

# 20th Annual Independent Watchdog Committee Report to the Public FY2020-21



## Measure B and Measure BB Sales Tax Activities

The Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) reports its findings annually to the public to ensure appropriate use of sales tax funds and provides oversight by reviewing Measure B expenditures and Measure BB expenditures and performance measures. The IWC does not opine on other funds the Alameda CTC manages and/or programs. The 20th annual report reviews expenditures and IWC activities during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 (FY2020-21). The full report is available at [AlamedaCTC.org/IWC2022Report](http://AlamedaCTC.org/IWC2022Report). IWC activities include ongoing programs

and capital projects monitoring, review of independent audit of Alameda CTC, review of audit and compliance reports from direct local distribution recipients, identification of issues with Measure B and Measure BB spending, and development of the IWC annual report to the public (see the next page for IWC findings).

The IWC concludes that 2000 Measure B and 2014 Measure BB tax dollars were spent in accordance with the intent of the two measures during FY2020-21, **except as noted in the findings and recommendations on page 2.**

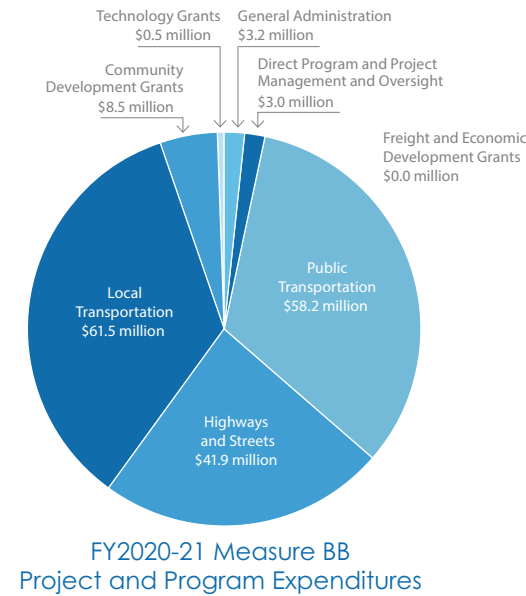
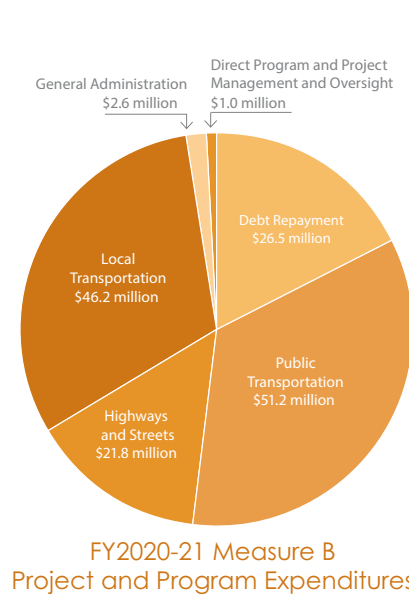


### SUMMARY OF MEASURE B AND MEASURE BB

## Revenues and Expenditures

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is responsible for administering the Measure B and Measure BB transportation sales tax measures. In FY2020-21, Measure B revenues for Alameda CTC totaled \$170.5 million, and audited expenditures totaled \$149.3 million. Measure BB revenues totaled \$170.7 million, and audited expenditures totaled \$175.8 million in FY2020-21.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Measure BB utilized sales tax funds received in prior years to pay for expenditures.



## Measure B and Measure BB Funded Programs and Projects



**PROGRAMS** In FY2020-21, Alameda CTC expended \$97.1 million in Measure B funds and \$95.9 million in Measure BB funds on local streets and roads, mass transit, special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities, bicycle and pedestrian safety and other grants.

**PROJECTS** In FY2020-21, Alameda CTC expended \$23.8 million

of Measure B funds and \$76.9 million of Measure BB funds on capital projects for transportation infrastructure improvements, such as BART rail modernization and improvements, express lanes, highway and transit improvements, local street and road enhancements, intermodal projects and other local projects.

# Independent Watchdog Committee Findings

**FY2020-21** For this 20th Annual Report to the Public, the Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) acknowledges that Alameda County taxpayer funds from Measures B and BB have achieved significant improvements in local and countywide transportation programs and projects, but that some desired performance goals and outcomes remain short of expectations.

In 2016, Alameda CTC adopted a series of performance measures in four categories (transit operations, paratransit, local streets and roads, and bicycle/pedestrian) for the formula funds available to DLD recipients – the cities, County, and transit operators – and entered into 10-year agreements for availability and use of these funds. The IWC has sought to provide input to Alameda CTC on performance measures, but without much satisfaction. Given the limited performance measures which have been adopted by the Commission, the IWC finds it difficult to offer an opinion to the Public as to the overall effectiveness of the DLD program expenditures.

The IWC diligently presents its observations, findings, and recommendations to the public and to the Commission in these Annual Reports. See [AlamedaCTC.org/Reports](http://AlamedaCTC.org/Reports). The IWC respectfully urges that Alameda CTC formally respond, during a regular public meeting, to these issues and recommendations.

The IWC is fully cognizant that the people who live and/or work in Alameda County were enormously affected by the COVID-19 pandemic throughout FY2020-21. Nevertheless, many undesirable trends that had begun before that year have not been adequately turned around or addressed. There is no substantive sanctioning for not meeting the

adopted performance measures. The IWC notes that two cities have failed for the past four successive years to achieve the adopted goal for Pavement Condition Index, and two additional cities have missed the target for three of the past four years. Alameda County road users have borne the brunt of these deficiencies.

The City of Union City suffered a city-wide cyber-attack during FY2019-20, which delayed submittal of their financial statements for both that year and FY2020-21. The City's IT system is recovering, and they have indicated that they will submit FY2020-21 reports for a compliance determination "by early summer" 2022. As of the writing of this Report, that has not occurred.

The IWC acknowledges the unfortunate death of Supervisor Wilma Chan on November 3, 2021, while walking her dog Maggie. Our Committee extends heartfelt condolences to Supervisor Chan's family. But we also need to ask – Why does Alameda CTC not have a Vision Zero policy or performance measure for pedestrian and cyclist safety? Such a document would be a fitting tribute to the memory of the late Supervisor Chan.

On a more affirmative note, the IWC also notes the recent resignations of members Murphy McCalley and Ed Hernandez who have been appointed to fill vacancies in local elected offices – the AC Transit Board of Directors and the Eden Township Healthcare District, respectively. Their service to the people of Alameda County has been greatly appreciated, as will their continuing roles.

The IWC encourages members of the Public to contact us directly at [IndependentWatchdog@AlamedaCTC.org](mailto:IndependentWatchdog@AlamedaCTC.org).



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Independent Watchdog Committee meetings are open to the public. Additional information is available at [www.AlamedaCTC.org](http://www.AlamedaCTC.org) or at Alameda CTC's offices at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800, Oakland, CA, 94607, including the 2000 Measure B and 2014 Measure BB Expenditure Plans, this annual report, agency compliance audits and reports, and Annual Financial Reports.

