



One of Alameda CTC's exemplary transit projects—BART/Oakland Airport Connector



ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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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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## Agency Update

Significant changes are on the horizon at the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC). Executive Director, Arthur L. Dao, is retiring after 33 years of service in the transportation industry, including nine years as the Executive Director of Alameda CTC.



Prior to his role as Executive Director, Mr. Dao served as the Deputy Director of the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). In 2010, Mr. Dao led the merger of ACTIA and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA), becoming the first Executive Director of the Alameda CTC. In this role, he facilitated improved governmental efficiency while strengthening the support for funding and delivery of Alameda County capital projects and programs.

Some of Mr. Dao's noteworthy accomplishments as Alameda CTC's Executive Director include:

- **Development of the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, Measure BB**, which was approved by Alameda County Voters in November 2014, and is anticipated to generate more than \$8 billion in transportation investments throughout the County over the next 30 years.

- The **Bay Area's first express lane**, Interstate 680 Sunol Express Lane, was the first in a planned 550-mile regional network of high-occupancy toll lane projects and subsequent express lanes on Interstate 580.
- **Introduction of Integrated Corridor Mobility technology** for the approximately 270,000 vehicles that use the Interstate 80 corridor, one of the Bay Area's top 10 most congested corridors.
- **Vanguard programs**, such as Safe Routes to Schools and the Affordable Student Transit Pass Program, both a part of the Alameda County School Travel Opportunities Program that was awarded a Senate Bill 1 Active Transportation Program grant for the integration of the two successful Alameda CTC programs.
- **Securing \$175 million in SB 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funds** for the 7th Street Grade Separation East Project, improving access at the Port of Oakland.
- **Critical interjurisdictional arterial multimodal corridor projects**, including the East 14th Street/Mission Boulevard and Fremont Boulevard Corridor and the San Pablo Avenue Corridor projects, both of which traverse a number of Alameda County jurisdictions.
- **Exemplary transit projects**, including the Warm Springs BART Station, the BART West Access Bridge and Plaza, the BART/Oakland Airport Connector (shown above) and the East Bay Bus Rapid Transit project.

Alameda CTC staff would like to thank Mr. Dao for his leadership and years of service in Alameda County.

## Alameda CTC Spotlight: Linda Adams



Linda Adams is one of a handful of Alameda CTC employees that has been with the agency since its inception—from the Alameda

County Transportation Authority (ACTA) to the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) to what it is today, Alameda CTC. At the end of this year, Linda will be retiring after more than 29 years of service to "... one of the greatest agencies..." says Linda.

Linda's service to the County of Alameda began in 1990 at ACTA as a clerk/typist. When Tess Lengyel, currently Alameda CTC's Deputy Executive Director of Planning and Policy, came on board in early 2000, she promoted Linda to Executive Assistant, a title that she continues to hold today. Linda is the first face you see walking in the doors of the office and the last one on the way out. She has been a beacon for all of us, offering a bright and encouraging smile to all—she is truly the face of Alameda CTC.

All of us at Alameda CTC, who Linda has supported over the years, would like to wish her well in all of her future endeavors. Thank you, Linda—you will be missed!



## Planning and Program Updates

### A multimodal corridor update

The [East 14th Street/Mission Boulevard and Fremont Boulevard Multimodal Corridor](#) project continues to advance according to schedule with the project's team having recently concluded a series of five public workshops along the project corridor. This third round of public engagement held October–November 2019 provided community members with an opportunity to give feedback on the proposed long-term vision and near- and mid-term improvements for the project corridor.

An online survey is available at [www.e14missionfremont.outreach.st](http://www.e14missionfremont.outreach.st) through Friday, December 13 for those who were not able to attend the public workshops.

The 2040 vision for the corridor includes:

- Implementation of bus-only lanes from San Leandro to South Hayward.
- Deployment of rapid bus service from South Hayward to Warm Springs in Fremont.

The vision for bicycle facilities includes:

- Extension of the East Bay Greenway from San Leandro to Fremont.
- Construction of Class IV lanes in the project corridor end-to-end.

The project also includes mobility hubs to facilitate:

- Robust first-/last-mile connections.
- Improved micro-transit service in South County.
- Intelligent Transportation System technology to manage speed and improve safety.

The scoping phase of the project will conclude in spring 2020. Project initiation and the environmental phase will begin in summer 2020.

