

December 14, 2012

Dear Alameda County:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the 66.53 percent voter support received by Measure B1, on the November 6, 2012 ballot. The Transportation Expenditure Plan, a plan developed with significant public input, and characterized by forward-thinking solutions, economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and a true multimodal approach to transportation in Alameda County, would have been funded if Measure B1 had received 66.67 percent voter support.

It is unfortunate that while a clear majority of Alameda County voters demonstrated their support for Measure B1, it fell short of passage by 0.14 percent. Alameda CTC initiated a recount to be sure we were doing our due diligence on behalf of the majority of Alameda County voters who supported Measure B1. The recount only lasted a day, after which time it became apparent that it would not yield enough additional votes for the measure to pass.

I regret that because of the election results, we will not have the opportunity to invest new transportation funds for projects and programs to relieve growing congestion, meet increasing demand for mobility, and create and maintain more jobs. However, our Commission and staff will continue their dedicated work to improve our quality of life here in Alameda County with the resources we have, using the current Measure B funds until they sunset in 2022. We will advocate for matching funds, leveraging our local sales tax funds as we have done over the past twenty-five years, to bring much-needed federal, state, and regional dollars into Alameda County.

We have already leveraged \$756 million of Measure B funds into a \$3.8 billion capital improvement program in Alameda County, including rail extensions (BART to Warm Springs), highway improvements (I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility project, I-680 Express Lanes, new high-occupancy vehicle lanes on I-880 and I-580), local streets and roads enhancements, intermodal projects, and many others. These investments have pumped \$495 million back into our local businesses in Alameda County in the past decade alone, creating nearly 5,100 jobs per year. Many of these projects are in construction now, and the benefits of Measure B will have lasting positive impacts in Alameda County for years to come.

I thank all of you who dedicated your time, ideas, and expertise in the development of the 2012 Transportation Expenditure Plan. It was your involvement and support, and our strong partnerships throughout the county that got us this close.

The Alameda CTC will continue to serve the residents and businesses of Alameda County as we plan, fund, and deliver transportation solutions for the future—for local job creation, environmental sustainability, efficiency, and congestion relief.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR L. DAO Executive Director

Alameda County Transportation Commission