

ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MARCH 2019

**The Executive Director's Report provides focused updates on Alameda CTC's work to improve transportation throughout Alameda County. This report provides status updates on key activities, including capital projects delivery and express lane operations; planning, policy and program implementation; finance and contracting; and programming and project controls. In addition, it contains brief summaries of advisory committee and agency activities.**

**This monthly update provides a synopsis of transportation project and program implementation funded with local, regional, state and federal funds.**

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## Project Updates

### State Route 262 (Mission Boulevard) Cross Connector

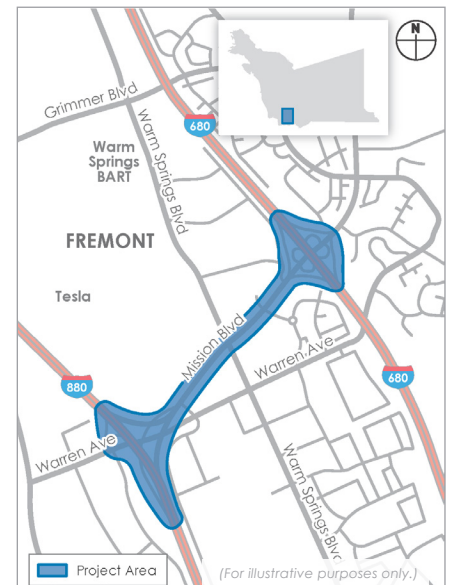
State Route 262 (SR-262) serves as a major east-west connector between I-680 and I-880 with significant regional/local commuters, commercial traffic and freight movement. As a vital connection between the Tri-Valley, Central Valley and Silicon Valley, as well as to major businesses, transportation and economic hubs within Fremont, the corridor experiences recurring traffic congestion. Currently, Mission Boulevard experiences a significant amount of vehicular and truck traffic, averaging 76,000 vehicles daily, with approximately six percent of the vehicles being trucks.

Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC), in partnership with Caltrans and the City of Fremont, will deliver this cross connector project. To date, Alameda CTC has allocated \$9 million of local sales tax Measure BB funds to initiate the preliminary phases of this regionally significant project. The scoping phase was initiated in May 2018, and work is underway to prepare the required technical studies, including a traffic study that will include the collection of current traffic volumes and the analysis and projection of future traffic demands for the corridor. The scoping phase is anticipated to be

completed in late 2020 with Caltrans' approval of the Project Study Report, which will identify the purpose and need for the project and the scope for potential feasible options to advance into the environmental phase.

In June 2018, voters approved Regional Measure 3 which provides \$15 million for the project. These funds, in combination with Measure BB funds, will allow the project to move forward into the environmental and design phases, positioning the project to compete actively for state, regional and federal funding to fully construct the project.

For this and other project updates, visit the [Projects web page](#).



## Planning and Program Updates

### Safe Routes to Schools update



**Strobridge Elementary School walking school bus in the City of Hayward.**

The 2018-19 school year kicked off the Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) program's 12th year. The program continues to grow and expand in reach, serving over 200 schools in Alameda County. This winter, the program implemented rail safety education. Educating students about the dangers of trespassing onto railroad right-of-way is one of the Commission's top priorities. In January, the SR2S site coordinators delivered the first in-class training at Tennyson High School in Hayward, where several students have died in collisions involving trains. Over 800 students received the training. Rail safety education will continue to be delivered throughout central Alameda County this year and will expand to the rest of the county next school year.



In other news for the SR2S program, Alameda CTC received the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) staff-recommended approval for a \$3.7 million Regional Active Transportation

Program (ATP) grant to expand the SR2S program. The ATP grant program, now in its fourth cycle since 2013, provides funding to support comprehensive school transportation alternatives programs that target disadvantaged and high-collision communities to encourage active transportation in Alameda County K-12 schools.

This year, Alameda CTC's Alameda County School Travel Opportunities Program is among nine projects of 72 applications from across the Bay Area to be selected to receive this funding. Providing a total of about \$22 million each year across California, this highly competitive statewide and regional program allows cities, counties, transit agencies and other public agencies to compete for grants that will build bicycle/pedestrian paths, install bike racks and implement other projects or programs for more safe, vibrant and livable communities.



MTC's recommendations for the regional competition have been forwarded to the California Transportation Commission. Final approval will be in May 2019.

