



6th at Webster Streets—a rendering for the Oakland Alameda Access Project.



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

State Route 84/Interstate 680 Interchange Improvements project makes notable progress

The [State Route \(SR\)84 /Interstate \(I\) 680 Interchange Improvements](#) project has been under construction since May 2021. The general contractor's team has made noticeable progress throughout SR-84 and I-680 and staged construction will take shape to their final alignments in 2023. Construction is scheduled to be completed in early 2025.

Modernization of SR-84 includes conforming the roadway to expressway standards from south of Ruby Hill Drive to

I-680 and modifications to the SR-84/I-680 interchange to improve traffic operations. The project will also extend the existing I-680 southbound express lane by two miles to the north as a high-occupancy vehicle lane. These proposed improvements will alleviate traffic congestion, improve operations and safety, and improve bicycle access along SR-84 and across the SR-84/I-680 interchange. Once complete, this project elevates SR-84 to expressway standards between I-580 and I-680.

The SR-84/I680 Interchange Improvements project is funded by Measure B, Measure BB, regional and state funds.



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Oakland Alameda Access Project moves to the detailed design phase of the project development



The [Oakland Alameda Access Project](#) (OAAP) will improve multimodal safety, bicycle/pedestrian accessibility and connectivity, and traffic operations by reducing conflicts between local and regional traffic and with bicycle/pedestrian users. OAAP is currently in the Plans, Specifications & Estimate (PS&E) phase with completion anticipated in fall 2024, followed by the construction contract advertisement, bid and award process. Construction is expected to commence in spring 2025.

For the OAAP project, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) programmed \$11.87 million in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) – Regional Improvement Program (STIP-RIP) funds as part of the 2022 STIP cycle. To close the funding gap and develop a full funding plan, Alameda CTC staff submitted Local Partnership Formulaic and Competitive Program (LPP – F and C) applications in November 2022 for \$32.2 million as part of the Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Cycle 3 Programming. CTC is expected to adopt the SB 1 Program at its June 2023 meeting.

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

Planning Updates

Clean Transportation Initiative

One of the goals of Alameda CTC's 2023 Legislative Program is to create safe, healthy and sustainable facilities to walk, bike and access public transportation and to support strategies that reduce adverse impacts of pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions. The Clean Transportation Initiative will advance a multi-pronged suite of projects, programs and initiatives to reduce emissions countywide. The initiative includes:

- Supporting acceleration of zero-emission technology
- Encouraging shifts to transportation modes that reduce emissions through funding bicycle, pedestrian, and transit improvements
- Exploring opportunities to support housing in transit-rich areas
- Exploring opportunities to integrate greening elements into transportation projects to ensure clean air and community livability benefits and
- Continued partnering with agencies and organizations that can most effectively and expeditiously advance Clean Transportation

Initial implementation of this initiative is anticipated in February where the Commission will consider an award of \$4 million to East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), a clean energy provider in



Alameda County, for the Ride Electric

Program to provide incentives for electric bikes (e-bikes). With a total funding of \$10 million, the Ride Electric Program seeks to increase adoption of zero-emission micro-mobility options that are safe, affordable and reduce motor vehicle trips. It includes tiered incentives for low-income residents.

The Ride Electric Program will advance Alameda CTC goals for reducing emissions, supporting active transportation, and includes a focus on tiered incentives for equity communities. Alameda CTC will work with EBCE to ensure all cities in Alameda County have access to this program, including those not served by EBCE.

Policy News

Legislative updates

Federal Update

Now in its second year, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) continues to be implemented by the Administration. Last week, the US Department of Transportation announced \$800 million in grant awards through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program, which was a new program created by the BIL. Among the awards was a \$15 million grant to Alameda CTC to improve active transportation safety and transit efficiency along the San Pablo Corridor.

State Update

The Governor's 2022-23 State Budget proposal was released on January 10th. Unlike last year where there was a record surplus, this year's \$297 billion budget estimates a \$22.5 billion deficit and proposes to bridge the gap with a mix of funding delays, triggers, shifts, and cuts—with cuts to transportation and climate programs making up a large portion, including to transit capital funding, active transportation, and zero emission vehicle programs.

