

In September of each year, Alameda CTC celebrates California Rail Safety Month, reminding pedestrians, cyclists and drivers to pay careful attention when near tracks.



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

### Several projects advancing closer to construction

After receiving several grants for projects in 2022 and 2023, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) will be issuing several requests for proposals (RFPs) for construction management services.

The next projects to be advertised, awarded and administered by Alameda CTC include:

- **San Pablo Avenue Parallel Bike Improvements Project** – located in the cities of Albany, Berkeley and North Oakland, this project will construct bicycle and pedestrian scale improvements along neighborhood streets. The 65% Plan, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) package will be complete later this year and construction is anticipated to begin in 2024.

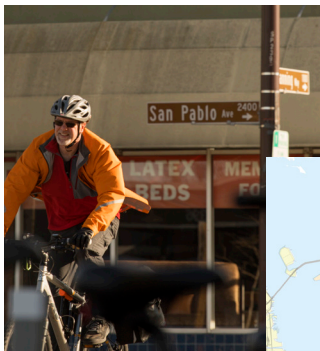
- **East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project (Phase 1)** – the north segment of Phase 1 will construct an active transportation facility in Oakland and San Leandro along city streets. The 65% PS&E package is currently being completed and construction is anticipated to begin in 2025.



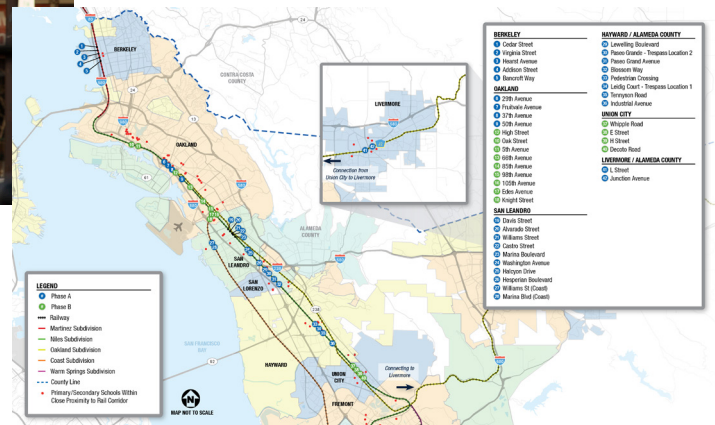
- **Rail Safety Enhancement Program (Phase A)** – this program will address safety at 30 at-grade crossing locations in Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro, Hayward, Livermore, and the unincorporated Alameda County communities of Ashland, Cherryland and San Lorenzo. The project is at 95% PS&E with construction anticipated to begin in 2026.

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Phase A and Phase B crossings for the Rail Safety Enhancement Program.



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

## Planning Updates

### Commissioners: You are invited to attend Alameda CTC's Bikeways Academy Implementation Workshop on October 19!

Elected officials and local government leaders, agency staff and stakeholders are invited to attend this lively and informative workshop that is designed to support government leaders by leveraging political inspiration, strategic thinking, peer network development and bold policy-setting to bring bikeways for All Ages and Abilities to their communities.

The event will include discussions with government leaders, presentations from regional and state agencies, and success stories from around Alameda County, all highlighting policies and strategies that attendees can take back to their communities to deliver the highest quality bikeway projects. In person attendance is strongly encouraged and there is also an option to attend virtually. To learn more and register, please go to the [Bikeways Academy Eventbrite page](#).

### Interstate 580 Transit and Multimodal Strategy

Building upon previous planning work and policy guidance including the I-580 Design Alternatives Assessment, the 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan, and Plan Bay Area 2050, the I-580 Transit & Multimodal Strategy (I-580 TAMS) will develop a roadmap for implementation of projects and initiatives on I-580 from the Bay Bridge to the San Joaquin County border. The strategy will serve as a Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) and aims to sustainably and equitably support existing and growing travel demand on one of Alameda County's most highly trafficked corridors.

The first round of public outreach focused on soliciting input on travel needs and initial ideas along the corridor through a series of in-person events in Equity Priority Communities, as well as an interactive public web map. Initial outreach

concluded in July, generating over 500 unique comments. This fall, Alameda CTC will continue to coordinate with local jurisdictions, transit agencies, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the California Department of Transportation, and other stakeholders to incorporate engagement findings and review initial evaluation results.

To learn more, visit Alameda CTC's [I-580 TAMS webpage](#).

### International Walk and Roll to School Day 2023



The Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Program will celebrate the annual International Walk and Roll to School Day on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. On this special day, students will join millions around the world to promote active travel to and from school. The celebration is designed to encourage students, families and the school community to roll, walk, bicycle, take transit, or use other non-motorized transportation to get to school. The SR2S program inspires active transportation behavior change through technical support, event facilitation, and materials for learning and encouragement.

Learn more about [International Walk and Roll to School Day](#) and about [Alameda County's Safe Routes to Schools program](#).

