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—ARTHUR L. DAO, Executive Director, Alameda CTC Efficiency and accountability have been the hallmark of Alameda County Transportation Commission in every aspect of our work – planning, funding and delivering transportation solutions in Alameda County. I'm pleased to report that Alameda CTC has advanced its focus on value and efficiency by consolidating our offices and moving to a new building. On September 3, 2013, we opened our new office at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800 in Oakland – just a block south of our former office – and conveniently located just above the 12th Street/City Center BART station and near many AC Transit bus stops, and bicycle and automobile parking. The new office is on one floor and is a cost savings from our previous offices, which were located on two floors. Please note that our phone and fax numbers remain the same. I look forward to seeing you at our new office.

# 11th Annual CWC Report to the Public

#### WATCHDOG COMMITTEE REPORTS ON INVESTMENTS: TRANSPORTATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURES IN COMPLIANCE

The Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) has just released its "11th Annual Report to the Public," highlighting no accounting concerns and noting that audited income and expenditures were in compliance with specific caps. Created in 2002 to review agency financial audits and reports as well as deadlines for program and project completion, the CWC is an important part of demonstrating to Alameda County voters that Measure B is delivering on its promise. As CWC Chair James Paxson notes, "The review and analysis done by the CWC play a key role in making sure that Measure B funds are spent in accordance with the wishes of the voters." The CWC Report, including links to projects and programs may be found on our website at http:// www.alamedactc.org/news\_items/ view/11719.

# Goods Movement Collaborative and Plan

#### TRANSPORATION PLANNING TO IDENTIFY SHORT- AND LONG-TERM NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

Alameda CTC is leading several planning efforts to strategically address the short- and long-term multimodal transportation needs of Alameda County, including transit, arterial corridors, biking, walking and, goods movement. Alameda CTC is in the process of creating a <u>Goods Movement</u> <u>Collaborative</u> that will bring together partners and stakeholders to 1) advance economic competitiveness; 2) ensure systems; and 3) develop sustainable goods movements to support a clean and healthy environment.

Alameda CTC will also oversee technical studies to identify needs and priorities, which will result in the development of an <u>Alameda</u> <u>Countywide Goods Movement Plan.</u> Both the Collaborative and Goods Movement Plan will be coordinated at the regional, state and federal levels, and will create the opportunity for development of a long range vision and identification of the benefits Goods Movement brings to Alameda County's ongoing economic competitiveness. We will keep you updated on progress as the collaborative and goods movement plan address the key focus areas of infrastructure, economy, community and environment.





# SEPTEMBER 2013

APBP Webinar — September 18

Alameda CTC Commission Meeting — September 26

East Bay Greenway Groundbreaking — October 4

Rescheduled Senior and Disabled/Paratransit Mobility Workshop — October 7

BAAQMD and MTC Public Workshop on Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program — October 7

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efficient use of current and future

with freight planning efforts underway

# Community Voices

#### MEET ALAMEDA CTC CHAIR, SUPERVISOR SCOTT HAGGERTY

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty helped spearhead the creation of the Alameda CTC by merging two government agencies into a single, more streamlined and efficient organization. He has served as the Chair of Alameda CTC since January 2013. As a County Supervisor, he travels extensively to and from meetings and events, using all forms of available transportation. Because he lives in Dublin and spends a large portion of his time working in Oakland (and traveling between), he takes advantage of BART when his schedule allows because it gives him the freedom to get work done while commuting. He is grateful for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-580 when he travels by car. He and his family drive, take BART, or ride bikes, depending on where they need to go.

"My favorite experiences while getting around Alameda County are stories shared by people who live, work and travel throughout Alameda County. I devote a large portion of my time working on projects and programs intended to improve mobility and access for people whether by automobile, transit, bicycling or



walking," says Chair Haggerty. "I'm pleased that the accountability of our commission and staff and community advisory committees are ensuring that taxpayers' dollars are being spent as

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promised. Local sales tax dollars as well as state and federal funds are improving access and mobility throughout the

county. I'm always pleased to hear reports about the positive results of these efforts."

Next edition: Meet Alameda CTC Vice Chair Oakland Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan.

#### **Community Voices Project**

We invite you to participate in our Community Voices project by submitting a brief essay or anecdote about your experience moving around Alameda County. Through your voices, we highlight the ways in which the range of transportation options in Alameda County (from sidewalks and bike paths to BART, local streets, roads and express lanes) are vital to our community. If you are interested in contributing a Community Voice, email us at lpoeton@AlamedaCTC.org.

#### A Public Workshop

The Air District and the Metropolitan Transporation Commission (MTC) are working to imlement Senate Bill 1339 which authorizes them to jointly adopt a regional program to promete the use of alternative commute modes. They are holding a public workshop on Monday, October 7 from 2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. at MTC 101-8th Street, Oakland to present, discuss, and receive comments on The Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program.

