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Alameda CTC making it easier for Alameda County's students to travel to and from school.



ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2022

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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Project Updates

Express Lanes



Interstate 680 northbound.

Interstate 680 Express Lane

Alameda CTC is the project sponsor and implementing agency of the [Interstate 680 \(I-680\) Sunol Express Lanes](#) project. The I-680 Sunol Southbound Express Lane was opened to traffic in September 2010 as a controlled access express lane. The parallel northbound express lane is currently open for use in HOV-only mode while toll system development activities are being completed.

The I-680 Sunol Southbound Express Lane ceased revenue operations and began operating in high-occupancy vehicle (HOV)-only mode beginning August 10, 2020. It is currently open for use only to HOV-eligible vehicles during the operating hours of 5 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and open to all users during all other hours. The new northbound express lane opened for use on October 29, 2020, also in HOV-only mode, as construction and toll system activities are being completed.

Implementation of the new toll system requires the services of a Toll System

Integrator (TSI) to provide very specialized services for toll system design, software development, equipment procurement and installation, testing and opening of the express lanes for revenue service. Testing is underway now and upon completion of system testing during live operations, the toll system implementation will be considered complete and ready to open for toll collections in early 2023.



Interstate 680 southbound.

Interstate 580 Express Lanes in its sixth year of operation

Since opening in February 2016, the Interstate 580 (I-580) Express Lanes have been operating along approximately 10 eastbound miles from Hacienda Drive in Pleasanton to Greenville Road in Livermore and approximately 12 westbound miles from Greenville Road to the I-580/I-680 Interchange in Dublin.

Express lanes continue to be monitored to manage congestion and optimize corridor capacity. Optimization of corridor capacity provides motorists with significant benefits, including travel time savings and travel reliability.

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Planning Updates

International Walk and Roll to School Day 2022

The Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Program will celebrate the annual International Walk and Roll to School Day on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. On this special day, students will join millions around the world to promote active travel to and from school. The celebration will begin when students arrive at school where they will experience hands-on learning by demonstrating active transportation options. The SR2S program inspires active transportation through technical support, event facilitation, and materials for learning and encouragement.

Learn more about International Walk and Roll to School Day at <https://alamedacounty2s.org/our-services/plan-an-event/iwr2sd/>, and get more information about Alameda County's Safe Routes to Schools program at <https://alamedacounty2s.org/>.

On the Move with the Student Transit Pass Program

Back-to-school season is here, and that means applications for the affordable [Student Transit Pass Program \(STPP\)](#) are now open making it easier for Alameda County's middle and high school students to travel to and from school, school-related programs, jobs and other activities. Ask Luis Tambunga, a STPP student at Lincoln High School in San Leandro. Luis says, "I'm so happy I got my Clipper card. I use it to go to school, to my Regional Occupation Program and to work. It has made my life much easier."

The STPP has been ongoing—now four years strong—and we are officially at 132 schools in 15 districts across the Alameda County, reducing transportation access barriers and building support for transit in the County.

Find out more on how to apply for a Student Transit Pass and learn more details

about the program at <https://www.alamedactc.org/programs-projects/studentpass/>.

Policy News

The Inflation Reduction Act



Last month, President Biden signed into law the Inflation Reduction Act—sweeping legislation to address climate change, clean energy and transportation. This bill has the largest climate investment in the history of our nation and will help reduce carbon emissions, accelerate the transition to clean energy, improve air quality and promote environmental justice. It also includes tax credits and renewable energy tax incentives for next-generation technologies.

State Update

The legislature returned to Sacramento in August for final actions on bills. August 31st was the last day for each house to pass bills. The Governor will sign or veto bills by September 30th.

The Commission adopted positions on the following bills that have been presented to Governor Newsom for signature:

SB 922 - Support: expands the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions for various transit and transportation-related projects, including pedestrian and bicycle projects that improve safety, access and mobility.

SB 1121 - Support: This bill requires the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to biennially develop a needs assessment of the cost to operate, maintain, and provide for the future growth and resiliency of the state and local transportation system.

AB 1909 - Support: Bike Omnibus Bill, which includes a number of items related to reducing restrictions on bicycle operations.

AB 2097 - Support: this bill would prohibit public agencies from imposing or enforcing minimum automobile parking requirements for residential, commercial and other developments if the parcel is located near a high-quality transit corridor or a major transit stop.

