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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. Our work is an important part of supporting local communities and the economy.

Thank you,

Tess

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Project Updates

GoPort – 7th Street Grade Separation East Project



Rendering of the 7th Street Grade Separation East project's westbound exit road.

The 7th Street Grade Separation East (7SGSE) project will reconstruct a structurally inadequate two-span Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) underpass structure located along 7th Street, between Interstate 880 and Maritime Street. One-half of the span is 91-years-old and the other is over 50-years-old—both are past their structural useful life. This underpass is one of three gateways into the Port of Oakland (Port), and to meet current geometric and seismic standards, the 7SGSE project will increase both vertical and horizontal clearances for trucks, widen and upgrade the roadway, and construct a shared, high-quality pedestrian/bicycle pathway on a new alignment. These improvements will also meet current geometric design and Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Collectively, the improvements will reduce truck congestion and idling, thereby improve air quality and the Port's competition in

the global market, create new jobs and provide access to the Port and Middle Harbor Shoreline Park for the benefit of local residents. The project will also include urban greening by including vegetation on walls, which was a high priority of the community.

Currently, the 7SGSE project is in right-of-way and design phases, concurrently. Staff is working closely with UPRR, the Port and the City of Oakland to execute agreements that will define each party's roles and responsibilities throughout construction, and ownership and maintenance responsibilities beyond construction. The project is fully funded and advertisement is expected in summer 2022, with physical construction activities expected to commence in early 2023.

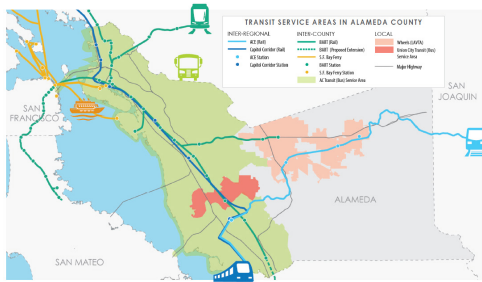
For more information on this and other projects, visit Alameda CTC's [Projects webpage](#).



Gateway into the Port of Oakland along 7th Street between Interstate 880 and Maritime Street with an adjacent multi-use path.

Planning Updates

Bi-County Model and Corridor Plan updates



Alameda CTC is partnering with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority to jointly develop a Bi-County [Travel Demand Model](#) that is consistent with [Plan Bay Area 2050](#). The model will transition from Alameda County's current trip-based model to an activity-based model and include San Joaquin County along with the nine Bay Area counties. Data collection and review is underway by Alameda County jurisdictions and transit agencies. The review period for traffic and network data are nearing completion, and land use forecast data from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission will be shared with jurisdictions for review in June. Model calibration and validation are scheduled to take place in summer 2022 with the guidance of the project's Technical Working Group. The model is on schedule to be developed by October 2022 and ready for application by January 2023.

Multimodal Corridor Plan

Alameda CTC is leading the [North Alameda County Core Connections Plan](#) (Plan), which will synthesize past planning and project development efforts and prioritize local projects that advance safety, equity and sustainability goals near major corridors in Downtown and West Oakland, Emeryville and West Berkeley. The Plan also serves as a Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan, which ensures that projects included in the Plan are eligible for upcoming state

funding opportunities. Public outreach is nearing completion—the interactive web map has closed for comment and was supplemented by direct outreach with representatives from community-based organizations and key stakeholders. Alameda CTC will continue to coordinate with an interagency technical advisory committee to finalize the Plan by fall 2022. For more information, visit the [project website](#).

Policy News

Legislative visit to Washington D.C.



Alameda CTC's federal delegation at the U.S. Department of Transportation: (l-r.) Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Vice Chair Ortiz, Chair Bauters, Commissioner Ezzy Ashcraft and Executive Director Lengyel.

