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18 Years in a Row, Independent Watchdog Committee Reports Measure B and Measure BB Sales Tax Dollars Spent in Accordance with Intent of Two Transportation Sales Tax Measures

ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif. – On August 17, 2020, the Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) of the **Alameda County Transportation Commission** (Alameda CTC) released its 18th Annual Report to the Public <https://www.alamedactc.org/iwc2020report/>, covering fiscal year 2018-2019 expenditures and IWC activities. The report concludes that Measure B and Measure BB tax dollars were spent in accordance with the intent of the two transportation sales tax measures and that opportunities for improvement remain. The report also provides an update on the delivery of programs and projects funded by Measure B, Alameda County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, and those funded by Measure BB, which augmented the half-cent sales tax to one cent and extended the tax through 2045.

Each year, the IWC reviews and analyzes Alameda CTC's Measure B and Measure BB expenditures to ensure that funds are spent in accordance with the voter-approved measures. The IWC noted the following:

One jurisdiction was unable to submit the required Audited Financial Statement and Compliance Report due to a reported cyber-attack. A number of entities continue to carry large fund balances although they are in compliance with the "Timely Use of Funds" policy; a number of performance measures were not met; in some instances, administrative costs appeared high as related to project and program expenditures; and the Measure BB requirement for Complete Streets appears to cause difficulty or confusion for some jurisdictions.

In fiscal year 2018-2019, Alameda CTC received \$167.2 million in Measure B revenue and expended \$151.3 million as follows:

- \$49.6 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.
- \$29.8 million for highway and street capital projects.
- \$43.0 million for local transportation improvements, including local streets and roads and bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- \$26.5 million for debt repayment.
- \$1.7 million for general administration.
- \$0.7 million for direct program and project management and oversight.

Alameda CTC issued \$137.1 million of Measure B Sales Tax Revenue Bonds in March 2014 to bridge a short-term funding gap that existed while many large capital projects in the 2000 Measure B Expenditure Plan were closed out. The bonds incurred \$26.5 million of costs related to annual debt repayment in fiscal year 2018-2019 and will continue to incur this same amount each fiscal year until the last bond matures in March 2022.

In fiscal year 2018-2019, Alameda CTC received \$166.8 million in Measure BB revenue and expended \$150.3 million as follows:

- \$57.3 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.
- \$35.3 million for highway and street capital projects.
- \$46.0 million for local transportation improvements, including local streets and roads and bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- \$6.3 million for community development grants.
- \$0.1 million for freight and economic development grants.
- \$0.1 million for technology grants.
- \$3.6 million for general administration.
- \$1.6 million for direct program and project management and oversight.

In July 2015, the IWC replaced and assumed responsibility for the Citizens Watchdog Committee created in 2002 after reauthorization of the local sales tax measure in 2000. Each year, the IWC reports directly to the public on the agency's Measure B expenditures and Measure BB expenditures and performance measures.

The 18th Annual Report to the Public <https://www.alamedactc.org/iwc2020report/>, the Executive Summary in [English](#), [Chinese](#) and [Spanish](#), and [audited financial statements and compliance reports](#) of each agency receiving Measure B and Measure BB funds through the direct local distribution program are available to the public on the Alameda CTC website. Hard copies of the Annual Report are available by request via e-mail to aayers@alamedactc.org, via mail to Alameda CTC offices at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800, Oakland, CA, 94607 or via telephone, 510.208.7450.

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 18th year in a row, Alameda CTC received a clean, unmodified opinion from independent auditors. Visit www.AlamedaCTC.org to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About the Alameda CTC Independent Watchdog Committee

The IWC is made up of 17 members, all of whom must be a resident of Alameda County. IWC members are not elected officials at any level of government, nor individuals in a position to benefit personally in any way from the sales tax.

IWC at-large members are appointed for a two-year term, including:

- One per district, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
- One per district, appointed by the Alameda County Mayor's Conference.

All other members may serve until a replacement is appointed, including:

- One per representing organization specified in the Measure B and Measure BB Expenditure Plans:
 - Alameda County Labor Council

- Alameda County Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee
- Alameda County Taxpayers' Association
- Bike East Bay
- East Bay Economic Development Alliance
- League of Women Voters
- Sierra Club

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