### On the move with the Student Transit Pass Program

Back-to-school season is here, and that means applications for the [Student Transit Pass Program \(STPP\)](#) are now open, making travel easier for Alameda County's middle and high school students

to and from school, school-related programs, jobs and other activities. Ask Luis Tambunga, a STPP student at Lincoln High School in San Leandro who says, "I'm so happy I got my Clipper card. I use it to go to school, to my Regional Occupation Program and to work. It has made my life much easier."

As of the 2023-2024 school year, STPP is at 150 schools with over 21,000 participants in 15 districts across Alameda County, reducing transportation access barriers and building support for transit in the county.

Find out more on how to apply for a Student Transit Pass and learn more details about the program at Alameda CTC's [Student Transit Pass Program webpage](#).

## Policy News

### State update

The state legislature returned from recess in mid-August for the final month of the 2023 session. The Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees had until September 1st to act on bills in their possession, followed by two weeks of final actions before the session adjourned on September 14th. The Governor now has until October 14th to sign or veto bills. Staff will provide updates on the status of bills at the September Commission meeting.

### Independent Watchdog Committee Issues 21st Annual Report to the Public regarding Measure B and Measure BB sales tax measures

On July 13, 2023, Alameda CTC's Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) approved its 21st Annual Report to the Public, <https://www.AlamedaCTC.org/IWC2023Report/>, covering fiscal year 2021-22 expenditures and IWC activities. The report makes recommendations regarding the delivery of projects and programs funded by Measure B, Alameda County's [Policy News cont'd on page 4](#)

## Programming Updates

### 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a multi-year capital improvement program of transportation projects on and off of the State Highway System. The program is funded with revenues from the State Highway Account and other funding sources administered by the California Transportation Commission (CTC), including Senate Bill 1 (SB 1). The 2024 STIP will cover fiscal years (FYs) 2024-25 through 2028-29. Based on the State's 2024 STIP Fund Estimate, approximately \$64.2 million of new programming capacity is anticipated for Alameda County, of which \$43.8 million is anticipated to be available for programming to projects.

As part of the overall STIP programming process, Alameda CTC is to adopt and forward a program of STIP projects for inclusion in MTC's 2024 Regional STIP program (2024 RTIP). As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the nine-county Bay Area, MTC is responsible for developing the regional priorities for the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). MTC approves the region's RTIP and submits it to the CTC for inclusion in the STIP. This fall, the Commission will consider approval of programming principles for the development of the Alameda County 2024 STIP project list.

### San Francisco Bay Trail Doolittle Drive project complete

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), Alameda CTC and partners recently celebrated the completion of the San Francisco Doolittle Drive project. The project is located on Doolittle Drive adjacent to the airport channel in the San Leandro Bay. It includes improvements or development of 4,000 feet of trail to connect to, then follow, the existing trail system at the south end of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline. It also connects to an existing Class 2 bike lane

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## Finance Updates

### Audits, annual financial report and updated investment policy

Over the last couple of months, the Finance team balanced FY 2022-23 accounts for Alameda CTC and the Sunol Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and delivered final trial balances to the agency's independent auditors, Maze and Associates, for audits that began in late August. During the audit, auditors completed their due diligence to form an opinion on the annual financial reports.

Currently, the Finance team is working to develop Alameda CTC's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended June 30, 2023. The ACFR will be presented to the Audit Committee for review in October, the Finance and Administration Committee in November, and the Commission for final approval in December. The Sunol JPA Annual Finance Report for FY 2022-23 is being developed concurrently and is scheduled to go to the Sunol JPA Board for approval in November.

The Finance team recently worked with new investment advisors, Chandler Asset Management, Inc., to update the agency's investment policy to clarify language and ensure compliance with the California Government Code. The updated policy is being presented to the Commission for approval in September.

### Contracting opportunities

Alameda CTC anticipates upcoming solicitation of proposals for the following professional services contracts:

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

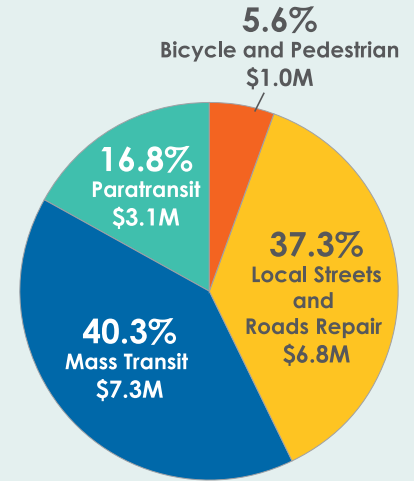
Upcoming solicitation of bids and/or proposals are available on Alameda CTC's

[Contracting Opportunities webpage.](#)

## Transportation Investments

### Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$810.5 million; over \$18.2 million was distributed in June 2023.

