

# Alameda CTC *Executive Director's Report*



## Executive Director's Message



*This spring, Alameda CTC is busy with a range of planning activities to expand transportation opportunities and address the mobility needs of our diverse communities. Recent progress on the [Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan development](#) includes engaging community members in a host of public workshops throughout Alameda County to get input on transportation project and program priorities. (See "Transportation Planning Updates" and "Outreach & Events.")*

*The week of March 28, I will travel with Alameda CTC Chair, Union City Mayor Mark Green, Vice-Chair Supervisor Haggerty and Programs and Publics Affairs Manager Tess Lengyel to Washington, D.C. to garner support for Alameda CTC's 2011 Legislative Program. High priorities in 2011: Participate in the federal transportation bill reauthorization, address the challenges resulting from declining revenues or modified revenue*

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## Transportation Planning Updates

**Alameda Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Updates:** Alameda CTC is updating the [2006 Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans](#).

The goal is to reflect current bicycling and walking conditions, needs and priorities in Alameda County. The plans will identify countywide capital project and program priorities, and will guide countywide fund allocation. Expected to be complete by early 2012, the plans will be incorporated into the Countywide Transportation Plan update and the development of a new sales tax Transportation Expenditure Plan.

The update of the plans addresses a renewed focus on emerging policies since the last update in 2006. These include climate action legislation, Priority Development Areas (high-density communities accessible to transit), complete streets and routine accommodation, and active transportation.

Since the plans update began in May 2010, the Alameda CTC has released the draft "Existing Conditions," "Evaluation of Current Practices" and "Vision, Goals & Objectives" chapters for each plan. Each chapter was reviewed by local agency, nonprofit and advocacy group staff, and members of the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee. Alameda CTC is in the process of developing and reviewing the vision network and a process for establishing plan priorities.

To learn more and share your ideas, visit the [bicycle and pedestrian plans update web page](#).



## Project Updates

Environmental studies for I-580 eastbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane conversion to an express lane facility and I-580 eastbound auxiliary lanes construction between Isabel Avenue and First Street are underway. Since the I-580 eastbound High Occupancy Toll (HOT) and auxiliary lane projects are being combined, the environmental studies are being updated.

Final design of the I-580 westbound HOV lane project will be complete in fall 2011. In February 2011, the Alameda CTC released a Project Study Report request for proposals for the conversion of the planned westbound HOV to an express lane. The southbound HOV lane extension from Hegenberger Road to Marina Boulevard is in the final design stage; construction will begin in 2012 under two contracts.

The I-880 North Safety and Operational Improvement Project, in the vicinity of

23rd Avenue and 29th Avenue in Oakland, includes replacing the 23rd and 29th over-crossings and improvements to on and off ramps. The project design is underway; the 35 percent-level Plans, Specifications and Estimates submittals and the Bridge Type Selection Meeting are scheduled for February 2011. Construction will begin in fall 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. The first of six construction sub-projects will begin in spring 2011. In January, the California Transportation Commission approved funds for 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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allocation structures and implement climate-change legislative mandates. My aim is to effectively work at the state and federal levels to foster relationships with the leadership and staff.

Alameda CTC is also making an effort to expand business opportunities within Alameda County and recently released [four requests for proposals](#).

Due dates are as follows:

- March 22 – Information Technology Support Services
- March 22 – Media and Public Relations Services
- March 25 – Project Management/Projects Controls Services
- March 29 – Interstate 80 Traffic Operations System in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties Project

Other activities moving full-speed ahead:

- Continuing updates to the [Alameda Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans](#) that 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.
- Beginning to implement the Vehicle Registration Fee Program, based on guidelines approved by the Commission this spring.

I also want to highlight the City of Oakland Coliseum BART Pedestrian Improvements Project that the Commission recently extended to the end of 2011, to make use of the \$885,000 in State Transportation Improvement Program funds programmed for the construction phase. This project has wide community support and is an example of how Alameda CTC is helping to make Alameda County more pedestrian friendly.

Here at Alameda CTC, merger progress continues, and I'm pleased to have the Commission support for the Agency Strategic Business Plan and Organizational Structure that I proposed last month. As the organization evolves, I already see progress in reaching our objectives of solid transportation planning, funding and programs and projects delivery efforts.

It's an exciting time for the Commission, and I will keep you posted. As always, I welcome your questions, comments and feedback.

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Dao  
Executive Director, Alameda CTC

## Programming Updates

**Project Monitoring:** Alameda CTC project monitoring activities are a key component of the agency's programming approach. Many federal, state and local funding sources have required project milestones that ensure timely project implementation and completion. These deadlines are often referred to as Timely Use of Funds (TUF) provisions.

For fund sources with TUF provisions, failure to meet these deadlines may result in the deprogramming, or removal, of funds from a project and a loss of these funds to the county. According to Alameda CTC's policy, any Alameda County project sponsor that fails to meet a TUF milestone, which results in a loss of programmed funds to Alameda County, will

## Program Updates

**Program Compliance:** Staff is continuing development of 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 2 Express Bus Service project of note is the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority Express Bus Service. Three vital [express bus routes \(12V, 20X, 70X\)](#) run parallel to major, congested freeways and arterials serving thousands of East County commuters.



be penalized in a future funding cycle in an amount equal to the lost funds.

To ensure projects programmed by Alameda CTC meet various TUF provisions, the Alameda CTC prepares periodic "At Risk" monitoring reports that highlight upcoming project deadlines and provides assistance to project sponsors as they navigate through the funding process with numerous federal, state and local funding requirements. The most recent Alameda CTC At Risk Reports for Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement, State Transportation Improvement Program, Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Fund for Clean Air funded projects are available on the [website](#).

