



Alameda CTC's Bikeways Academy is now in session!



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, equity, safety, clean transportation and the economy.

Thank you,

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Project Updates

Breadth of activity at Alameda CTC demonstrates efficient project delivery



Interstate 680 southbound.

The start of construction is ramping up on the [Interstate 680 Southbound Express Lanes From State Route 84 to Alcosta Boulevard](#) project. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) awarded the construction contract for the Interstate 680 (I-680) Southbound Express Lane project on November 23, 2022. The Interstate 680 Southbound Express Lanes from State Route 84 to Alcosta Boulevard project is the final segment of the I-680 Express Lanes project and will close a nine-mile gap in the southbound express lane system through Alameda and Contra Costa counties. This completes an approximately 50-mile continuous southbound express lane from the Benicia Bridge to Milpitas. Construction began on February 16, 2023 and a groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 26.

Construction of the I-680 Southbound Express Lane has been combined with Caltrans' pavement rehabilitation

project along the same section of I-680. Coordination of these two projects will lead to significant cost savings, minimize inconvenience and reduce impacts on the traveling public during the many months of construction in an already heavily congested corridor. The first stage of work is to improve the outside shoulder starting north of Alcosta Boulevard to Koopman Road.

Once completed, this project will reduce congestion, improve travel time reliability, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase throughput, and improve safety and accessibility.



Crossing over rail tracks to reach the East Bay Greenway regional trail on the other side of the BART overpass.

The [East Bay Greenway Multimodal \(EBGWM\)](#) project is a regional trail that will connect along the BART corridor in the East Bay through the cities of Oakland, San Leandro and Hayward and through parts of unincorporated Alameda County. Alameda CTC is the coordinating and implementing agency for the 16-mile portion between Lake Merritt BART and South Hayward BART.

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Our agency obtained a \$19.5 million Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 grant for the Oakland and San Leandro segments of the project. Environmental documentation is expected to be complete in the first half of 2023. Alameda CTC awarded final design, and the agency continues to work with local jurisdictions and partner agency staff to develop consensus on a conceptual alignment and design of this EBGWMM regional trail. This portion of the East Bay Greenway will run from Lake Merritt BART station in Oakland to Bay Fair BART station in San Leandro and is expected to be ready for construction by spring 2025.

The [Interstate 880 \(I-880\) Whipple Road-Industrial Parkway Southwest and I-880 Industrial Parkway West Interchange](#) project will improve traffic operations, vehicular and pedestrian/bicycle safety and improve pedestrian/bicycle accessibility and connectivity across the I-880 interchanges. Project partners include the cities of Hayward and Union City, Alameda CTC and Caltrans.

The Final Environmental Document and Project Report were approved in late-2022, marking the completion of the project approval and environmental (PA&ED) phase. The selection was made for the firm to the Plans, Specifications & Estimate (PS&E) and right-of-way work. Alameda CTC has applied for state funding—Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) and SR-238 Local Alternative Transportation Improvement Program (LATIP). If both the TCEP and LATIP requests are approved, the project will be fully funded, enabling construction to begin in fall 2025.

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

Planning Updates

Bikeways Academy launched!

Alameda CTC has launched the Bikeways Academy series of training opportunities to support implementation of the Countywide Bikeways Network and All Ages and Abilities (AAA) Policy, adopted in December 2022. This Academy will further efforts to create design consistency and help address common challenges in the design and implementation of All Ages and Abilities bikeways. The Academy will include a series of knowledge-sharing sessions occurring approximately quarterly, including technical trainings for agency staff and a workshop for agency Commissioners in fall 2023. It will continue through 2024, featuring a combination of local and national speakers on a variety of topics including Operations and Maintenance, Phasing and Implementation, and Routing and Wayfinding.



The introductory training session was held on April 26. It was a lunch-and-learn-style training session for local jurisdictions and agency staff covering All Ages and Abilities Design Fundamentals. In coordination with the first training, staff completely updated the [Active Transportation webpages](#), including the Bikeways Design Resource, to provide comprehensive design guidance for local agencies designing All Ages and Abilities facilities. Developed together

with jurisdiction staff, the Design Resource includes specific design guidance citations and sources for each of the Design Expectations the Commission adopted as part of the AAA Policy in December. Staff will continue to work with partner agencies to build on these materials as the Bikeways Academy progresses.

