

# Alameda CTC *Executive Director's Report*



## Executive Director's Message



*Change is occurring at all levels: federal, state and local. Alameda CTC is doing its part on a local level as we respond to and integrate policy, financial and structural changes. In staying true to our mission, we want to make sure nothing inhibits the progress of our projects and programs that improve mobility in Alameda County.*

*Our newly formed [mission and goals](#) focus on planning, funding and delivering projects and programs that support a vibrant Alameda County. This month, I am also pleased to roll out additional merger progress, including a new logo, phone numbers and email addresses. Further, my report to you at the Commission meeting describes the next key and major merger implementation strategies that, if approved, will finalize our implementation structure and approach into the new year.*

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## Transportation Planning Updates

As part of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments released a call for projects on February 14. The web-based application will be available on March 1, and the call closes on April 29. The Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan call for projects and the regional call for projects are happening concurrently.

Alameda CTC Vice Chair, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, District 1, hosted a public workshop on January 29 on the SCS and on revised California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. Supervisor Lockyer will hold a similar workshop on March 19. In addition, all Alameda County City Councils/Boards of Directors are receiving presentations on the SCS and its relationship to local, county and regional transportation planning. These events and others like them elevate the discussion about the vision for Alameda County

communities and transportation system and steps we can take now to ensure a sustainable and livable Alameda County. Additional public outreach on the CWTP-TEP began in February. Visit the website for more information about [public workshops](#).

**Other planning news:** Alameda CTC began discussion about how the Congestion Management Program (CMP) can help us address congestion and meet [SB 375 requirements](#). The CMP is updated every two years and contains the five-year Capital Improvement Program required for the 2012 State Transportation Improvement programming process.



## Project Updates

Progress continues in the I-580 corridor. Environmental studies for conversion of the eastbound HOV lane to an express lane facility and eastbound auxiliary lanes between Isabel Avenue and First Street are underway, and final design of the I-580 westbound HOV lane project will be complete in fall 2011. In February 2011, Alameda CTC is initiating a Project Study Report for the conversion of the planned westbound HOV to an express lane.

HOV improvements are also planned for I-880. The southbound HOV lane extension from Hegenberger Road to Marina Boulevard is in the final design stage, and construction is scheduled to begin in 2012. At its January 2011 meeting, the California Transportation Commission took action to approve the project for future funding.

The I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvement Project improvements on I-880

between 23rd and 29th Avenues include replacing the 23rd and 29th overcrossings, and widening the existing freeway lanes and shoulders. The 35 percent design is underway and submittals of the 35 percent Plans, Specifications and Estimates and the Bridge Type Selection Meeting are scheduled for February 2011. Construction begins in summer 2012.

The I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project will install new active traffic management features to both I-80 and the San Pablo Avenue corridor. Construction will occur in six sub-projects, the first starts spring 2011. In January, the California Transportation Commission voted funds for the construction of the San Pablo Corridor Improvements and the Traffic Operations System Projects.

For more information, click on the project fact sheets on the back page.

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## Executive Director's Message (cont'd)

One recent success I want to highlight is the [I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project/San Pablo Avenue Arterial and Transit Improvement Project](#) for which the California Transportation Commission approved over \$23 million in January. Alameda CTC recently allocated additional funds to complete the development phase of this project as well. The corridor directly supports our mission to improve mobility and will integrate I-80 with San Pablo Avenue to greatly improve traffic flow.

Other news: In February and March, we are carrying out a large amount of public outreach to get input for the [Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan](#). At community workshops held throughout the county, people will have a forum to tell us about much-needed transportation projects and programs for their area. These dates include:

Thursday, 2/24 - Oakland, 5:30-7:30 pm  
Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 3  
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

Monday, 2/28 - Fremont, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Fremont Public Library, Fukaya Room A  
2400 Stevenson Boulevard

Wednesday, 3/9 - Hayward, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Hayward City Hall, Conference Room 2A  
777 B Street

Wednesday, 3/16 - San Leandro, 6:30-8:30 pm  
San Leandro Library, Karp Room  
300 Estudillo Avenue

Thursday, 3/24 - Dublin, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Dublin Public Library, Community Meeting Room  
200 Civic Plaza

I thank both Mayor Green and Supervisor Haggerty for their recent leadership at a forum held by Supervisor Haggerty in Pleasanton to discuss regional planning efforts, CEQA guideline changes and countywide planning efforts.

Other activities of note:

- Continuing updates to the [Alameda Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans](#), which will fold into the Countywide Transportation Plan.
- Facilitating the development and operation of express lanes in the I-680 and I-580 corridors, as well as high-occupancy vehicle lanes on I-880.
- Developing Vehicle Registration Fee implementation guidelines to bring to the Commission in March.

I will continue to keep you informed of our progress and welcome your questions, comments and feedback.

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Dao  
Executive Director, Alameda CTC

## Programming Updates

### Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA)

**Program:** Funds from the TFCA Program are generated through a \$4 vehicle registration fee collected within the nine-county Bay Area by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. The Air District directly programs 60 percent of this fee through the Regional TFCA Program, and Alameda CTC, as the TFCA County Program Manager, programs 40 percent.



