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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director's Message

SUCCESSES THIS YEAR continue to add up: the California Transportation Commission recommended the [East Bay Greenway Project](#) to receive an Active Transportation Grant amidst stiff competition (see "Transportation Planning Update"), a bill sponsored by Alameda CTC that will support carpooling and express lanes in Alameda County was signed by Governor Brown in July (see "Policy News"), and we have \$2.5 billion of capital [projects](#) under construction that will improve transportation throughout the county.

As Alameda CTC moves into fall, our work will continue at a rapid pace: The 2012 Countywide Transportation Plan identified the need for more detailed planning efforts in three key areas — goods movement, transit and arterial roadways — and the development of these three multimodal plans is substantially progressing.

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Statewide Grant Awarded to Alameda CTC



East Bay Greenway Groundbreaking

As part of the state's Active Transportation Program, Alameda CTC's East Bay Greenway project — which will form a walking and bicycling path from Oakland to Hayward, connecting downtowns, BART stations and other key destinations — has been recommended for funding by the California Transportation Commission. The East Bay Greenway will improve mobility and economic development opportunities for some of the region's most disadvantaged communities.

The \$2.7 million grant would fund project development work for the 15 miles from East Oakland to South Hayward, building off of the half-mile segment currently under construction near the Coliseum BART station. The Active Transportation Program was highly competitive: over \$1 billion worth of candidate projects competed for \$220 million in available funding. The East Bay Greenway was one of only 12 projects from the Bay Area recommended for funding.

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Policy News

Assembly Bill 1811 signed

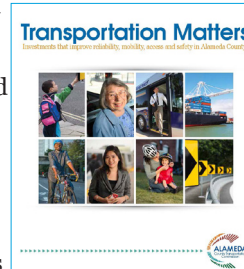
Alameda CTC sponsored and Assemblymember Joan Buchanan carried [Assembly Bill 1811](#), which was signed into law on July 8, 2014, allowing Alameda CTC to enhance high-occupancy vehicle and toll violation enforcement.

Prior to the bill's passage, Alameda CTC staff met with the governor's office to discuss the importance of the bill and to urge the governor's support. Requiring drivers to declare the number of passengers in their car will maintain an incentive to carpool, reduce toll violations and allow for flexible pricing in unstaffed toll lanes. For more information about Alameda County express lanes, visit the [Express Lanes web page](#).

2013 Annual Report

Alameda CTC recently released its 2013 Annual Report entitled "Transportation Matters," which highlights key transportation programs and projects that Alameda CTC plans, funds and delivers to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. Find out more about these transportation investments — funded by local Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee dollars — that matter to commuters, students, seniors and people with disabilities, and residents and businesses in Alameda County.

The [2013 Annual Report](#) is available on the Alameda CTC website.



Director's Message cont'd

Another plan that will positively impact the entire county, the [2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan](#), will go before voters in November 2014 to fund essential transportation improvements. A recent [economic analysis](#) reports that the Plan will yield \$20 billion in direct and indirect economic activity and 150,000 full-time equivalent jobs.

Other planning efforts are coming to fruition. As I mentioned in my last report, the [north segment of the Route 84 Project](#) opened for traffic in June, and we're working on the south segment. In addition, [express lanes](#) are coming to the Tri-Valley in 2015 (see "Project Updates").

Our annual Compliance Workshop for Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee fund recipients was held on September 10. We're looking forward to hosting the [11th Annual Mobility Workshop](#) on October 17 at Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley, which will feature current and emerging tools for keeping seniors and people with disabilities mobile and independent (read more in "Programming Updates").

Alameda CTC's finance team is in the final stages of the independent audit process for fiscal year 2013-2014. Auditors finished their onsite visit in September. Learn more about this and upcoming [contracting opportunities](#) in "Finance Updates."

Other news: Now that the kids are back in school, your family may want to participate in Walk and Roll to School Day on October 8 (see page 4 for upcoming activities).

I'm pleased to be a part of all of this activity that continues to shape the future of transportation.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR L. DAO
Executive Director, Alameda CTC

Project Updates

Alameda County Express Lanes coming to Tri-Valley in 2015

Alameda CTC is poised to launch new I-580 Express Lanes in the Tri-Valley in fall 2015. Only two express lane facilities currently operate in the region: on I-680 in Alameda County and on Route 237 in Santa Clara County. The I-580 Express Lanes will be the third in operation and the first to incorporate near continuous access.

The project will convert approximately 25 miles of high occupancy vehicle lanes to express lanes in both directions of I-580. Civil design is complete, and construction has been combined with current projects in the corridor to expedite project delivery. In June 2014, work began on the infrastructure necessary to support the new facility. Implementation of the electronic toll system will begin in spring 2015.

