

Alameda CTC *Executive Director's Report*



April 2011

Executive Director's Message



Last month, Alameda CTC Chair, Union City Mayor Mark Green, Vice-Chair, Supervisor Haggerty and Programs and Public Affairs Manager, Tess Lengyel and I traveled to Washington, D.C. to build support for Alameda CTC's 2011 Legislative Program. I am pleased to report the trip was a success.

Back in Alameda County, voters are showing positive support for continuing the half-cent sales tax. Of the 813 Alameda County voters surveyed in a recent telephone poll:

- 72 percent are in favor of extending the half-cent transportation sales tax to address an updated plan for the county's current and future transportation needs.
- 54 percent support making the existing sales tax permanent.

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Transportation Planning Updates

The Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan development has been the focus of Alameda CTC's transportation planning efforts. The Commission is implementing a Call for Projects and Programs, and local jurisdictions and the public have identified projects and programs for consideration in both the countywide and the regional transportation plans. Alameda CTC is assisting in locating sponsors for new projects and programs, and will submit a draft list of projects and programs to MTC on April 29. The Alameda CTC advisory committees and working groups will review the draft list in May, and a public hearing and approval of the list by the Commission is scheduled for May 26. Visit the [Alameda CTC transportation planning page](#) for more information.

Through the CWTP-TEP committees, Alameda CTC is also seeking input on the

Initial Vision Scenario that will ultimately result in the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). In Alameda County, we are already implementing development patterns that support the SCS and its goals to reduce drive-alone trips, promote transit and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants. Next steps include determining what resources and infrastructure are needed to support intensified land uses identified in the Initial Vision Scenario, and where to find additional funding.



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. Environmental studies and the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) are being updated for the I-580 eastbound High Occupancy Toll (HOT) and auxiliary lane projects that were combined into one construction project.

Appraisals for the right of way required for the I-580 westbound HOV lane project have been prepared and are under review by Caltrans. Commission staff is reviewing proposals to prepare a Project Study Report 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 overcrossings and improvements to on and off ramps. The project design is underway; the 35 percent-level PS&E were submitted in February 2011 and the Bridge Type Selection was made in March 2011. Construction will begin in fall 2012.

The Stage 1 (Subway) construction contract for the BART Warm Springs Extension is underway. BART is conducting the procurement process for the Stage 2 (LTSS) contract and expects to issue a notice to proceed by year-end 2011. BART awarded the construction contract for the BART Oakland Airport Connector in 2010. Construction activities were recently initiated and are expected to ramp up this spring.

For more information about these and other projects, click on the project fact sheets on the back page.

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Alameda CTC will conduct another poll in fall 2011. Regarding the Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) and Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) development, we recently hosted five public workshops throughout Alameda County and received valuable input on transportation project and program priorities. At four additional workshops, the Initial Vision Scenario (IVS), developed by the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), that will ultimately be modified into a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), was presented and feedback was requested from elected officials on how Alameda County should develop in the next 25 years.

Alameda CTC is also implementing a Call for Projects and Programs that will serve the development of the CWTP and TEP as well as the Regional Transportation Plan. We will submit a draft list to MTC in April, prepare a final list for review by advisory committees and working groups in May, conduct a public hearing on May 26 and provide a final list to MTC at the end of May. (See "Transportation Planning Updates" or visit the [Alameda CTC transportation planning page](#) for more information.)

In support of the I-580 Westbound Express Lane Project, Alameda CTC recently released a request for proposals to prepare a Project Study Report (see "Other News," for more information).

Other progress includes:

- 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.
- Development of the draft Vehicle Registration Fee Program strategic plan and guidelines.
- Preparations for the East County Transportation Forum on April 21, 2011, at Dublin City Hall.
- Continuing merger activities including consolidating financial accounting systems, fiscal year 2011-2012 budgets, cost allocation plans, the CalPERS retirement system, payroll and accounts payable processing.

This is a busy time of year for Alameda CTC, and I will do my best to keep you informed. As always, I welcome your questions, comments and feedback.

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Dao

Programming Updates

Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore Project:

This project continues to move forward. The construction of the pipe canopy that will support the earth above the tunnel during the first 180 feet of excavation is complete, which means that tunneling from the west can begin. As this work begins, progress will continue on the tunnel's eastern side.

