

"My message is really that racism has no place in the hearts and minds of our children."
—Ruby Bridges



ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 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

East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project (Phase 1)



Rendering of East Bay Greenway.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) continues to advance the East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project (Phase 1) to bring safety and multimodal connectivity benefits to this regional trail corridor. Alameda CTC, in conjunction with agency partners (City of Oakland, City of San Leandro, City of Hayward, Alameda County, BART, AC Transit and the California Department of Transportation), is developing conceptual designs and seeking community input on the proposed new East Bay Greenway alignment. Extensive outreach efforts have included:

- Presentations to local Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees
- Storefront outreach
- Focus groups with modal interest groups and Community Based Organizations
- Mailers to residents and businesses along the corridor

- Detailed project websites and online surveys
- E-blasts

Alameda CTC expects to achieve state and federal environmental clearance by mid-2023, and the project is fully-funded for final design. Alameda CTC has also submitted numerous grant applications to leverage Measure BB funding, including state programs—Active Transportation Program and Solutions for Congested Corridors Program—and the federal Safe Streets for All.

San Pablo Corridor projects update

Alameda CTC is working to advance three discrete and complementary projects in the San Pablo Avenue Corridor. The extensive Phase 1 Corridor Planning effort from 2017-2020 highlighted the importance of this corridor for safety and multimodal travel options, and identified three projects to advance into environmental clearance, design and construction:

- **Bus and Bike Lanes Project**—located in Oakland, Emeryville and South Berkeley, this project will implement dedicated bus lanes and protected bike lanes. Currently in the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase, Alameda CTC will be seeking community input on conceptual designs in early 2023.
- **Safety Enhancements**—will implement pedestrian/bicycle crossing safety improvements and bus bulb-outs at AC Transit Rapid stops in Berkeley and Albany. This project is currently in the

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final design phase, and Alameda CTC will be seeking community input this winter.

- **Parallel Bike Improvements**—will implement improvements, including traffic calming, major street crossing improvements, and wayfinding along low volume neighborhood streets parallel and connecting to San Pablo Avenue in North Oakland, Berkeley and Albany. This project is currently in the conceptual design phase, and Alameda CTC will be seeking community input this winter.

The Safety Enhancements and Parallel Bike Improvements projects are both being presented to the community as part of an outreach effort in winter 2022-23. This outreach effort includes:

- Mailers to residents and businesses along the corridor
- Storefront outreach
- An interactive website displaying proposed improvements
- Presentations to community groups
- E-blasts
- Notices at bus stops

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

Planning Updates

Corridor plans completed

Alameda CTC has completed Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plans (CMCPs) for two of Alameda County's highly-congested areas. Building on the Countywide Transportation Plan and significant local planning work, the [North Alameda County Core Connections Plan](#) (NACCCP) synthesizes multimodal needs and potential projects near the convergence of Interstates 80, 580, 880, and 980 in the cities of Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville and Oakland. Similarly, the [Central Alameda County Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan](#) (CACCMCP)

evaluated multimodal needs along major arterials in the central part of the County, along a corridor extending south from approximately Lake Merritt in Oakland through San Leandro, the Ashland/Cherryland unincorporated areas of Alameda County and ending in South Hayward.

The CMCPs were developed consistent with requirements for the state's Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP), which provides \$250 million annually on a competitive basis for projects designed to achieve a balanced set of transportation, environmental, and community access improvements within congested travel corridors. Projects must be included in a CMCP to be eligible for SCCC funds.

Each of these two CMCPs brings corridor projects together in a single plan that comprehensively advances state, regional, and local goals, and ensures that included projects are eligible and prioritized for funding from programs such as SCCC.

Policy News

Alameda CTC's Legislative Program

Each year Alameda CTC staff develop a Legislative Program for the Commission to consider for approval. The 2023 Legislative Program builds on last year's program, elevating a core set of policy priorities established by the agency.

Core policy priorities for the proposed 2023 Legislative Program are:

1. Transportation Funding: Advocate for increased transportation funding and protection of existing funding to support projects, programs, and operations and seek to leverage local funds to the maximum extent possible to implement transportation improvements and services in Alameda County through grants and partnerships with regional, state and federal agencies. Advocate

for sustainable funding to support transit agencies in their continued recovery.

