



Alameda CTC's Bikeways Academy Implementation Workshop



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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Planning Updates

Bikeways Academy Workshop a big success!



Chair John J. Bauters welcomes guests to the Alameda CTC Bikeways Academy workshop.

Alameda CTC's Bikeways Academy Implementation Workshop on October 19th was a big success! Elected officials and local government leaders, agency staff, and stakeholders convened at Alameda CTC'S offices and online for an exciting day devoted to bringing bikeways for All Ages and Abilities to every community in Alameda County.

The event began with a dynamic fireside chat hosted by Alameda CTC Chair John J. Bauters and featured leaders from throughout the country, offering national perspectives on pathways to "yes" for transformative bikeway projects.

The first panel followed, *Setting Up for Success: Policies that Support Implementation*. During that segment, transportation leaders presented on how key policies helped inform bikeways implementation by disrupting "business as usual," including policies on the Safe

System Approach, All Ages and Abilities Bikeways, Vision Zero and Equity. A robust Q and A session ensued.



Panelists discuss *Setting Up for Success: Policies that Support Implementation*.

The final panel, *Local Project Spotlight Panel: Building the Network!* highlighted local success stories of implementing high-quality bike facilities in jurisdictions throughout Alameda County. After presentations, a high-level discussion on putting strategies into practice followed, as well as Q and A.

The day closed with a review of the biggest lessons learned and a renewed commitment to high-quality bikeways.



Alameda CTC Chair Bauters and the virtual Fireside Chat panelists.

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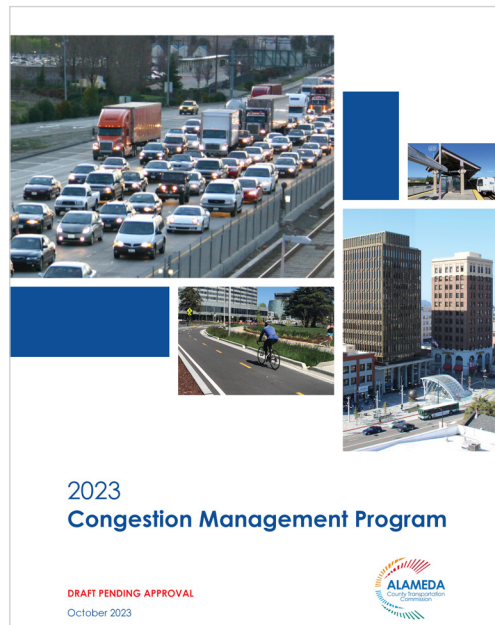
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2023 Congestion Management Program update



As the state-designated Congestion Management Agency for Alameda County, Alameda CTC is responsible for adopting the county's Congestion Management Program (CMP) every other year. Alameda County's CMP is a short-range plan that includes a variety of congestion and travel demand management strategies, programs, and projects that support and contribute to the implementation of long-range plans, such as the Countywide Transportation Plan and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)'s Regional Transportation Plan.

The 2023 update continues the processes and methodologies established in previous CMPs, referencing new policies and plans that have been adopted since the last update, and summarizing activities carried out over the past two years to meet and exceed legislative requirements of the CMP. Chapter 1 summarizes updates by chapter and details how the 2023 CMP fulfills the spirit, purpose, and intent of CMP legislation.

The 2023 CMP, including appendices, is available on Alameda CTC's [Congestion Management webpage](#).

Project Updates

An express lanes update—encouraging carpooling and offering options

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) operates the Interstate 580 (I-580) Express Lanes and Interstate 680 (I-680) Sunol Express Lanes. In March, coinciding with tolling operations resuming on I-680 Sunol Express Lanes in the southbound direction and the start of tolling in the new northbound lane, a new policy went into effect offering Clean-air vehicles a 50% toll discount on the I-580 and I-680 Express Lanes, consistent with all other Bay Area express lanes.

Two communications efforts were conducted in early 2023 to get the word out about express lanes' operational changes and to remind drivers about toll tag requirements. Outreach was conducted using various media channels, including radio, print, digital, and social media. The first effort lasted from February through May to educate drivers on operational changes for I-580 and I-680 Express Lanes, encourage drivers to obtain a FasTrak Flex® toll tag to use Express Lanes, and to direct drivers to [expresslanes.511.org](https://www.expresslanes.511.org) for more information. Subsequent communication efforts conducted from July through August reminded drivers to set their switchable toll tags to correctly match the number of occupants in the vehicle and that the California Highway Patrol enforces occupancy requirements or improper toll tag use.