AB 2147 - Support: this bill would prohibit a peace officer, as defined, from stopping a pedestrian for specified traffic infractions unless a reasonably careful person would realize there is an immediate danger of collision with a moving vehicle or other device moving exclusively by human power.

AB 1951 - Oppose: Expands for a five-year period, the existing partial sales and use tax exemption for manufacturing and research and development by making it a full exemption.

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Express lane usage decreased significantly after the initial COVID-19 shelter-in-place orders in 2020 and has slowly returned throughout 2020 and 2021. As of June 2022, overall express lane use has rebounded, and is just three percent lower than pre-COVID levels. Commute travel patterns have shifted such that express lane travel in the peak hours has decreased, indicating a shift to travel during off-peak hours.

From inception through June 2022, the I-580 Express Lanes have recorded over 49 million total trips and collected over \$67 million in gross toll revenues, which fund ongoing operations and facility maintenance, as well as maintenance and risk reserves.

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

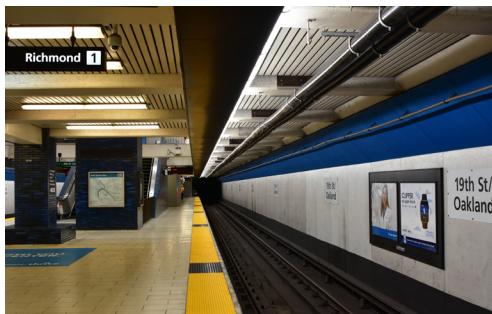
Programming Updates

2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan – One Bay Area Grant 3 nomination update

On May 10, 2022, Alameda CTC released a Call for Projects for the 2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP). The total 2024 CIP Fund Estimated Call included \$150.8 million in combined Measure B, Measure BB, Vehicle Registration, Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) and One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG 3) program funds. In response to the call, Alameda CTC received 52 applications, totaling a funding request amount of approximately \$260.7 million. Out of the 52 applications, 35 applications were eligible for OBAG 3 funds. These eligible applications were evaluated against the Commission-approved criteria for the 2024 CIP/OBAG program.

On September 22, 2022, Alameda CTC will present an OBAG 3 Project Nomination List to the Commission for approval. Upon the Commission's approval, Alameda CTC will forward the OBAG 3 Project Nomination to MTC for their funding consideration and final approval. Upon final determination of the OBAG 3 Program in spring 2023, Alameda CTC will finalize recommendations for the remaining discretionary funds available through the 2024 CIP.

BART 19th Street/Oakland Station Modernization project



BART began Phase 1 construction of the 19th Street/Oakland BART Station Modernization project in 2020. Funded with approximately \$17.7 million of

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Finance Updates

Fiscal Year 2021-22 audit has begun

In July and August, Alameda CTC's finance team worked to close out accounting books for the Commission and the Sunol Joint Powers Authority (JPA) ensuring that all activity for fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 was recorded. Final trial balances were delivered to auditors from Maze and Associates for the audit which began in late August and extends into September. Auditors will complete testing and reviews necessary to form an opinion on the annual financial reports for Alameda CTC and the Sunol JPA.

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

The finance team has started to draft the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for FY 2021-22. The ACFR is scheduled to go to the Finance and Administration Committee in November and to the Commission in December for final approval. The Sunol JPA's draft FY 2021-22 Annual Financial Report is scheduled to go to the Sunol JPA board for approval in November.

Lastly, the Measure BB Sales Tax Revenue Bonds (Limited Tax Bonds), Series 2022 transaction closed in July providing over \$140 million to fund several capital projects in the Measure BB program.

Contracting Opportunities

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

Professional Services contracts

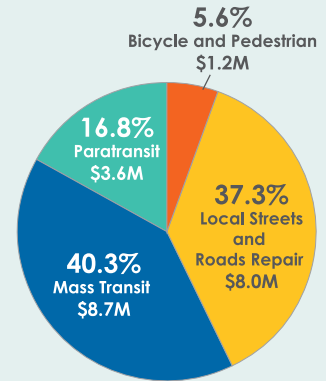
- Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program – Education, Communications, and Outreach
- Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program – Direct Student Safety Training, Site Assessments, and Program Evaluation
- Investment Advisory Services
- Legislative Advocacy – Federal
- Legislative Advocacy – State

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Transportation Investments

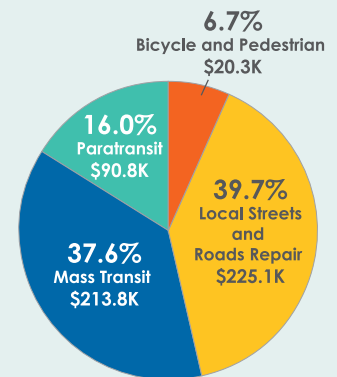
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$607.2 million; over \$21.5 million was distributed in June 2022.



