

# Alameda CTC *Executive Director's Report*



## Executive Director's Message



*Progress on the merger continues to take place, including finalizing some staffing efforts for the Alameda CTC. Effective April 2011, Alameda CTC's new staffing organization is in place, and I would like to congratulate the following staff on their positions: Liz Brazil, Contract Compliance and Outreach Analyst; Arun Goel, Project Controls Engineer; Tess Lengyel, Deputy Director of Policy, Public Affairs and Legislation; Gladys Parmelee, Office Supervisor; Laurel Poeton, Assistant Transportation Planner; Jackie Taylor, Programming Analyst; and Beth Walukas, Deputy Director of Planning. Also, we are seeking applications for the Deputy Director of Programming and Project Management position through May 31, and over the next several months as merger efforts continue, we will continue to shape the organization to best accomplish our goals.*

*Finance staff are performing the next steps in financial consolidation and focusing on projects*

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## Transportation Planning Updates

The Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan (CWTP-TEP) development continues to be the focus of Alameda CTC's transportation planning efforts. On April 29, 2011, the CWTP-TEP Steering Committee forwarded a draft list of projects and programs to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for consideration in the regional transportation plan. The Committee directed staff to seek input on the list in May and to hold a public hearing at its May 26 meeting from noon to 12:30 p.m. Staff will submit the final list to the full Commission for approval later the same day. The same list will be used in the CWTP evaluation and development of a preliminary Transportation Expenditure Plan list this summer. For more information, visit the [Alameda CTC transportation planning page](#).

MTC and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) are seeking input on the

Initial Vision Scenario that will ultimately result in the Sustainable Communities Strategy. Public workshops are being held on May 19 in Berkeley and May 24 in Oakland. Visit [www.OneBayArea.org](http://www.OneBayArea.org) for more information. Supervisorial Districts 1 and 2 hosted a workshop on May 14 for elected officials to provide input on how development in Alameda County should occur in the next 25 years and the resources necessary to accommodate it.

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans Updates:

Alameda CTC is preparing for the local Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and public meetings to gather input on the vision and priorities networks for the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans updates. Staff is also beginning to draft recommendations for the priority programs including outreach and education. Visit the [Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans update page](#) for more information.

## 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 has selected a consultant team to prepare a Project Study Report for the conversion of the planned westbound HOV to an express lane.

The southbound I-880 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 more than 60 percent complete (contract dollars basis). BART is finalizing the procurement process for the Stage 2 (LTSS) contract and expects to issue a notice to proceed by December 2011.

BART awarded the Oakland Airport Connector project construction contract in 2010, and contract work is underway. The contract includes design work preceding the physical construction activities expected to ramp up this spring.

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

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that support and maintain the current year financial system in addition to projects that help develop the future reporting functions for the Alameda CTC. (Read more in "Finance Updates" on page 3.)

To support delivery of projects and programs, the Alameda CTC hires consultant services for a variety of purposes. I am pleased to report that for fiscal year 2011-2012, staff recommended to the Commission in May approximately \$6.9 million in consultant contracts, an overall reduction in costs of over \$1.9 million (approximately 22 percent) from fiscal year 2010-2011. (These totals do not include the financial audit contract yet to be solicited.) Of these contractors, 80 percent are agency-certified Alameda County firms.

Many staff and consultants were involved in facilitating a successful Call for Projects and Programs that serves the development of the Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) and Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) as well as the Regional Transportation Plan. I want to thank them for coordinating with people and agencies throughout the county to prepare and review the draft projects and programs lists in record time that Alameda CTC submitted to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) on April 29, and for which it will submit a final list in May. (See "Transportation Planning Updates" or visit the [Alameda CTC transportation planning page](#) for more information.)

Alameda CTC coordinated with the offices of Scott Haggerty, District 1 Supervisor, and Nadia Lockyer, District 2 Supervisor, on their Sustainable Communities Strategy Summit on May 14 in Sunol. This summit gave local jurisdictions the opportunity to learn about important policies and provide input on the development of the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Other Alameda CTC activities include:

- 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.
- Moving forward with the Vehicle Registration Fee Program strategic plan and guidelines.