Interstate 680 Express Lanes are fully operational

The I-680 Sunol Southbound Express Lane, opened to traffic in September 2010 as a controlled access express lane,

developed a parallel northbound express lane and upgraded the southbound lane with violation enforcement technology. While tolling operation paused during construction and toll system development, both lanes reopened for tolling on March 31, 2023.

From reopening through June 2023, the I-680 Sunol Express Lanes have recorded over 1.7 million total trips and collected over \$2.9 million in gross toll revenues.



Interstate 580 Express Lanes in its 7th year of operation

The I-580 Express Lanes, operate along approximately 10 eastbound miles from Hacienda Drive in Pleasanton to Greenville Road in Livermore and approximately 12 westbound miles from Greenville Road to the I-580/I-680 Interchange in Dublin since opening in February 2016.

From inception through June 2023, the I-580 Express Lanes have recorded over 49 million total trips and collected over \$10 million in gross toll revenues, which fund ongoing operations and facility maintenance, as well as risk reserves.

Express lanes continue to be monitored to manage congestion and optimize corridor capacity, providing motorists with significant benefits, including travel time savings and travel reliability.

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

Programming Updates

Direct Local Distribution Programs Compliance Workshop

Each year, Alameda CTC requires recipients of Measure B, Measure BB, and Vehicle Registration Fee Direct Local Distribution (DLD) funds to submit Audited Financial Statements and Program Compliance Reports that summarize revenues and expenditures supporting local street and roads, bicycle and pedestrian, paratransit, and transit investments. These compliance reports inform the public with detailed information, including recipient use of funds, fund balances, and information about specific improvements and programs funded by voter-approved dollars.

On September 27, 2023, Alameda CTC held a virtual DLD Compliance Workshop to review reporting requirements and provide instructions to complete the required Audited Financial Statements and Compliance Report Forms for the reporting period of fiscal year (FY) 2022-23. Materials relating to the workshop can be found on Alameda CTC's Reporting and Grants Forms webpage. All DLD recipients are required to submit separate audited financial statements and program compliance reports to Alameda CTC by December 29, 2023.

2024 State Transportation Improvement Program Approval

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a multi-year capital improvement program for transportation projects on and off the State Highway System administered by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The 2024 STIP will cover FYs 2024-25 through 2028-29. Alameda County's share of the CTC-adopted 2024 STIP Fund Estimate is approximately \$64.2 million, with \$43.8 million available for discretionary

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Finance Updates

Audit process concludes as Annual Comprehensive Financial Report development continues

The FY 2022-23 financial audits performed by Maze and Associates, the agency's independent auditors for both Alameda CTC and the Sunol Joint Powers Authority (JPA), wrapped up in September. The audits involved many activities, including exhaustive testing, analytical reviews of the trial balances, and the confirmation of reported information with outside sources.

Toward the end of September and during the first half of October, finance staff worked with the auditors to draft the Sunol JPA annual financial report and the Alameda CTC Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2023. These reports include many detailed sections of reporting to allow full transparency of financial information to the public. The draft ACFR will go to the audit committee for review in October, then to the Sunol JPA Board and Commission for final approval during the November and December meetings, respectively.

During FY 2022-23, sales tax revenues were \$402.1 million. This is a 4.2 percent increase over the prior fiscal year and an all-time high collection amount of the transportation sales taxes in Alameda County, reflecting the strong economy in the county.

Contracting opportunities

Alameda CTC anticipates upcoming solicitation of proposals for the following Professional Services contracting opportunities:

- East Bay Greenway Multimodal – North Segment
- Financial Audit Services
- Media and Public Relations Services

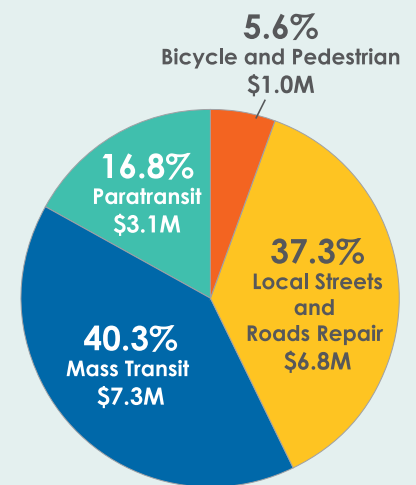
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Transportation Investments

Alameda CTC supports the future of Alameda County by equitably investing in projects and programs throughout the county to improve transportation.