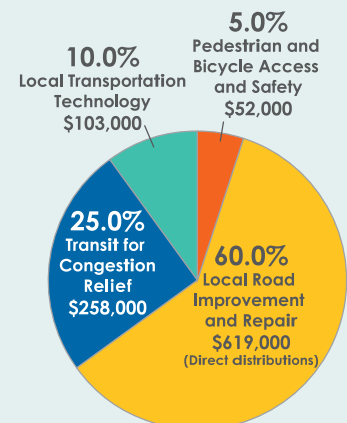
Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$1.3 billion since 2002. The measure sunset on March 31, 2022, and in June 2022, over \$567.6 thousand was distributed for four programs.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$80.5 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in June 2022.



Agency Activities

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

- August 6-7 – Fremont Festival of the Arts in partnership with AC Transit, Fremont
- August 25 – Women on the Rise/ Women Equality Day, an event sponsored by WTS with Executive Director Lengyel moderating discussion, San Francisco
- September 11 – Solano Stroll, Berkeley and Albany
- September 26 – Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Council Ad-Hoc Committee, a remote presentation on transportation-related services for people with disabilities and for older adults in Alameda County
- September 29 – 19th Annual Healthy Living Festival, Oakland Zoo
- Bike Mobile outreach events
 - August 2 – Farmers' Market; National Night Out, Berkeley
 - August 3 – Wexford Way Apartments, Dublin
 - August 4 – The Unity Council Apartments, Oakland
 - August 5 – Searles Elementary School, Union City
 - August 10 – Centerville Library, Livermore
 - August 11-12 – Wallis Ranch Park, Dublin
 - August 17 – Alameda Free Library, Alameda; Center of Community Life, Emeryville
 - August 20 – Casa Arroyo Apartments, Fremont
 - August 24 – Tassafaronga Village Apartments, Oakland; Hillview Crest Elementary, Hayward
 - August 26 – KIPP King Collegiate High, San Leandro
 - September 1 – Henry P. Mohr Elementary, Pleasanton
 - September 3 – Harmon St. Community Festival, Berkeley
 - September 10 – Newark Library, Newark
 - September 13 – Castro Valley Library, Castro Valley
 - September 17 – Dublin Library, Dublin
 - September 21 – Walnut Grove Elementary, Pleasanton
 - September 30 – Esperanza Apartments, Alameda

Other News

ACT Safely During Rail Safety Week

In 2018, Alameda CTC received a grant from the [California Office of Traffic Safety \(OTS\)](#) to develop a rail safety education program to raise awareness about trespassing and to teach safe behaviors when walking or bicycling near railroads. The new program, ACT Safely, is one that the Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Program promotes by encouraging schools to observe national Rail Safety Week, which is September 19-25, 2022.



The goal of Rail Safety Week is to raise awareness about the importance of rail safety and to empower the general public to keep themselves safe near railroad crossings and along railroad rights-of-way. This effort is led by Operation Lifesaver, Inc. (OLI), the national rail safety education nonprofit, which works in partnership with



the U.S. Department of Transportation and other organizations to

observe Rail Safety Week each year. Visit the [Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools webpage](#) for more information on rail safety.



Committee Activities

September advisory committees

During September, the following technical advisory committee met:

- September 8 –The Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC) approved both the FY 2022-23 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program and One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 (OBAG 3) Project Nomination List that is to go to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for their funding consideration and final approval. The committee also received information on the final FY 2022-23 Annual Obligation Plan, Countywide Bikeways Guidelines and the Alameda County Federal Inactive Projects.

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



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Measure BB funds, construction on this project is estimated to be completed by March 2023. Currently, 100 percent of utility relocation, demolition for the new elevator and the LED lighting upgrade is completed; 90 percent of the station painting is completed. This modernization project provides the downtown 19th Street/Oakland BART station with significant improvements to improve access, safety and service for all.

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- Municipal Advisory and Support
- On-Call Planning Services
- Student Transit Pass Program

Construction contracts

- 7th Street Grade Separation East

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