During Alameda CTC's May legislative trip to Washington DC, Chair Bauters, Vice Chair Ortiz, Commissioner Ezzy Ashcraft, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci and Executive Director Tess Lengyel had the opportunity to brief our federal representatives, including Senators Feinstein and Padilla and Representatives Khanna and Swalwell, as well as representatives of the Administration on the Commissions' priority projects. The meetings included discussions of the Commission's overall priorities of safety, equity and climate, and highlighted partnership opportunities. Project

discussions included advancing the [Rail Safety Enhancement Program](#); efforts to modernize interchanges and connect communities, including the [Oakland Alameda Access Project](#), [Interstate 80/ Ashby Avenue](#) and [Interstate 880/Whipple Road and Industrial Parkway](#) projects; the need for additional funding for transit, commuter and inter-city rail projects, such as Valley Link; and major arterial improvement projects, including the [San Pablo Avenue Corridor Project](#) and the [East Bay Greenway](#). A number of those in the Administration and our representatives noted that Alameda County is forging the way to create multimodal and sustainable transportation while creating equitable access for all.

CRISI Program grant

In late-May, Alameda CTC was awarded a \$25 million Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program grant by the Federal Railroad Administration for the [Rail Safety Enhancement Program](#) (RSEP) to improve rail infrastructure and safety in Alameda County. This grant, the largest awarded in California and the second largest in the nation, 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 the Union Pacific Railroad track in Alameda County 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

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Programming Updates

2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan Call for Projects

On May 10, 2022, Alameda CTC released the [2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan \(CIP\) call for projects](#). The 2024 CIP includes approximately \$150.8 million in discretionary funding available for programming from the Measure B, Measure BB, Vehicle Registration Fee, Transportation for Clean Air and federal One Bay Area Grant Program (OBAG 3) program sources. Applicants will have until June 30, 2022 to submit applications related to bicycle/pedestrian, transit improvements and complete streets projects that can be implemented during FYs 2023-24 through 2027-28. Available funding will be prioritized toward improvements that can demonstrate construction readiness within the first two years of the 2024 CIP, provide safety enhancements and directly benefit Priority Development Areas and Equity Priority Communities. A program recommendation for OBAG 3 candidate projects will be scheduled for Commission approval in September, with the final OBAG-funded projects ultimately decided by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The overall 2024 CIP program recommendation is to be considered by MTC's Commission in the spring 2023. Complete 2024 CIP Call for Projects resources, including funding-specific guidelines, relevant maps and plans, and a link to the online application, are available on Alameda CTC's [Funding Opportunities webpage](#).

Measure B/BB and Vehicle Registration Fee Direct Local Distribution Programs Compliance Update

Each year, Alameda CTC requires recipients of Measure B, Measure BB [Programming Updates cont'd on page 4](#)

Finance Updates

Annual budgets and investment policy

The finance and administration team brought many important items to the Commission for approval in May including, but not limited to:

- Third quarter investment and financial reports
- Updates to the investment policy, conflict of interest code and the FY 2021-22 sales tax budget
- FY 2022-23 proposed budget
- An amendment to a memorandum of understanding with the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission

The finance team has continued work on Measure BB Sales Tax Revenue Bonds (Limited Tax Bonds), Series 2022 to support the delivery of the Measure BB capital program and brought a significant number of final documents to the Commission for approval in May.

Additionally, the finance team has begun to ramp up for the financial year-end close and is preparing for the FY 2021-22 interim audit in June. During the interim audit, auditors will meet with the Audit Committee and the Independent Watchdog Committee, perform a risk assessment, establish materiality levels and develop their plan for the FY 2021-22 audit. Also, they will complete initial processes and procedures, such as review of policies and procedures and testing.

Contracting Opportunities

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

Professional Services contracts

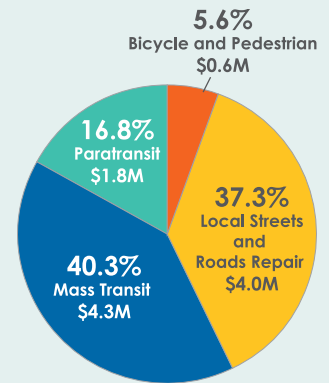
- East Bay Greenway project
- Municipal Advisory and Support Services

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Transportation Investments

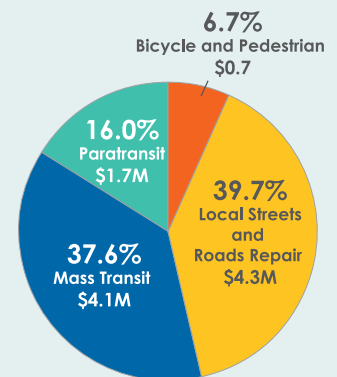
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$556.7 million; over \$10.7 million was distributed in March 2022.



