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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Director's Message

### MEASURE B1 JUST SHY OF SUCCESS.

Because it is a special tax, Measure B1 needed two-thirds voter approval to pass. It received 66.53 percent of votes in the November 6, 2012 election, just 0.14 percent below the two-thirds needed for passage. Thank you, Alameda County voters — a clear majority of you came out to support this measure and demonstrated a commitment to increasing transportation options and investing in projects and programs that create local jobs, expand mobility and improve local communities.

I would also like to thank the Commissioners, Alameda CTC community advisory committees, staff, consultants, local jurisdictions and all of our partner agencies for working tirelessly to educate the public about Measure B1. The level of support for the new \$7.8 billion Transportation Expenditure Plan was incredible.

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## Transportation Planning Updates

### Supporting Priority Development Areas in Alameda County

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission's One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program requires that Alameda County spend 70 percent of OBAG funds on transportation projects that support Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and help link land use and transportation investments. Approximately \$38.7 million of the \$63 million in total OBAG funding for Alameda County will be available for PDA-supportive transportation investments over this four-year funding cycle.

By May 1, 2013, Alameda CTC must adopt and submit a PDA Investment and Growth Strategy that provides an approach to PDA planning and investment for current and future federal funding cycles. A key component of the strategy is a PDA Strategic Plan that describes the prioritization of transportation capital investments for this funding cycle and how PDAs will move forward in terms of "readiness" for transportation investments in future funding cycles.

Additionally, Alameda CTC is creating an expanded technical assistance program to support a wide range of planning and project development activities in PDAs as well as to provide bicycle and pedestrian planning and engineering and Complete Streets technical support either within or outside PDAs. Alameda CTC expects to issue a request for qualifications for an expanded technical assistance program in mid-December 2012. More information about [OBAG and PDAs](#) is available on the Alameda CTC website.

## Policy News

### 2013 Legislative Program

Alameda CTC is developing its 2013 Legislative Program that will guide legislative actions and policy direction on legislative issues during the upcoming calendar year. Some of the highest priorities in 2013 are participation in efforts to reduce the voter threshold for sales tax measures, authorization to allow a future sales tax increase in Alameda County, MAP-21 (new transportation authorization bill) implementation in California and any new reauthorization efforts, implementation of the region's Sustainable Communities Strategy, cap and trade funding for transportation, and California Environmental Quality Act reform.

Alameda CTC is also continuing to develop a funding policy framework to strategically integrate local, state and federal funding sources to support the county's funding needs and a procurement policy framework that will guide all Alameda CTC [contracting](#) efforts.

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The election will also impact the Commission in the coming year: Congratulations to all Commissioners on re-elections and newly-elected positions, including Rob Bonta, our new State Assembly representative for District 18. I would like to extend my appreciation to Jennifer Hosterman and Farid Javandel for their service, and I wish them all the best on their next endeavors as they leave their positions as mayor.

To our chair, Union City Mayor Mark Green: The legacy you leave is a stronger Alameda County — a place where innovation, expanded mobility and new infrastructure offer travel choices, enhanced safety and a cleaner environment. I am grateful for your leadership and fortitude through our merger, development of two Transportation Expenditure Plans for ballot measures in 2000 and in 2012, passage of the Vehicle Registration Fee and unrelenting advocacy for the transportation programs and projects throughout the county. We are forever grateful for all you have done.

Throughout these changing times, Alameda CTC's mission is clear: to plan, fund and deliver transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County.

The future looks bright. Our I-680 Express Lane project just won a [merit award](#). We are continuing to create jobs through [local contracts](#). Our 2013 Legislative Program is in the works, over \$2.5 billion in major capital project investments are underway, and Alameda County's implementation of the [One Bay Area Grant \(OBAG\) Program](#) continues.

Thank you for your contributions to first-class transportation in Alameda County. May you all have a peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR L. DAO  
Executive Director, Alameda CTC

**Project Updates****Over \$2.5 billion in construction underway**

As a result of the local sales tax measure, state bond funds and other leveraged sources, over \$2.5 billion in construction value is underway. The New Year will start off even stronger on the construction front with an additional \$200 million that Alameda CTC awarded in construction contracts during the fall.

