



Golden Sneaker Contest trophies.



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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Project Updates

Interstate 580 Express Lanes celebrate 4th anniversary!



I-580 Express Lanes toll readers.

Since opening in February 2016, the Interstate 580 (I-580) Express Lanes have been operating along approximately 10 miles from Hacienda Drive in Pleasanton to Greenville Road in Livermore in the eastbound direction, and approximately 12 miles from Greenville Road to the I-580/I-680 Interchange in Dublin in the westbound direction.

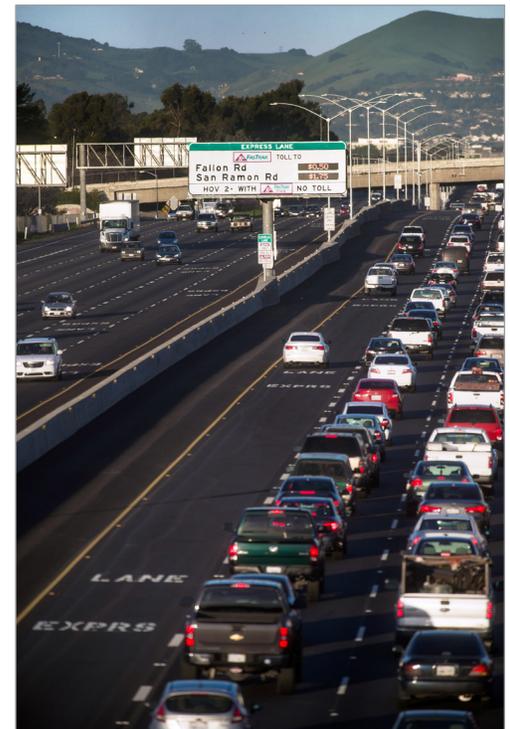
By optimizing corridor capacity, the express lanes have provided motorists with significant benefits, including travel time savings and travel reliability.

The express lanes are toll-free for carpools, clean-air vehicles, motorcycles and transit vehicles. Drivers of single-occupancy vehicles can pay a toll to use the express lanes, which during peak times at congested locations have recorded 10-25 mph faster lane speeds and a better level of service than general purpose lanes.

From inception through December 2019, the I-580 Express Lanes have recorded over 31.5 million total trips, and revenues fund ongoing operations and facility maintenance.

Visit Alameda CTC's [I-580 Express Lanes web page](#) for more information. For questions related to the I-580 Express Lanes, call our Express Lanes Hotline at (510) 208-7499. For additional information on all express lanes managed by Alameda CTC, visit Alameda CTC's [Express Lanes web pages](#).

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



Planning and Program Updates

Student Transit Pass Program

In 2016, Alameda CTC initiated the first year of a three-year Student Transit Pass Pilot Program (STPP). The pilot ended in July 2019. As a result of the effective implementation and evaluation of the STPP, in December 2018, the Alameda CTC approved continuation and expansion of the program for five years beyond the pilot period, including Phase 1 of the STPP for the 2019-20 school year.

A total of 62 schools in 11 school districts are currently participating in the Phase 1 expansion of the STPP during the 2019-20 school year.



The STPP includes all middle and high schools in most districts, and a subset of schools in Alameda Unified School District, Fremont Unified School District and Oakland Unified School District.

The program will add more schools and school districts in the 2020-21 school year.

Safe Routes to Schools Program

The Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Program is now in its 14th year of operations. The program team continues to work to meet program goals that the Commission adopted in January 2017. One of those goals calls for comprehensive evaluation of

the program. The first of these ongoing evaluation efforts was completed in January 2020. The evaluation report found strong participation in the program throughout the county with parents, school administrators and students viewing the program as an asset. The evaluation report also makes several recommendations to continue improving the program, such as more targeted outreach to under-resourced schools. The findings and recommendations can be found in the complete report, which is available at alamedacountysr2s.org/our-program/reports-and-resources.