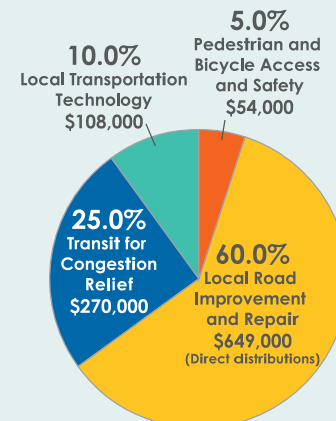
Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$1.3 billion since 2002. In March 2022, over \$10.8 million was distributed for four programs.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$78.6 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in March 2022.



Agency Activities

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

- Quite Zone project groundbreaking ceremony, Emeryville
- East 14th Street Complete Streets Corridor Improvement project ribbon cutting, Ashland
- Bike Mobile events
 - June 1 – Tyrrell Elementary, Hayward
 - June 3 – KIPP King Collegiate High, San Lorenzo
 - June 7 – Anthony W. Ochoa Middle, Hayward
 - June 8 – Alternatives in Action High, Oakland
 - June 10 – Tennyson High, Hayward
 - June 14 – Knowledge Enlightens You (KEY) Academy, Hayward
 - June 16 – Livermore Library: Main Branch, Livermore
 - June 23 – Livermore Library: Main and Springtown Branches, Livermore
 - June 24 – Livermore Library: Rincon Branch, Livermore
 - June 25 – Livermore Library: Main Branch, Livermore

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Alameda CTC, in conjunction with the Independent Watchdog Committee, reviewed the submitted reports for the FY 2020-21 reporting year and determined recipients' program compliance. Program compliance reports are available on Alameda CTC's [Compliance Reports webpage](#).

Other News

New video release

Commission Chair Bauters and Vice Chair Ortiz demonstrate how easy it is to bring your bike onto an AC Transit bus and pay using Clipper [in English](#) and [in Spanish](#).



Independent Watchdog Committee's 20th Annual Report

In July of this year, Alameda CTC's Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) will receive the draft 20th Annual IWC Report and approve its proposed publication costs and distribution, and review the final press release for the report. The public hearing for the draft 20th Annual IWC Report will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. The draft report and the public hearing lwebsite at <https://www.alamedactc.org/all-meetings/>.

The IWC is a made up of 17 members, all of whom must be Alameda County residents, that reports directly to the public on the agency's Measure B and Measure BB expenditures.

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Construction contracts

- East Bay Greenway Maintenance Services
- 7th Street Grade Separation East project

For more information, visit Alameda CTC's [Contracting Opportunities webpage](#).

Committee Activities

June advisory committees

Advisory committees met during the month of June. Meeting highlights include:

- June 9 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) received updates on the FY 2022-23 Three-Year Project Initiation Document (PID) Work Plan, a document that details the scope, cost and schedule of a proposed project that requires Caltrans approval before any major or high complexity project can be programmed and constructed on the State Highway System. An update was also received on the FY 2020-21 Direct Local Distribution Program Compliance Summary Report and the One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 Obligation Status.
- June 27 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\)](#) reaffirmed the election of its Chair and its East Bay Paratransit Service Review Advisory Committee representative for FY 2021-22. The committee also approved its bylaws and the Implementation Guidelines and Performance Measures – Special Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Paratransit) Program for FY 2022-23. Committee members received an update on two multimodal corridor projects - San Pablo Avenue the East Bay Greenway, Phase 1, and information on the FY 2022-23 Program Plan Review, the Mineta Transportation Institute—Accessibility Policy for Autonomous Public Transit, the Independent Watchdog Committee and updates from its advisory committees—East Bay Paratransit Service Review Advisory Committee and other Americans with Disabilities Act and Transit Advisory Committees.

Please visit the [Alameda CTC meetings webpage](#) for details on these and all other meetings.