As always, I welcome your questions, comments and feedback.

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Dao  
Executive Director, Alameda CTC

## Programming Updates



**2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Process:** The California Transportation Commission (CTC) updates the STIP biennially, in even-numbered years. Each coordinated statewide STIP update is roughly a one-year process. The 2012 STIP update starts spring 2011. The STIP is a five-year programming document adopted by the CTC that identifies transportation projects for state transportation funds. STIP provides project funding for state highways, local roads, transit, intercity rail, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, intermodal facilities and safety. Each new STIP

cycle makes available two years of funding. The 2012 STIP will cover fiscal years 2012-2013 to 2016-2017.

The Alameda CTC is responsible for developing STIP project priorities for Alameda County and soliciting and selecting the projects for Alameda County's share of the STIP. The Alameda CTC is scheduled to release a Call for Projects in June 2011 with applications due July 2011. The CTC's 2012 STIP Fund Estimate is scheduled for release in July 2011, and the Alameda CTC will develop a 2012 STIP program proposal based on the amount and type of funds available. The Alameda County STIP proposal is scheduled to be approved by the Alameda CTC in October 2011 and submitted to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for approval in November 2011. The 2012 STIP programming cycle will culminate with the adoption of the 2012 STIP by the CTC in April of 2012.

## Program Updates

**Program Compliance:** Staff completed 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 presented it to the Commission in May.

**Grant Programs:** To date, Alameda CTC has awarded over \$27.3 million to four grant programs, and in April approved the Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO) recommendation for an additional \$998,000 to extend and augment over a dozen gap grants to enhance transportation in the county for seniors and people with disabilities. A featured bicycle and pedestrian safety project, the [Iron Horse Trail Feasibility Study](#), recently received approval from the City of Pleasanton and secured federal funding to complete the trail, which will close a gap

in the Iron Horse Trail and greatly improve bicycle and pedestrian access in Pleasanton, between Dublin/Pleasanton BART and Santa Rita Road.

**Program Plan Review:** PAPCO reviewed applications in April and early May and provided a recommendation to the Commission for fiscal year 2011-2012 funding of \$8.95 million for 13 senior and disabled transportation programs, including East Bay Paratransit, Wheels Dial-a-Ride, and city programs like those in Fremont, Oakland and San Leandro.



**Bike to Work Day:** Hundreds of people rode their bikes to work on the Bay Area's 17th Annual Bike to Work Day, Thursday, May 12th. Alameda CTC has supported this event for the past four years through funding and coordination for the [Ride into Life](#) advertising campaign.





## Finance Updates

In April, **finance** staff focused on projects that support and maintain the current year financial system in addition to projects that help develop the future reporting functions for the Alameda CTC. Staff has been working on interim financial audits currently underway, updating fiscal year 2010-2011 budget projections, preparing third-quarter statements of revenues and expenditures for both the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), preparing the third-quarter consolidated investment report, accumulating budget information for the upcoming fiscal year and developing the reporting methodology for the new consolidated financial system.

Also in April, staff executed a loan agreement and implemented an initial loan of \$5 million from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) to the

ACCMA, which the Commission approved in March. This \$5 million has been helpful in stabilizing the ACCMA's cash flow position while the agency awaits reimbursement from various funding sources on its many capital projects.

Staff proposals go to the Commission in May to adjust budgets to reflect current needs. The Commission's needs have been significantly augmented from the originally projected budgets due to unexpected expenditures primarily due to the merger of ACCMA and ACTIA and significant delays in ACCMA projects.



