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## **San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter Elected Chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission** *Emeryville Councilmember John Bauters Elected Vice Chair*

**ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif.** – At its first Commission meeting of 2020, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) unanimously elected City of San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter as its Chair, and unanimously elected City of Emeryville Councilmember John Bauters as Vice Chair.

“I am so pleased to be elected to serve as Chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission,” says Chair Cutter, who has been a member of the Commission since 2012 and Vice Chair since 2018. “It is an honor to lead Alameda CTC in partnership with my colleagues, as we continue to drive forward transportation excellence with acclaimed projects and programs throughout Alameda County.”

Upon taking this leadership role, Chair Cutter outlined several priorities for 2020 and beyond that include:

- Advancement of high profile multi-jurisdictional, multimodal corridor improvements
- Improving transit options throughout the county to provide a reliable and connected system
- Ensuring safe mobility options for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Pushing forward rail strategy in partnership with other agencies, importantly the Countywide Rail Safety Enhancement Program
- Expansion of model educational and supportive programs like Safe Routes to Schools and the Affordable Student Transit Pass program
- Closing gaps in our trails network
- Expansion of express lanes

Chair Cutter talked about the many projects going into construction this year, including:

- **7th Street Grade Separation East** project, which is part of the Global Opportunities for the Port of Oakland (GoPort) program, that will realign and replace the existing railroad underpass and multi-use path along 7th Street between Interstate 880 (I-880) and Maritime Street.
- **State Route 84 (SR-84) Widening and SR-84/I-680 Interchange Improvements** project that will widen and conform SR-84 to expressway standards between south of Ruby Hill Drive and the I-680 interchange in southern Alameda County.
- **I-80/Gilman Street Interchange Improvement** project, which will reconfigure the interchange, located in northwest Berkeley near its boundary with the City of Albany to improve navigation and traffic

operations on Gilman Street to reduce congestion, shorten queues and improve safety, while also closing the gap in local and regional bicycle facilities between the Bay Trail and North Berkeley.

Alameda CTC implements the voter-approved Measures B and BB, as well as the Measure F vehicle registration fee, to improve transportation throughout Alameda County. The Commission is comprised of 22 members, with the following representation:

- All five Alameda County Supervisors
- Two Oakland representatives
- One representative from each of the other 13 cities in Alameda County
- One representative from AC Transit
- One representative from BART

"Thanks to the voter-approved Measure BB, we are able to leverage those local dollars to support multimodal transportation infrastructure in Alameda County, including to improve mobility and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians, and enhance and support transit service, while also providing programs to our youth and seniors to make the county more livable and affordable," says Vice Chair John Bauters, a City of Emeryville Councilmember.

The Chair and Vice Chair are elected to serve a one-year term. A complete list of Commissioners may be found online at <https://www.alamedactc.org/about-us/commission/>.

#### **About the Alameda County Transportation Commission**

Alameda CTC plans, funds and delivers transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. Alameda CTC coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers the expenditure plan for the Measure B sales tax approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000 and the expenditure plan for Measure BB, approved by more than 70 percent of voters in November 2014. For the 17th year in a row, Alameda CTC received a clean, unmodified opinion from independent auditors. Visit [www.AlamedaCTC.org](http://www.AlamedaCTC.org) to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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