

ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Keeping Our Promises

Alameda CTC is keeping our promises of delivering projects and programs while supporting jobs and the economy. I am ensuring that the agency continues to perform strategic planning, develop projects and implement programs, move projects into construction, and support our cities, the County, transit agencies and business partners during this pandemic. Our work is an important part of supporting local communities and the economy.

Thank you,

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Project Updates

I-680 Southbound Express Lanes between SR-84 and Alcosta Boulevard project a step closer to starting construction



The California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocated \$56.9 million in State Transportation Improvement Program-Regional Improvement Program (STIP-RIP) and Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program (LPP) funds at its December 2021 meeting to Alameda CTC's [Interstate 680 \(I-680\) Southbound Express Lanes from State Route 84 \(SR-84\) to Alcosta Boulevard](#) project that completed final design, right-of-way and permit work on October 8, 2021. This project is the final piece needed to close a nine-mile gap in the southbound high-occupancy vehicle/express lane system connecting Alameda and Contra Costa counties, completing an approximately 50-mile continuous southbound express lane from Walnut Creek to Milpitas. The project is expected to begin the advertisement process in mid-April 2022.

Construction of the project will be combined with the California Department of Transportation's pavement rehabilitation project along the same section of I-680. Coordination of these two projects will lead to a significant cost savings of approximately \$18 million. More importantly, this approach will minimize inconvenience and reduce impacts to the traveling public during the many months of construction in an already very congested corridor.

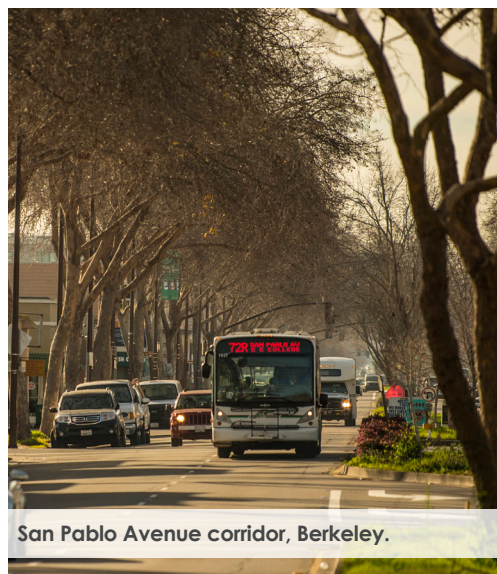
The I-680 Southbound Express Lanes from SR-84 to Alcosta Boulevard project is scheduled to go into construction by summer 2022. It will reduce congestion, improve travel time reliability, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve safety and accessibility.

For more information on this and other projects, visit Alameda CTC's [Projects webpage](#).



Planning and Program Updates

Multimodal arterial corridor projects—upcoming milestones and action



San Pablo Avenue corridor, Berkeley.

Alameda CTC is leading two multimodal arterial corridor projects that address safety and transit efficiency to support safety, economic vitality, sustainable growth and equity—the [San Pablo Avenue Corridor Project](#) and the [East 14th Street/Mission Boulevard and Fremont Boulevard Multimodal Corridor](#) project (E.14th/Mission/Fremont), including the East Bay Greenway along the same corridor. Both projects have completed long-term visioning phases and embarked on near-term implementation, with major milestones in spring 2022.



The E.14th/Mission/Fremont project has been integrated with a near-term phase of the East Bay Greenway project. This modification is advancing public

outreach in the City of San Leandro to define project details that will go into the environmental phase in the spring/summer of this year. A series of pop-up events and field outreach are scheduled for March and early April, followed by targeted focus groups in April. Alameda CTC is getting this project ready for many grant funding opportunities coming up in fall 2022, including for the segment all the way to the South Hayward BART station. For more information, visit the [project website](#).



Looking northward along the San Pablo Avenue corridor.

For the San Pablo Avenue Project, staff is requesting Commission approval of the project concept in March. The recommended concept will include dedicated bus lanes with bus islands, protected bike lanes and targeted loading zones, as well as improvements to parallel bike facilities and pedestrian safety improvements. Staff has completed extensive analysis and outreach over many years to arrive at this recommendation and will engage the public again in summer 2022 during the detailed design process. For more information, visit the [project website](#).

