Alameda CTC Executive Director's Report



Executive Director's Message



The year 2012 will be pivotal for the Alameda CTC. Many major initiatives are in the works, including our continuing investments in roadways, highways and transit service to reduce congestion, improve mobility and expand transportation choices. The remainder of the Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) projects will see major movement thanks to approximately \$260 million we plan to award in contracts this spring (see the "Programming and Project Update").

In 2012, these transportation dollars will create many local jobs as the construction of several expressways and a traffic management system begins (visit the Opportunities page for contract details).

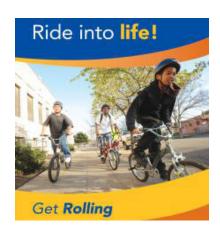
Another major initiative is planning to serve the spectrum of transportation needs of Alameda county residents and businesses. Alameda CTC's Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan (CWTP-TEP) are advancing with adoption of the TEP scheduled for January 26.

A new TEP will fund projects and programs that will support future changes in population demographics and the needs of Alameda County residents and businesses. Once the TEP is approved, staff will go to the city councils throughout the county and the Board of Supervisors to explain how reauthorization of the expenditure plan can benefit their communities and to request their endorsement of the TEP for placement on the ballot in June 2012.

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Transportation Planning Updates

In December 2011, Alameda CTC released the draft *Bike to Work Day Assessment Report*, which evaluates the effectiveness of the Bike to Work Day Program and Get Rolling/Ride into Life advertising campaign in getting people to bike to work. Since 2007, Alameda CTC has contributed funding to the Bike to Work Day Program and advertising.



Bike to Work Day occurs yearly in May and encourages commuters to travel to work by bike. Along with the one-month Get Rolling/Ride into Life campaign, it is one of the ways that the Alameda CTC helps to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution emissions while promoting travel choices.

Telephone surveys conducted in 2010 and 2011 reached over 800 county residents. Web surveys reached over 1,300 bicyclists.



The surveys show:

- People primarily ride for health, to improve the environment and to save money.
- Of Alameda County residents polled,
 50 percent have working bicycles and
 20 percent ride at least once a week.
- Those who do not ride are concerned about long commutes and riding safely with cars.
- Approximately 72 percent of respondents who are residents and 89 percent of bicyclists are aware of Bike to Work Day.
- About 2 percent of county residents and 74 percent of bicyclists participated in Bike to Work Day.
- One in three participants would have otherwise driven a car alone that day.
- One-fourth of participants ride their bikes more often since participating.

Report recommendations include continuing to contribute to the Bike to Work Day program; focusing future advertising messages on health, the environment and saving money; and increasing the number and placements of advertisements.

For more information about these campaigns, visit Alameda CTC's <u>Bicycle and Pedestrian</u> <u>webpage</u>.

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Executive Director's Message (cont'd)

Alameda CTC is also leading the updates to the Alameda Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans, which tie into the CWTP. Another effort of note: We recently released our Bike to Work Day Assessment Report that validates our work toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions by expanding transportation choices. (Read more in "Transportation Planning Updates.")

In January, the Citizens Watchdog Committee and staff reviewed and began to analyze the Measure B compliance audits and reports submitted by 20 fund recipients and received a report from the auditor of a clean audit.

Other initiatives of note include development of:

- Youth Transit Pass Program in response to community requests
- Transit oriented development guidelines for local projects
- · Complete Streets policy and guidelines
- · 2012 legislative program
- Major additional corridor, transit and freight planning efforts

The accounting team has been performing many of the administrative efforts required for consolidation of the Alameda CTC's pension plan, payroll system, salaries and benefits, and health plans, as well as updating policies (see "Finance Updates").

Watch the website for news on the upcoming Lifeline Transportation Program call for projects with \$9.5 million available for projects in the county that improve mobility for low-income communities.

I'm looking forward to another productive year ahead.

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Dao Executive Director, Alameda CTC

Programming and Projects Update

In December 2011, the Metropolitan
Transportation Commission (MTC) adopted
the Third Cycle Lifeline Transportation Program
Guidelines and Fund Estimate for fiscal years
2011-2013. The Lifeline Transportation
Program funds projects that improve mobility for
low-income communities. Alameda County is
targeted to receive \$9.5 million of Lifeline funds,
or 24 percent of the region's estimated funds for
programming. This is in addition to \$46 million of
funds for direct distribution to transit operators,
including \$8.4 million for AC Transit.

In its role as Lifeline Program Administrator for Alameda County, the Alameda CTC will conduct public outreach and solicit applications for this cycle of the Lifeline program. Alameda CTC will submit to MTC a full program of projects by the May 15, 2012 deadline.

MTC has also issued a call for projects for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)-Funded Mobility Management Program for Large Urbanized Areas. Approximately \$643,752 is available for the San-Francisco-Oakland region. MTC hosted a workshop on Tuesday, January 17, from 1 to 3 p.m., and the deadline to submit applications is Friday, February 24. The Alameda CTC recently received \$80,000 from the New Freedom program for its Mobility Management project.

