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Alameda CTC Awarded a \$25 Million Federal Railroad Administration CRISI Grant to Improve Rail Safety Infrastructure in Alameda County

Alameda CTC's Rail Safety Enhancement Program's

grant award is the largest CRISI grant awarded in California and second largest in the nation

ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif. – The Biden Administration recently announced over \$368 million in grants to improve rail infrastructure and to enhance and strengthen supply chains. Included in those grants is the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program. A \$25 million CRISI program grant was awarded to the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for Alameda CTC's [Rail Safety Enhancement Program](#) (RSEP) to enhance safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail.

"Safety is a top priority of the Alameda County Transportation Commission. With rail infrastructure traversing the County, particularly in low-income communities of color, and an emphasis on increasing transit rail use to reach climate goals, improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, rail and roadway users is critically important," says Alameda CTC Chair, Emeryville Mayor John J. Bauters. *"We are grateful to our federal partners for providing this critically needed funding to Alameda County."*

The grant awarded to Alameda CTC will help fund construction of the first phase of the RSEP's countywide improvements, including improvements to 28 at-grade crossings and two trespassing sites along Union Pacific Railroad track in Alameda County.

CRISI grant program funding will allow Alameda CTC's Rail Safety Enhancement Program to:

- **Improve safety** for pedestrians, bicyclists, rail and roadways
- **Promote equity**—these rail lines are often in low income and historically underserved communities, and many are near community facilities, such as schools
- **Reduce emissions** to support state and regional air quality goals

- **Improve service reliability** of passenger rail and roadway networks
- **Support economic vitality** by supporting rail connectivity to the Port of Oakland

“This infusion of funding means that we can continue to move forward our work to modernize and improve transportation and safety in Alameda County,” shared Alameda CTC’s Executive Director, Tess Lengyel. *“Our heartfelt thanks go to the Biden Administration and our federal partners, in particular Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alexander Padilla, and Congressmembers Barbara Lee and Eric Swalwell, for their unwavering support.”*

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 [Alameda CTC’s website](#) to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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