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Alameda CTC Hosts First Clean Fuel Summit

Panelists share key advances that are building a cleaner future

ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif. – Earlier today, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) gathered transportation and energy partners from within Alameda County and from regional, state and federal levels to highlight progress being made and future opportunities to advance zero-emission transportation. The goal of Alameda CTC's Clean Fuel Summit (Summit) was to provide Commission partners and stakeholders with an opportunity to exchange information and identify opportunities for further projects and partnerships for a cleaner future.

"We were very excited to bring together agency and non-profit leaders to showcase the industryleading work that is already being done in Alameda County and to share ideas for future partnerships. Reducing climate and public health impacts of transportation, particularly in low income communities and communities of color, is a high priority for Alameda CTC. This work will take collaborative action at all levels of government, industry, and our communities to achieve," said Summit host and Alameda CTC Chair John J. Bauters.

The two-hour virtual event consisted of two panels. The first, facilitated by Alameda CTC Commissioner and Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, featured representatives from Bay Area transit agencies and the Port of Oakland. Panelists focused on key projects like AC Transit's zero-emission bus program, and clean fuel technology initiatives underway at the Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority, Valley Link, the Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority and the Port of Oakland. "It's inspiring to see the innovation our agency partners are driving to reduce emissions and support the development and deployment of new technology. Partnerships across government agencies, with the private sector and our communities are critical to advancing our climate goals and supporting jobs in this emerging industry," noted Commissioner David Haubert. Alameda CTC Commissioner and City of Oakland Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan moderated the second panel that was comprised of speakers from the federal government's Joint Office of Energy and Transportation, the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, East Bay Community Energy and the Center for Transportation and Environment. These regional, state and federal speakers shared how they are working to launch and support clean fuel development and implementation. "Advancing new technologies that reduce emissions and the pollution burden of the transportation system on our communities is a critical issue. We are committed to working with stakeholder partners at all levels to advance clean transportation to support the climate and our communities," said Commissioner Kaplan.

Alameda CTC Executive Director Tess Lengyel noted "The Summit highlighted some of the great work already underway throughout the county and the opportunities to build on that work going forward. Alameda CTC looks forward to continuing to advance climate and transportation as a Commission priority in 2023."

The lively discussion wrapped up with a review of plans to move forward and explore further partnerships for accelerating clean fuel solutions. More information and a recording of the Summit can be found here: <u>AlamedaCTC.org/CleanFuel</u>.

About the Alameda County Transportation Commission

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers essential, voter-supported transportation improvements in every city throughout Alameda County. Funding sources for Alameda CTC's expenditure plans include Measure B, approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000, and Measure BB, approved by more than 70 percent of voters in 2014. Visit Alameda CTC's website to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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