## Policy News

### Sacramento Legislative Visit



**Alameda CTC Chair Richard Valle (4th in from the right) introduces Assemblymember Quirk during Alameda CTC's March 20 legislative trip to Sacramento.**

On March 20, Alameda CTC in partnership with East Bay business organizations attended an all day legislative meeting in Sacramento to engage with legislators on infrastructure, land use, housing and workforce development. The day included meetings with Alameda County legislative delegation members, as well as chairs of state committees, including Senate Transportation, Senate Housing, Senate Appropriations, Assembly Housing and Assembly Appropriations. Alameda CTC's Chair Valle and other commission members serving as chairs on Alameda CTC standing committees, including Commissioners Haggerty, Bauters and Mei, greeted and engaged in dialogue with our state legislative representatives on transportation and housing issues. A representative from Alameda County Supervisor Miley's office attended and Commissioner Carson was in attendance representing the East Bay Economic Development Alliance.



**Commissioner Scott Haggerty (4th in from the right) introduces Senator Jim Beall (center) during Alameda CTC's legislative trip to Sacramento.**



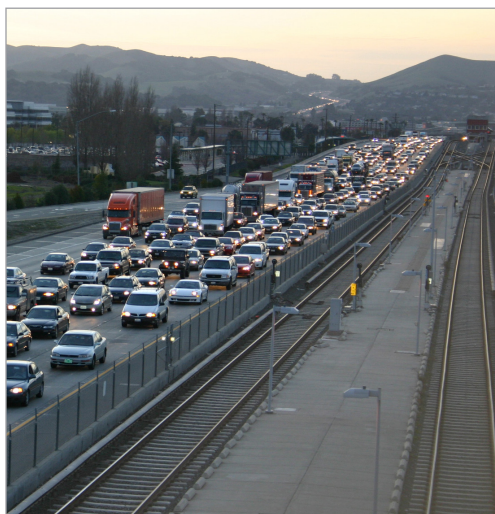
## Programming Updates

### Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Call for Projects Fiscal Year 2019-20

As the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) County Program Manager for Alameda County, Alameda CTC is required to program approximately \$2.43 million in TFCA funds available from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District). Projects eligible for TFCA funding are to result in the reduction of motor vehicle emissions and achieve "surplus" emission reductions beyond what is currently required through regulations, ordinances, contracts or other legally binding obligations. Projects that are typically funded with TFCA include shuttles, bicycle lanes and lockers, transit signal priority, signal timing and travel demand management programs.



A call for projects was released in March with applications due in April. Alameda CTC will evaluate the proposed projects for TFCA eligibility and cost-effectiveness and include a recommended FY 2019-20 TFCA program in late spring 2019.



## Finance Updates

### Fiscal Year 2018-19 Mid-Year Budget update

During February, the finance team prepared a FY 2018-19 mid-year budget update. Budget adjustments are necessary to update beginning fund balances to the ending fund balances in the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 2017-18, to accurately reflect funding rolled from the prior fiscal year in capital project budgets, and to update revenue and expenditure needs since the original budget was adopted. This mid-year budget update will go before the Commission for approval in March.

Also, in February, the Commission approved the financial and investment reports for the second quarter of FY 2018-19. These financial reports demonstrate that Alameda CTC is in a strong financial position as of December 31, 2018 and that the agency is able to meet its obligations.

### Contracting opportunities

Alameda CTC is anticipating upcoming solicitation of statements of qualifications, bids and/or proposals for the following:

#### Professional Services contracts

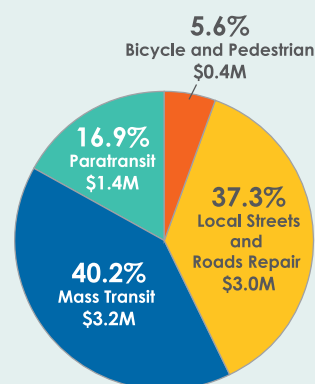
- Media and Public Relations
- Final Design Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) Phase for Dublin Boulevard-North Canyon Parkway Extension
- Rail Safety Enhancement Program
- Multimodal Corridor Projects
- San Pablo Avenue Corridor Project
- East 14th/Mission/Fremont Boulevard Corridor Project
- Performance Monitoring of Countywide Multimodal Transportation Network
- East Bay Greenway (Lake Merritt BART to South Hayward BART)
- Freight ITS - System Integration

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## Transportation Investments

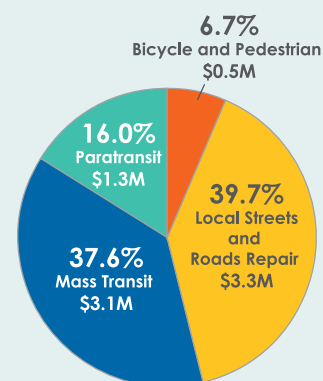
### Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$278.5 million; over \$8.0 million was distributed in December 2018.



