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19 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 July 12, 2021, the Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) of the **Alameda County Transportation Commission** (Alameda CTC) approved its 19th Annual Report to the Public, www.alamedactc.org/iwc2021report/, covering fiscal year 2019-2020 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.

Although Alameda CTC staff provided a summary of performance trends by jurisdiction and program as requested by the IWC, the IWC recommends that comprehensive performance measures should be reviewed regularly to identify additional measures of public benefit and does not believe it can make a determination of the performance of the Measure BB programs for FY2019-20 based on the data submitted as an annual "snapshot" by direct local distribution recipients.

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 acknowledges that the last quarter of FY2019-20 was marked by the onset of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic with the resulting statewide "lockdown." This impacted community life and public agencies' planning, implementation and public meeting activities.

In fiscal year 2019-2020, Alameda CTC received \$155.4 million in Measure B revenue and expended \$151.0 million as follows:

- \$45.4 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.
- \$34.2 million for highway and street capital projects.
- \$41.7 million for local transportation improvements, including local streets and roads and bicycle and pedestrian projects.

- \$26.5 million for debt repayment.
- \$2.5 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 FY2019-20 and will continue to incur this same amount over the following couple of fiscal years when the last bond matures in March 2022.

In fiscal year 2019-2020, Alameda CTC received \$154.9 million in Measure BB revenue and expended \$204.4 million as follows:

- \$55.0 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.
- \$70.3 million for highway and street capital projects.
- \$45.7 million for local transportation improvements, including local streets and roads and bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- \$25.9 million for community development grants.
- \$0.8 million for technology grants.
- \$3.0 million for general administration.
- \$3.7 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 [19th Annual Report to the Public](#), 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 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 19th 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 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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