Policy News

Legislative updates

On March 29, 2023 a delegation of Alameda CTC Commissioners and staff visited State legislators, their staff and California Transportation Commission representatives in Sacramento. The group discussed grant opportunities, the importance of support for transit funding, and how our projects, programs and planning initiatives are consistent with and support state goals. Commissioners also conveyed deep appreciation for state officials' support. The focus in Sacramento continues to be on the state budget deficit, the fiscal cliff challenges facing public transit, and discussions of proposed legislation.

In June, Alameda CTC will do a federal legislative visit in Washington DC to meet with our representatives and with Department of Transportation staff and agencies to advance Alameda CTC goals and advocate for funding for Alameda CTC projects.



Programming Updates

2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan

On May 10, 2022, Alameda CTC released a Call for Projects for the 2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP). The total 2024 CIP Fund Estimated Call included \$150.8 million in combined Measure B, Measure BB, Vehicle Registration Fee, Transportation Fund for Clean Air and One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG 3) program funds. On January 11, 2023, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission recommended 65 projects throughout all nine counties in the Bay Area for OBAG 3 funding. This includes \$67 million for the 12 nominated Alameda County jurisdiction projects. This is a significant amount of transportation funding for bicycle/pedestrian, transit and complete streets-related projects throughout Alameda County. Subsequently, Alameda CTC will finalize recommendations for the remaining local discretionary funds in May 2023 to complete the 2024 CIP programming cycle.

USOAC senior public transportation and education

The United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County (USOAC)'s Senior Public Transportation Training and Education Program aims to make public transportation more accessible for senior communities throughout Alameda County. The program includes travel training for seniors that teach skills such as trip planning, using Clipper and Regional Transit Connection Cards, transferring



Seniors participating in travel training.

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Finance Updates

Fiscal year budget development



During March, the finance team began development of proposed FY 2023-24 budgets for both Alameda CTC and the Sunol Smart Carpool Lane JPA (Sunol JPA). Budget development is an agencywide process that will continue throughout April to create budgets that include revenue and expenditure projections and needs for the many programs and projects to be delivered during the upcoming fiscal year by Alameda CTC and our various partner agencies, as outlined in the Comprehensive Investment Plan. The goal is to bring balanced and sustainable budgets to the Commission and the Sunol JPA Board for approval in May of this year.

Also during March, the Commission approved important finance-related items, including a balanced FY 2022-23 mid-year budget update and the FY 2022-23 second quarter consolidated financial report.

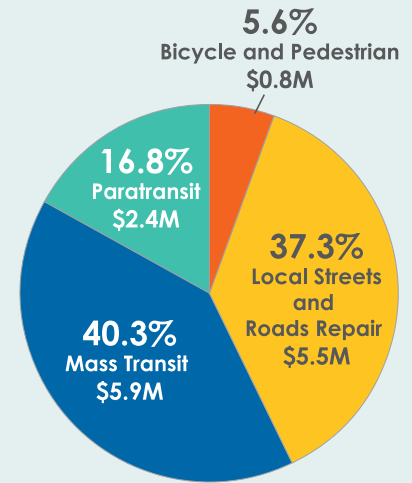
Additionally, the administration team prepared extensively for the agency's return to in-person meetings. The team implemented new software that allows public access and participation in Alameda CTC Commission and Committee meetings in person and remotely via live stream or Zoom to maximize transparency. Alameda CTC held its first pilot in-person Commission meeting in February and returned to all in-person meetings in March.

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Transportation Investments

Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$727.0 million; over \$14.6 million was distributed in January 2023.