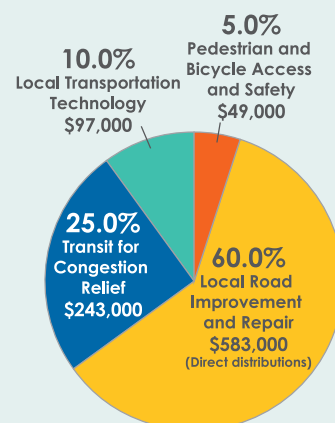
### Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$1.0 billion since 2002. In December 2018, over \$8.2 million was distributed for four programs.



### Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$54.4 million for local road repair; over \$0.9 million was collected in December 2018.



## Agency Activities

In March, Alameda CTC hosted or participated in the following events:

- Bikemobile events and school visits:



- March 1 – Guy Emanuele Elementary, Union City
- March 7 – Cornell Elementary, Albany
- March 8 – Palomares Elementary, Castro Valley
- March 9 – Marin Elementary, Albany
- March 12 – Donlon Elementary, Pleasanton
- March 13 – Graham Elementary, Newark
- March 14 – Walters Junior High, Fremont
- March 15 – Golden Oak Montessori, Castro Valley
- March 16 – Community Unified Elementary and Futures at Lockwood Elementary, Oakland
- March 19 – Southgate Elementary, Hayward
- March 20 – Cesar Chavez Middle, Union City
- March 21 – Anna Yates Elementary, Emeryville
- March 22 – John F. Kennedy Elementary, Newark
- March 23 – Union City Family Center (at Barnard-White Middle School), Union City
- March 27 – Pleasanton Middle, Pleasanton
- March 28 – Altamont Creek Elementary, Livermore
- March 29– Searles Elementary, Union City
- March 15 - Annual Transit Fair, Pleasanton Senior Center
- March 23 - Transition Information Faire, College of Alameda

## Other News

### FY 2019-20 Paratransit Program Plan Review

Each year, agencies that receive Measure B and Measure BB Direct Local Distribution (DLD) funds for paratransit are required to submit a program plan and budget based on an estimate of annual sales tax revenue for the forthcoming fiscal year provided by Alameda CTC. Annual program plan applications for Alameda CTC Paratransit DLD funds for FY 2019-20 were accepted through the close of business on February 28 of this year. At the January 2019 Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee (ParaTAC) meeting, staff provided an overview of the program plan forms, as well as recommended minor changes to last fiscal year's forms. The PAPCO Program Plan Review subcommittees are currently scheduled for April 22, 2019; cities are invited to save the date and await more details on their presentation time slots that will be provided in March.

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### Contracting opportunities

- Freight ITS - GoPort Website and Mobile Application Development
- Freight ITS - Smart Parking System

### Construction contracts

- Freight ITS - Advanced Transportation Management System

For more information, visit the [Contracting Opportunities web page](#).

### Carpooling Options



A number of options to facilitate carpooling are now available in the Bay Area, all aimed at making carpooling more convenient. Carpool apps make it easy to schedule one-way carpool trips and allow you to be either a driver or a passenger.

Try the 511 RideMatch Service to find and email neighbors with



similar commutes, or try one of the carpool apps available at [rideshare.511.org](http://rideshare.511.org).

### Commute Options

Whether you're a commuter trying to affordably and safely get around Alameda County or an employer coordinating staff transportation options, the [Commute Choices web page](#) has the resources you need.

## Committee Activities

### Advisory committees

Highlights for March advisory committees are as follows:

- March 11 – The [Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#) established their IWC Annual Report Subcommittee and scheduled its first AdHoc Subcommittee meeting for the fiscal year. The committee also discussed the sign up roster for the Projects and Programs Watchlist, a volunteer list to watch specific Measure B and BB funded projects and programs.
- March 12 – The [Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee \(ParaTAC\)](#) received updates on the 2020 Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program, the City Program Webform Application, mobility management and emergency preparedness. ParaTAC members also exchanged technical information.
- March 25 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\)](#) requested volunteers to establish its FY 2019-20 Program Plan Review subcommittee and received progress reports on the 2018 Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) Paratransit Program and the City of Hayward's Paratransit Program. The committee received a presentation on, then discussed the East 14th Street/Mission and Fremont Boulevard Multimodal Corridor project, in addition to receiving information on mobility management.