Rapid Diesel-Electric Hybrid  
(Livermore-Amador Valley Transportation Authority)

The purpose of the TFCA Program is to fund projects that reduce vehicle emissions. Eligible project categories include bicycle projects, shuttle and feeder bus service, alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure, arterial management and smart growth/ traffic calming. The Alameda CTC issues a TFCA Call for Projects annually. Of the available TCFA funds, 70 percent are allocated to the cities/ county based on population, with a minimum of \$10,000 to each jurisdiction. The other 30 percent of the funds are allocated to transit-related projects on a discretionary basis.

Alameda CTC recently released the [TFCA FY 2011/12 Call for Projects](#), and applications were due February 11, 2011. Approximately \$1,690,000 of TFCA funding is estimated for the 2011/12 program.

## Program Updates

**Program Compliance:** Staff is developing a full compliance report based on an analysis of the [annual audits and reports](#) submitted by 19 local transportation agencies/jurisdictions. The summary describes fiscal year 2009-2010 pass-through fund expenditures (Alameda CTC allocated over \$51.4 million that year).

**Grant Programs:** To date, Alameda CTC has awarded over \$27.2 million to four grant programs. A Cycle 4 Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety project of note is the City of Fremont's Tri-City Senior Walk Clubs. Check out [this video](#) produced by a Stanford journalism student.

**Clipper:** Alameda CTC is helping to spread the word about Clipper, a convenient and secure way to manage Bay Area public transportation fares — in an easy-to-use, all-in-one reloadable card. The Paratransit

Advisory and Planning Committee hosted a presentation on [Clipper](#) in February to show how seniors and people with disabilities use the card.

**Staff Walking Challenge:** In an effort to get more people walking and keep them healthy, the Alameda CTC is starting off by encouraging its own staff and consultants to walk more on a regular basis. Watch for results to find out who logged in the most miles, and learn more about walking opportunities by visiting [RideStrideArrive.org](#).





## Finance Updates

The finance staff at the Alameda CTC are addressing many challenging projects in relation to consolidation of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). Some of the most important projects specific to finance include consolidating the following: the financial accounting systems, the Automatic Data Processing (ADP) payroll system, the CalPERS retirement system, Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) trusts, the budgets for fiscal year 2011-2012, cost allocation plans with approval from Caltrans, and policies and procedures.

Over the next several months, finance staff will begin to work on these demanding projects with the goal of completing them as expeditiously as possible. During the process, the team will need to continue to stay current on regular daily tasks and responsibilities, to address other issues that become a priority as the new finance director completes a thorough review of the current systems and to participate in agencywide merger efforts. The Alameda CTC has optimistic goals, and barring any unanticipated issues that may delay completion dates, staff is prepared for and looking forward to surmounting any challenges in completing these many projects.

## Committee Activities



In February, several community advisory committees met. Highlights include:

- **February 1** – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee](#) made recommendations on several State Transportation Improvement Program time extensions.
- **February 3** – The [Community Advisory Working Group \(CAWG\)](#) discussed key transportation needs, prioritization

methods and land us as part of the Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan (CWTP-TEP) development.

- **February 10** – The [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#) discussed program and project priorities and the next grant cycle. Also, the [Technical Advisory Working Group \(TAWG\)](#) discussed the same items as CAWG.
- **February 24** – The [Steering Committee](#) discussed CAWG/TAWG items and polling questions.
- **February 28** – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee](#) met jointly with the Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee to begin preparation for the annual mobility workshop.

### Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Webinars

In February, the Alameda CTC hosted a monthly webinar on *Complete Streets*. Join us at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300 on Wednesday, March 16 at noon for [the next webinar](#) on *Design Manuals and Guides*. All webinars are free and open to the public.

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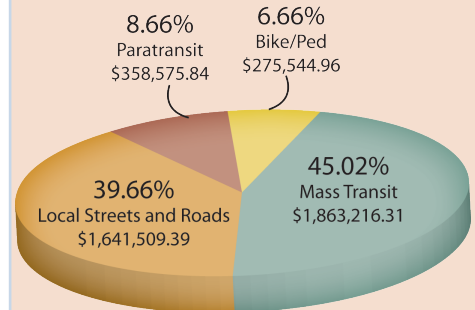


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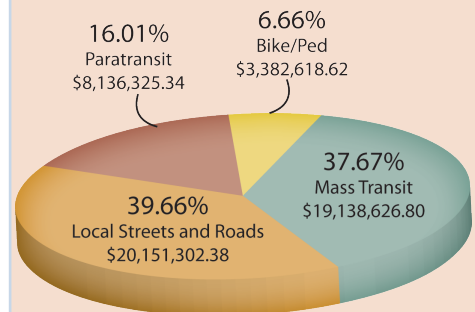
## Pass-through Funding

### One Month of Distributions



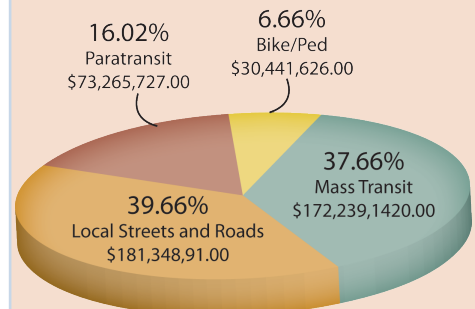
Alameda CTC allocated a total of \$4,138,847 in Measure B funds for four programs in November 2010 (the last reported month).

