



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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## Project Updates

### Rail Safety Enhancement Program



Rail crossing along 37th Avenue in the City of Oakland.

The [Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A](#) is being designed to improve safety at 28 at-grade crossings and two trespassing locations within Alameda County. The project improvements address both immediate safety issues and anticipated growth in rail traffic, including both the movement of people and goods throughout the greater San Francisco Bay Area and the Northern California Megaregion. The project provides much needed investments in disadvantaged communities to prevent unnecessary fatalities or injuries at the rail crossings, and reduces the ability to trespass onto Union Pacific Railroad-owned land adjacent to the tracks.

Alameda CTC has been working with project partners in the cities of Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro, Hayward, Livermore and unincorporated Alameda County to

complete essential environmental phase approvals. The Environmental approvals are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and require close coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Union Pacific Railroad and the California Public Utilities Commission. Ongoing cooperation between all stakeholders has streamlined the environmental clearance of many of the project's at-grade safety improvements. Beginning in 2023, Alameda CTC will be releasing the remaining environmental documents for the at-grade crossings.

These critical delivery milestones ensure that the project meets readiness standards for future grant opportunities. The project was awarded a

\$25 million Consolidated Rail Infrastructure Safety Improvement grant in June 2022, and Alameda CTC is currently seeking state and regional funding to allow these much-needed improvements to advance into construction.

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



## Planning Updates

### A Clean Fuel Summit



Alameda CTC hosted its first Clean Fuel Summit earlier this month, gathering local, regional, state and federal transportation and energy partners to share the industry-leading work already being done in Alameda County and discuss opportunities to advance zero-emission transportation.

Summit host, Chair Bauters said, "We were very excited to bring together agency and non-profit leaders to showcase the industry-leading 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."

The two-hour virtual event, hosted by Chair Bauters, consisted of two panels. The first panel, Transitioning to a Clean Transportation System, was moderated

by Commissioner David Haubert and featured Bay Area transit agencies 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," noted Commissioner David Haubert. And the second panel, Partnerships to Advance a Sustainable Future was facilitated by Commission Rebecca Kaplan and featured a number of our federal, state, regional and non-profit partners. "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.

It was a lively discussion, and we thank our Commissioners and panelists for their participation. If you missed it, go to [AlamedaCTC.org/CleanFuel](https://AlamedaCTC.org/CleanFuel) to see and hear the full Summit meeting.

## Policy News

### Equity at Alameda CTC

In September 2022, Alameda CTC adopted an Equity Statement to explicitly state our commitment to equity and define what equity means to Alameda CTC. The statement was developed through the Commission's

Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Ad-Hoc Committee, a sub group of Commissioners who have been exploring how Alameda CTC can more deeply infuse equity into the agency's work, including developing the equity statement. The statement is as follows:

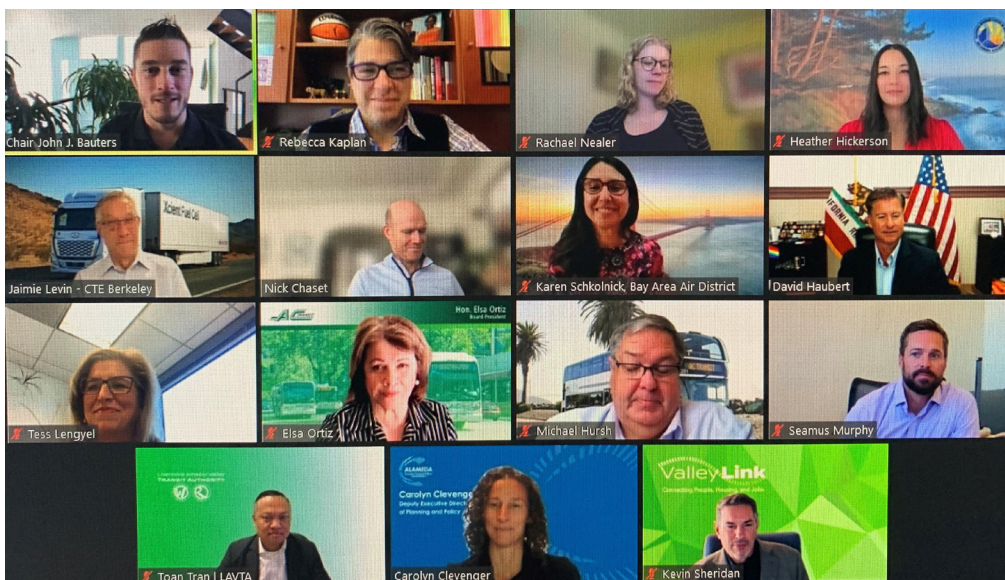
*Alameda CTC recognizes inequities in marginalized communities and is committed to advancing racial, socio-economic, and environmental justice in order to maintain the diversity of our communities. Alameda CTC adopts and implements deliberate policies, systems and actions to deliver transportation funding, projects and programs that result in more equitable opportunities and positive outcomes for marginalized communities.*