### Alameda County Travel Training

**Working Group:** Alameda CTC is helping travel trainers to improve their training sessions by hosting a bi-monthly Countywide Travel Training Working Group, led by the Paratransit Coordinator Naomi Armenta. The focus is on sharing best practices to improve travel delivery and ultimately the travel experience for seniors and people with disabilities.

**Step into Life Walking Challenge:** After the kick-off on February 14, staff and consultants are actively participating in this six-week walking challenge. Several people are leading weekly walks and "slow strolls" — and logging in miles. Visit the website for [walking tools and tips](#) or more information on the [public walking campaign](#).





## Finance Updates

In February, the finance staff at the Alameda CTC produced a consolidated quarterly investment report and revamped many of the financial reports in an effort to provide accurate, timely and transparent information to the standing committees, the Commission and the public. Staff has also begun work on several challenging projects in relation to the consolidation of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, including the consolidation of the financial accounting



systems, the CalPERS retirement system, the FY2011-12 budgets, the cost allocation plans and accounts payable processing. Each of these projects requires an extensive commitment from the team to develop efficient systems for use by Alameda CTC staff.

As these projects move forward, 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 director of finance completes a thorough review of the current systems in place and to participate in agencywide projects.

Finance staff also will soon begin work on the consolidation of the payroll systems, the Other Postemployment Benefit trusts and establishing consolidated policies and procedures in line with current best practices.

## Committee Activities

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

- **March 1** – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee](#) approved the Congestion Management Plan update and Transportation Fund for Clean Air guidelines.
- **March 3** – The [Community Advisory Working Group \(CAWG\)](#) discussed a call for projects, performance measures and transportation programs for Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan (CWTP-TEP) development.
- **March 10** – The [Technical Advisory Working Group \(TAWG\)](#) discussed the same items as CAWG.
- **March 14** – The [Citizens Watchdog Committee](#) formed a subcommittee to begin development of the 9th Annual Report to the Public.

- **March 24** – The [CWTP-TEP Steering Committee](#) discussed CAWG/TAWG items, land-use scenarios, transportation white papers and best practices, the call for projects and results of the first countywide poll.
- **March 28** – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee](#) discussed supplemental funding for the gap grant projects and developed program plan review and finance subcommittees.

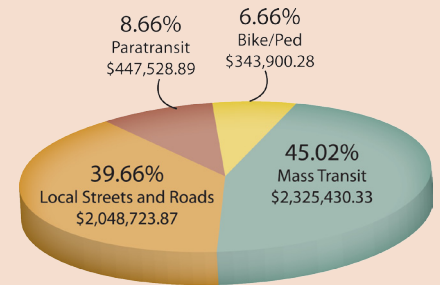


## Countywide Coordination and Mobility Management Planning

On March 8, the Alameda CTC led a Coordination and Mobility Management Planning meeting in South County to discuss potential coordination strategies to facilitate more seamless transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.

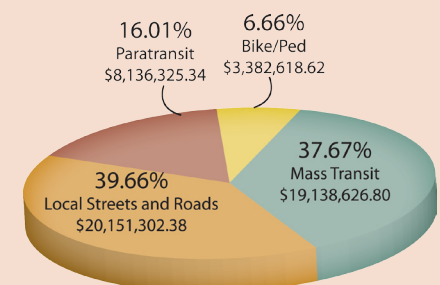
## Pass-through Funding

### One Month of Distributions



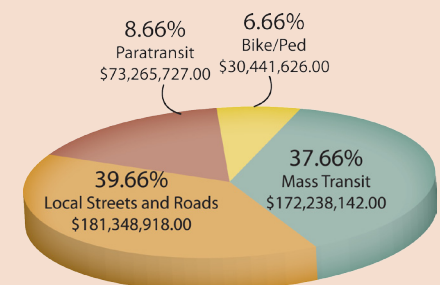
Alameda CTC allocated a total of more than \$5.165 million in Measure B funds for four programs in December 2010 (the last reported month).

### 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

**Public outreach:** Alameda CTC Chair, Union City Mayor Mark Green recently invited Alameda County elected officials, city and county managers and representatives from several government and transportation agencies to Initial Vision Scenario (IVS) meetings, as part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) development. Alameda CTC is also hosting public workshops to get input on the [Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan \(CWTP-TEP\) development](#), which supports the RFP/SCS.

Workshops held in March invited elected officials and community members into discussions about the plans, and the projects and programs needed to support a transportation vision that fosters a vibrant and livable Alameda County:

- March 9 – Hayward City Hall, Conference Room 2A, 777 B Street (CWTP-TEP)
- March 16 – San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue (IVS and CWTP-TEP)
- March 19 – Newark Hilton, 39900 Balentine Drive, SCS including IVS hosted by Supervisor Lockyer
- March 24 – Alameda CTC, 1333 Broadway, Suite 300 (IVS and CWTP-TEP)
- March 24 - Dublin Public Library, 200 Civic Plaza (CWTP-TEP)

For meeting times [click here](#).

**Business outreach:** On March 2, Alameda CTC staff performed outreach at an open house in Hayward - How to Do Business with Public Agencies in Hayward.

## Other News

In February 2011, the Alameda CTC unveiled its new logo and mission statement (see right). The Commission also has a new phone number — (510) 208-7400 — and new staff email addresses. Visit the [Alameda CTC Staff](#) web page to access the new contact information.

## ACCMA Projects

## ACTIA Capital 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 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, resulting from 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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