These projects will be under construction in 2013:

- [I-880 Southbound High Occupancy Vehicle \(HOV\) Lane](#)  
(anticipated completion winter 2016)
- [I-580 Westbound HOV Lane](#)  
(anticipated completion fall 2014)
- [I-580 Eastbound HOV Lane](#)  
(anticipated completion fall 2014)
- [Webster Street SMART Corridor](#)  
(anticipated completion spring 2013)
- [I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility](#)  
(anticipated completion spring 2015)

Along the Interstate 580 corridor between Dublin and Livermore, expect to see changes this winter as crews mobilize to begin construction on the I-580 Westbound HOV Lane and I-580

Eastbound Auxiliary (AUX) Lane projects respectively. These two projects, recently awarded by Alameda CTC, total over \$105 million and represent new work opportunities for Alameda County businesses.

**I-580 Westbound HOV Lane**

Similarly, along I-880 from Hegenberger Road in Oakland to just north of Davis in San Leandro, travelers will see a flurry of construction activity as the contractor breaks ground on the north segment of the I-880 Southbound HOV Lane project (\$45.4 million contract).

Once completed, these projects will enhance traffic mobility and reduce congestion during peak travel times for commuters.

**Programming Updates****One Bay Area Grant programming guidelines**

Alameda CTC recently developed OBAG programming guidelines to allocate funding into the four specific funding categories below.

With this programming strategy, Alameda CTC's transportation infrastructure

investments will connect residents to improved transportation facilities, affordable housing developments and local jobs — all aimed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and link transportation, housing and jobs.

Category	Amount (in millions)	Share
PDA Supportive Transportation Investments	\$38.7	61.4%
Local Streets and Roads Projects	\$15.2	24.2%
Planning/Programming Activities	\$7.1	11.3%
Regional Safe Routes to School Projects	\$2.0	3.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$63.0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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## Programming Updates cont'd from page 2

Alameda CTC is currently finalizing the project selection criteria and programming guidelines for Commission action in January 2013 and a subsequent OBAG Call for Projects in early 2013.

Visit the [OBAG Program webpage](#) for additional information including the [outreach schedule](#) and [fact sheet](#).

### MacArthur Transit Hub Streetscape Improvement



## Finance Updates

### Alameda CTC receives another clean audit

After months of review and testing, external auditors from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP (VTD) have finalized their four audits — two termination audits of ACCMA and ACTIA financial statements through February 29, 2012 and two fiscal year 2011-2012 (FY 11-12) audits of the Alameda CTC and the Sunol Smart Carpool Lane Joint Powers Authority financial statements — and have expressed an unqualified or clean opinion on all statements.

On October 29, the Alameda CTC's audit committee reviewed in detail the ACCMA and ACTIA financial statements. On December 6, VTD will present to the Commission the ACCMA, ACTIA and Sunol Smart Carpool Lane JPA audited financial statements. VTD plans to present the FY 11-12 Alameda CTC audited financial statements to the Commission at its January 24, 2013 meeting.

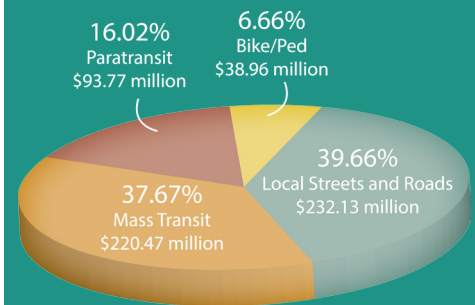
On the contract side of the agency, Alameda CTC procured two professional services firms during September to support the capital program. Alameda CTC selected Ghirardelli Associates to manage construction of the East Bay Greenway and the I-580 Landscaping Projects, and Hatch Mott MacDonald to provide project management and project control services.

In November, Alameda CTC requested proposals and contract awards are pending for financial advisory services and for various improvements on I-880. Alameda CTC anticipates issuing three more RFPs by winter 2012 for project system integrator services, an on-call technical outreach and education consultant and a consultant to update the countywide travel demand model. For more information, visit our [contracting opportunities web page](#).