*The Race and Equity Action Plan (REAP) is an action plan that fulfills this commitment.*



Later this year, staff will return to the Commission with the Agency's first REAP that outlines concrete actions that agency leadership and staff can take to advance race and equity in their respective departments, operations, programs and policies.

For more information about Alameda CTC's equity initiatives, visit the agency's [Equity webpage](#).





## Programming Updates

### 2023 Annual Obligation Plan

By October 1st of each year, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) develops an Annual Obligation Plan (AOP) in coordination with County Transportation Agencies (CTAs), Local Agencies and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The purpose of the AOP is to prioritize the delivery of Federal Highway Administration-funded projects and assist Caltrans Local Assistance in managing its workload for the federal fiscal year.

In July, Alameda CTC worked in conjunction with local agencies to review MTC Resolution 3606, the current Draft Annual Obligation Plan Requirements, and the Draft Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022-23 Plan. In August 2022, Alameda CTC worked with local sponsors to confirm the projects that are proposed for inclusion in the FFY 2022-23 AOP. FFY 2022-23 is the final year of the One Bay Area Grant 2 (OBAG 2) Program, and MTC has indicated that OBAG 2 sponsors with reoccurring invoicing delays may be marked as having lower priority for funding. Several Alameda County jurisdictions received OBAG 2 obligations in July 2022, which MTC has noted and removed the projects from the draft August FFY 2022-23 AOP. The final FFY 2021-22 Annual Obligation Plan is scheduled to be released by MTC in September and submitted to Caltrans by October 1, 2021.

### Measure B/BB and Vehicle Registration Fee Direct Local Distribution Programs Compliance Workshop

Each year, Alameda CTC requires recipients of Measure B, Measure BB and VRF direct local distribution (DLD) funds to submit Audited Financial Statements and Program Compliance Reports, which

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## Finance Updates

### Fiscal Year 2021-22 audit concludes

Auditors from Maze and Associates Accountancy Corporation closed out audit processes for fiscal year 2021-22 in September for Alameda CTC and the Sunol Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The closeout included extensive testing, reviews and confirmations, working with Alameda CTC staff to develop Financial Reports. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Alameda CTC will include a transmittal letter, auditor's opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole, audited financial statements, management's discussion and analysis, notes to the financial statements, and other auditor reports and information. The reports will be going to the Sunol JPA Board and Alameda CTC's Commission for approval in November and December, respectively.

During the 2021-22 fiscal year, sales tax revenues grew to \$385.9 million, a 13.1 percent increase over the prior fiscal year. This is an all-time high collection amount for transportation sales taxes in Alameda County, reflecting the strong and growing economy in Alameda County.

### Contracting Opportunities

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

#### Professional Services contracts

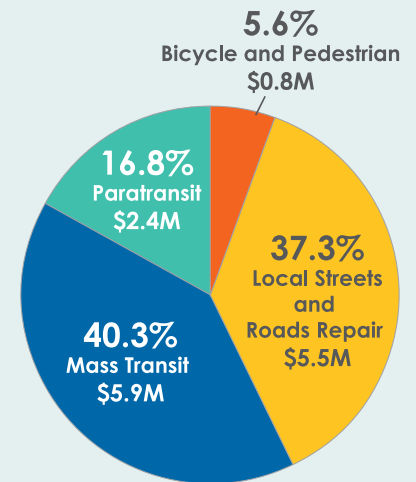
- Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program – Education, Communications, and Outreach
- Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program – Direct Student Safety Training, Site Assessments, and Program Evaluation
- Investment Advisory Services
- Legislative Advocacy – Federal
- Legislative Advocacy –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

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## Transportation Investments

### Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$621.9 million; over \$14.6 million was distributed in July 2022.

