



Alameda CTC in partnership with the Port of Oakland—one of the nation's most vital seaports—helps to improve efficiency and safety.



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,

Tess

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Project Updates

Go GoPort!



Containers on the dock and cranes loading a barge at the Port of Oakland.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC), in partnership with the Port of Oakland and City of Oakland, is working on a suite of transportation improvement projects known as the [GoPort Program](#)—Global Opportunities at the Port Of Oakland. In May 2023, Alameda CTC awarded the \$193 million construction contract for the [7th Street Grade Separation East \(7SGSE\)](#) project. The 7SGSE project improvements will increase efficiency and reliability of goods movement operations, improving competitiveness of the Port, enhance safety and incident response capabilities, and improve truck throughput for the Port along 7th Street between Maritime Street and Bay Street Circle.



Another GoPort Program project is the [Freight Intelligent Transportation System \(FITS\)](#) that was awarded in October 2019. FITS is an advanced technology project that will be integral to the effective

management of traffic throughout the seaport area, particularly during the construction of the 7SGSE project. System integration on this more than \$20 million project is being finalized and is scheduled for completion by October 2023.

FITS will reduce congestion, queuing and truck idling by providing real-time travel and Port operational information to trucks and other vehicles entering the Port and by reducing conflicts at the signals and rail crossings. Real-time data provides several new innovations for users, including the ability to find available heavy-duty truck parking at designated locations rather than idling and queuing on the streets; searching for alternative routes to enter/exit the Port; and avoiding delays due to at-grade crossings of traffic incidents.

A joint groundbreaking for 7SGSE and ribbon cutting ceremony for FITS was held on July 24.

Articles detailing project benefits can be found in both the [East Bay Times](#) and [San Jose Mercury News](#). More information about this and other Alameda CTC projects can also be found on the agency's [Projects webpage](#).



Rendering of the proposed 7th Street westbound approach to the Union Pacific Railroad bridge.

Planning Updates

Student Transit Pass Program

In Alameda CTC's Student Transit Pass Program (STPP) is entering the fifth year of the full program. The Program provides free youth Clipper cards to eligible middle and high school students in Alameda County that can be used for unlimited free bus rides in their area (on AC Transit, Union City Transit or LAVTA Wheels), as well as a 50 percent discount on BART trips and youth discounts on other transit systems.



STPP continues efforts to expand transportation options, making it easier for Alameda County's middle and high school students to travel to and from school and school-related programs, jobs and other enrichment activities. The program is undergoing a phased expansion to all middle and high schools in Alameda County and will be implemented in 155 schools in 18 districts across the county for the 2023-2024 school year.

For more information about the STPP and other Alameda CTC programs, visit the agency's [Programs webpage](#).

Bikeways Academy continues with a second training

On July 13th, Alameda CTC hosted its second session of the Bikeways Academy titled Getting to Yes: Phased Delivery and Implementation Strategies. Roughly 50 staff from jurisdictions and agencies around the Bay Area were in attendance, including nearly every jurisdiction in Alameda County. This training discussed incremental delivery strategies used locally and across the country to move toward a fully constructed vision, acknowledging the challenges of constructing a connected bike network that is up to All Ages and Abilities standard.

The 90-minute training featured a panel discussion on phased delivery strategies. Sheila Marquises, Engineering and Transportation Director for San Leandro, CA, discussed the Crosstown Corridors Project. She offered this local example of "Getting to Yes" through policy approvals over time, partnering with students for community engagement, and creatively using pilot demonstrations to garner support for the project concept. Attendees also heard from Andreas Wolfe, Street Design Project Manager for Cambridge, MA. Andreas discussed the Massachusetts Avenue protected bicycle lane project on the largest and highest volume arterial in Cambridge. And Andrew Sullivan, Traffic Engineer for the Portland Bureau of Transportation, spoke to the Better Naito Avenue Project, an example of implementation over almost a decade toward the final design.

After short presentations on each of these marquee projects, the panel answered questions on opportunities, implementation challenges, and communications strategies to address stakeholder concerns as part of a moderated discussion and Q and A. What we heard in the sessions will be memorialized on the [Bikeways Academy webpage](#), as well as form the basis for a white paper on phasing and implementation as an on-going resource for Alameda County jurisdictions and agencies.

The Bikeways Academy will continue with quarterly sessions through the end of 2024 and will include a Commission Workshop on October 19, 2023. This approximately half-day session will provide resources for elected officials on communications strategies that respond to common concerns involved in implementing an All Ages and Abilities network, as well as share findings from initial research including project spotlights of examples of recent successful implementation throughout the country.

