

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,

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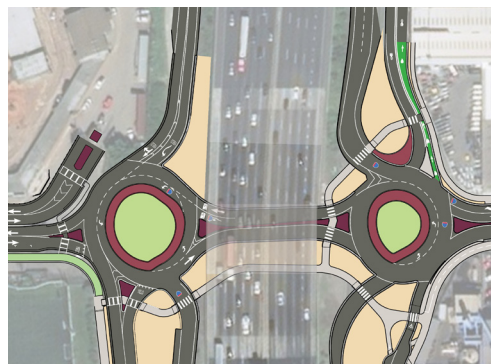
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Project Updates

Alameda CTC advances critically needed improvements

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) continues to advance capital projects that will provide critically needed improvements in Alameda County. Several of those projects are approaching or have reached significant milestones.

Interstate 80 corridor



Interstate 80/Gilman Street Interchange Improvements Phase 2 roundabouts.

Phases 1 and 2 of the [Interstate 80 \(I-80\)/Gilman Street Interchange Improvements](#) project are under construction. The project will provide safe access for pedestrians and bicyclists while reducing congestion and improving mobility. Phase 1 includes construction of a new bicycle/pedestrian bridge overcrossing on I-80 just south of the Gilman Street interchange. Substantial utility relocation work is complete and falsework supporting the pedestrian overcrossing is in place. Construction is anticipated to be completed in 2023.

Phase 2 includes two roundabouts at the Gilman Street interchange and pedestrian and bicycle improvements through the interchange, connecting the many businesses and public facilities in the area and improving safety and operations for all modes. In January 2022, Caltrans awarded Phase 2 of the project and construction began on July 19, 2022. Completion of this portion of the project is anticipated in 2024.

Interstate 880 corridor

The [Interstate 880 \(I-880\) Interchange Improvements \(Winton Avenue/A Street\)](#) project includes reconfiguring the I-880 interchanges at Winton Avenue and A Street to enhance access to the surrounding residential, retail and commercial land uses, implementing bicycle and pedestrian improvements at both interchanges and providing auxiliary lanes along the mainline between the two interchanges. Improvements will also involve modifying signals and reconfiguring intersections to improve truck turning movements.



Preconstruction at the Interstate 880 (Winton Avenue/A Street) interchange.

Currently, the project is in the project approval and environmental document (PA&ED) phase. In cooperation with the

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California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of Hayward, the project [Draft Environmental Document](#) was released for public review and comment on June 1, 2022, with the comment period ending on June 30, 2022. A virtual public meeting was held on June 15, 2022 and final environmental clearance is anticipated in fall 2022.



Also located along the heavily-congested I-880 corridor is the [I-880 Interchange Improvements \(Whipple Road/Industrial Parkway Southwest and Industrial Parkway West\)](#) project that will improve traffic operations, vehicular and bicycle/pedestrian safety, accessibility and connectivity across the I-880 interchanges. The cities of Hayward and Union City, Alameda CTC and Caltrans have been working in partnership to implement this project, advancing one of the projects included in the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan—Measure BB.

Approval of the final environmental document and project report is anticipated in summer 2022, which will mark the completion of the project approval and environmental phase. The request for proposals for the plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E) and right-of-way services was issued in November 2021. The Commission awarded the PS&E contract in May 2022 with PS&E work to begin in August 2022.

More information about these and other Alameda CTC projects can be found on the agency's [Projects webpage](#).

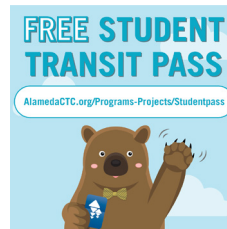
Planning Updates

Student Transit Pass Program

Alameda CTC's [Student Transit Pass Program \(STPP\)](#) will be entering into year four of the ongoing program, continuing the efforts to expand transportation options and making it easier for Alameda County's middle and high school students to travel to and from school and school-related programs, jobs and other enrichment activities. The program provides free youth Clipper cards to eligible middle and high school students in Alameda County which can be used for unlimited free bus rides in their area (on AC Transit, Union City Transit or LAVTA Wheels), as well as a 50 percent discount on BART trips and youth discounts on other transit systems.

The STPP is undergoing a phased expansion to all middle and high schools in Alameda County. For the 2022-2023 school year, the STPP will be implemented in 132 schools in 15 districts across Alameda County.