Policy News

Alameda CTC's new Chair and Vice Chair

Alameda CTC unanimously elected its new Commission Chair and Vice Chair during the first Commission meeting of 2020—City of San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter and City of Emeryville Councilmember John Bauters, respectively.

Chair Cutter, a member of the Commission since 2012, and Vice Chair since 2018, said that she is pleased to be elected to serve as Chair of the Commission. "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."



Newly elected Chair Pauline Cutter and Vice Chair John Bauters.

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 safety improvements 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

"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 our county more livable and affordable" notes Vice Chair John Bauters.

Programming Updates

Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program, FY 2020-21

As the Transportation Fund for Clean Area (TFCA) County Program Manager for Alameda County, Alameda CTC is required to program approximately \$2.5 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 typically funded with TFCA include shuttles, bicycle lanes and lockers, transit signal priority, signal timing and travel demand management programs.

This month, the Commission will consider approving the FY 2020-21 TFCA Program Manager Fund Expenditure Plan, Policies and Call for Projects release schedule. A Call for Projects is tentatively scheduled for release in late spring. Alameda CTC will evaluate the proposed projects for TFCA eligibility and cost-effectiveness to determine a recommendation for the FY 2020-21 TFCA program by fall 2020.

2020 Comprehensive Investment Plan update

Alameda CTC's Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) is a near-term strategic programming document. It is through this document that fund sources administered by Alameda CTC are consolidated and programmed through a singular programming cycle. The 2020 CIP, approved by the Commission in June 2019, will be updated this spring to reflect technical adjustments and off-cycle programming.

Finance Updates

Alameda CTC retains a strong financial position

During January, the finance team prepared the fiscal year (FY) 2019-20 second quarter financial report for presentation to the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) and the Commission for approval in February. The second quarter financial report includes agency revenues and expenditures through December 31, 2019 compared to year-to-date budget. Alameda CTC's expenditures through the second quarter are within year-to-date budget authority, and the agency remains in a strong financial position.

In addition, the finance team prepared the FY 2019-20 second quarter investment report for presentation to the FAC and the Commission for approval in February. The second quarter investment report includes cash and investment balances compared to prior year-end balances segregated by portfolio, along with a portfolio review for the quarter prepared by Alameda CTC's investment advisors, Public Trust Advisors, and a report of all holdings in the portfolio. Alameda CTC's investments through the second quarter are in compliance with its investment policy, and the Agency has sufficient cash flow to meet expenditure requirements.

Contracting opportunities

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

Professional Services contracts

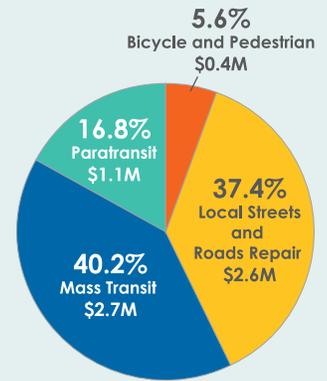
- Dublin Boulevard – North Canyon Parkway Extension
- Rail Safety Enhancement Program:
 - Program Management Oversight
 - Design Services

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Transportation Investments

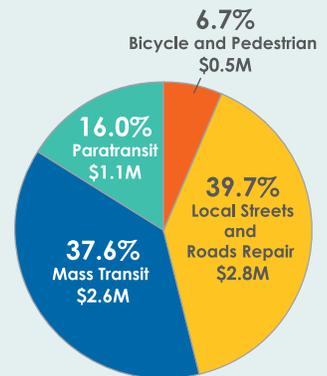
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$353.3 million; over \$6.8 million was distributed in November 2019.



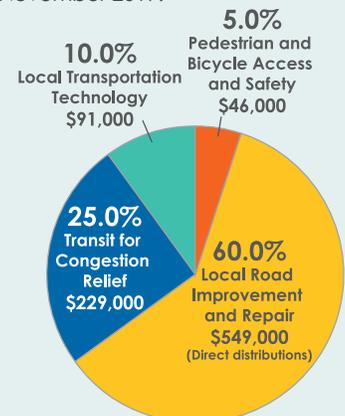
Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$1.1 billion since 2002. In November 2019, over \$7.0 million was distributed for four programs.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$61.4 million for local road repair; over \$900 thousand was collected in November 2019.