The year 2012 will mark the start of construction for several capital projects in Alameda County. The remainder of the Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) projects are expected to begin construction by the fall of 2012, as noted in the table below.

References:

Lifeline:

http://apps.mtc.ca.gov/meeting_packet_documents/ agenda_1783/3a_tmp-4033_tmp-4042.pdf http://apps.mtc.ca.gov/meeting_packet_documents/ agenda_1784/tmp-4033.pdf

JARC:

http://apps.mtc.ca.gov/meeting_packet_documents/ agenda_1784/tmp-4042.pdf http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/jarc_mobility_management.htm



I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility - Adaptive Ramp Metering

Begin Construction	Project
March 2012	State Route 84 Expressway Widen 4.6 miles of State Route 84 with an additional two lanes from Concannon Boulevard to Jack London Boulevard.
June 2012	Install ramp metering and associated detection and communication systems along the I-80 Corridor, from the Carquinez Bridge in Contra Costa County to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in Alameda County.
July 2012	I-580 Westbound HOV Lanes (Segment 2) Construct a westbound high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane from Isabel Avenue Overcrossing to San Ramon Rd./Foothill Road Interchange. Construct westbound auxiliary lanes from Airway Boulevard to Fallon Road. I-80 ICM Active Traffic Management Construct various systems management components, including dynamic message signs, closed circuit television cameras, variable advisory speed signs and lane use signs along the I-80 Corridor, from the Carquinez Bridge in Contra Costa County to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in Alameda County.
August 2012	I-580 Westbound HOV Lanes (Segment 1) Construct a westbound HOV lane from Greenville Overcrossing to Isabel Avenue Overcrossing. Construct westbound auxiliary lanes from Vasco Road to First Street, from First Street to North Livermore Avenue, and from North Livermore Avenue to Isabel Avenue. I-880 Southbound HOV Lane (South Segment) Extend existing southbound HOV lane from Marina Boulevard to Davis Street in San Leandro.
September 2012	I-580 Eastbound Auxiliary Lane Construct eastbound auxiliary lanes from Isabel Avenue to North Livermore Avenue, and from North Livermore Avenue to First Street. I-880 Southbound HOV Lane (North Segment) Extend existing southbound HOV lane from Davis Street to Hegenberger Road in Oakland.

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Finance Updates

In January 2012, staff is performing many of the administrative efforts required for consolidation of the Alameda CTC. In December, the Commission adopted a resolution authorizing a contract effective January 1, 2012 with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) for the pension plan. Staff also lined up the new consolidated ADP payroll system for activation on January 1, 2012. A draft Cafeteria Plan for active employees and a draft Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Plan for retirees will go before the Commission in January for approval and adoption as well as a consolidated salaries and benefits resolution for the balance of fiscal year 2011-2012. All will be effective February 1, 2012.

Moving forward with the consolidation effort, staff continues to work with CalPERS to have new Alameda CTC Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) medical plans in place effective February 1, 2012. In 2012, staff will continue to concentrate on consolidating Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) and the 457 Plan trusts and updating essential policies including the investment, procurement and debt policies.

Other key activities for 2012 include assessing cash flow and financing requirements, updating budget projections, selecting new auditors and undergoing the first Alameda CTC financial audit.

Committee Activities

Transportation Plan (CWTP) second-round evaluation results and the third draft of the Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP).

- January 19 The <u>Citizens Advisory Committee</u> (CAC) discussed the CAC outreach goals and objectives and suggestions on the draft outreach materials and held a transportation forum in Hayward.
- January 23 The Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee made a recommendation to the Commission on the Measure B funding formula for accessible transportation and discussed the Gap Grant Policy.
- January 26 The CWTP-TEP Steering Committee discussed the CWTP secondround evaluation results and made a recommendation to the Commission on the

• January 3 – The Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee approved the Lifeline Cycle 3 scoring criteria and weighting as well

In January, several community advisory

committees met. Highlights include:

- as advance programming of \$45,000 of Lifeline Cycle 3 funding to the Neighborhood Bike Centers Program. • January 10 – The Paratransit Technical
- Advisory Committee (TAC) discussed the Gap Grant Policy, and received a presentation on the Hospital Discharge Transportation Service/Wheelchair Scooter Breakdown Transportation Service.
- January 12 The Community Advisory Working Group (CAWG) and the Technical Advisory Working Group (TAWG) had a joint meeting and discussed the Countywide

Central County Transportation Forum

On Thursday, January 19, the Alameda CTC and its Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) hosted the Central County Transportation Forum at Hayward City Hall. Attendees met

project sponsors and heard more about key projects and programs underway in Central County including Regional and Countywide Transportation Planning for the 21st Century, Senior Travel Training for Expanded Mobility and Access, Safe Routes to Schools from Kindergarten to High School, East Bay Greenway Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor and the Route 238 Construction Update.



