



Executive Director Summary of 2020 Highlights

Over \$292 million awarded to Alameda CTC since January 2020; delivering projects and programs with our partners throughout the County

PROGRAMMING

COVID-related accomplishments to deliver access and safety improvements and ensure access to funding

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN GRANT PROGRAM - an innovative \$1.125 M grant program to support local jurisdictions during COVID to implement quick-build transportation measures to serve the need for socially-distanced walking and bicycling throughout local community areas and businesses districts in light of the Coronavirus pandemic.

MEALS ON WHEELS AND OTHER MEAL DELIVERY SERVICES - the Commission approved a one year opportunity to allow cities and transit operators to ensure food security and safety for the vulnerable populations served by our paratransit services by delivery of meals directly to seniors and people with disabilities who are unable to use transportation services.

PROGRAMS

Expansion of critical student-related programs despite COVID

AFFORDABLE STUDENT TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM - an expansion of this marquis program with on-boarding of new schools and school districts that reduces obstacles to transportation access to/from schools for students and provides financial relief for families.



The cost of transportation to school is oftentimes cited as a barrier to school attendance and participation in after school activities.

STPP offers:

- Accessible and equitable transit options
- Encouragement of and education in transit usage
- Building of life-long transit riders

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS - with the closure of in-class learning, staff has transitioned the program to create online learning tools to help participating schools incorporate Safe Routes materials into their new distanced learning curriculum:

- Development of a promotional video for live webinar training options
- Creation of virtual school assembly experience for students and teachers
- Preparation for on-site technical assistance via School Safety Audits
- Implementation of school slow streets surrounding school sites, identified as critical during COVID, as well as traffic circulation surrounding food and supply distribution hubs
- Finalization of vital technical support documents (e.g. school district snapshots, collision heat maps, etc.)



PLANNING

Advancing multimodal vision for Alameda County with vital arterials connecting communities

2020 COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN - a long-range policy document guiding transportation funding decisions for Alameda County's transportation system. Goals for the Alameda County Transportation system are:

- Accessible, affordable and equitable
- Safe, healthy and sustainable
- High-quality and modern infrastructure, and
- Economic vitality

MULTIMODAL CORRIDORS: SAN PABLO AVENUE AND EAST 14TH STREET/MISSION/FREMONT BOULEVARD - advancement of a long-term concept for the **East 14th Street/Mission/Fremont Boulevard Multimodal Corridor** that calls for a combination of investments, including bus-only lanes, rapid bus improvements, mobility hubs, localized transit improvements, protected bike lanes, multi-purpose trails/extension of East Bay Greenway and safety and operational improvements. And development of short-term safety improvements and infrastructure pilots on the **San Pablo Avenue Corridor**

include prioritizing transit and pedestrian and bicycle safety with separate types of treatment in various segments of the corridor, which will inform longer term investments.



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PROJECTS

Advancing and delivering projects

INTERSTATE 680 NORTHBOUND EXPRESS LANE AND SOUTHBOUND CONVERSION PROJECT is in delivery -

This large and complex \$240.0 M project consists of 14-miles of freeway mainline improvement to provide relief in the sixth most congested freeway corridor in the Bay Area. Modifications are expected to improve overall freeway operations, increase reliability and reduce congestion.



A recent ribbon cutting, sponsored by the California Department of Transportation and Alameda CTC, was held in conjunction with the opening of the lanes in October 2020. Tolling will commence in early spring 2021.

INTERSTATE 80/GILMAN STREET INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT -

\$47.2 M in state funds were secured this year for this project to reduce congestion, shorten queues and minimize merging and turning conflicts on Gilman Street between West Frontage Road and 5th Street through the I-80 interchange. The project will include the provision of two roundabouts, a pedestrian and bicycle overcrossing over I-80, an at-grade pedestrian/bicycle path through the interchange and a Bay Trail gap closure. Currently moving toward construction, right-of-way actions are underway with advertisement to commence by the end of 2020. A groundbreaking is anticipated in early 2021. Construction is to begin in spring 2021.



RAIL SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM advancing from planning to delivery -

Alameda County has high volumes of freight and passenger rail activity, often in close proximity to residential neighborhoods, schools and commercial districts. The Federal Railroad Administration has identified the County as having the fourth highest number of trespassing fatalities at railroad rights-of-way in the nation.

The focus of this program is to advance safety for all users at railroad at-grade crossings and to relieve trespassing issues. Projects are currently in the environmental and design phase.



FINANCE

Accountability and transparency award

GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF CANADA (GFOA) - Alameda CTC has a long history of exemplary financial management, with 100 percent clean audits since its inception in 2010. Each year the agency's Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) confirms that Measure B and Measure BB tax dollars are being spent in accordance with the intent of the two measures.

The GFOA is an award that signifies the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Receiving it represents significant accomplishments by a governmental agency and its management. Alameda CTC has been awarded the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the eighth year in a row for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2019.

This award is "...testimony to the excellent fiscal leadership and financial transparency that ensures the promise to Alameda County taxpayers to deliver critical transportation projects and programs is upheld," says Alameda CTC Chair Pauline Cutter.