Policy News

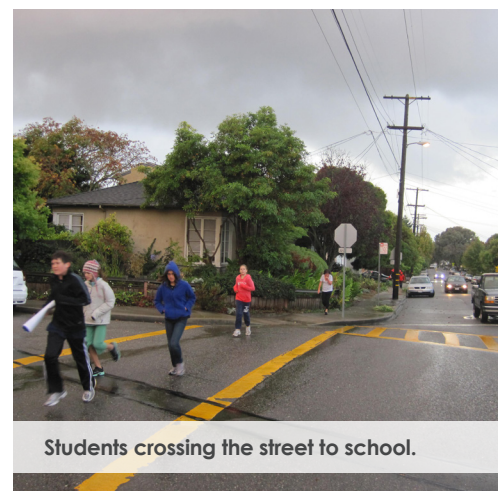
Mini-Grant Program receives \$1.7M for Safe Routes to Schools

Alameda CTC's [Safe Routes to Schools \(SR2S\)](#) program will receive \$1.7 million to help students in Alameda County travel to school safely thanks to Representative Eric Swalwell's (D-CA) efforts in passing the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2022, which will fund the Federal government through September 30, 2022 and includes Community Projects Funding.

Alameda CTC's SR2S program is committed to creating safe environments surrounding school campuses, and this \$1.7 million in Federal funding that Alameda CTC will receive is to be used to deliver safety improvements around schools to enhance the conditions for student pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders in Alameda County.



Thanks to Congressman Swalwell, Alameda CTC's countywide SR2S program can continue to increase safe walking and biking and encourage alternative modes to school with the goals of reducing congestion and harmful pollutants around schools and increasing the safety and physical activity of



Students crossing the street to school.

Programming Updates

A CIP update

2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan

Alameda CTC's 2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan (2024 CIP) is launching this summer in close coordination with the region's One Bay Area Grant Program Cycle 3 (OBAG 3) with discretionary funds from the Measure BB, Vehicle Registration Fee and Transportation Fund for Clean Air programs. Over \$100 million is expected to be made available from the fund sources for transportation projects ranging from safe routes to school improvements, community-based transportation projects, transit capital improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

A combined call for project nominations is scheduled for release in May 2022.

Applicants will have between four to six weeks to submit applications. Staff will first screen and evaluate projects for federal OBAG 3 funding eligibility and competitiveness and develop a recommended list of OBAG 3 nominations for Commission approval in September. Based on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's approval of an OBAG 3 program of projects, anticipated in January 2023, staff will then move forward in spring 2023 with a programming recommendation for the local 2024 CIP funding sources.

San Leandro LINKS Shuttle—Connecting People to Transit



The San Leandro LINKS shuttle continues to provide first- and last-mile transit connections that facilitate transit access

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Finance Updates

Fiscal Year 2021-22 mid-year budget update

In February, the finance team finalized the mid-year budget update for FY 2021-22 for both the Sunol Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and Alameda CTC. The Sunol JPA budget update was approved by the board in February, and the Alameda CTC budget update will go to the Commission for approval in March. These updates incorporate updated beginning fund balances based on audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021, roll over unutilized capital funding from prior year's budget, and account for changes in expected revenues and expenditures since original budgets were adopted in May 2021.

The finance team continued work on cash flows to determine optimal timing and value for bond financing; held a kick-off meeting with the bond financing team to develop a plan for bond financing for Measure BB capital projects; and developed an update for the Commission on the procurement process for the financing team and a resolution of official intent to use proceeds from the bond sale to reimburse the agency for some Measure BB capital expenditures incurred prior to the bond sale going to the Commission in March.

Contracting Opportunities

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

Professional Services contracts

- I-680 Express Lanes Toll System Integration
- East Bay Greenway project
- Financial Advisory and Support Services

Construction contracts

- 7th Street Grade Separation East project

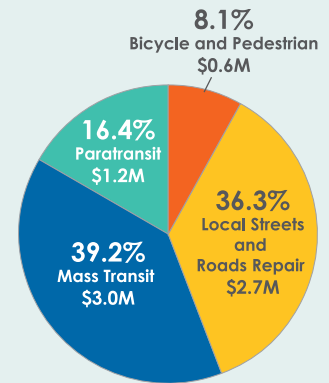
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Transportation Investments

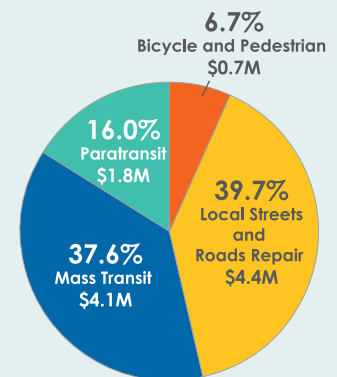
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$532.9 million; over \$10.8 million was distributed in December 2021.