The tunneling machinery at the West Portal will be smaller but more versatile than at the East Portal. First, an excavator breaks up the concrete on the wall, creating an entryway for the tunnel. The crew cuts steel within the concrete wall with blow torches.

After a tunnel-sized hole is made in the portal wall, the excavator, now equipped with a cutting head, will begin tunneling. The cutting head spins rapidly, gouging out chunks of dirt and rock from the face of the tunnel. Afterward, the crew sprays the walls with concrete and installs steel girders and sprays them with concrete. The workers roll the excavator into position again and the process

repeats as the work crews advance in this manner through the tunnel.

"The start of tunneling from the Alameda side of the Caldecott Tunnel marks an important day for this project," said Mark Green, Chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission. "We look forward to a smoother, less-congested passage between Alameda and Contra Costa counties upon project completion."

Visit the [Caldecott Tunnel website](#) for more information.



Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore Project

Program Updates

Program Compliance: Staff is developing a compliance report based on 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). Staff will present it to the Commission in May.

Grant Programs: To date, Alameda CTC has awarded over \$27.2 million to four grant programs. In April, staff recommends Commission approval to extend 13 Cycle 4 Paratransit Gap Grants and provide supplemental funding of just under \$1 million for 10 of the grants. One successful project of note, the [Pleasanton Downtown Route Senior Shuttle](#), recently added eight new stops

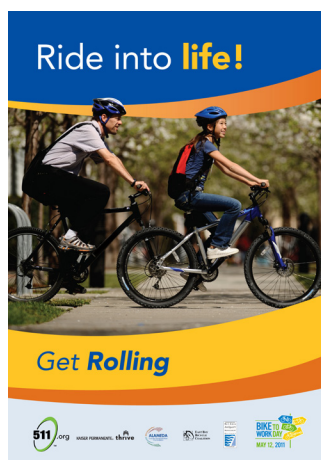
in response to a rider survey, and five flex stops that allow direct transfer opportunities to Wheels fixed-route buses. Approximately 61 percent of riders are over 80 years old.

Federal Grant Application Scoring: The Section 5310 Program provides capital grants for vehicles, radios and dispatching software to assist private nonprofit corporations and public agencies in providing transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. In March, a Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee sub-committee scored 21 applications and provided scores to MTC, which will submit rankings to Caltrans in May.

Ed Roberts Campus Grand Opening:

On Saturday, April 9, the public celebrated the grand opening of the [Ed Roberts Campus](#) (partially funded by a Cycle 3 Paratransit Gap Grant award of \$141,000 and \$7.2 million in funds programmed from the ACCMA), which offers an array of disability-related services and programs in one totally accessible location at the Ashby BART Station.

Ride into life! Campaign: In advance of [The Bay Area's Bike to Work Day](#) on May 12, Alameda CTC has released a series of [Ride into Life](#) advertisements to promote bicycling. Visit the websites above for more information.



Finance Updates

Over the past month, finance staff has devoted time to budget work for the upcoming fiscal year, consolidate the financial systems and ensure cash-flow stability for the agencies. As part of the budgeting process, staff has worked with a consultant to provide extensive information and to develop agency goals and objectives for the consolidated budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. Staff will also develop a cost allocation plan that will allow for recovery of overhead costs through capital projects.

To facilitate the financial accounting systems consolidation, staff has taken into consideration that the current financial accounting systems were designed differently with varying needs. ACTIA, for the most part, has only one funding source, and the ACCMA has many.

Consequently, staff is developing a new common chart of accounts and account code string that will capture the funding sources, along with common policies and procedures to ensure budgetary controls in the new consolidated system.

At last month's Commission meeting, the Alameda CTC approved an initial loan of \$5 million from the ACTA to the ACCMA. This \$5 million will help provide cash flow for the ACCMA capital program, now being led by Alameda CTC, while the agency awaits reimbursement from various funding sources on its many projects.

Committee Activities



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

- April 5 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee](#) discussed the Vehicle Registration Fee and other funding sources.
- April 7 – The [Community Advisory Working Group \(CAWG\)](#) discussed transportation issue papers, polling results and project/program packaging methods for Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan (CWTP-TEP) development.