### One Year of Allocations



During fiscal year 2009/2010, \$50.8 million in Measure B pass-through funds was allocated.

### Summary of Overall Allocations



Alameda CTC allocated \$457 million in Measure B pass-through funds through June 30, 2010.

## Outreach & Events

To get the word out about transportation projects and programs that enhance mobility in Alameda County, Alameda CTC performs public outreach and participates in events. February and March events include:

- **February 9** – Oakland and East Bay Business and Procurement Fair in Oakland
- **February 11** – Emeryville and Berkeley Leadership Class presentations
- **March 2** – How to Do Business with Public Agencies in Hayward Open House

**Public outreach:** Alameda CTC is doing extensive public outreach around the Countywide Transportation Plan, the Transportation Expenditure Plan development including polling the public, and information sharing on the regional efforts around the Sustainable Communities Strategy and Regional Transportation Plan development. Read more about Alameda CTC's [planning efforts](#).

**Business outreach:** As an active member of the Bay Area Transportation Business Outreach Committee, Alameda CTC took the lead in presenting a successful networking session for professional service consultant firms. Many of our business partners certified through the Commission's Local Business Contract Equity program were among over 350 attendees who took advantage of the opportunity to network and find out about upcoming local transportation work.

## Other News

Alameda CTC is in the process of preparing its first annual report that will include 2010 highlights from the activities and achievements of both the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority. The Commission anticipates a spring 2011 release.

## ACCMA Projects

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

- [I-580 Corridor Environmental Mitigation](#)
- [I-580 Corridors Right of Way Preservation](#)
- [I-580 Eastbound Auxiliary Lane](#)
- [I-580 Eastbound Express \(HOT\) Lanes](#)
- [I-580 Soundwalls - San Leandro](#)
- [I-580 Soundwalls - Oakland](#)
- [I-580 Westbound Express \(HOT\) Lane \(PN 424.0\)](#)
- [I-580 Westbound Express \(HOT\) Lane \(PN 424.1\)](#)
- [I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility](#)
- [I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvements](#)
- [Regional Measure 2 Projects: Express Bus Improvements and Bay Bridges](#)
- [Smart Corridors Operation and Management](#)
- [SolutionsonSunol](#)
- [Webster Street SMART Corridors Management](#)

## ACTIA Capital Projects

- [ACTIA 1 - Altamont Commuter Express Rail](#)
- [ACTIA 2 - BART Warm Springs Extension](#)
- [ACTIA 3 - BART Oakland Airport Connector](#)
- [ACTIA 4 - Downtown Oakland Streetscape Improvements](#)
- [ACTIA 6 - Union City Intermodal Station](#)
- [ACTIA 7a - Telegraph Avenue Corridor Bus Rapid Transit](#)
- [ACTIA 8 - I-680 Sunol Express Lanes](#)
- [ACTIA 9 - Iron Horse Transit Route](#)
- [ACTIA 10 - I-880/Broadway Jackson Interchange Improvement](#)
- [ACTIA 11 - I-880/Washington Avenue Interchange Improvement](#)
- [ACTIA 12 - I-580/Castro Valley Interchange Improvements](#)
- [ACTIA 13 - Lewelling/East Lewelling Boulevard Widening](#)
- [ACTIA 14b - I-580 WB Auxiliary Lane \(Airway Boulevard to Fallon Road\)](#)
- [ACTIA 14c - I-580 EB Auxiliary Lane \(El Charro Road to Airway Boulevard\)](#)
- [ACTIA 15 - Route 92/Clawiter-Whitesell Interchange and Reliever Route](#)
- [ACTIA 17b - Hesperian Boulevard/Lewelling Boulevard Intersection Improvement](#)
- [ACTIA 18b - Westgate Parkway Extension](#)
- [ACTIA 19 - E. 14th Street/Hesperian Boulevard/150th Street Intersection Improvements](#)
- [ACTIA 21 - I-238 Widening](#)
- [ACTIA 22 - I-680/I-880 Cross Connector Studies](#)
- [ACTIA 23 - Isabel Avenue - Route 84/I-580 Interchange](#)
- [ACTIA 24 - Route 84 Expressway](#)
- [ACTIA 25 - Dumbarton Rail Corridor](#)
- [ACTIA 26 - I-580 Corridor/BART to Livermore Studies](#)
- [ACTIA 27B - I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project](#)



The newly created **Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC)** is a joint powers authority, a result of the merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). Members include the 14 cities in Alameda County, the County of Alameda, AC Transit, BART, ACCMA and ACTIA. Our mission is to plan, fund and deliver transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. [Read more about Alameda CTC](#), the [Commission Members](#), and its [Advisory Committees](#).



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