Agency Activities

In February, Alameda CTC hosted or participated in the following events, meetings and school visits:

- BikeMobile events and school visits:
 - February 1 – Berkeley Public Library, South Branch, Berkeley
 - February 4 – Rosa Parks Elementary School, Berkeley
 - February 7 – Eleanor Murray Fallon Middle School, Dublin
 - February 8 – Castro Valley Library, Castro Valley
 - February 20 – Impact Academy of Arts & Technology, Hayward
 - February 25 – Walnut Grove Elementary School, Pleasanton
 - February 26 – Park Elementary School, Hayward
 - February 27 – Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle School, Union City
- February 5 – SPUR, Oakland
- February 6 – Fremont Mobility Summit, Fremont
- February 20 – TV-30 Mayor's Report with Mayor Thorne, Pleasanton
- February 25 - Cherryland Community Association, Pleasant Hill
- February 26 – American Council of Engineering Companies, East Bay Chapter, Pleasant Hill
- February 26 – A/E/C Proposal Symposium 2020 - Oakland

Other News

Golden Sneaker Contest Now Underway

The 2020 Golden Sneaker Contest kicked off on February 24 and runs through March 6, 2020. The two-week competition encourages students, parents, teachers and administrators to walk or roll to school, which is healthy for them, or opt for carpooling or taking transit, which is healthy for the environment. The contest encourages teamwork by having classrooms compete against each other.

Every day of the competition, teachers in each classroom track the number of students who walk, roll, carpool or take transit to school. At the end of the competition, the classroom at each participating school with the highest percentage of students using active or shared modes receives a Golden Sneaker trophy. The trophies are made from sneaker shoes donated by the Golden State Warriors! Additionally, the students of each winning classroom receive a pair of shiny golden shoe laces.

Over 100 schools throughout Alameda County are participating in the contest this year. To assist in your participation, please contact the Safe Routes to Schools Program Manager, Leslie Lara-Enriquez at LEEnriquez@alamedactc.org.

Committee Activities

February advisory committees

In February, the following committees met. Highlights include:

- February 6 –The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) approved the Transportation Fund for Clean Air FY 2020-21 Expenditure Plan Application and Call for Projects. The committee also received information on implementation of Senate Bill 743 requirements in Alameda County and updates on the 2021 Transportation Improvement Program and Alameda County federal inactive projects.
- February 13 – The [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee \(BPAC\)](#) received updates on the California Department of Transportation, District 4 Pedestrian Plan and Alameda County's Safe Routes to Schools Program. Additionally, the committee received information on the 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan: Needs Assessment for Active Transportation and on the 2019 Performance Report.
- February 24 – The joint [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\) and Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee \(ParaTAC\)](#) met to host a panel discussion on the state of emerging mobility in Alameda County, with a focus on the use of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) by people with disabilities and best practices around contracting with TNCs.



Earlier this month, the City of Fremont received the Vision Zero for Youth USA Leadership Award from the National Center for Safe Routes to School based on the city's impressive work to protect child and youth pedestrians and significantly reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries for all road users. The award recognizes cities that are leading the way in prioritizing children's safety while also improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety for all ages through Vision Zero. The City of Fremont has reduced major crashes among youth by more than 90 percent.

Fremont has worked collaboratively with Alameda CTC's Safe Routes to Schools Program staff to coordinate efforts to leverage resources and maximize efficiencies in school vicinities. Congratulations to the City of Fremont for its well-deserved recognition!

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Construction contracts

- I-880 Southbound High-Occupancy Vehicle Lane – Replacement Highway Planting
- 7th Street Grade Separation East

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