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## Congressional Representative Eric Swalwell Secures \$1.7 Million for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's Safe Routes to Schools Program

**ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif.** – The Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) <u>Safe Routes to Schools</u> (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 Safe Routes to Schools program is committed to creating safe environments surrounding school campuses. The SR2S program is a comprehensive countywide program that aims 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. The \$1.7 million in Federal funding that Alameda CTC will receive will be used to deliver safety improvements around schools to enhance the conditions for student pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders in Alameda County.

Alameda CTC Chair, and Emeryville Mayor John J. Bauters said, "Investing in active transportation is a priority of the Commission, and we are excited to receive this funding for our Safe Routes to Schools Program, which will improve pedestrian and bicycle safety around schools and encourage sustainable travel and active transportation for youth throughout the County."

"Alameda CTC's Safe Routes to Schools Program supports active transportation and alternative modes and this new funding will help us deliver infrastructure improvements to enhance safety for pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders traveling to and from school in the County," says Alameda CTC Executive Director Tess Lengyel.

## **About the Alameda County Transportation Commission**

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers essential, voter-supported transportation improvements in every city throughout Alameda County. Funding sources for Alameda CTC's expenditure plans include Measure B, approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000, and Measure BB, approved by more than 70 percent of voters in 2014. Visit <u>Alameda CTC's website</u> to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on Facebook and Twitter.