

Interstate 80/Gilman Street pedestrian and bicycle overcrossing.



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

Interstate 80/Gilman Street Interchange Improvement Project under construction



Pedestrian and bicycle overcrossing at the Interstate 80/Gilman Street interchange.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC), in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of Berkeley, currently has both phases of the Interstate 80 (I-80) Gilman Street Interchange Improvement Project under construction. Phase 1 of the Gilman Street interchange includes construction of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Overcrossing (POC). The bridge fencing and lighting are currently being installed. Phase 2 construction has been underway for nearly one year. It includes the construction of bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Gilman Street, upgrades to the at-grade rail crossing and operational improvements with the construction of roundabouts at the ramp terminal intersections.

Phase 2 improvements have multiple complex stages of construction including

the current 50-day closure of Gilman Street between 2nd and 4th Streets. Leading up to the closure, Caltrans led a wide-reaching public information effort and Alameda CTC further disseminated multiple announcements. This stage is still on track to be re-opened in late June 2023. Once open, there will be immediate safety benefits provided at the rail crossing, including new state-of-the-art upgrades and a new signal at the intersection of 4th and Gilman streets. This will allow work for the new roundabouts to begin and includes the final connection providing access to the Phase 1 POC.

Phase 1 is anticipated to be completed in fall 2023 and Phase 2 is anticipated to be completed in fall 2024. Gilman Street interchange improvements will provide safe access for pedestrians and bicyclists by providing separate facilities for those users while reducing congestion and improving mobility. Planning for a ribbon cutting event this fall to mark the Phase 1 completion is currently underway.

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



Construction at rail crossing on Gilman Street.

Planning Updates

Participation in community-based bike safety education increases



Reducing barriers to bicycling through education is a long-standing goal of Alameda CTC's [Bicycle Safety Education Program](#), a component of the larger Transportation Demand Management Program. Since 2021, partnerships with four community-based organizations have increased the reach of the Bike Safety Education program in low-income communities and communities of color. An evaluation of the most recent year found that the community groups were successful in significantly increasing program participation over the very first year. During the first nine months of the second year (through March 2023), nearly 1,400 people participated in community-based activities as part of the program, which is 70 percent more than participation in the entire 2021-22 program year. Activities throughout the year included provision of free bicycles, repairs, safety education, free bike technical training and mentorship, urban cycling road classes and vocational training as bicycle mechanics.

Based on this performance, the Commission recently approved funding for another year of the pilot program. This additional funding will deepen community-based bike safety education in Alameda County's equity communities

that is tailored to each community's specific needs and supports implementation of Alameda CTC's [Race and Equity Action Plan](#).

Second Bikeways Training Scheduled in July

Alameda CTC will host its second Countywide Bikeways Academy training session on July 13, 2023, 10:00-11:30 a.m. This session will highlight a panel discussion on phased delivery strategies to build an All Ages and Abilities bike network over time. The panel will feature both national and local experts with experience developing policies and projects that support safe active transportation infrastructure. Panelists include speakers from the cities of San Leandro; Portland, Oregon; and Cambridge, Massachusetts. Each city will provide a project example of how policy-setting and incremental improvements over time have yielded tangible safety benefits on challenging corridors. This Zoom virtual training is intended for staff of Alameda County jurisdictions and agencies.

Help us plan the future of I-580!

Alameda CTC is exploring ideas to expand transportation options and improve safety and access along Interstate 580 in Alameda County. An [interactive webmap](#) that displays these ideas is now live and can capture comments on current issues traveling the corridor. Feedback is welcomed on new ideas and major projects, all of which is being considered. **The webmap will be available for input through June 30, 2023.**



Policy News

Federal update



Alameda CTC Commissioners and staff in front of the U.S. Department of transportation (l.-r.) Commissioners Robinson and Saltzman, Executive Director Lengyel, Commissioner Hernandez, Chair Bauters, Deputy Executive Director Clevenger and Vice Chair Haubert.

The week of June 12th, a delegation from Alameda CTC traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with the Congressional delegation and administration officials. The discussions focused on key policy and project priorities for Alameda CTC and highlighted opportunities to advance common goals around safety, multimodal improvements, equity and climate.



Programming Updates

Measure B/BB and Vehicle Registration Fee Direct Local Distribution Programs Compliance update

Each year, Alameda CTC requires recipients of Measure B, Measure BB, and the Vehicle Registration Fee direct local distribution (DLD) funds to submit audited financial statements and program compliance reports, which summarize revenues and expenditures that support local streets and roads, bicycle and pedestrian, paratransit and transit investments. These compliance reports inform the public about detailed information that includes recipient use of funds, fund balances, and specific improvements and programs funded by the sales tax and revenue programs.

Alameda CTC, in conjunction with the Independent Watchdog Committee, reviewed the submitted reports for the fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 reporting year and determined each recipient's program compliance. The review confirmed that DLD recipients continue to use voter-approved funds to support transportation improvements that increase bicycle/pedestrian safety, access to transit services, and support local transportation maintenance and repair. Program compliance reports are available on Alameda CTC's [Compliance Reports webpage](#).