For more information about this and other Alameda CTC programs, visit the agency's [Programs webpage](#).



Transportation Funding: The budget agreement includes a \$14.8 billion multi-year transportation package, including funding for transit, freight, active transportation, climate adaptation and other purposes across the state. The transportation package includes the following funding allocations:

- **Transit and Rail Projects:** \$7.7 billion over four years to invest in high-priority transit and rail infrastructure projects throughout the state. Funding will be administered through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)
- **High Speed Rail:** \$4.2 billion High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Fund (Proposition 1A) to complete high-speed rail construction in the Central Valley
- **Goods Movement and Ports:** \$1.2 billion for port-specific projects that increase goods movement capacity on rail and roadways at port terminals, including railyard expansions, new bridges, and zero-emission modernization
- **Active Transportation:** \$1 billion for Active Transportation Program projects that encourage the increased use of active modes of transportation, such as walking and biking, and increase the safety and mobility of non-motorized users
- **Grade Separations:** \$350 million to support critical high priority grade separation safety improvements throughout the state
- **Climate Adaptation Programs:** \$200 million to identify transportation-related climate vulnerabilities throughout the state and assist in developing and implementing projects to adapt infrastructure given climate change impacts
- **Highways to Boulevards Pilot:** \$150 million to establish the Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards Pilot Program, which will inform the future conversion of key underutilized highways into multimodal corridors that serve existing residents
- **Clean California Local Grants:** \$100 million in additional funding for the Clean California Program grant program in 2023-24.

Policy News

Transportation funding infusion in State budget

In June, the legislature approved SB 154, and the Governor signed the state budget for this fiscal year, which includes significant investments in transportation. Among the numerous budget trailer bills, SB 198 was approved to enact the statutory changes needed to implement portions of the transportation elements of the budget.

Programming Updates

Comprehensive Investment Plan summary

The 2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan (2024 CIP) includes \$150.8 million in combined Measure B and BB, Vehicle Registration Fee, Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) and federal One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 (OBAG 3) discretionary program funds for bicycle/pedestrian, complete streets and transit-related improvements within Alameda County.

On May 10, 2022, Alameda CTC released a Call for Projects for projects and programs ready for implementation within the CIP's five-year horizon from fiscal years (FYs) 2023-24 to 2027-28. Applications were due on June 30, 2022. In response to this call, Alameda CTC received 52 applications with funding requests totaling approximately \$260.7 million. Alameda CTC will evaluate submitted projects based on the Commission-approved CIP project selection criteria and match successful candidate projects with the appropriate fund source(s).

Alameda CTC's project nominations for OBAG 3 funding will be considered by the Commission this September, a TFCA program recommendation will be considered by the Commission this September/October and a recommendation for the entire 2024 CIP will be considered in spring 2023.

Active Transportation Plan Cycle 6

Alameda CTC is monitoring the state's Active Transportation Program (ATP) for countywide project awards. The ATP is a competitive statewide program created to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) released the ATP Cycle 6 Call for Projects on March 16, 2022.

Cycle 6 includes \$650 million of ATP funding—a mix of federal funding, state Senate Bill 1 and State Highway Account

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Finance Updates

Fiscal Year-end activities

As Alameda CTC's finance team began to close out accounting books for fiscal year 2021-22 in June, auditors completed their work on the interim phase of the annual audits for Alameda CTC and the Sunol Smart Carpool Lane Joint Powers Authority. During the close out period, finance works with departments agency-wide to ensure that all invoices are received or accrued and all financial transactions for the fiscal year are included in the general ledger. During the interim phase, the auditor met with the Commission's Audit Committee to discuss required communications per Statement of Auditing Standards 122 regarding fraud considerations, audit scope and timing; developed their plan for the audits; and established materiality levels.

In July, Alameda CTC successfully completed the sale of \$124.03 million par value in Measure BB Senior Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, resulting in \$140.63 million of proceeds to advance projects funded by the 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan and pay bond issuance costs. Alameda CTC received a AAA credit rating from both Fitch Ratings and S&P Global Ratings for these bonds in May of this year. The sale of these bonds will enable Alameda CTC to deliver capital projects that are included in the Measure BB 2014 Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plan more quickly, including multimodal projects, interchange modernization and improvements, goods movement roadway improvements and express lane gap closure projects.

