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Alameda CTC Awarded \$15 Million to Improve Safety from U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All Program

Made possible through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the grant will be used to increase transportation safety on San Pablo Avenue, which has one of the highest collision rates in Alameda County

ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif. – Earlier today [the US Department of Transportation announced](#) a \$15 million grant to the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) to improve safety along San Pablo Avenue. The grant, made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program, will help reduce pedestrian and bicycle collisions along San Pablo, one of the most dangerous roads for bicyclists and pedestrians in Alameda County, and improve the quality of bus service on this key transit corridor.

"Safety is a top priority for the Alameda County Transportation Commission and improving options for active transportation users including bicyclists and pedestrians is one of the Commission's key goals. The San Pablo corridor is a primary artery for many low-income communities and communities of color in Alameda County and this grant will further Alameda CTC's commitment to making our transportation network more equitable while also advancing efforts to reach our climate goals," remarked Alameda CTC Chair, Emeryville Mayor John J. Bauters. "We are grateful to the Administration, the Department of Transportation, and our Congressional delegation for securing this important funding."

The \$15 million grant will help improve San Pablo Avenue safety by constructing safety enhancements on and across San Pablo Avenue to improve bicycle and pedestrian crossings, improve transit speed and reliability and improve waiting areas for riders by installing bus bulbs and

bus stop enhancements, and provide all ages and abilities bicycle routes along parallel streets east and west of San Pablo Avenue. One of the most used corridors in Alameda County, San Pablo Avenue traverses several cities including Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany in Alameda County. In addition to being part of the countywide High Injury Network due to the high rates of bicycle and pedestrian collisions, it is also the second busiest corridor for AC Transit users. This award will fund safety improvements and enhance travel options for the residents, businesses, transit and active transportation users who count on the road each day.

"This funding is critical to improving the County's multimodal transportation infrastructure and increasing safety for anyone who travels in Alameda County," noted Alameda CTC's Executive Director, Tess Lengyel. "We are so pleased to be able to use local Measure BB funds to leverage federal support and deliver on our promise to Alameda County voters. Our heartfelt thanks go to the Biden Administration, the US Department of Transportation, and our federal partners, in particular Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, and Congresswoman Barbara Lee for their support."

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. The funding source for Alameda CTC's transportation expenditure plan is 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 [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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