## Policy News

### An update on FASTER Bay Area

FASTER Bay Area—Freedom, Affordability, Speed, Transparency, Equity and Reliability (FASTER)—looks to transform the Bay Area's current transportation network into a seamless system with a proposed November 2020 measure that will potentially raise \$100 billion in the first 40 years to develop that system, a regional Rapid Transit Network. FASTER Bay Area, a coalition of organizations primarily led by the Bay Area Council, Silicon Valley Leadership Group and the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), believes that the Bay Area requires a large infusion of funding to achieve a seamless, reliable and easily accessible transit system.

Currently, there are four broad funding categories for FASTER's proposed regional Rapid Transit Network:

- 1. FASTER Rapid Transit Network Build Out and Operations (\$60-80 billion investment):** Upgrade existing transit services and expand and operate new lines, as well as create a new 9-county Rapid Bus Network.
- 2. Connections to FASTER Rapid Transit Network (\$10-30 billion investment):** Development of dedicated lanes for local bus services connected to transit hubs with connectivity to a network of bike and pedestrian facilities.
- 3. An Affordable and Seamless Network (\$12-15 billion investment):** Inclusion of a combination of supporting means-based and student fares.
- 4. Employer-funded Congestion Reduction Programs (employer-funded; no cost as part of FASTER):** Funded by large employers, including transit subsidies and reimbursements for using the FASTER Rapid Transit Network.

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## Programming Updates

### \$1M in Measure BB to the Niles Canyon Trail Phase I Study

Alameda CTC awarded \$1 million in Measure BB funding to the City of Fremont and the County of Alameda to perform preliminary engineering and environmental clearance of the Niles Canyon Trail Phase 1 Study. The project will build upon the previous Niles Canyon Trail Feasibility Study conducted by East Bay Regional Park District in coordination with Alameda County Supervisors Richard Valle (District 2) and Scott Haggerty (District 1). Work will include construction of a Class I multi-use trail for Phase I (Mission Boulevard to Palomares Road) of the Niles Canyon Trail, a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, and provide trail connections to the Vargas Plateau Regional Park. Upon completion of the preliminary engineering and environmental clearance phase, the City of Fremont and the County of Alameda will be poised to position this project for future competitive funds that will be available through state and federal programs.

### Oakland Broadway Transit Lanes

Alameda CTC allocated \$4 million in Measure BB Oakland Broadway Transit Corridor funds to support the implementation of transit improvements along the Broadway corridor, an essential transit route in Oakland. Bus service on Broadway connects passengers to a range of destinations within Oakland and Alameda County, including Berkeley and San Leandro.

Measure BB funds for the Oakland Broadway Transit Corridor will support the implementation of dedicated transit-only lanes on Broadway between 11th Street

## Finance Updates

### Independent audit concludes

During October, finance staff developed a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2019, including financial statements audited by Maze and Associates, Alameda CTC's independent auditors. The Audit Committee reviewed the draft CAFR, which goes to the Commission in December for final approval. Alameda CTC received a clean opinion from Maze and Associates, stating that the agency's financial statements are a fair presentation of the financial position and fund information of the agency as of June 30, 2019.

The financial report was prepared as a CAFR to provide transparent information to the public. The approved CAFR will be submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association to be considered for an award for excellence in financial reporting—an award that Alameda CTC has received for the past six years, when the agency first began preparing its financial report in the form of a CAFR.

In addition, finance staff prepared the first quarter financial and investment reports for FY 2019-20, which go to the Commission in December for approval.

### Contracting opportunities

Alameda CTC anticipates upcoming solicitation of bids and/or proposals for the following:

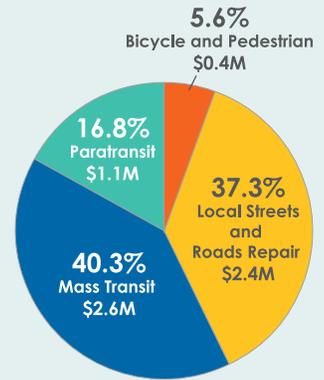
#### Professional Services contracts

- Dublin Boulevard – North Canyon Parkway Extension
- Rail Safety Enhancement Program:
  - 1) Program Management Oversight
  - 2) Design Services

## Transportation Investments

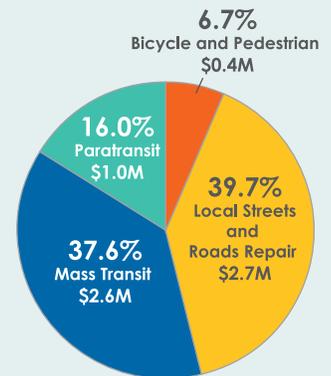
### Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$339.9 million; over \$6.5 million was distributed in September 2019.