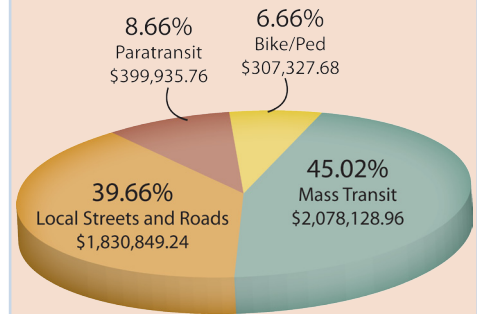
- April 14 – The [Technical Advisory Working Group \(TAWG\)](#) discussed the same items as CAWG.
- April 14 – The [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#) recommended a matching fund policy for the Countywide Discretionary Fund Program and discussed continuation of current bike/ped programs.
- April 25 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee](#) held a joint meeting with the Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee and made recommendations on gap grant funding and on the paratransit coordination contract.
- April 28 – The [CWTP-TEP Steering Committee](#) discussed CAWG/TAWG items and commented on committed projects, the funding policy and the Initial Vision Scenario.

East County Transportation Forum

On April 21, the Alameda CTC in conjunction with the Citizens Advisory Committee hosted the [East County Transportation Forum](#) at Dublin City Hall. Presentations included Alameda Countywide Transportation Planning, Route 84 Expressway Update, I-580 Corridor Update, Alameda Canal Trail Update and WHEELS Transit Advancements. The next forum is on July 21, 2011 in South County. For more information, visit [the website](#).

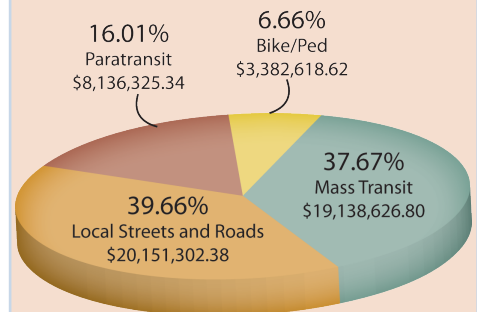
Pass-through Funding

One Month of Distributions



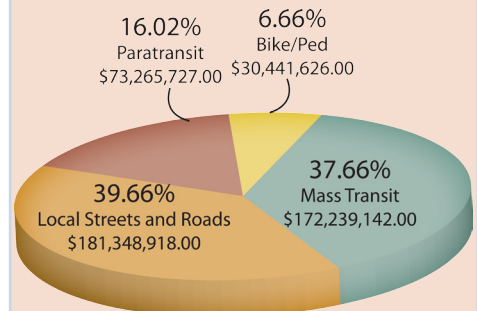
Alameda CTC allocated a total of \$4,616,241.64 in Measure B funds for four programs in January 2011 (the last reported month).

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: As part of the [Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan \(CWTP-TEP\) development](#), on April 29, the Commission will evaluate, approve and submit a draft transportation projects and programs list to MTC, based on the lists that local jurisdictions and public agencies submitted to Alameda CTC in April.

In May, Alameda CTC advisory committees and working groups will review the first draft list, and the public will have further opportunity to review and comment on projects and programs to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County at a public hearing on May 26, and at workshops in fall 2011.

Events: In April, Alameda CTC hosted or participated in these outreach events:

- April 7 – Calmentor Annual Meeting in Oakland
- April 19 – Lunchtime Bike Safety Workshop at Alameda CTC
- April 20 – Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals APBP Webinar: Integrating Bicycles and Streetcars at Alameda CTC
- April 22 – Special Transportation Presentations at Senior Apartments and Housing in Hayward
- April 28 – Albany Senior Resource Fair in Albany

Other News

Alameda CTC requested proposals by April 8, 2011 to prepare a Project Study Report in support of the I-580 Westbound Express Lane Project. The Commission has begun negotiations with the top-ranked firm, and anticipates contract commencement on June 1, 2011. Visit the [Alameda CTC contracting web page](#) for information about other new opportunities.

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 Alameda County Transportation

Commission (Alameda CTC) 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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