HOV Lane (Segments 1, 2, 3 – AUX Lanes)	\$137.2	\$ 55.2	СМІА
I-580 Westbound HOV Lane (East, West Segments)	\$143.9	\$ 82.4	СМІА
Isabel Avenue, I-580/ Route 84 Interchange	\$111.7	\$ 45.3	CMIA
I-880 Southbound HOV Lane (North, South Segments)	\$106.5	\$ 82.6	CMIA
I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility (Sub-projects 1-6)	\$ 80.0	\$ 66.2	CMIA, TLSP
Route 84 Expressway (North, South Segments)	\$122.0	\$ 16.1	CMIA
I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvements at 23 <sup>rd</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> Avenues	\$ 99.9	\$ 73.4	TCIF
TOTAL:	\$801.2	\$421.2*	

<sup>\*</sup> CMIA: \$329.1M, TLSP: \$ 18.7M, TCIF: \$ 73.433M

### **Finance Updates**

## Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Over the last couple of months, the finance group has been working to close the accounting books for fiscal year 2012-2013 (FY12-13) and prepare for and engage in the financial audit process. The audited financial statements for FY12-13 will be reported as part of a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that the Alameda CTC plans to prepare for the first time and submit to the Government Finance Officers' Association with the hopes of receiving an award for excellence in financial reporting.

Additional FY12-13 reporting activities: Alameda CTC prepared an unaudited consolidated investment report as of June 30, 2013, which provides balance and average return on investment information for all cash and investments as of June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012 on a comparative basis. This will go before the Commission for approval in September.

# Programming Updates Annual Compliance Workshop

Each year, Alameda CTC requires Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) recipients to submit an audited financial statement and compliance report on fund expenditures. These compliance reports describe the recipients' annual Measure B/VRF expenditures and future anticipated uses of these transportation dollars that support local transportation, bicycle and pedestrian, paratransit and mass transit improvements within the county.

On Tuesday, September 17, 2013, Alameda CTC held a well-attended Annual Compliance Workshop to give participants the opportunity to discuss compliance policies and specific reporting requirements. The audit and compliance reports are due December 27 and December 31, respectively. Additional compliance related information is available on the <u>website</u>.

## Expanding jobs through local contracting

In July, Alameda CTC released contracting opportunities for two requests for proposals (RFPs) and one request for qualifications (RFQ). Contract awards are pending for the Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets Implementation Plan Project, Countywide Collaborative and Goods Movement Plan and bond counsel and disclosure counsel services. Alameda CTC also let out an RFQ for bond underwriting services in August. The statement of qualifications submission deadline was September 12, 2013.

In the fall, Alameda CTC anticipates issuing six additional RFPs/RFQs for various services related to planning, projects and programs activities. For more information, visit the **Contracting Opportunities web page**.

### Registration at the 2012 Annual Mobility Workshop



### 2013 Annual Mobility Workshop scheduled for October 7

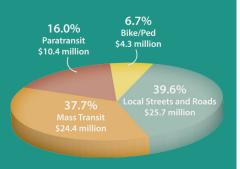
Alameda CTC and the Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO) will hold their 10th Annual Mobility Workshop on Monday, October 7, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m at the Ed Roberts Campus, 3075 Adeline Street in Berkeley, near the Ashby BART Station. At this "Keep it Moving: Mobility for Independence" workshop, attendees will learn about current and emerging tools for keeping seniors and people with disabilities mobile and independent throughout their lives.

An expert panel will discuss new technologies, innovative mobility management efforts and emerging accessible parking approaches that benefit seniors and people with disabilities throughout the Bay Area. For additional information, refer to Alameda CTC's <u>latest</u> news bulletins.

### **Transportation Investments**

Measure B Program Distributions Since 2000

Alameda CTC distributed more than \$64.8 million by the end of fiscal year 2012-2013, and has distributed \$822.9 million in Measure B pass-through funds since 2000.



### Vehicle Registration Fee Distributions Since 2012

Alameda CTC has distributed over \$23.0 million in VRF pass-through funds through June 30, 2013.