Pass-through Funding

One Month of Distributions



Alameda CTC allocated a total of more than \$4.9 million in Measure B funds for four programs in October 2011.

One Year of Allocations



During fiscal year 2010-2011, Alameda CTC allocated just under \$56.7 million in Measure B pass-through funds.

Summary of Overall Allocations



Alameda CTC has allocated almost \$514 million in Measure B pass-through funds through June 30, 2011.

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Outreach & Events

In January and February, the Alameda CTC is hosting or participating in these outreach events:

- January 4 Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee Meeting
- January 10 Expenditure Plan Informational Presentation to Fremont City Council
- January 12 Lions Club of Union City Meeting
- January 18 Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP)
 Webinar at Alameda CTC: Emerging Technologies for Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning
- January 19 Central County
 Transportation Forum at Hayward
 City Hall
- February 15 APBP Webinar at Alameda CTC: Land Use Planning: Routine Inclusion of Bicycling and Walking in New Developments
- February 24 United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County
 21st Annual Convention at the Cathedral of Christ the Light

Public outreach: As part of the Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) development, Alameda CTC developed a TEP ad-hoc committee to discuss and consider comments on the TEP. The committee met three times in January 2012, and will give its final recommendation to the Commission on January 26, 2012. Visit the website to find out more about Alameda CTC's planning efforts.

Other News

Land Use Analysis Plan (LUAP) Reporting: Under the LUAP of the Congestion Management Program, Alameda CTC is required to review Notices of Preparations (NOPs), General Plan Amendments (GPAs), and Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) prepared by local jurisdictions and comment on them regarding the potential impact of proposed land development on regional transportation system. Staff reviewed 10 NOPs, GPAs and EIRs, commented on the potential impacts of six of them, and will report these finding to the Commission in January 2012.

ACCMA Projects

ACTIA Capital Projects

Fact sheets are updated as projects progress or, at a minimum, quarterly.

- APN 501.0 I-880/Mission Boulevard (Route 262) Interchange Reconstruction
- APN 505.0 I-880 to Mission Boulevard
 East-West Connector
- APN 506.0 Route 238/Mission-Foothill-Jackson-Corridor Improvements
- APN 509.0 Central Alameda County Freeway System Operational Analysis
- APN 512.0 Castro Valley Local Area Traffic Circulation Improvement
- APN 601.0 Altamont Commuter Express Rail
- APN 602.0 BART Warm Springs Extension
- APN 603.0 BART Oakland Airport Connector
- APN 604.0 Downtown Oakland Streetscape Improvement
- APN 606.0 Union City Intermodal Station
- APN 607.0 Telegraph Avenue Corridor Bus Rapid Transit
- APN 609.0 Iron Horse Transit Route
- APN 610.0 I-880/Broadway Jackson Interchange Improvements

- APN 612.0 I-580/Castro Valley Interchange Improvements
- APN 613.0 Lewelling/ East Lewelling
 Boulevard Widening
- APN 614.2 I-580 WB Auxiliary Lane (Airway Boulevard to Fallon Road)
- APN 614.3 I-580 EB Auxiliary Lane
 (El Charro Road to Airway Boulevard)
- APN 615.0 Route 92/Clawiter-Whitesell Interchange and Reliever Route
- APN 617.1 Hesperian Boulevard/Lewelling Boulevard Intersection Improvement
- APN 618.1 Westgate Parkway Extension
- APN 619.0 E. 14th Street/Hesperian Boulevard/ 150th Street Intersection Improvements
- APN 621.0 I-238 Widening
- APN 623.0 Route 84/I-580 Interchange
- APN 624.0 Route 84 Expressway
- APN 625.0 Dumbarton Rail Corridor
- APN 626.0 I-580 Corridor/BART to Livermore Studies
- APN 710.4A I-680 Sunol Express Lanes -Southbound
- APN 710.4B I-680 Sunol Express Lanes -Northbound
- APN 717.0 I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvements at 23rd and 29th Avenues
- APN 720.3 I-580 Corridor Environmental Mitigation
- APN 720.4 I-580 Eastbound Express (HOT) Lane
- APN 720.5 I-580 Eastbound Auxiliary (AUX) Lane
- APN 723.0 I-580 Corridor Right of Way Preservation
- APN 724.0 I-580 Westbound HOV Lane
- APN 724.1 I-580 Westbound Express (HOT) Lane
- APN 730.0 I-880 Southbound HOV Lane
- APN 740.2 Webster Street SMART Corridor
- APN 764.0 I-580 Landscape Project -San Leandro
- APN 765.0 I-80/Gilman Interchange (Study)
- APN 770.0 I-680/I-880 Cross Connector Studies
- APN 791.0 I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility (ICM)
- APN 945.0 Smart Corridors Operation and Management



APN 602.0 - BART to Warm Springs Extension