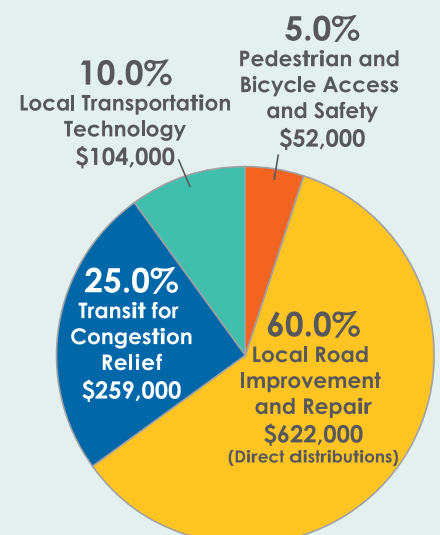


### Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$1.3 billion since 2002. The measure sunset on March 31, 2022. There are no Measure B Program Distributions after the fiscal year-end of June 30, 2022.

### Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$81.1 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in July 2022.



## Agency Activities

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

- October 1-2 – Oaktoberfest, Oakland
- October 4 – Equitable Mobility: Moving Forward Together
- October 6 – WTS Annual Scholarship and Awards Event, Oakland
- October 20 – Alameda CTC's inaugural Clean Fuel Summit, virtual
- October 26 – Hayward City Council Infrastructure Committee presented outreach results for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal project, Hayward
- Bike Mobile outreach events
  - October 1 – Science in the Park, Hayward
  - October 2 – Sequoia Elementary, Oakland
  - October 4 – Malcolm X Elementary, Berkeley
  - October 8 – West Oakland Library, Oakland
  - October 9 – San Lorenzo Library, San Lorenzo
  - October 10 – Lydiksen Elementary, Pleasanton
  - October 11 – G. M. Walters Middle School, Fremont
  - October 13 – La Escuelita Elementary, Oakland
  - October 14 – Ocean View Elementary, Albany
  - October 16 – Chabot Elementary, Oakland; Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park, Berkeley
  - October 18 – Frank Otis Elementary, Alameda
  - October 19 – Brier Elementary, Fremont
  - October 20 – San Leandro Library, San Leandro
  - October 21 – Patterson Elementary, Fremont
  - October 22 – Roosevelt Elementary, San Leandro
  - October 23 – Sunset Elementary, Livermore; Anjuman E Najmi House of Prayer, Fremont

- October 24 – Fred T. Korematsu Discovery Academy, Oakland
- October 26 – John Blacow Elementary, Fremont
- October 27 – Claremont Middle, Oakland
- October 28 – Castro Valley High, Castro Valley
- October 29 – Berkeley Dia de los Muertes, Berkeley
- October 30 – City of Emeryville Pool and Office Facility, Emeryville
- October 31 – Tennyson High, Hayward

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summarize revenues and expenditures that support local street and roads, bicycle and pedestrian, paratransit and transit investments. These compliance reports inform the public with detailed information, including recipient use of funds, fund balances, and information about specific improvements and programs funded by the sales tax and revenue program.

Alameda CTC held a DLD Compliance Workshop to review reporting requirements and provide instructions for completing the required Audited Financial Statements and the Compliance Report Forms for the reporting period of fiscal year 2021-22. The workshop was held on Thursday, October 13, 2022. DLD recipients will be required to submit to Alameda CTC separate audited financial statements and program compliance reports by Friday, December 30, 2022.

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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](#).

## Committee Activities

### October advisory committees



In October, the following technical advisory committees met. Highlights from those meetings are as follows:

- October 6 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) approved the FY 2022-23 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program with awards totaling over \$2.9 million. Committee members received updates on the status of the One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 Obligation, Caltrans' Local Assistance Invoice Process, and Alameda County Federal Inactive Projects.
- October 20 – The [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee \(BPAC\)](#) received information on development of the Bi-County Travel Demand Model which is to be structured in the same way as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's regional model. The Committee also received information on the guidelines and implementation of the Countywide Bikeways Network.
- October 24 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\)](#) received updates on Alameda CTC's equity initiative and inclusive engagement guide, the Countywide Bikeways Network and mobility management. The committee also received reports from the Independent Watchdog Committee, the East Bay Paratransit Service Review Advisory Committee and other Americans With Disabilities and Transit Advisory committees.

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