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## The Independent Watchdog Committee Issues its 20th Annual Report to the Public Regarding Measure B and Measure BB Sales Tax Measures

**ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif.** – On July 11, 2022, the Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) of the **Alameda County Transportation Commission** (Alameda CTC) approved its 20th Annual Report to the Public <https://www.alamedactc.org/iwc2022report/>, covering fiscal year 2020-2021 expenditures and IWC activities. The report provides an update on the delivery of projects and programs funded by Measure B, Alameda County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, and those funded by Measure BB, which augmented the half-cent sales tax to one cent and extended the tax through 2045.

Each year, the IWC reviews and analyzes Alameda CTC's expenditures of Measure B and Measure BB to ensure that funds are spent in accordance with the voter-approved measures. For additional detail, see the full report at the link provided above.

In fiscal year 2020-2021, Alameda CTC received \$170.5 million in Measure B revenue and expended \$149.3 million as follows:

- \$51.2 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.
- \$21.8 million for highway and street capital projects.
- \$46.2 million for local transportation improvements, including local streets and roads and bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- \$26.5 million for debt repayment.
- \$2.6 million for general administration.
- \$1.0 million for direct program and project management and oversight.

Alameda CTC issued \$137.1 million of Measure B Sales Tax Revenue Bonds in March 2014 to bridge a short-term funding gap that existed while many large capital projects included in the 2000 Measure B Transportation Expenditure Plan were in construction. During FY2020-21 the bonds incurred \$26.5 million of costs related to annual debt repayment. The final debt service payment to pay off the bonds was made in March 2022.

In fiscal year 2020-2021, Alameda CTC received \$170.7 million in Measure BB revenue and expended \$175.8 million as follows:

- \$58.2 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.
- \$41.9 million for highway and street capital projects.
- \$61.5 million for local transportation improvements, including local streets and roads and bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- \$8.5 million for community development grants.
- (\$0.5) million for technology grants.
- \$3.2 million for general administration.
- \$3.0 million for direct program and project management and oversight.

In July 2015, the IWC replaced and assumed responsibility for the Citizens Watchdog Committee created in 2002 after reauthorization of the local sales tax measure in 2000. Each year, the IWC reports directly to the public on the agency's Measure B expenditures and Measure BB expenditures and performance measures.

The [20th Annual Report to the Public](#), the Executive Summary in [English](#), [Chinese](#) and [Spanish](#), and [audited financial statements and compliance reports](#) of each agency receiving Measure B and Measure BB funds through the direct local distribution program are available to the public on the Alameda CTC website. Hard copies of the Annual Report are available by request via e-mail to [agayers@alamedactc.org](mailto:agayers@alamedactc.org) or via telephone, 510.208.7450.

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

Alameda CTC plans, funds and delivers transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. Alameda CTC coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers the expenditure plan for the Measure B sales tax approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000 and the expenditure plan for Measure BB, approved by more than 70 percent of voters in November 2014. For the 20th year in a row, Alameda CTC received a clean, unmodified opinion from independent auditors. Visit [www.AlamedaCTC.org](http://www.AlamedaCTC.org) to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

#### **About the Alameda CTC Independent Watchdog Committee**

The IWC is made up of 17 members, all of whom must be a resident of Alameda County. IWC members are not elected officials at any level of government, nor individuals in a position to benefit personally in any way from the sales tax.

IWC at-large members are appointed for a two-year term, including:

- One per district, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
- One per district, appointed by the Alameda County Mayor's Conference.

All other members may serve until a replacement is appointed, including:

- One per representing organization specified in the Measure B and Measure BB Expenditure Plans:
  - Alameda County Labor Council
  - Alameda County Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee
  - Alameda County Taxpayers' Association
  - Bike East Bay
  - East Bay Economic Development Alliance
  - League of Women Voters
  - Sierra Club