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Alameda CTC Celebrates Bike Month With a Vision for a New Countywide Bikeways Network and New Video That Encourages Taking a Bike on the Bus and Paying with Clipper

ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif. – May is Bike Month, and the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) adopted the Countywide Bikeways Network, a 400-mile network of bikeway corridors, and <u>released a new video</u> highlighting how to take a bike on the bus. These efforts help advance the priorities established by the Commission at its 2022 retreat focused on safety, equity and climate.

In the video released today, Commission Chair and Emeryville Mayor John J. Bauters, and Commission Vice Chair and AC Transit Board President Elsa Ortiz, demonstrate how easy it is to bring your bike onto an AC Transit bus. The 400-mile Countywide Bikeways Network includes a major focus on access to transit. All AC Transit buses have options for riders to bring their bicycle on the bus.

Chair Bauters seeks to inspire Alameda County residents to take advantage of all of the bike and transit amenities that the County has to offer. "I'm so excited to show Alameda County how easy it is to take your bike on the bus," said Chair Bauters. "Combining these two modes of transportation increases both of their uses."

Paying with Clipper is another convenience highlighted in the video. To pay transit fares, riders can tap their Clipper Card, use the Clipper or AC Transit App, and now use Apple and Google Pay in their phone wallet. "Clipper eliminates any need to find exact change or carry cash, and it puts money back in your pocket," Vice Chair Ortiz explains. "You not only save \$0.25 on each ride using Clipper; once you've reached \$5.00 in daily fares, the rest of your transit rides are free for that day."

In order to better serve the diverse residents of Alameda County, the Commission provides this video in English and Spanish on Alameda CTC's social media channels (Facebook and Twitter) and website.

On May 26, the Commission adopted the Countywide Bikeways Network. The 400-mile bikeway network will establish a fully connected and high-quality network. The corridors on the Countywide Bikeways Network represent critical locations to address the Countywide High-injury Network, improve connectivity, fill in gaps and overcome barriers, and serve transit hubs, disadvantaged communities and activity centers. Throughout the rest of the year, the Commission will develop design guidelines and an implementation strategy.

"The Commission's approval of the Countywide Bikeways Network is a key step in articulating a vision for network of high-quality facilities to support active transportation and connect communities throughout Alameda County," notes 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. The funding source for Alameda CTC's transportation expenditure plan is 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 <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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