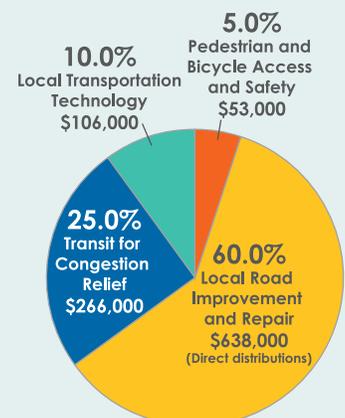
### Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled over \$1.1 billion since 2002. In September 2019, over \$6.7 million was distributed for four programs.



### Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$60.2 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in September 2019.



## Agency Activities

Alameda CTC participated in and will take part in the following events during November and December:

- BikeMobile events and school visits:
  - November 1 – Palomares Elementary School, Castro Valley; Berkeley Day of the Dead, Berkeley
  - November 2 - Día de los Muertos, Oakland; Transition Berkeley Repair Clinic, Berkeley
  - November 3 – Forest Park Elementary School, Fremont
  - Parkmont Elementary School, Fremont
  - November 6 – "Think College Now" Elementary School, Oakland
  - November 7 – Brookfield Elementary School, Oakland
  - November 8 – Laurel Elementary School, Oakland
  - November 16 – San Leandro at Heron Bay, San Leandro
  - November 19 – Bay Farm Elementary School, Alameda
  - November 20 – East Avenue Elementary School, Hayward
  - November 21 – Tennyson High School, Hayward
  - December 5 – Bridges Academy at Melrose, Oakland; Albany Middle School, Albany
  - December 8 - Feed UR Soul Wellness Festival, Oakland
  - December 11 - Marilyn Avenue Elementary School, Livermore
  - December 12 – United for Success Academy, Oakland; Island High School, Alameda
  - December 13 – Skyline High School, Oakland
- November 2 – Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTP) pop-up, Newark Farmers' Market
- November 5 – Summit on the Summit: I-580 Altamont Pass Corridor, Livermore
- November 8 – CBTP pop-up in coordination with the Recreation and Parks District, Livermore
- November 9 – E. 14th Street/Mission and Fremont Boulevard Multimodal Corridor open house, San Leandro
- November 12 – CBTP pop-up, Berkeley Farmers' Market
- November 15 – CBTP pop-up at TRACS Transportation and Disability Workshop, Berkeley
- November 17–19 – 2019 Focus on the Future, Coronado

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FASTER intends to develop the final framework and legislative proposal in December 2019, enabling the legislature to consider a bill in January 2020 to go through the legislative process for placement of a measure on the November 2020 ballot.

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and 20th Street in downtown Oakland. The project includes red transit-only lanes, high-visibility crosswalk markings, leading pedestrian intervals at high-injury intersections, concrete roadway repair/replacement in limited locations and pavement rehabilitation designed specifically for a heavy transit route. Once transit-only lanes are complete for this corridor, which sees up to 50 buses per hour during peak periods, measurable improvement to transit reliability and on-time performance is anticipated along the Broadway corridor.

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#### Construction contracts

- SR-84 Plant Establishment Services
- I-880 Southbound High Occupancy Vehicle Lane – Replacement Highway Planting

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](#).

## Committee Activities

### Advisory committees

In November and December, the following community advisory committees met. Highlights include:

- November 18 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee](#) (PAPCO) met to receive an update on the Paratransit Program Implementation Guidelines and Performance Measures for FY 2020-21 and received status reports on the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority Paratransit Program and East Bay Paratransit. PAPCO members also received updates on Dialysis Transportation and reports on the Independent Watchdog Committee and other transit accessibility advisory committees.
- November 18 – The [Independent Watchdog Committee](#) (IWC) received a presentation of the draft Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2019, as well as an [IWC Annual Report](#) outreach summary and publication cost update. IWC members discussed Measure BB Implementation Guidelines and Performance Measures, in addition to receiving information on process and forms pertaining to identifying IWC issues.
- November 21 – The [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#) (BPAC) received a presentation on the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor project. Committee members also received updates on the 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan and its approach and the I-80/ Ashby Avenue (SR-13) Interchange Improvement project. A verbal update was also given on the Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Plan.