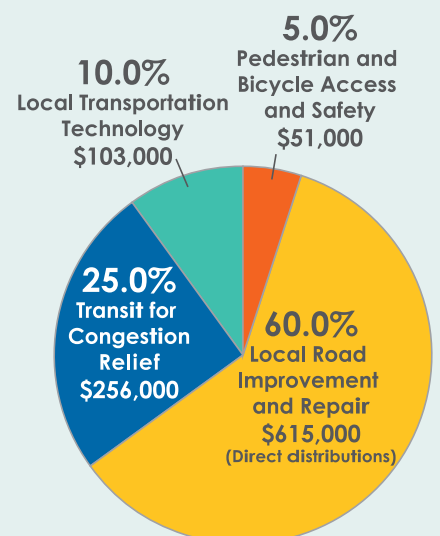


Measure B Program Distributions

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 \$84.7 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in January 2023.



Agency Activities

Alameda CTC hosted, sponsored or participated in the following outreach events in late-March and April:

- March 28: Virtual public hearing for the [Rail Safety Enhancement Program's \(RSEP\)](#) proposed safety improvements, Berkeley
- March 29 – State legislative visits by Alameda CTC Chair, Vice Chair, Commissioners and staff, Sacramento
- March 30: [San Pablo Avenue Corridor Project](#) Open House
- March 31 – opening of tolling operations on the [I-680 Express Lanes](#), Alameda County
- I-580 Transit and Multimodal Strategy outreach:
 - March 31 – Black Cultural Zone's East Oakland Community Dinner, Oakland
 - April 1 – Cherryland Community Association's 15th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza, Cherryland
- April 26 – Groundbreaking celebration for the [I-680 Express Lane gap project between SR-84 to Alcosta Boulevard](#), Pleasanton
- [BikeMobile](#) Outreach Events
 - April 6 – Brookvale Elementary, Fremont
 - April 7 – Alameda High, Alameda
 - April 10 – Cottonwood Creek K-8, Dublin
 - April 11 – Harvest Park Middle, Pleasanton
 - April 12 – Treeview Elementary, Hayward
 - April 13 – Esperanza Elementary, Oakland
 - April 14 – Aspire Golden State College Preparatory Academy, Oakland
 - April 15 – Earth Day Event, San Leandro
 - April 17 – W.Oakland Middle, Oakland
 - April 18 – Pleasanton Middle, Pleasanton
 - April 19 – Thomas S. Hart Middle, Pleasanton
 - April 20 – Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle, Union City
 - April 21 – E. M. Grimmer Elementary, Fremont
 - April 23 – Montclair Elementary, Oakland
 - April 27 – Encinal Junior and Senior High School, Alameda
 - April 29 – Ruby Bridges Elementary, Alameda

Committee Activities

Advisory committee activity

No advisory committees met during the month of April.

Visit [Alameda CTC's Meetings webpage](#) for details on upcoming meetings.

Other News

Golden Sneaker Contest

Nearly 100 schools registered for the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools annual Golden Sneaker Contest held in February and March 2023, with 13 schools joining for the first time. A total of 728 classroom tally sheets were collected counting over 15,700 students countywide.

School communities were encouraged to get active and walk, roll, bike, carpool, or take transit to school and chart progress for two weeks. This year, a majority of classrooms had over half of their students using active travel modes to get to school for the contest.

Congratulations to all of this year's Golden Sneaker trophy winners! One classroom in each participating school with the highest percentage of students actively commuting to school win the Golden Sneaker trophy for the next year. One countywide Platinum Sneaker award winning school will be announced and awarded a plaque during an Alameda County Transportation Commission meeting on April 27, 2023.

Bike Month

May is National Bike Month! This year Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools is bringing back Bike to School Day on May 11, after several years of celebrating virtually with Bike to the Moon Week. Students, families and school staff around the county will try riding bikes to school for the first time or to renew their commitment to healthy and safe travel via bike.



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across transportation systems, and communicating with transit system staff. This program helps build confidence, independence and ease for seniors wanting to learn to ride Alameda County's public transit.

Although this program has faced challenges during the pandemic due to safety protocols and constraints, the USOAC has seen a strong bounce back in program interest in the first half of fiscal year (FY) 2022-23. From July 2022 to December 2022, more than 1,000 individuals received educational outreach information with approximately 200 individuals receiving travel training.

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

Professional Services contracts

- Actuarial Services
- Financial Audit Services
- Media and Public Relations Services
- Human Resources Consulting and Support Services

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