## Transportation Investments

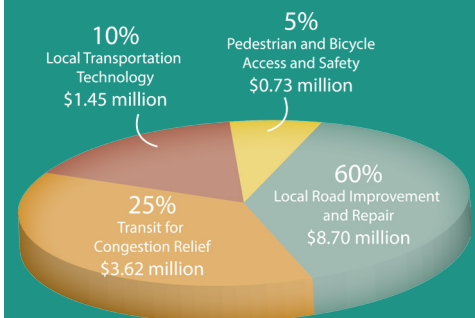
### Measure B Program Distributions Since 2000

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2012 - 2013, Alameda CTC distributed \$10.79 million, and has distributed over \$585.33 million in Measure B pass-through funds since 2000.



### Vehicle Registration Fee Distributions Since 2012

Alameda CTC has distributed over \$14.5 million in VRF pass-through funds through September 31, 2012.



### Total Measure B-funded Contracts\*

Alameda CTC has funded \$807 million in contracts for Alameda County businesses since 2000.

\* Total contract amount includes additional fund sources.

## Outreach and Events

Alameda CTC performed outreach and provided information about transportation programs and projects at 70 events during the second quarter of fiscal year 2011-2012.

Alamo Canal Ribbon Cutting



Alameda CTC hosted or participated in the following events in November and will participate in one event in December:

- November 2 – First Fridays in Oakland
- November 4 – City of Fremont's Bay Street Farmers' Market
- November 7 – The BikeMobile at Malcolm X Elementary School in Oakland
- November 8 – The BikeMobile at Castro Valley Elementary School
- November 14 – Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) Webinar, *Maps that Guide, Encourage and Inform*
- December 19 – APBP Webinar, *Wayfinding Options for Cyclists*

BikeMobile at Green Elementary School in Dublin, CA



A pilot program managed under the Alameda CTC's [Safe Routes to Schools](#) program, the [BikeMobile](#) hosts Bike Fix-a-thons — where bicycle mechanics teach youth mechanics and safety and how to repair their bikes — at schools, community centers, parks and community events across Alameda County.

## Committee Activities

### Highlights of November advisory committees

In November, several advisory committees met. Highlights include:

- November 6 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee](#) discussed One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Program Guidelines, Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Priority Conservation Areas in addition to approving six Alameda County projects totaling approximately \$4 million as part of the final list of approved projects for Cycle 5 of the Highway Safety Improvement Project.
- November 13 – The [Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee](#) (TAC) discussed the November 2012 election outcomes as well as the Paratransit Gap Grant Program guidelines in preparation for the upcoming call for projects and exchanged technical information.
- November 15 – The [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#) reviewed draft OBAG guidelines and provided input on the OBAG draft PDA readiness classification to prioritize this cycle of funding.
- November 19 – The [Citizens Watchdog Committee](#) received an update on the Program Compliance Workshop and a report on pre- and post-audit subcommittee meetings and the final ACTIA audit ending February 29, 2012. The committee also received the FY 12-13 first quarter investment report and reviewed the summary of its annual report costs. OBAG was also discussed.
- November 26 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee](#) (PAPCO) and TAC held a joint meeting and received an OBAG update, discussed the November 2012 election outcomes and provided input on Paratransit Program implementation and on the Paratransit Gap Grant Program guidelines.

### Join Us at a Free Webinar on December 19

Alameda CTC hosts the next Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals monthly webinar at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, on Wednesday, December 19 from 12 to 1 p.m. (PST). *Wayfinding Options for Cyclists* is the topic with a focus on how to implement a city-wide bicycle sign system. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. The Alameda CTC pays the registration fee, so attendance is free to all.

## Other News

### Caldecott Tunnel Medallion Design Competition

The Caldecott Tunnel Medallion Design competition gave children in grades K-12 in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties an opportunity to play a part in the design of an important architectural detail of the Caldecott Tunnel's fourth bore. More than 300 children submitted entries. On December 6, the Commissioners will honor three designers from Alameda County: Ellina Bartholomew Coutts (age 10), Aoife Gorshow (age 11) and Nuala Gorshow (age 8).