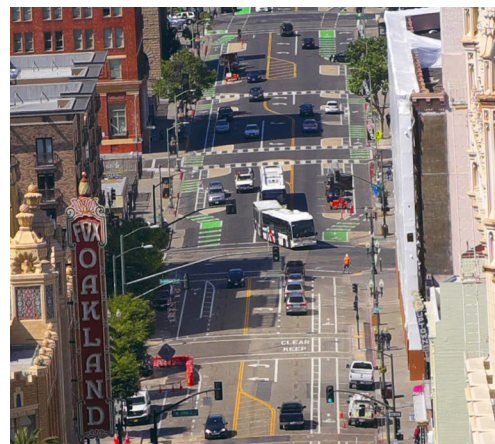
2. Equity: Advocate for resources, legislation, and initiatives that provide accessible, affordable and equitable transportation opportunities and elevate the needs of equity priority communities. Prioritize and advance racial and socio-economic equity and environmental justice throughout the legislative program.

3. Safety: Advocate for resources and legislation that enable Alameda CTC to deliver safe, multimodal infrastructure that prioritizes the safety of all users and advances Vision Zero policies and strategies. Support opportunities for local jurisdictions to advance initiatives to increase safety in their communities.

4. Sustainability: Support legislation, strategies and investments that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to create sustainable and healthy communities and increase the resiliency of our transportation system and communities, especially for equity communities; support investments and funding for alternative fuels, vehicles and supportive infrastructure to reduce emissions.

5. Effective Project Delivery and Operations:

Support policies that facilitate efficient and expedited project development and delivery processes, effective and efficient operations of the transportation system including Express Lane and HOV operations and governance, and support innovative project delivery.



Programming Updates

Direct Local Distribution Programs Compliance Workshop

Every year, Alameda CTC requires recipients of Measure B, Measure BB and Vehicle Registration Fee direct local distribution (DLD) funds to submit Audited Financial Statements and Program Compliance Reports that summarize revenues and expenditures supporting 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.

On October 13, 2022, Alameda CTC held a virtual DLD Compliance Workshop to review reporting requirements and provide instructions for completing the required Audited Financial Statements and Compliance Report Forms for the reporting period of fiscal year 2021-22. Materials relating to the workshop can be found on the Alameda CTC Reporting and Grants Forms webpage. All DLD recipients are required to submit separate audited financial statements and program compliance reports to Alameda CTC by Friday, December 30, 2022.

I-880 Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge and Trail Project: East Bay Greenway Trail Reach 6 (Innovation District to Bay Trail)

Reach 6 is located in the southernmost segment of the East Bay Greenway trail in the City of Fremont. The trail will provide bicyclists and pedestrians direct connectivity from Warm Springs/South Fremont BART Station to the Bayside Technology Industrial Parkway and the San Francisco Bay Trail. Funded with approximately \$5.5 million in Measure BB funds, the California Environmental Quality [Programming Updates cont'd on page 4](#)

Finance Updates

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report development

Over the past few months, finance staff worked with Auditors from Maze and Associates to close out the audit process and develop Alameda CTC's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for FY 2021-22. In that document, auditors provided a clean opinion of Alameda CTC's financial statements and the Annual Financial Report for the Interstate 680 Sunol Joint Powers Authority (Sunol JPA) for the year ended June 30, 2022. Alameda CTC's Audit Committee met with the auditor on October 27 to review the draft ACFR and discuss Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards required communications. The ACFR is scheduled to be presented to the FAC and the Commission for approval in November and December, respectively, and the Sunol JPA Annual Financial Report was approved by the Sunol JPA Board on Monday, November 14, 2022.

In addition, finance and administration staff have developed several reports that will go to the FAC and Commission in November and December that include the Annual Local Business Contract Equity Program Utilization Report, the FY 2022-23 First Quarter Financial Report, and the FY 2023-24 Professional Services Contracts Plan.

Contracting Opportunities

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

Professional Services contracts

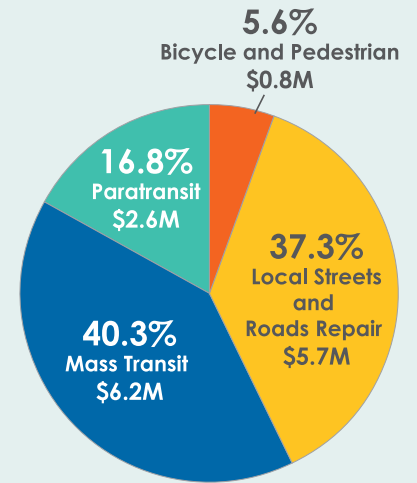
- Congestion Management Program – Multimodal Monitoring
- Investment Advisory Services
- Legislative Advocacy Services – Federal
- Legislative Advocacy Services – State
- Municipal Advisory and Support Services

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Transportation Investments

Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$637.2 million; over \$15.3 million was distributed in August 2022.