#### On the Move—Around Alameda County

Local transit agencies including paratransit providers, jurisdictions and Alameda County receive monthly Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee pass-through payments to meet regional transportation priorities for several programs: Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety, Local Streets and Roads, Local Transportation Technology, Mass Transit, Paratransit and Transit for Congestion Relief. Funds support a diverse array of transportation improvements that revitalize communities, increase travel efficiency and options, and support local economic development, including paratransit, assistance for seniors, transit service, biking and walking trails, sidewalk repair, traffic signals, pedestrian infrastructure and many other improvements that support our diverse, vibrant community. Read fund recipients' recent reports on the delivery of these projects in north, central, east and south Alameda County.

# 10th Annual Senior and Disabled Mobility Workshop

BUILDING HEALTHY, MOBILE, INDEPENDENT COMMUNITIES - OCTOBER 7 IN BERKELEY

Alameda CTC and its Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee will be holding the 10th Annual Senior and Disabled Mobility Workshop on



Monday, October 7, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ed Roberts Campus at 3075 Adeline Street in Berkeley. The theme is keeping seniors and people with disabilities functioning with maximum independence and encouraging health and social networks.

Mobility management is gaining traction in the Bay Area and increasingly being implemented at the county level. This year's workshop will look at how new technology and innovative design will change the game. It is designed to provide the tools and technical expertise necessary to understand and plan for these exciting changes. RSVP by September 27 to Naomi Armenta, Alameda CTC Paratransit Coordinator, (510) 208-7469 or <u>narmenta@</u> alamedactc.org. Space is limited.

# **Complete Streets Workshop**

#### BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOP AND FUNDING APPROVAL

Alameda CTC held its second Complete Streets Workshop on July 24 to assist local jurisdictions in complete streets implementation. All 15 local jurisdictions have adopted complete streets policies, as required by the OneBayArea Grant Program (OBAG), and Assembly Bill 1358, and Alameda CTC Master Program Funding Agreements. Complete Streets are streets that are designed, built and maintained to be safe, convenient and inviting for all users of the roadway,

including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, persons with disabilities, movers of commercial goods, users and operators of public transit, seniors, and children. Complete streets offer numerous benefits, including increased safety, improved air quality through the reduction of auto traffic, and improved health through increased physical activity. This workshop was in response to requests from many jurisdictions for training, resources and assistance in moving from policy

into implementation. In addition to sharing best practices from cities of all types and sizes, it launched a resource program developed by Alameda CTC.



# Final OBAG Funding Approved

FINAL RECOMMENDATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 COORDINATED FUNDING PROGRAM APPROVED

At its June meeting, Alameda CTC approved the final recommendations for the FY12-13 Coordinated Funding program, which will allocate more than \$70 million to local jurisdictions from multiple fund sources. The fund sources included federal OneBayArea Grant Program (OBAG), Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) funds. The OBAG funds, which require the adoption of a complete streets policy, comprised approximately 80 percent of the total funds available. The remaining 20 percent included

Measure B Bike/Ped Countywide Discretionary Funds (CDF), Measure **B** Express Bus Services Grant, VRF Bike/Ped Grant and VRF Transit funds. The FY 2012-13 Coordinated Program provided flexibility to sponsors to request funds from multiple sources.

It also allowed the review team to evaluate the funding options available for projects based on project type and need. In some cases local projects were considered for multiple fund sources. In response to the February 2013 call

for projects, Alameda CTC received 69 applications requesting a total of \$121.1 million. Each application underwent a rigorous evaluation process to prioritize projects that link transportation improvements with land-use decisions, relieve congestion and improve the region's air quality, resulting in a final program of recommended projects that was approved by the Commission in June, which included funding for 38 projects throughout the county.

# Interstate 580 and Interstate 80 Corridor Improvements Underway

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The Alameda CTC and its partners, Caltrans and MTC, broke ground on the I-580 Westbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane and Corridor Improvement Projects in June, celebrating \$186 million worth of corridor investments now under construction in the Tri-Valley. These improvements include a new 13-mile westbound HOV lane from Livermore into Dublin/Pleasanton, an eastbound auxiliary lane in Livermore and the widening of two eastbound bridges at



Arroyo-Las Positas. Together these projects will reduce congestion, encourage carpools and improve air quality, while setting the stage for future express lanes. The introduction of express lanes in this I-580 corridor (anticipated in late 2015) will utilize technology, traffic engineering expertise and dynamic pricing to more efficiently use existing roadway capacity to improve traffic flow and provide users with reliable travel times.

Have you noticed the new infrastructure and construction along San Pablo Avenue and on the on-ramps along the I-80 Corridor between the Carquinez and Bay Bridges? What you see is the implementation of the I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility project, which, when activated in late 2014, will

provide significant safety and efficiency improvements to this nearly 20-mile corridor. This project was developed in collaboration with Caltrans and the 10 cities, two transit agencies and four regional agencies with jurisdiction over this corridor. Through the use of innovative technology, the project will reduce congestion and secondary accidents by providing real-time traffic information that provides details about traffic along the entire corridor, and adaptive ramp metering. Alameda CTC and our partners are excited about the significant benefits that this high-tech ICM project will bring to commuters, transit and business in this busy corridor and will keep you informed of its continued progress.