Alameda CTC will be closely monitoring how the draft budget changes over the next several months before approval. The agency is working with partners to advocate for transportation and climate priorities as the budget discussions continue.

Programming Updates

Active Transportation Program, Cycle 6

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) is a competitive statewide program through the California Transportation Commission (CTC) created to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. Released in March 2022, Cycle 6 includes \$1.7 billion of ATP funding which is a mix of federal funding, State Senate Bill 1, and State Highway Account (SHA) funding. Under the Regional ATP, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) received 63 applications vying for \$143 million available to the region.

On January 11, 2023, MTC recommended full funding to 14 projects and partial funding to one project, including \$102 million in awards for seven fully-funded Alameda County projects. Projects receiving funding include Alameda CTC's East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project - Phase 1, Oakland's Bancroft Avenue Greenway, and the County of Alameda's Mission Boulevard Safe and Complete Streets Project.

One Bay Area Grant, Cycle 3

As last month's report anticipated, MTC recommended 65 projects throughout the nine Bay Area counties for the One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 (OBAG 3) last month. The \$375 million program maintains general target amounts for each county and in September of last year, Alameda CTC Commission approved a project nomination list for MTC's consideration and approval. Last month's MTC recommendation includes \$67 million for 12 projects nominated by Alameda CTC. This is a significant amount of transportation funding direct to Alameda County for bicycle/pedestrian, transit and complete streets-related projects.

Finance Updates

Mid-year financial reports

During January, the finance team in conjunction with agency staff worked to prepare mid-year updates to the FY 2022-23 budgets for Alameda CTC and Sunol Joint Powers Authority (Sunol JPA). Each update addresses changes to budget needs since their May 2022 adoption. The team also began the budget development process for FY 2023-24 and is working to project revenues and understand the needs for the coming fiscal year for Alameda CTC and the Sunol JPA with the goal of developing sustainable, balanced budgets for FY 2023-24.

The finance team has developed second quarter financial reports for both the Sunol JPA and for Alameda CTC, comparing revenues and expenses for the fiscal year through December 31, 2022 to the year-to-date budget by line item. The Sunol JPA second quarter financial report will go to the Board for approval in February. Alameda CTC's second quarter financial report is scheduled for approval by the Commission in March.

Contracting Opportunities

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

Professional Services contracts

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

Construction contracts

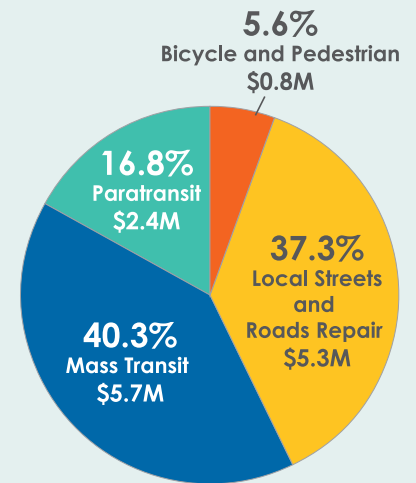
- 7th Street Grade Separation East

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

Transportation Investments

Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$688.29 million; over \$14.2 million was distributed in November 2022.

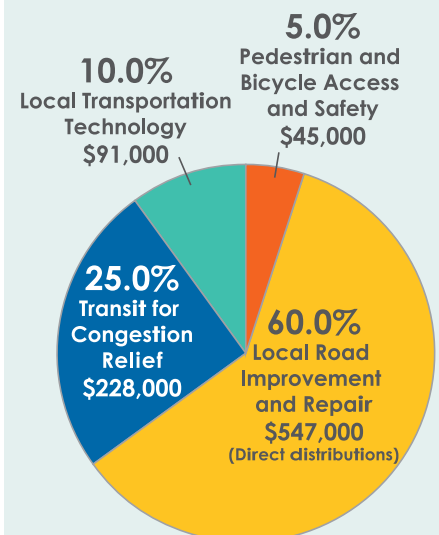


Measure B Program Distributions

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 \$84.5 million for local road repair; over \$0.9 million was collected in November 2022.



