Alameda CTC Executive Director's Report

Executive Director's Message



In April 2012, Alameda CTC celebrated a <u>Decade</u> of <u>Progress</u> with the 10-year anniversary of Measure B revenues. In the first decade, the Alameda County half-cent transportation sales tax generated over \$956 million to help reduce congestion and improve mobility and access through investments in highways, streets, transit, walking and bicycling safety, as well as to expand transportation options for seniors and people with disabilities.

The Alameda CTC has delivered 95 percent of its 27 capital improvement projects approved by the voters in 2000 in 50 percent of the time. These projects have created jobs. Through our local contracting program, we've paid out over \$325 million to local Alameda County firms, and \$94 million of that amount to small, local firms for construction, engineering, professional and administrative services.

As we look toward the future, the <u>Transportation</u> <u>Expenditure Plan (TEP)</u> and <u>Alameda Countywide</u> <u>Transportation Plan (CWTP)</u> will guide over \$9.5 billion of funding for transportation in Alameda County over the next 30 years, and will support a vibrant and livable Alameda County.

- To date, 13 cities representing a majority of the cities in Alameda County and a majority of the population, have approved the TEP.
- The Alameda County Board of Supervisors (BOS) unanimously approved the TEP.
- Over 17 organizations have shown their support.

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Transportation Planning Updates

TEP gains support, CWTP moves forward: The Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) is gaining support throughout Alameda County from cities and transit operators. The following have approved the TEP:

- Alameda County Board of Supervisors
- City of Alameda
- City of Albany
- City of Dublin
- City of Emeryville
- City of Fremont
- City of Hayward
- City of Livermore
- City of Newark
- City of Oakland
- City of Piedmont
- City of Pleasanton
- City of San Leandro
- City of Union City
- Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District
- San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit

Alameda CTC expects further support after presenting to the City of Berkeley City Council in late May 2012.

The TEP is the major funding mechanism to carry out much-needed transportation projects and programs in the revised Draft Countywide

Program Updates

Student Transit Pass Program: In May, staff met for the fourth time with community members, transit planners, school district representatives and interested stakeholders to discuss the Alameda County student transit pass program. The team has discussed program parameters and has developed a draft scope of services, deliverables and staffing to support different models of student transit pass programs in Alameda County.

Annual report to the public: Also in May, the Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) Annual Report Subcommittee met for the second time about the CWC's annual report to the public, Transportation Plan (CWTP). With reductions in state and federal transportation funding, the TEP is a way that Alameda County can continue to provide and maintain an efficient transportation system and a variety of programs to serve the county's multiple needs. If approved by voters in November 2012, the TEP will provide funding for transportation projects and programs in Alameda County through an extension and augmentation of the half-cent sales tax. The Alameda CTC will consider approving the TEP and the revised Draft CWTP in May 2012. Once approved, in June 2012, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors will vote to place it on the November 2012 ballot.

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which covers Measure B expenditures in fiscal year 2010-2011 and CWC actions with a particular focus on project and program delivery.

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Executive Director's Message (cont'd)

The Alameda CTC considers approving the TEP and draft final CWTP this month. Once approved, in June 2012, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors will vote to place it on the November 2012 ballot. (Read more in "Transportation Planning Updates" on page 1.) Staff is also working on a student transit pass program scope and will request feedback from the Steering Committee.

Programming and project news: Staff has developed two strategic plans for Commission approval that detail distribution of Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) funds. These plans will keep capital projects moving and ensure equitable distribution of VRF funds. Meanwhile, the remaining Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account bond-funded construction projects continue to progress. Several of the I-580 and I-880 contracts will soon be ready for advertisement. Read more in "Programming and Project Updates."

Staff is also developing a plan for policies, planning and programming activities in the coming year, and will bring the implementation timeline to the Commission in June.

Next month, you can look forward to hearing about the results of our Team Bike Challenge. I've logged in a number of miles on my bike during <u>National</u> <u>Bike Month</u>. In the meantime, I hope to see you at one of the upcoming activites and events (see pages 3 and 4 for details).

As the last decade of Measure B comes to a close, the finance department is working toward finalizing the accounting books and preparing for the independent financial audits of ACCMA and ACTIA since their official termination in February 2012. Staff is also preparing a consolidated fiscal year 2012-2013 budget (see "Finance Updates" for more information).

Congratulations to Alameda CTC and its staff on a Decade of Progress, which will serve as the basis for continued excellence in transportation delivery for future investments.

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Dao Executive Director, Alameda CTC (Program Updates continued from page 1) The draft report will go to the CWC for review in June. Last year's report, the <u>9th Annual Report</u> to the <u>Public</u> is available on the website.

Program Plan Review: The Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee formed a subcommittee that met twice in May to review program plan applications from 11 cities (Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Newark, Oakland, Pleasanton, San Leandro and Union City), as well as from East Bay Paratransit and Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, and made a recommendation to PAPCO to fund all 13 paratransit programs for a total of \$9.3 million.