This summer, Alameda CTC began work on the public education and outreach effort to prepare motorists for the new options coming to I-580. The first outreach plan task was to examine perceptions and concerns of potential express lane users. Research findings obtained through focus groups and a telephone survey of I-580 corridor users will help inform outreach and education materials for users throughout the corridor to promote early adoption, safe and proper lane use



Courtesy of Caltrans

Aerial view of I-580 corridor

and manageable enforcement, and to provide a model for future projects in the planned Bay Area Express Lane Network. Alameda CTC is coordinating express lane communications with regional partners.

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



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Finance Updates

External audit concludes in September

During July and August, the finance team worked toward closing out fiscal year 2013-2014 (FY2013-14) and all accounting records in preparation for the final audit that began August 25. Independent, external auditors from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. were in Alameda CTC's offices for three weeks for the audit to review records and perform tests of FY2013-14 financial data and internal controls. In addition staff anticipates having a draft FY2013-14 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report available for Audit Committee and CWC Audit Subcommittee review by October 15.

The finance team has also prepared an unaudited FY2013-14 year-end investment report. This report provides market balance and average return on investment information including unrealized gains and losses, in accordance with the requirements of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 31, and includes prior year-end

information for comparison purposes. This report will go to the Commission for approval in September.

Contracting opportunities

This summer, Alameda CTC awarded contracts for Iron Horse Trail Connectivity to BART Feasibility Study, Downtown Oakland Comprehensive Circulation Study, Clement Avenue Complete Streets Concept Plan and I-880/Broadway-Jackson Interchange Improvements.

Alameda CTC has five upcoming contracting opportunities: Central County Complete Street Implementation, East Bay Greenway Maintenance, Route 84 Improvements: Pigeon Pass to I-680, Tri-Valley Integrated Transit/Park-and-Ride Study and City of Oakland Bikeway Network 2.0. For more information, visit the [Contracting Opportunities web page](#).

Programming Updates

Annual Compliance Workshop

Each year, Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Direct Local Distribution Program fund recipients are required to submit an audited financial statement and compliance report that describes their program expenditures for the past fiscal year and includes a future implementation plan to use remaining fund balances. Alameda CTC reviews these reports to confirm that voter-approved transportation dollars support local streets and roads, bicycle and pedestrian, paratransit and public transit improvements within Alameda County.

To facilitate comprehensive reporting, Alameda CTC conducts an Annual Compliance Workshop to discuss compliance policies and specific reporting requirements with all Measure B/VRF fund recipients. On Wednesday, September 10, 2014, Alameda CTC held its Annual Compliance Workshop for fiscal year 2013-2014 compliance reporting. The audited financial statement and compliance reports are due December 29 and December 31, respectively. Additional

compliance-related information is available on the [Alameda CTC website](#).

Mobility Workshop on October 17

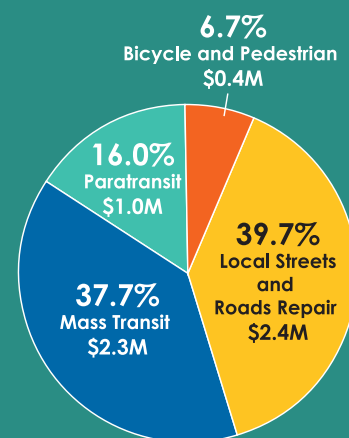
Alameda CTC and the Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee will hold their 11th Annual Mobility Workshop on Friday, October 17, 2014, at the Ed Roberts Campus, 3075 Adeline Street in Berkeley, near the Ashby BART Station. At this workshop, attendees ranging from consumers, service providers, transit agencies and local city representatives 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 developments that benefit seniors and people with disabilities throughout the Bay Area. Refer to Alameda CTC's [latest news bulletins](#) for additional information.

Transportation Investments

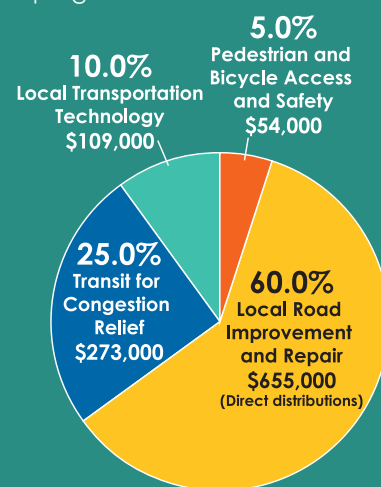
Measure B Program Distributions Since 2002

Alameda CTC has provided more than \$679.0 million in Measure B local program distributions since 2002. In June 2014, Alameda CTC disbursed more than \$6.1 million for the following four programs.



