



2021 Alameda County Transportation Commission Legislative Program

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The legislative program herein supports Alameda CTC's transportation vision below adopted for the 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan:

"Alameda County residents, businesses and visitors will be served by a premier transportation system that supports a vibrant and livable Alameda County through a connected and integrated multimodal transportation system promoting sustainability, access, transit operations, public health and economic opportunities." Our vision recognizes the need to maintain and operate our existing transportation infrastructure and services while developing new investments that are targeted, effective, financially sound and supported by appropriate land uses. Mobility in Alameda County will be guided by transparent decision-making and measurable performance indicators. Our transportation system will be:

- *Accessible, Affordable and Equitable – Improve and expand connected multimodal choices that are available for people of all abilities, affordable to all income levels.*
- *Safe, Healthy and Sustainable – Create safe facilities to walk, bike and access public transportation to promote healthy outcomes and support strategies that reduce adverse impacts of pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions by reducing reliance on single-occupant vehicles.*
- *High Quality and Modern Infrastructure – Upgrade infrastructure such that the system is of a high quality, is well-maintained, resilient and maximizes the benefits of new technologies for the public.*
- *Economic Vitality – Support the growth of Alameda County's economy and vibrancy of local communities through an integrated, reliable, efficient, cost-effective and high-capacity transportation system."*

Issue	Priority	Strategy Concepts
Transportation Funding	Increase transportation funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek COVID-19 state and federal recovery and operations funding and waive federal cost sharing requirements for transit. • Support means-based fare programs while being fiscally responsible. • Leverage local funds to the maximum extent possible to implement transportation improvements in Alameda County through grants and partnerships with regional, state and federal agencies. • Oppose efforts to repeal transportation revenue streams enacted through SB1. • Support efforts that protect against transportation funding diversions. • Support efforts to lower the two-thirds voter threshold for voter-approved transportation measures. • Support the implementation of more stable and equitable long-term funding sources for transportation. • Ensure fair share of sales tax allocations from new laws and regulations. • Seek, acquire, accept and implement grants to advance project and program delivery.
	Protect and enhance voter-approved funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support legislative efforts that increase funding from new and/or flexible funding sources to Alameda County for operating, maintaining, restoring, and improving transportation infrastructure and operations. • Support efforts that give priority funding to voter-approved measures and oppose those that negatively affect the ability to implement voter-approved measures. • Support efforts that streamline financing and delivery of transportation projects and programs. • Support rewarding Self-Help Counties and states that provide significant transportation funding into transportation systems. • Support statewide principles for federal surface transportation reauthorization and/or infrastructure bills that expand funding and delivery opportunities for Alameda County.

Multimodal Transportation, Land Use, Safety and Equity	Expand multimodal systems, shared mobility and safety and advance equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support policies that provide increased flexibility for transportation service delivery through programs that address the needs of commuters, youth, seniors, people with disabilities and low-incomes, and do not create unfunded mandates. • Support policies that enable shared mobility innovations while protecting the public interest, including allowing shared and detailed data (such as data from transportation network companies and app based carpooling companies) that could be used for transportation and land use planning and operational purposes while ensuring privacy is protected. • Support efforts to allow automated parking enforcement of parking or stopping in bus stops. • Support policies that enhance equity and transportation access. • Support means-based fare programs while being fiscally responsible. • Support investments in transportation for transit-dependent communities that provide enhanced access to goods, services, jobs and education; and address parking placard abuse. • Support parity in pre-tax fringe benefits for public transit, carpooling, and vanpooling and other modes with parking. • Support legislation to modernize the Congestion Management Program, supporting the linkage between transportation, housing, and multi-modal performance monitoring. • Support efforts to increase transit priority throughout the transportation system, such as on freeway corridors and bridges serving the county including express bus on shoulder opportunities. • Ensure that Alameda County needs are included in and prioritized in regional, state and federal planning and funding processes. • Engage in legislation and regulation of new/shared mobility technology with the goal of accelerating their safety, accessibility, mobility, environmental, equity, economic and workforce benefits, including opportunities to increase access to transit and reduce the share of single-occupancy vehicle trips. • Support policies that enhance Bay Area goods movement and passenger rail planning, funding, delivery and advocacy that enhance the economy, local communities, and the environment. • Support advocacy of cooperation and partnership with railroads to advance projects, with a particular interest in rail safety projects.
	Enhance Transportation Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support investments in active transportation, including for improved safety and advance Vision Zero strategies to reduce speeds and protect communities. • Support allowing cities the discretion to use more effective methods of speed enforcement within their jurisdictions. • Support efforts to enable automated speed enforcement. • Allow local flexibility to set safer speed limits (thereby getting rid of the 85th percentile rule). • Regulate navigation apps from directing regional commute traffic onto local neighborhood streets as a bypass for freeway traffic congestion.
Climate Change and Technology	Support climate change legislation and technologies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support funding for infrastructure, operations, and programs to relieve congestion, improve air quality, reduce emissions, expand resiliency and support economic development, including transitioning to zero emission transit fleets and trucks consistent with and supportive of Governor Newsome's Executive order N-79-20. • Support rewarding Self-Help Counties with cap-and-trade funds for projects and programs that are partially locally funded and reduce GHG emissions. • Support emerging technologies such as alternative fuels and technology to reduce GHG emissions. • Support efforts to address sea level rise adaptation including planning, funding and implementation support. • Support legislation and policies to facilitate deployment of connected and autonomous vehicles in Alameda County, including data sharing that will enable long-term planning. • Support the expansion of zero emissions vehicle charging stations and station infrastructure for buses. • Support for safer vehicles and telecommuting.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support efforts that ensure Alameda County jurisdictions are eligible for state funding related to the definition of disadvantaged communities used in state screening tools. • Support efforts to increase transit priority throughout the transportation system, such as on arterials, freeway corridors and bridges serving the County.
Project Delivery and Operations	Advance innovative project delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support environmental streamlining and expedited project delivery, including contracting flexibility and innovative project delivery methods.
	Ensure cost-effective project delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support efforts that reduce project and program implementation costs. • Support funding and policies to implement transportation projects that create jobs and economic growth, including for apprenticeships and workforce training programs.
	Protect the efficiency of managed lanes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support expanded opportunities for HOV/managed lane policies that protect toll operators' management of lane operations and performance, toll rate setting and toll revenue reinvestments, deployment of new technologies and improved enforcement. • Support innovation and managed delivery of lane conversions. • Support high-occupancy vehicle (HOV)/express lane expansion in Alameda County and the Bay Area, and efforts that promote effective and efficient lane implementation and operations. • Oppose legislation that degrades HOV lanes that could lead to congestion and decreased efficiency.
	Reduce barriers to the implementation of transportation and land use investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support legislation that increases flexibility and reduces barriers for infrastructure improvements that support the linkage between transportation, housing and jobs. • Support local flexibility and decision-making regarding land-uses for transit-oriented development (TOD) and priority development areas (PDAs). • Support funding and partnership leveraging opportunities for TOD and PDA implementation, including transportation corridor investments that link PDAs.
Partnerships	Expand partnerships at the local, regional, state and federal levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support efforts that encourage regional and mega-regional cooperation and coordination to develop, promote, and fund solutions to regional and interregional transportation problems and support governmental efficiencies and cost savings. • Partner to increase transportation funding for Alameda CTC's multiple projects and programs and to support local jobs.