Agency Activities

During February, the following events were either hosted, sponsored or participated in by Alameda CTC:

- **BikeMobile** Outreach Events
 - February 3 – Warwick Elementary, Fremont
 - February 4 – James Kenney Community Center, Berkeley
 - February 6 – Brookfield Elementary, Oakland
 - February 7 – Alameda Community Learning Center, Alameda
 - February 10 – Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle, Union City
 - February 12 – Heron Bay Home Owners Association, San Leandro
 - February 14 – Bay Farm, Alameda
 - February 15 – Cherryland Elementary, Hayward
 - February 16 – Vannoy Elementary, Castro Valley
 - February 17 – American High, Fremont
 - February 18 – Hayward Farmers Market, Hayward
 - February 21 – Garfield Elementary, Oakland
 - February 22 – North Oakland Community Charter, Oakland
 - February 27 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle Berkeley
 - February 28 – Parkmont Elementary, Fremont



Alameda CTC celebrated Year of the Rabbit as a sponsor of Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson's annual Lunar Year celebration in the City of Oakland.

Committee Activities

Advisory committee activity during February

In February, the following committees met.

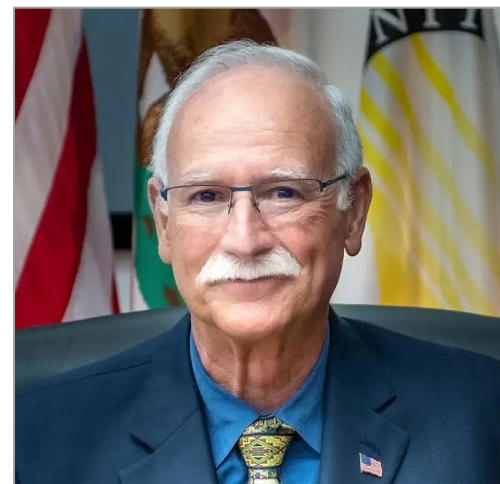
- February 9 – The **Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC)** approved the Transportation Fund for Clean Air FY 2023-24 Expenditure Plan Application. The committee also received information on the obligation status of One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2. Updates were given on One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3, the Regional Active Transportation Program, Cycle 6 and the Alameda County Federal Inactive Projects.
- February 9 – The **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)** received updates on the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor project and the Countywide Bikeways Network. The committee also reviewed its annual calendar and roster.
- February 13 – The **Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC)** received updates on Measure B and Measure BB projects and programs. FY 2021-22 Measure B/BB Program Compliance and Audit Reports are available on the website at <https://www.alamedactc.org/funding/reporting-and-grant-forms/>. In addition to identifying issues with regard to transit performance measures and deadline requirements for 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan projects, members also reviewed the FY 2022-23 calendar and member roster.
- February 27 – **Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO)** met to receive information on the FY 2023-24 Program Plan Review process, mobility management and progress of the Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program. The committee also received updates from the East Bay Paratransit Rider

Service Review Advisory Committee, the Americans With Disabilities Act and Transit Advisory Committee, and the agency's Independent Watchdog Committee.

Please visit [Alameda CTC's Meetings webpage](#) for details on these and other upcoming meetings.

Other News

Supervisor Richard Valle—honoring a longtime leader



All of us at Alameda CTC were saddened to have learned that former Chair and longtime Commissioner Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle passed away on February 8.

Supervisor Valle truly embodied Alameda CTC's mission of being dedicated to "fostering a vibrant and livable Alameda County" with a particular focus on youth. His leadership in the advancement of transportation and expansion of Alameda CTC flagship programs, such as Alameda County's Safe Routes to Schools program and the Student Transit Pass Program, is unsurpassed.

We are grateful for his leadership and lifelong dedication to public service.