Contracting Opportunities

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

Professional Services contracts

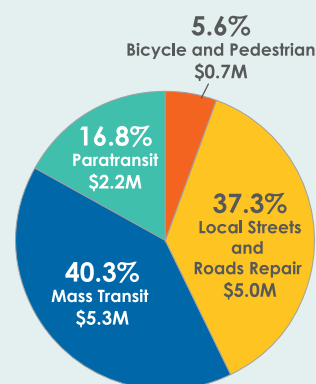
- East Bay Greenway project
- Municipal Advisory and Support Services

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Transportation Investments

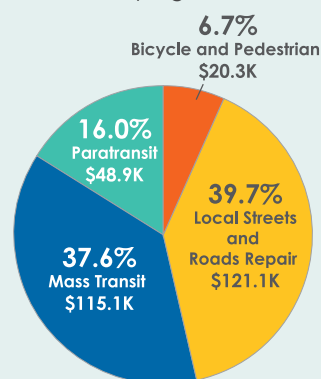
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$569.9 million; over \$13.2 million was distributed in April 2022.



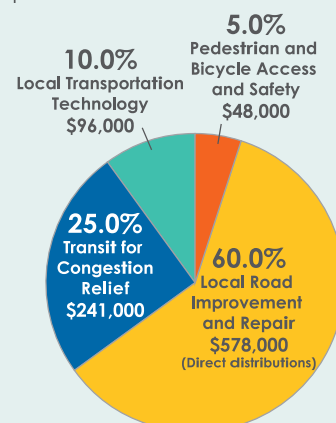
Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$1.3 billion since 2002. The measure sunset on March 31, 2022, and in April 2022, over \$305.4 thousand was distributed for four programs.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$79.2 million for local road repair; over \$0.9 million was collected in April 2022.



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funding. The programming years for Cycle 6 includes FYs 2023-24 through 2026-27. The application deadline was June 15, 2022.

To be considered for regional ATP funding, applicants must have also applied to the statewide program. The CTC received approximately 414 applications under the statewide program.

For the Bay Area region's program, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) received 61 applications from jurisdictions across the region requesting approximately \$537 million of ATP funds that includes a total of 16 applications from Alameda County jurisdictions requesting approximately \$187 million. The total funding available through MTC's regional component is \$55 million. The ATP Cycle 6 application log for the statewide program can be accessed by visiting: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program/cycle6>.

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- Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program
- Legislative Advocacy Services – Federal and State
- Investment Advisory Services
- On-Call Planning Services
- Student Transit Pass Program

Construction contracts

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

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

**Agency Activities**

Alameda CTC sponsored and participated in the following event in July 2022:

- July 29 - 31st Annual Convention for the United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton

Other News**20th Annual IWC Report**

The Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) is charged to review expenditures of transportation programs and projects throughout Alameda County. The committee then produces a report of its findings to the public for documenting appropriate use of sales tax funds on transportation programs and projects.

At its [July 11 meeting](#), the IWC received comment on its [draft 20th Annual Independent Watchdog Committee Report to the Public](#). The final report to the public is anticipated to be delivered in August 2022 and will be available on Alameda CTC's [Reports webpage](#).

**Committee Activities****July advisory committees**

The following advisory committees met during the month of July. Highlights from those meetings are as follows:

- June 9 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) received a summary regarding the applications received for Alameda CTC's 2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan and for the statewide Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 which includes \$650 million in funding. Each year, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is required to deliver an Obligation Plan by October 1 to the California Department of Transportation that monitors project delivery. This month the committee received an update on MTC's FY 2022-23 Annual Obligation Plan development and One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 Obligation status. Additionally, committee members were informed of preliminary results of the Multimodal Monitoring Study that monitors a 553-mile roadway network.
- July 11 – The [Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#) approved the election of its FY 2022-23 elected chair and vice chair, and its calendar/Work Plan. The committee also approved the draft 20th IWC Annual Report and its associated costs for publication and distribution, and reviewed the draft press release for the report. Committee members discussed the Independent Auditor Work Plan and received an update on FY 2021-22 Measure B and Measure BB capital projects and the FY 2022-23 IWC budget.
- July 21 – [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee \(BPAC\)](#) members reviewed and discussed the checklist for One Bay Area Grant Program/MTC Complete Streets and the draft City of Dublin Bike/Ped Master Plan. Also, the committee received updates on the Countywide Bikeways Network.

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