#### Total Measure B-funded Contracts\*

Alameda CTC has funded more than \$829.9 million in contracts for Alameda County businesses since 2000.

\* Total contract amount includes additional fund sources

### **Outreach and Events**

During September and October, Alameda CTC hosts or participates in the following outreach events:

- September 4 City Center Fall Concert Series in Oakland and the Green Scene Fair in the City of Pleasanton
- September 8 Solano Avenue Stroll in Berkeley
- September 12 Health Screening and Resource Fair in Oakland
- September 14 1st Annual Taste of Union City: Food, Blues and Music Festival
- September 15 Open House and Resource Fair at the Mastick Senior Center in Alameda
- September 18 Alameda CTC hosts the California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC) meeting
- September 22 Newark Days Community Information Faire
- September 24 Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center Employee Transportation Fair
- September 27 UC Berkeley Disabled Students' Program Presentation
- September 29 Muscular Dystrophy Association Presentation at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland
- October 1 East Bay Leadership Council presentation in the Tri-Valley area
- October 4 East Bay Greenway Groundbreaking near the Coliseum BART Station and Healthy Lifestyle and Fitness Faire at the Newark Community Center
- October 5 OaktoberFest in Oakland's Dimond District; Science in the Park at Hayward's Alden E. Oliver Sports Park; and Senior Info Fair at the Dublin Senior Center
- October 7 10th Annual Senior and Disabled Mobility Workshop at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley
- October 9 Alameda CTC hosts a Legislative Roundtable meeting
- October 13 Sunday Streets in downtown Berkeley
- October 16 APBP Webinar at Alameda CTC: Using Photoenforcement to Improve Pedestrian Safety
- October 19 5th Annual Wheels for Meals Ride in Pleasanton

### **Committee Activities**

## Highlights of September advisory committees

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

- September 5 The Alameda County
  Technical Advisory Committee
  approved the draft project list for Regional
  Transportation Improvement Program
  programming and the revised Congestion
  Management Program deficiency plan
  guidelines that incorporate procedures for
  developing Areawide Deficiency Plans. The
  committee also approved development of
  a Countywide Transit Plan, an Integrated
  Community Based Transportation Plans
  Update and programming of Transportation
  Fund for Clean Air funds.
- September 10 The <u>Paratransit</u>
   <u>Technical Advisory Committee</u> received a presentation from a community-based transportation provider, Friends of Children with Special Needs, and received updates on the Hospital Discharge Transportation Service/Wheelchair Scooter Breakdown Transportation Service and on Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO) activities and recent appointments.
- September 23 Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee members discussed the move to 1111 Broadway and accommodations for seniors and people with disabilities, approved the FY13-14 PAPCO Work Plan and received updates on changing transit providers and on the Paratransit Gap Grant Program activities.

### Bicycle/Pedestrian Webinar

#### Join Us at a Free Webinar on October 16:

Each month on Wednesday, Alameda CTC hosts the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals monthly webinar. The next webinar is on Wednesday, October 16 from 12 to 1 p.m. (PST) in our new office at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800. The topic is "Using Photo-enforcement to Improve Pedestrian Safety." Attendees will learn how communities are using photo-enforcement to improve pedestrian safety. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. Alameda CTC pays the registration fee, so attendance is free to all.

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operators to leverage existing resources and advocate for additional resources to improve local, regional and interregional transit serving Alameda County. In addition, the Countywide Transit Plan will enable jurisdictions and transit providers to better align transit, land use and economic development goals and objectives.

Alameda CTC will closely coordinate development of the Countywide Transit Plan with an update and integration of Alameda County's five Community Based Transportation Plans, which identify projects and programs aimed at improving access and mobility in underserved communities.

### **Annual Mobility Workshop**

Join us at the 10th Annual Senior and Disabled Mobility Workshop on Monday, October 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley. This year's topic is "Building Healthy, Mobile, Independent Communities," focusing on how new technology and innovative design will change the game. Please RSVP by September 27 to Naomi Armenta, Alameda CTC Paratransit Coordinator, 510.208.7469 or narmenta@AlamedaCTC.org. Space is limited, so don't delay! For more information, see the workshop invitation.