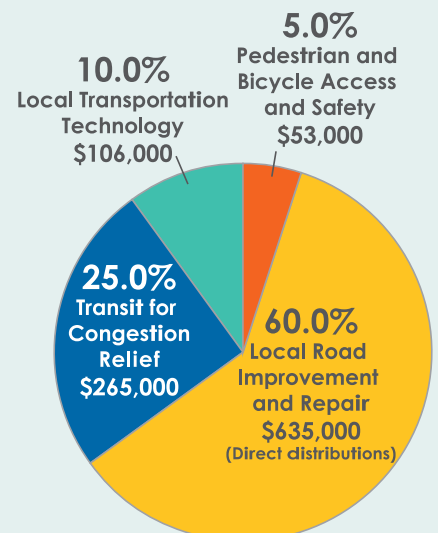


### Measure B Program Distributions

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 \$87.8 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in June 2023.





Agency Activities

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

- August 5-6 – Fremont Festival of the Arts, Fremont
- August 12 – Laurel Street Fair World Music Festival, Oakland
- August 18 – Ribbon cutting for the San Francisco Bay Trail Gap and Improvements Project – Doolittle Drive, Oakland
- August 25 – Building Opportunities for Business Breakfast – presenting upcoming contracting opportunities in 2023 and 2024, Hayward
- August 20 – Caltopia, University of California, Berkeley
- September 10 – Solano Stroll, Berkeley and Albany
- September 23 – Niles Canyon Stroll & Roll, Fremont-Sunol
- September 28 – 20th Annual Healthy Living Festival, Oakland Zoo
- [BikeMobile](#) Outreach Events
  - August 5 – Meek Mansion, Hayward
  - August 10 – Lincoln Summer Nights, Oakland
  - August 11 – Fremont Main Library, Fremont
  - August 12 – Alameda Free Library, Alameda
  - August 13 – San Lorenzo Library, San Lorenzo
  - August 26 – Manor Branch Library, San Leandro
  - August 28 – Faith Tennyson Community Room, Hayward
  - August 29 – Garfield Elementary, San Leandro
  - August 30 – Phoebe Apperson Hearst Elementary, Pleasanton
  - August 31 – Henry P. Mohr Elementary, Pleasanton
  - September 1 – Kennedy Community Center and Park, Hayward
  - September 7 – Encinal Junior and Senior High, Alameda
  - September 8 – Coyote Hills Elementary, Newark
  - September 12 – J.M. Amador Elementary, Dublin
  - September 13 – Fairlands Elementary, Pleasanton
  - September 14 – Knowledge Enlightens You (KEY) Academy, Hayward

- September 15 – Steven Millard Elementary, Fremont

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half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, and those funded by Measure BB, which augmented the half-cent sales tax to one cent and extended the tax through 2045.

Through its website, Alameda CTC makes the [21st Annual Report to the Public](#), the Executive Summary in [English](#), [Chinese](#) and [Spanish](#), and [audited financial statements and compliance reports](#) of Measure B and Measure BB for each agency receiving funds through the direct local distribution program available to the public. Hard copies of the Annual Report can also be requested.

Alameda CTC hosts local convening for the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC) National Symposium on Transportation Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Alameda CTC's Paratransit program team hosted a local meeting for the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center's (or NADTC's) National Symposium on Transportation Diversity, Equity and Inclusion on August 29, 2023. Alameda CTC was selected as one of six local community hosts for this national symposium. The agency convened a group of local stakeholders representing transportation providers, community partners and advocates to view a recorded presentation from a national speaker and to engage in a facilitated discussion on diversity, equity and inclusion in local transportation systems and surrounding communities. Additionally, symposium attendees outlined next steps and strategies for continuing to address transportation challenges faced by Alameda County's diverse older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers.

NADTC is a federally-funded technical center co-managed by Easterseals and USAging to promote the availability and

accessibility of transportation options that meet the needs of older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers. NADTC serves professionals in the fields of transportation, aging, disability, human services and caregiving; provides resources, training and information; empowers communities to implement or improve innovative transportation programs; and supports older adults, people with disabilities and their families.

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along Doolittle Drive from Swan Way to Hegenberger Road.

Alameda CTC provided \$2.8 million in Measure BB funding to support the approximately \$10 million in total construction phase costs. This project completes an approximate half-mile gap in the San Francisco Bay Trail along Doolittle Drive in Oakland, providing a safe, non-motorized transportation route to jobs at the Oakland airport, adjacent industrial complexes and recreation at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline.

Committee Activities

September advisory committees

Following are highlights from the advisory committee that met in September:

- September 7 – The Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC) approved the 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Programming Principles and Schedule. The committee also received information on MTC's Federal Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Obligation Plan and an update on MTC's Community Action Resource and Empowerment Program and the final FY 2023-24 Alameda County Three-Year Project Initiation document plan.
- September 14 – The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met to receive information and provide feedback on the Caltrans Bay Area Bicycle Plan Update and receive an update on the Countywide Bikeways Academy. Committee members also approved the FY 2023-24 calendar and its officers.