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Alameda CTC Approves Final Element of Initial Equity Initiative

The Equity Initiative serves as a foundation for ongoing agency work to advance equity throughout all of its activities

ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif. – Yesterday, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) approved recommendations for advancing inclusive engagement to equitably obtain input on agency plans, projects and programs. Along with adopting the agency's first-ever statement on equity last fall and establishing the inaugural Race and Equity Action Plan, the inclusive engagement recommendations are a fundamental element for Alameda CTC's work to prioritize equity within all agency initiatives.

Alameda CTC conducted community engagement to identify recommendations to guide proactive engagement with marginalized communities throughout the County, specifically prioritizing input from low income communities and people of color. The recommendations seek to ensure their voices are included in shaping outcomes of transportation plans, projects and programs.

"Completing this foundational equity work - adopting an agency equity statement, the Commission's first Race and Equity Action Plan, and inclusive engagement recommendations - is an important milestone," observed Commission Chair and Emeryville Mayor John Bauters. "I want to acknowledge the work the Commission has led to get to this point and recognize that it is only the beginning. The key now is implementing Alameda CTC's continued and enhanced commitment to equitably engage historically marginalized communities. We look forward to working with those we serve to advance racial, socioeconomic and environmental justice."

Last Fall, Alameda CTC built on its long-standing commitment to delivering equitable transportation projects and programs by adopting the agency's first-ever <u>statement on equity</u>. It also developed its inaugural Race and Equity Action Plan. The Commission will now begin implementation of these important policies.

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 <u>Alameda CTC's website</u> to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.