Vehicle Registration Fee Distributions Since 2011

Alameda CTC has dispersed over \$21.0 million in VRF Local Road Repair funds since 2011. In June 2014, Alameda CTC collected nearly \$1.1 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

September and October events:

- September 3 – Las Positas College Town Hall Meeting in Livermore; Green Scene Fair/1st Wednesday Street Party in Pleasanton; and Oakland City Center Fall Music Series
- September 4 – Dublin Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee*
- September 9 – Chinatown Chamber of Commerce in Oakland*
- September 10 – Construction Management Association of America Northern CA Chapter in Sacramento; Grizzly Peak Cyclists in Berkeley
- September 13 – Castro Valley Fall Festival; Ethiopian New Year Celebration at Mosswood Park in Oakland
- September 14 – Solano Avenue Stroll in Berkeley
- September 17 – BART Small Business Vendor Fair in Oakland; American Council of Engineering Companies East Bay Chapter in Walnut Creek; Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) Webinar at Alameda CTC: Optimize Signals for Pedestrians/Bicyclists
- September 19 – Bay Area Business Roundtable Business Expo Workshop in Oakland; Senior Resource Fair at the San Leandro Senior Community Center
- September 20 – Black-Eyed Pea Festival at Mosswood Park in Oakland
- September 21 – Newark Days Community Information Faire
- September 22 – San Leandro Transportation Town Hall (with BikeMobile)
- September 23 – Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center Employee Transportation Fair
- October 1 – City Center Fall Music Series (Join us every Wednesday in October including the 8th, 15th and 22nd)
- October 3 – First Fridays in Oakland's KONO District
- October 4 – Science in the Park in Hayward and OaklandFest in Oakland (both with BikeMobile); Senior Info Fair at Dublin's Senior Center
- October 7 – Senior Resource Faire in Newark
- October 12 – Sunday Streets in downtown Berkeley
- October 14 – Lakeshore Homes Association meeting in Oakland*
- October 15 – APBP Webinar at Alameda CTC: Design Treatments to Transition from Trails to Roadways
- October 16 – Society of Marketing Professional Services in San Francisco
- October 17 – Annual Mobility Workshop at Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley
- October 19 – 6th Annual Wheels for Meals Ride in Pleasanton
- October 22 – Livermore Rotary Club*

*2014 Plan presentations.

Other News

International Walk and Roll to School Day on October 8

Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) started in Alameda County in 2006, serving only four schools. Today, the program has grown to over 100 schools in every Alameda County city, serving more than 50,000 kids by improving safety and encouraging them to walk, bike, carpool and ride public transit to school.

International Walk and Roll to School Day is an SR2S event and kicks off a full school year of programming that promotes healthy habits and clean air. Sponsored by Alameda CTC, this year's event will involve thousands of students at more than 100 participating schools. For more information, visit www.alamedacountystr2s.org.

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2014 level of service monitoring on Alameda County roads

Every two years, Alameda CTC monitors the performance of major roads in Alameda County's Congestion Management Program (CMP) network as required by state CMP law. This monitoring also informs transportation investment decision making.

As part of this program, 332 miles of freeways, state routes and principal and major arterials in the county are monitored for level of service (LOS) in terms of speed. To keep up with technology and improve monitoring efficiency, in spring 2014, commercial travel time data was used for the first time to monitor two-thirds of the total CMP network. Previously, Alameda CTC used the standard floating car method to collect the travel time data to estimate speeds.

Also this year, to better monitor the key infrastructure and transportation investments in the county, for the first time, all managed lanes and three bay crossing bridges were monitored. The 2014 LOS results show an increase in congestion on the major roads of the county, likely resulting from the improved economy, combined with construction activities across the county. Analysis also shows that when roads become more congested, mode shift occurs, and transit ridership increases. Visit the [LOS Report web page](#) for more information.

Committee Activities

July 2014 advisory committees

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

- September 4 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee](#) (ACTAC) approved the FY2014-15 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program. ACTAC also received an update on the countywide multimodal plans including the Goods Movement Plan, the Multimodal Arterial Plan and the Transit Plan, as well as presentations by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission on the I-880 Integrated Corridor Management Project and the I-880 Express Lane Project.
- September 9 – The [Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee](#) (ParaTAC) received an update on the Hospital Discharge Transportation Service/Wheelchair Scooter Breakdown Transportation Service Program and a presentation from community-based transportation provider, Easy Does It. ParaTAC members also received an update on the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funding.
- September 22 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee](#) (PAPCO) members developed and approved the FY14-15 PAPCO Work Plan, received a Paratransit Gap Grant program report from the Volunteer Assisted Senior Transportation Program and received updates on mobility management and on the 2014 Annual Mobility Workshop.

Join Us at a Free Webinar on October 15

Each month on Wednesday, Alameda CTC hosts the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals monthly webinar. The next webinar is on Wednesday, October 15 from 12 to 1 p.m. (PST) in our office at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800. The topic is "[Design Treatments to Transition from trails to Roadways](#)." Bring a brown bag lunch. Alameda CTC pays registration fees, so attendance is free to all.