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New Executive Director at the Alameda County Transportation Commission **Tess Lengyel, Alameda CTC's current Deputy Executive Director ascends to Executive Director**

ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif. – The Chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC), Richard Valle, who also serves on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, announced that Tess Lengyel will be the new Executive Director for Alameda CTC. The announcement comes following a national search to fill the position currently occupied by Arthur L. Dao, who will retire on December 30, 2019.

Chair Valle said, "I would like to thank my colleagues on the Commission for the many hours put into this national search to find the best possible pool of candidates for us to consider. I am confident that Ms. Lengyel is the right person to lead the Commission into the future." Support for Lengyel's appointment was also expressed by outgoing Executive Director Arthur L. Dao, who said, "Tess is a tremendous leader with a second to none work ethic and a strong consensus building experience. She is more than capable of leading this excellent organization into the new era of transportation planning, funding, and project delivery to improve transportation and mobility throughout Alameda County. She is highly regarded in the transportation industry and has a proven record of getting the job done. The Commission could not have picked a better Executive Director."

With almost 30 years of experience in the planning, development and implementation of major transportation projects, Lengyel has a keen understanding of transportation policies and issues, and the impacts of transportation infrastructure development on land use, the economy and local communities. Lengyel has led some of the most complex and challenging projects and programs undertaken by (or sponsored by) Alameda CTC. Managing an overall annual budget of over \$500 million and a staff of 37 full-time employees, Lengyel will direct:

- Project delivery and oversight of major and regionally significant transit, roadway and rail improvement projects.
- Development and management of express lanes and electronic tolling systems.
- Multimodal project and programs implementation, performance evaluation and congestion management.

- Implementation of countywide programs for children, families, seniors and people with disabilities.
- Countywide planning for short-, medium and long-term projects.
- Implementation of Alameda CTC's Comprehensive Investment Plan, government affairs and public relations.
- All agency administrative, contracting and financial activities.

Additionally, she will provide agency-wide policy guidance and program evaluations.

Lengyel will transition from her prior Alameda CTC role as the Deputy Executive Director of Planning and Policy on December 31, 2019. The formal terms of her employment will be approved at the December 5th meeting of the Commission.

"It is an honor and privilege to serve Alameda County in a new capacity as the Executive Director for the Alameda County Transportation Commission," said Ms. Lengyel. "I look forward to working closely with the Commission, staff, partner agencies, and community and business partners to deliver voter promises and to develop new transportation solutions to meet current and future needs."

With a background in planning and policy/environmental studies, Lengyel is the former chair of the Women's Transportation Seminar International Leadership Program and a member of the California Association of Councils of Government, the Self-Help Counties Coalition and the Transportation Research Board, bringing to bear almost 30 years of transportation expertise and management experience to the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

About the Alameda County Transportation Commission

The Alameda County Transportation Commission is governed by a 22-member Board comprised of elected officials representing the County Board of Supervisors, all 14 cities in Alameda County, and two major transit operators. Alameda CTC coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers essential, voter-supported transportation improvements in every jurisdiction throughout Alameda County. Funding sources for Alameda CTC's expenditure plans include the voter approved transportation sales tax Measures B and BB, which were approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000, and more than 70 percent of voters in 2014, respectively. Visit www.AlamedaCTC.org to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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