Transit oriented development policy: In response to greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements in Senate Bill 375 and land use and housing requirements through the

Programming and Project Updates

Measure B Strategic Plan: Staff is presenting the Draft Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (FY 12-13) Measure B Strategic Plan for the Measure B Capital Projects Program at this month's Board meeting. The Strategic Plan provides the basis for the Measure B funding commitments to the capital projects included in the Capital Program. For example, the original programmed balance for the 2000 Expenditure Plan was \$568.5 million. With adjustments from program escalation factors adopted in subsequent strategic plans, the current programmed balance totals \$756.5 million, of which \$699.5 million has been allocated to date. The Strategic Plan also lays out the timing for providing Measure B funds to projects.

Vehicle Registration Fee Strategic Plan: The Alameda CTC has also drafted the FY 12-13 Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Strategic Plan. The VRF Program is funded by the \$10 vehicle registration fee that voters approved in November 2010; collections began in May 2011. The VRF will generate about \$10 million a year for transportation improvements in Alameda County. The VRF funding will be distributed equitably among the four geographical subareas of the county in the following program categories:

- Local Road Improvement and Repair Program (60 percent)
- Transit for Congestion Relief Program (25 percent)

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Metropolitan Transportation Commission's OneBayArea Grant Program, as well as to address planning goals, such as sustainable land use and transportation linkages through priority development area (PDAs) in the Alameda County Transportation Expenditure. Plan and land-use goals in the <u>Countywide</u> <u>Transportation Plan</u>, Alameda CTC is in the process of researching and developing transit oriented development, or priority development area (PDA), design guidelines.



Transit Oriented Development project --MacArthur Transit Hub Streetscape Improvement

- Local Transportation Technology Program (10 percent)
- Pedestrian and Bicyclist Access and Safety Program (5 percent)

Transit Performance Initiative: The

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) recommended programming \$28 million for five projects to improve transit operations and customer experience, as part of its final recommendations from the Transit Sustainability Project. AC Transit received \$10.5 million of the \$28 million available for its Line 51 Corridor Speed Protection and Restoration Project. MTC will approve the final programming in May 2012 as part of the OneBayArea grant program.

Proposition 1B CMIA Update: The remaining Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) bond-funded construction projects continue to progress. Several of the contracts on I-580 and I-880 have met the ready-to-list milestone and will soon be ready for advertisement. In the meantime, the first Route 84 Expressway contract was awarded on March 21, 2012 to Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Inc. Their low bid in the amount of \$20.4 million represents a savings of \$8.3 million from the engineer's estimate. The project will be delivered via two construction contracts, and will widen a 4.6-mile section of State Route 84 (Isabel Ave) from Ruby Hill Drive to Jack London Boulevard.

Finance Updates

The Alameda CTC finance department is working toward finalizing the accounting books and preparing for the independent financial audits of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority since their official termination in February 2012. Simultaneously, staff is preparing for the interim audits of the consolidated Alameda CTC and the Sunol Smart Carpool Lane Joint Powers Authority.

These activities include making sure all yearend entries have been accurately accounted for and completing reconciliations of all balance sheet accounts by individual fund types before starting to prepare all of the documents requested by the auditors. The external auditors are expected to arrive on-site to perform audit activities in early June.

The finance team also has been working with staff to collect budget requests for the coming fiscal year to develop into a proposed fiscal year 2012-2013 budget. The project controls team is working with project managers to update funding plans to determine needs for the coming fiscal year based on the new rolling budget format implemented in fiscal year 2011-2012, which allows unused capital project budget authority to roll to the next fiscal year.

_Committee Activities

April 2012 CAC Meeting - Cynthia Dorsey, Chair (r. standing)

In May, the following community advisory committees met. Highlights include:

 May 8 – The Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee approved the Final Cycle 3 Lifeline Transportation Program, Express Bus grants, and discussed policy, planning and programming for fiscal year 2012-2013, as well as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's OneBayArea grant program.

 May 10 – The <u>Community Advisory</u> Working Group (CAWG) and the <u>Technical</u> <u>Advisory Working Group (TAWG)</u> had a joint meeting and discussed the final Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP), the final draft Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP), Alameda CTC policy, planning and programming next steps, and a student transit pass program.

- May 21 The <u>Paratransit Advisory and</u> <u>Planning Committee (PAPCO)</u> made base plan and minimum service level funding rrecommendations to the Commission, based on the Program Plan Review Subcommittee's recommendations, as well as formed a Bylaws Subcommittee to review PAPCO's bylaws.
- May 24 <u>CWTP-Transportation Expenditure</u> <u>Plan Steering Committee</u> discussed the same items as the CAWG and TAWG.
- May 31 The <u>Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory</u> <u>Committee</u> approved Countywide Discretionary Fund (CDF) Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program amendment requests for the Bike Safety Education Program and Tri-City Senior Walk Clubs, and discussed the Cycle 5 CDF call for projects.