Policy News

CalSTA Goods Movement Funding Awards

Earlier this month, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) announced the one-time award of \$13.5 million to [7th Street Grade Separation East \(7SGSE\)](#) project for grade separation efforts. The award was part of a more than \$1.5 billion investment in port infrastructure upgrades by the state to build a more efficient, sustainable and resilient supply chain.

Alameda CTC was invited to participate in the event announcing the investments. Chair Bauters spoke at the press conference at the Port of Oakland that featured Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin.



Executive Director Tess Lengyel (L) and Chair John J. Bauters (C) receiving award check from Secretary Toks Omishakin. Photo courtesy of the Port of Oakland.

State budget update

Governor Newsom signed California's budget at the end of June 2023, and on July 10, he signed 20 "budget trailer bills"—follow-up bills that flesh out specific programs in the main budget—and an infrastructure package intended to speed up and expedite many infrastructure efforts including for bridges, railways and transportation projects. September 14 is this year's deadline for the Legislature to pass any bills including any budget trailer bills still pending. The Governor has until October 14 to sign or veto bills.

Programming Updates

Regional Measure 3 Funding Allocation Request

Regional Measure 3 (RM3), the Bay Area bridge toll increase approved by voters in June 2018 and made possible by Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)'s sponsored law, [Senate Bill 595](#) provides \$4.45 billion in transportation funding, with an estimated \$1 billion eligible for Alameda County projects. Litigation that previously prevented MTC from allocating any RM3 funds has now been resolved. Prior to the litigation's resolution, MTC allowed sponsors to expend local funds on advanced projects listed in the RM3 Expenditure Plan with a Letter of No Prejudice (LONP).

Alameda CTC was granted LONPs for four capital projects: [State Route 84/ I-680 Interchange Improvements](#); [I-680 Southbound Express Lanes from SR-84 to Alcosta Boulevard](#); [7th Street Grade Separation East](#); and [State Route 262 \(Mission Boulevard\) Cross Connector](#).

MTC is now initiating the allocation of RM3 for eligible projects and priority will be provided to projects with LONPs. This July, Alameda CTC will seek Commission approval of \$230 million in RM3 funding allocation requests for the four capital projects.

East Bay Community Energy's Ride Electric Program

East Bay Community Energy is launching a \$10 million Ride Electric Program (Program) with the help of Alameda CTC this summer. In February 2023, the Commission approved allocation of \$4 million in 2014 Measure BB funds to be used for implementation of the Program in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25. The Ride Electric Program will increase the adoption of zero-emission micro-mobility options that are safe, affordable and reduce motor vehicle trips. The Program

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Finance Updates

Fiscal Year-End Activities

The month of June was a busy one for the Finance team as staff worked with all departments in the agency to ensure fiscal year 2022-23 revenues, expenditures and other necessary financial transactions were accounted for in Alameda CTC and Sunol JPA trial balances that are to be provided to auditors after the fiscal year end.

During the latter part of June, staff worked with auditors as they completed the interim phase of their financial audit of the 2022-23 fiscal year. During this phase of the audit, auditors met with the agency's Audit Committee to discuss fraud considerations, audit scope and timing (as outlined in the Statement of Auditing Standards 122), and their objective for the audit while opening the door for further communications with committee members. Additionally, during the interim phase of the audit, auditors developed their plan for the audit; established materiality levels; and reviewed internal controls over financial reporting, compliance with federal grant requirements under uniform guidance, and other policies and procedures for both Alameda CTC and the Sunol Joint Powers Authority.

Contracting opportunities

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

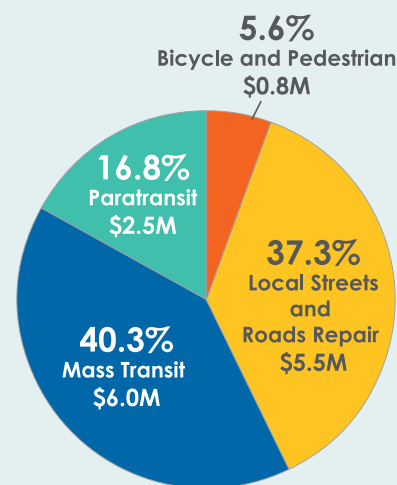
- Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A
- San Pablo Avenue Parallel Bike
- East Bay Greenway Multimodal – North Segment
- Financial Audit Services

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

Transportation Investments

Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$774.5 million; over \$14.8 million was distributed in April 2023.