## Committee Activities

In May, several **community advisory committees** met. Highlights include:

- **May 3** – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee](#) approved the Countywide Transportation Plan and Transportation Expenditure Plan (CWTP-TEP) project and program lists, and the final Transportation Fund for Clean Air program.
- **May 5** – The [Community Advisory Working Group \(CAWG\)](#) reviewed the outcome of the CWTP-TEP outreach and call for projects and programs, and began to review strategic financial parameters for the TEP.
- **May 12** – The [Technical Advisory Working Group \(TAWG\)](#) discussed the same items as CAWG.

- **May 23** – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee](#) made recommendations on base program and minimum service level funding and established a bylaws subcommittee.
- **May 26** – The [CWTP-TEP Steering Committee](#) will hold a public hearing on the projects and programs lists to submit to MTC; discuss CWTP-TEP financials and parameters to address in the development of the TEP; and receive a final report on the results of outreach conducted in March 2011.

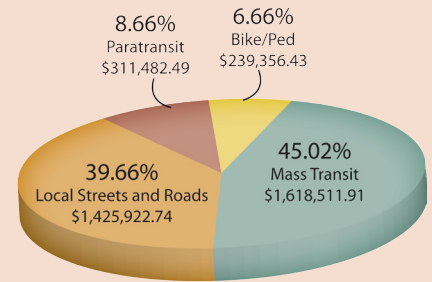


### Alameda CTC Seeks Input on Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Priorities

As part of the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans updates, which will be incorporated into the Countywide Transportation Plan, staff and consultants are seeking input on capital projects and will attend local Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meetings in May and June in five cities: Berkeley, Fremont, Oakland, Pleasanton and San Leandro. Neighboring cities and BPACs are invited to attend. The plans update website lists all meeting dates: [www.tinyurl.com/ACBikePedPlans](http://www.tinyurl.com/ACBikePedPlans).

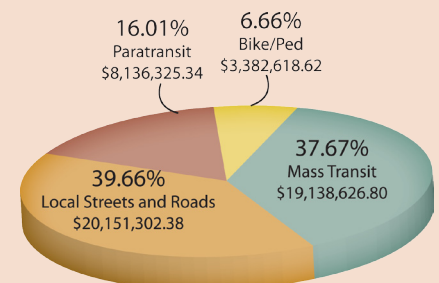
## Pass-through Funding

### One Month of Distributions



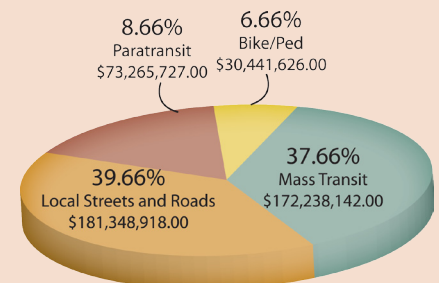
Alameda CTC allocated a total of more than \$3.595 million in Measure B funds for four programs in February 2011 (the last reported month).

### 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, Alameda CTC advisory committees and working groups reviewed the first draft transportation projects and programs list that Alameda CTC submitted to MTC on April 29, 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 May, Alameda CTC hosted or participated in these outreach events:

- **May 2** – Rotary Club of Hayward Luncheon in Hayward
- **May 5** – 5th Annual Senior Health and Wellness Resource Fair in Castro Valley
- **May 6** – Meals on Wheels Five Star Night in Oakland
- **May 7** – Veterans' Health and Resource Fair in Fremont
- **May 12** – Bike to Work Day in Oakland
- **May 18** – Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals APBP Webinar: Using Social Media to Improve Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities



## Other News

The California Department of Transportation and Alameda CTC released the Draft Initial Study Environmental Assessment for the [Interstate 80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project](#) for public review and comment in May 2011. The project proposes to implement ramp metering and incident management along I-80 from the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Toll Plaza in Alameda County to the Carquinez Bridge in Contra Costa County. Alameda CTC also released [two RFPs due in May](#) for systems manager services and a combined Project Study Report/Project Report and environmental document.



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## 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 Southbound \(HOV\) Lane Extension Hegenberger Road-Marina Boulevard](#)
- [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](#)



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](#).

- [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](#)