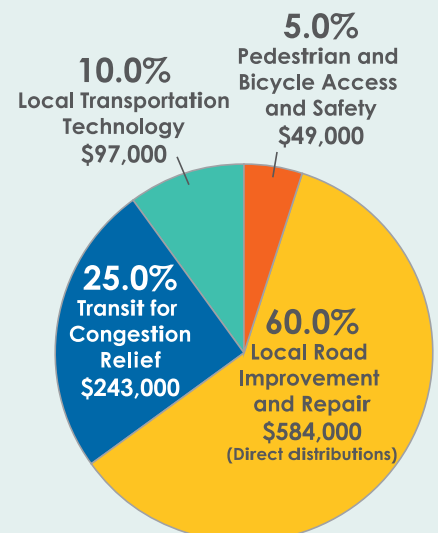
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$826.0 million; over \$15.5 million was distributed in July 2023.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$88.3 million for local road repair; over \$0.9 million was collected in July 2023.



Agency Activities

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

- October 1 – Oktoberfest, Oakland
- October 4 – International Walk and Roll to School Day, locations throughout Alameda County
- October 10 – 3rd Annual Caltrans Disadvantaged Business (DBE) Summit, Richmond
- October 11 – Construction Management Association of America - Northern California Chapter's Meet the Primes, Oakland
- October 19 – Bikeways Academy Implementation Workshop, Alameda CTC offices, Oakland
- October 19 – American Council of Engineering Companies and Women in Transportation's Girls in Motion - a panel discussion with Executive Director Tess Lengyel, Oakland
- October 28 – Harvest Festival - dedication of the new Huchun Park Emeryville
- October 30 – Focus on the Future Mobile Tour, San Francisco By Ferry and Port of Oakland
- [BikeMobile](#) Outreach Events
 - October 2 – Lydiksen Elementary, Pleasanton
 - October 3 – Bay Farm, Alameda
 - October 4 – Thornton Junior High, Fremont
 - October 5 – Ardenwood Elementary, Fremont
 - October 6 – Castro Valley Elementary, Castro Valley
 - October 7 – Cox Academy, Oakland
 - October 8 – Roosevelt Elementary, San Leandro
 - October 10 – Brier Elementary, Fremont
 - October 11 – Thomas S. Hart Middle, Pleasanton
 - October 12 – Schafer Park Elementary, Hayward
 - October 13 – Fremont High, Oakland
 - October 14 – John Gomes Elementary, Fremont
 - October 15 – Sequoia Elementary, Oakland
 - October 16 – J. Haley Durham Elementary, Fremont

- October 17 – Ocean View Elementary, Albany
- October 18 – William Hopkins Junior High, Fremont
- October 19 – San Leandro High, San Leandro
- October 20 – E. M. Grimmer Elementary, Fremont
- October 24 – Tyrrell Elementary, Hayward
- October 25 – Irvington High, Fremont
- October 26 – Foothill High, Pleasanton
- October 27 – Searles Elementary, Union City
- October 29 – Malcolm X Elementary, Berkeley

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programming. As part of the overall STIP programming process, Alameda CTC is to adopt and forward a program of STIP projects to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for inclusion in MTC's 2024 STIP program, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). MTC will approve the RTIP and submit it to the CTC for final approval.

In October, Alameda CTC staff is recommending Commission approval of five 2024 STIP project requests. The recommendations include projects from AC Transit, Livermore Amador Valley Transportation Authority, Alameda CTC, and the cities of Dublin and Pleasanton for complete streets, interchange modernization, and transit improvements.

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- Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A
- San Pablo Avenue Parallel Bike Project

For more information, visit the [Contracting Opportunities webpage](#).



Committee Activities

October advisory committee activities

During October, the following advisory committees met. Highlights from those meetings include:

- October 12 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) approved the 2023 Congestion Management Program and the 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program Project List. Committee members also received information MTC's Community Action Resource & Empowerment Program and an update on the Alameda County Federal Inactive Projects.
- October 23 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\)](#) received training on Brown Act and Roberts Rules of Order and updates on program implementation guidelines and performance measures, grant program progress and mobility management. Additional reports were provided by the Independent Watchdog Committee and other Americans with Disabilities Act and Transit Advisory committees.

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

Other News

Celebrating National Pedestrian Safety Month

October is National Pedestrian Safety Month and at Alameda CTC, we strive to keep you and the communities in which you live safe by partnering throughout the county to create transportation systems that are easily navigable for all pedestrians. As you get out to walk and/or roll, be sure to:

- Plan your trip
- Follow the rules of the road
- Watch for traffic
- Walk defensively

Be safe out there!