Bay Bridge Bicycle/ Pedestrian Link Project

This summer, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will begin the final design phase for the West Oakland Bay Bridge Bicycle/ Pedestrian Link project funded through Alameda CTC's sales tax discretionary grants and the Transportation Fund for Clean Air program. This project proposes [Programming Updates cont'd on page 4](#)

Finance Updates

Interim audit begins and adoption of new budget

During the month of May, as the Finance team began planning for the upcoming fiscal year (FY) end on June 30, 2023 and the upcoming interim audit, the Commission adopted Alameda CTC's budget for FY 2023-24. The new budget includes revenues of \$520.3 million and expenditure authority of \$478.5 million, for an increase to the agency's net position of \$41.9 million. The budget also set aside freeway maintenance and operational risk reserves for the I-580 Express Lanes in the amount of \$25.0 million and an overall fund balance reserve of \$40.9 million. Additionally, the Commission approved an increase to the FY 2022-23 budget for sales tax revenues of \$40.0 million to \$400.0 million along with corresponding direct local distribution expenditures based on the formulas outlined in the 2014 Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan. The I-680 Sunol Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board also adopted their FY 2023-24 budget that includes revenues of \$7.6 million and expense authority of \$7.0 million, for an increase to the JPA's net position of \$0.6 million.

In collaboration with legal counsel, the Administration team developed an update for Commissioners regarding Brown Act requirements when there is a desire to utilize remote options for attendance during Commission and Standing Committee meetings and alternates are not available to attend in their place.

Contracting opportunities

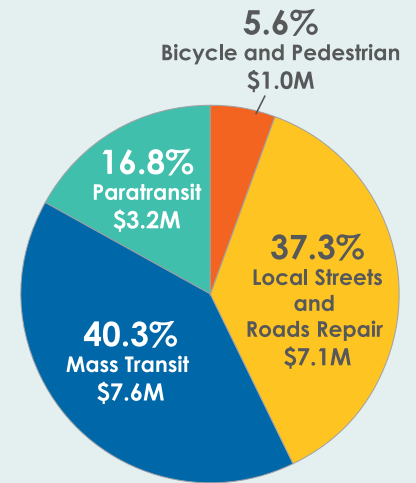
Alameda CTC anticipates upcoming solicitation of bids and/or proposals for the following Professional Services contracts:

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Transportation Investments

Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$759.6 million; over \$18.9 million was distributed in March 2023.

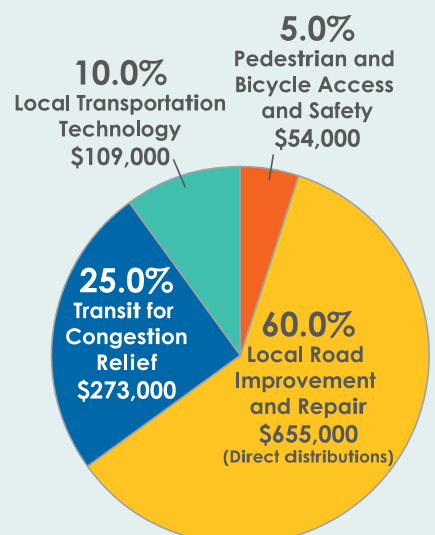


Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$1.3 billion since 2002. The measure sunset on March 31, 2022. There were 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 \$85.9 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in March 2023.



Agency Activities

In June, Alameda CTC hosted, sponsored or participated in the following outreach events:

- June 3 – Cherry Festival, San Leandro
- June 12-16 – Legislative visits with Chair Bauters, Vice Chair Haubert, Commissioners Hernandez, Robinson and Saltzman, and staff members Director Lengyel and Deputy Executive Director of Planning and Policy Carolyn Clevenger, Washington DC



Congressman Eric Swalwell (far left) with (l.-r.) Chair Bauters, Commissioners Hernandez, Saltzman and Robinson and Vice Chair Haubert.

- June 23 - Senior Resource Fair, San Leandro Senior Community Center, San Leandro
- June 24 – LakeFest, Oakland
- June 30 – United Seniors of Alameda County (USOAC) 2023 Convention, Oakland
- **BikeMobile** Outreach Events
 - June 1 – Anthony W. Ochoa Middle, Hayward
 - June 2 – Thousand Oaks Elementary, Berkeley
 - June 3 – Love Elementary, Alameda
 - June 6 – Arroyo High, San Lorenzo
 - June 7 – Esperanza Apartments, Alameda
 - June 11 – Harmon Street, Berkeley
 - June 22 – Albany Library, Albany
 - June 25 – Livermore Public Library – Civic Center Branch, Livermore
 - June 27 – Livermore Public Library – Springtown Branch, Livermore
 - June 29 – Ashland Village Apartments, San Leandro
 - June 30 – Livermore Public Library – Rincon Branch, Livermore

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- Financial Audit Services

Upcoming solicitation of bids and/or proposals are available on Alameda CTC's [Contracting Opportunities webpage](#).

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to build a 1.1-mile-long Class 1 elevated bicycle and pedestrian pathway to complete a bicycle/pedestrian network from the Bay Bridge, to the Bay Trail and to West Oakland to Judge John Sutter Regional Shoreline. The final design is expected to be completed in late summer 2024, followed by construction. The new pathway will close the bicycle/pedestrian gap from West Oakland to the Bay Bridge and will link Alameda County to San Francisco over the Bay Bridge.



Courtesy of Bike East Bay



Committee Activities

June Advisory committees

During the month of June, the [Paratransit Advisory and Planning committee \(PAPCO\)](#) met. Following are highlights from the June 26 meeting:

The PAPCO committee is scheduled to reaffirm the election of its Chair and Vice Chair, its East Bay Paratransit Service Review Advisory Committee representative and its Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) representative for FY 2023-24. The committee will receive information on mobility management and the IWC, and updates from the East Bay Paratransit Service Review Advisory Committee and the Transit Advisory Committee.



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