Join Us at a Free Webinar on June 20

On the third Wednesday of each month, the Alameda CTC hosts the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) monthly webinar at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300. The next webinar is on Wednesday, June 20 from 12 to 1 p.m. (PST). The topic is Resolving Conflicts at Complex Intersections, which will consider examples of effective, safe solutions for bicyclists and pedestrians at complicated intersections. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. The Alameda CTC pays the APBP registration fee, so attendance is free and open to all.



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Outreach & Events

In May and June, the Alameda CTC is hosting or participating in these outreach events:



- 1st Wednesdays Street Party sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association
- May 2 Pleasanton Downtown Association's 1st Wednesdays Street Party
- May 3 Senior Health and Wellness Resource Fair at Kenneth C. Aitken Senior Center in Castro Valley
- May 4 Port of Oakland's Third Annual MegaRegion Summit
- May 5 9th Annual Cinco de Mayo con Orgullo in San Leandro
- May 5-6 Livermore Chamber of Commerce's 21st Annual Livermore Wine County Festival
- May 10 Bike to Work Day sponsored by the East Bay Bicycle Coalition
- May 12-13 Park Street Business Association's Spring Festival
- May 15 Amgen Tour of California in Livermore
- May 16 Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) Webinar at Alameda CTC: In-Street Bicycle Parking: What, When, Where, How Much?
- May 20 Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Consumer Showcase at Stoneridge Shopping Center
- May 24 Annual Joint Chamber 2012 Business Expo in Berkeley
- June 20 APBP Webinar at Alameda CTC: Resolving Conflicts at Complex Intersections
- June 21 Hayward Street Festival
- June 21, 28, and July 5 Alameda County Fair Senior Days (1 - 5 p.m.) in Pleasanton

Route 84 groundbreaking: In June,

Alameda CTC, the City of Livermore, and Caltrans will host a Route 84 Expressway groundbreaking. The new expressway will widen a 4.6-mile section of State Route (SR) 84 (Isabel Avenue) from Ruby Hill Drive to Jack London Boulevard from two lanes to four lanes and six lanes, and will be complete in 2016.

ACCMA Projects

ACTIA Capital Projects

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

- <u>APN 501.0 I-880/Mission Boulevard</u> (Route 262) Interchange Reconstruction
- APN 505.0 I-880 to Mission Boulevard East-West Connector
- <u>APN 506.0 Route 238/Mission-Foothill-</u> Jackson-Corridor Improvements
- <u>APN 509.0 Central Alameda County Freeway</u> <u>System Operational Analysis</u>
- 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
- <u>APN 604.0 Downtown Oakland</u>
 <u>Streetscape Improvement</u>
- APN 606.0 Union City Intermodal Station
- <u>APN 607.0 Telegraph Avenue Corridor Bus</u> <u>Rapid Transit</u>
- APN 609.0 Iron Horse Transit Route
- APN 610.0 I-880/Broadway Jackson Interchange Improvements

Other News

BikeMobile Debut: The Alameda County BikeMobile made its official debut on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 3:15 p.m. at Rosa Parks Elementary School in Berkeley. Approximately 100 students had the chance to visit the van and learn more about bicycle repair and bicycle safety. On Thursday, April 26, Commissioners, staff and the public also had the opportunity to visit the BikeMobile up close and get answers to their bicycle questions. The BikeMobile is part of MTC's countywide <u>Safe Routes to</u> <u>School (SR2S) Program</u> and will visit 200 to 275 sites per year (70 percent of these visits will be at SR2S locations).



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- <u>APN 612.0 I-580/Castro Valley</u> Interchange Improvements
- APN 613.0 Lewelling/ East Lewelling Boulevard Widening
- <u>APN 614.2 I-580 WB Auxiliary Lane</u> (Airway Boulevard to Fallon Road)
- <u>APN 614.3 I-580 EB Auxiliary Lane</u> (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
- <u>APN 618.1 Westgate Parkway Extension</u>
- APN 619.0 E. 14th Street/Hesperian Boulevard/ 150th Street Intersection Improvements
- <u>APN 621.0 I-238 Widening</u>
- APN 623.0 Route 84/I-580 Interchange
- <u>APN 624.0 Route 84 Expressway</u>
- 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
- <u>APN 720.3 I-580 Corridor Environmental</u> <u>Mitigation</u>
- 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
- <u>APN 740.2 Webster Street SMART Corridor</u>
- <u>APN 764.0 I-580 Landscape Project -</u> <u>San Leandro</u>
- <u>APN 765.0 I-80/Gilman Interchange (Study)</u>
- <u>APN 770.0 I-680/I-880 Cross Connector Studies</u>
- <u>APN 791.0 I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility (ICM)</u>
- APN 945.0 Smart Corridors Operation and Management