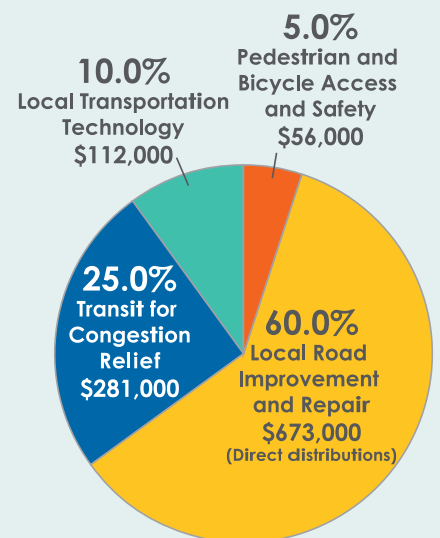


Measure B Program Distributions

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 \$81.8 million for local road repair; over \$1.1 million was collected in August 2022.



Agency Activities

The following events were either hosted, sponsored or participated in by Alameda CTC during the months of November and December:



- November 14 – Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day was celebrated with Alameda CTC's Safe Routes to Schools Program Manager, Denise Turner (r.) and Ruby Bridges (l.) herself.
- November 14-15 – Focus on the Future conference, Uniting the Transportation World: Building the Path to Our Future and Director Lengyel served as panelist on two panels: Delivering Capital Projects in a Changing World and the Executive Roundtable.
- Bike Mobile outreach events:
 - November 1 – Island High, Alameda
 - November 2 – John Blacow Elementary, Fremont; Donlon Elementary, Pleasanton
 - November 3 – Harvest Park Middle, Pleasanton
 - November 4 – James Dougherty Elementary, Dublin
 - November 5 – Cherryland Elementary, Hayward; Love Elementary, Alameda
 - November 7 – East Avenue Middle, Livermore
 - November 9 – Leo R. Croce Elementary, Livermore
 - November 10 – Anthony W. Ochoa Middle, Hayward
 - November 11 – Vallejo Mill Elementary, Fremont
 - November 12 – Charles Porter Golden Gate Recreation Center, Oakland
 - November 14 – Garfield Elementary, San Leandro

- November 15 – Knowledge Enlightens You (KEY) Academy, Hayward
- November 18 – LIFE Academy, Oakland
- November 19 – Alameda Housing Bike Refurbishing Giveaway; John Gomes Elementary, Fremont
- November 22 – Rosefield Village-Affordable Housing, Alameda
- November 28 – Parrot Village-Affordable Housing, Alameda
- November 29 – Bancroft Middle, San Leandro; Andrew N. Christensen Middle, Livermore
- December 1 – Newark Junior High, Newark
- December 2 – Coyote Hills Elementary School, Newark
- December 3 – Berkeley Public Library, Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch, Berkeley
- December 6 – Rosa Parks Environmental Science Berkeley
- December 9 – Stanton Elementary, Castro Valley
- December 12 – Guy Emanuele, Jr. Elementary, Union City
- December 13 – Schafer Park Elementary, Hayward
- December 14 – Alameda Boys and Girls Club, Alameda
- December 15 – Bridges Academy, Oakland
- December 16 – LIFE Academy, Oakland

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Act and National Environmental Policy Act approvals are estimated to be completed in December 2022, with Final Design slated for completion in November 2023. This project will increase non-auto access and improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists around activity centers, such as the Warm Springs Innovation District and Bayside Business Park Industrial area.

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Construction contracts

- 7th Street Grade Separation East

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

Committee Activities

Advisory committee activity in November and December

In November and December, the following committees met. Highlights include:

- November 8 – The [Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee \(ParaTAC\)](#) received a number of updates, including Implementation Guidelines and Performance Measures, COVID-19 Impacts on Programs, Transportation Network Companies, Mobility Management and Emergency Preparedness.
- November 10 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) approved an All Ages and Abilities Policy and a set of Design Expectations for the 400-mile Countywide Bikeways Network. Committee members received updates on the County's Federal Inactive Projects, of Local Business Contract Equity Program utilization and payments processed during FY 2021-22, obligation status for One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 and the California Transportation Commission recommendations for the Active Transportation Program Cycle 6.
- November 14 – The [Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#) received presentations of the draft audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2022 and of AC Transit's On-Time Performance. The committee also received an outreach summary and publication cost update for their recent annual report and a presentation responding to items in the IWC's annual report. In addition to the Chair's report, members reported on IWC issues identification process and forms and approved the Issues Identification Form for Report of Mass Transit Program Performance Measures.

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