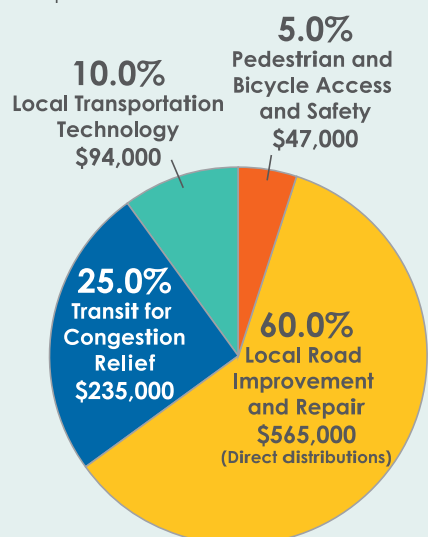


Measure B Program Distributions

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 \$86.4 million for local road repair; over \$0.9 million was collected in April 2023.



Agency Activities

In July 2023, the following events were either hosted, sponsored or participated in by Alameda CTC:



Chair John J. Bauters speaking at the CalSTA press conference, Port of Oakland. Photo courtesy of the Port of Oakland.

- July 6 – Press conference at the Port of Oakland with California State Transportation Agency Secretary Omishakin to announce the award of more than \$1.5 billion in funding as part of the state's historic one-time program to build a more efficient, sustainable and resilient supply chain. Chair John J. Bauters was one of several distinguished elected officials speaking at the event.
- July 17 - San Pablo Avenue Corridor presentation to the Albany City Council, Albany
- July 20 - San Pablo Avenue Corridor presentation to the City of Berkeley Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Berkeley
- July 24 – GoPort Program groundbreaking for the [7th Street Grade Separation East \(7SGSE\)](#) and [Freight Intelligent Transportation System \(FITS\)](#) ribbon cutting.
- [BikeMobile](#) Outreach Events
 - July 1 – All America Festival, Hayward
 - July 5 – Union City Library, Union City
 - July 7 – Berkeley Public Library – North Branch, Berkeley

- July 11 – Newark Public Library, Newark
- July 28 – San Leandro Public Library, San Leandro

Other News

21st Annual IWC Report

Every year, the 17-member Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) reviews Alameda CTC's 2000 Measure B and 2014 Measure BB expenditures and performance measures for programs and projects throughout Alameda County. The committee then reports its findings to the public to document appropriate use of transportation sales tax funds. The committee also provides the status of active Measure B and Measure BB capital projects that are:

- **Accessible, affordable and equitable** to improve and expand connected multimodal choices that are available for people of all abilities, affordable to all income levels;
- **Safe, healthy and sustainable facilities** created to walk, bike and access public transportation to promote healthy outcomes and support strategies that reduce adverse impacts of pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions by reducing reliance on single-occupant vehicles;
- **High quality and modern infrastructure** for systems that are well-maintained, resilient and maximize the benefits of new technologies for the public; and provide
- **Economic vitality** to support the growth of Alameda County's economy and vibrancy of local communities through an integrated, reliable, efficient, cost-effective and high-capacity transportation system.

At its July 13 meeting, the IWC received comment on its [draft 21st Annual Independent Watchdog Committee Report to the Public](#). The final report is anticipated in August 2023 and will be available on Alameda CTC's [Reports webpage](#).

Committee Activities

July advisory committees

Highlights from the advisory committees that met in July include:

- July 6 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) received information on MTC's Federal Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Obligation Plan Development, the Final FY 2023-24 Alameda County Three-Year Project Initiation Document (PID) Work Plan Update, the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) FY 2023-24 Funding - Request for Projects, and the Draft FY 2024-25 Transportation Fund for Clean Air County Program Manager Fund Policies – Public Comment Period and Plan Bay Area 2050+ Project Deadlines. Additionally, committee members received an update on Alameda County Federal Inactive Projects.
- July 13 – The [Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#) held a Public Hearing on the [draft IWC Annual Report](#) where they received a presentation of the draft report and received public comments. The committee also approved the draft IWC Annual Report and finding along with its proposed publication costs. Committee members received comments and responses regarding the Direct Local Distribution FY 2021-22 Compliance Reporting, along with the Summary Report update, and approved its FY 2023-24 Work Plan and the election of its FY 2023-24 chair and vice chair.

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

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includes an e-Bike Incentive Program and an e-Bike Lending program, both of which will be available throughout the EBCE Service Territory.