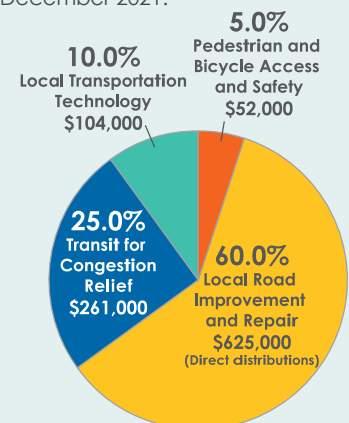
Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$1.3 billion since 2002. In December 2021, over \$11.0 million was distributed for four programs.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$76.8 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in December 2021.



Agency Activities

In March 2022, the following events were either hosted, sponsored or participated in by Alameda CTC:

- East Bay Greenway, Phase 1 (East 14th Street/Mission Boulevard segment) popups. See the [project Facebook page](#) for additional outreach information.
 - March 3 – San Leandro BART Station
 - March 12 – John Muir Middle School, San Leandro
- March 30 - Alameda CTC Commission Retreat, Oakland
- March 31 – A presentation by Deputy Executive Director of Projects, Gary Huisingh, to the East Bay American Council of Engineering Companies, Dublin
- Bike Mobile events
 - March 3 – Alameda County Library
 - March 4 – Berkeley Technology Academy, Berkeley
 - March 5 – Dublin Library, Dublin
 - March 8 - Crocker Highlands Elementary, Oakland; John Green Elementary, Dublin
 - March 9 – John Green Elementary, Dublin
 - March 10 - John Green Elementary, Dublin; Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle, Union City
 - March 11 – Berkeley Technology Academy, Berkeley; Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle, Union City
 - March 12 – North Berkeley Library, Berkeley
 - March 16 – Bay Elementary, San Lorenzo
 - March 17 – Thomas S. Hart Middle, Pleasanton
 - March 18 – Fred T. Korematsu Discovery Academy, Oakland
 - March 22 – Frederiksen Elementary, Dublin
 - March 23 – Bay Elementary, San Lorenzo; Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle, Berkeley
 - March 24 – Willard Middle, Berkeley
 - March 25 – Valley View Elementary, Pleasanton
 - March 26 – San Lorenzo Library, San Lorenzo
 - March 30 – Bay Elementary, San Lorenzo; Dublin Elementary, Dublin

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to transit facilities and commercial business centers. Currently, average daily ridership is approximately 400 riders per day, and it shows signs of increasing since the initial onset of COVID-19. The San Leandro LINKS shuttle provides a free shuttle ride from San Leandro BART station to major business areas in San Leandro. Shuttle operations are supported through a combination of approximately \$1 million from Measure BB, Vehicle Registration Fee and Transportation Fund for Clean Air programs' discretionary funds through fiscal year (FY) 2025-26.



Transit on the move in San Leandro.

Committee Activities

March advisory committees activities

Highlights for March community advisory committees are as follows:

- March 8 – The [Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee \(ParaTAC\)](#) members received information on the most recent Access Alameda website revisions and testing, and a presentation offering updates on electric vehicles. Committee members received data on and held discussions about COVID-19 impacts on programs and received an update on Transportation Network Company Partnerships, mobility management and emergency preparedness.
- March 10 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) received updates on the 2021 Multimodal Performance Report, One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3, the 2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Commissions' 2023 Transportation Improvement Program Development Update and the Countywide Bikeways Network.
- March 14 – The [Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#) held its annual Measure B and Measure BB Audit Report and Program Compliance Report Review orientation/workshop to discuss next steps. The committee also received FY 2020-21 Compliance and Audit Reports from jurisdictions for review. Members also reviewed the sign-up roster for the Projects and Programs Watchlist, a list designated to watch specific Measure B- and BB-funded projects and programs.

2021 Performance Report

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