

2024 Legislative Program

The legislative program herein supports Alameda CTC's goals adopted for the 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan for a transportation system that is:

- *Accessible, Affordable and Equitable – Improve and expand connected multimodal choices that are available for people of all abilities, affordable to all income levels.*
- *Safe, Healthy and Sustainable – Create safe facilities 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 – Upgrade infrastructure such that the system is of a high quality, is well-maintained, resilient and maximizes the benefits of new technologies for the public.*
- *Economic Vitality – 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."*

The Alameda County Transportation Commission will develop strategic partnerships and support efforts that encourage regional and mega-regional cooperation to increase transportation funding and support policies that advance this legislative program.

Core Legislative Priorities
Transportation Funding: Advocate for increased transportation funding and protection of existing funding to support projects, programs, and operations and seek to leverage local funds to the maximum extent possible to implement transportation improvements and services through grants and partnerships with regional, state and federal agencies. Advocate for sustainable funding to support transit agencies in their continued recovery.
Equity: Advocate for resources, legislation, and initiatives that provide accessible, affordable and equitable transportation opportunities and elevate the needs of equity priority communities. Prioritize and advance racial and socio-economic equity and environmental justice throughout the legislative program.
Safety: Advocate for resources and legislation that enable Alameda CTC to deliver safe, multimodal infrastructure that prioritizes the safety of all users and advances Vision Zero policies and strategies. Support opportunities for local jurisdictions to advance initiatives to increase safety in their communities.
Sustainability: Support legislation, strategies and investments that reduce greenhouse gas emissions to create sustainable and healthy communities and increase the resiliency of our transportation system and communities, especially for equity communities; support investments and funding for alternative fuels, vehicles and supportive infrastructure to reduce emissions.
Effective Project Delivery and Operations: Support policies that facilitate efficient and expedited project development and delivery processes, effective operations of the transportation system including Express Lane and HOV operations and governance, and support innovative project delivery.

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- Seek, acquire, accept and implement grants to advance project and program delivery.
- Support efforts to increase transportation funding and advance priority projects and programs in Alameda County, including as part of any regional transportation measure.
- Support transit agencies as they seek to recover from impacts of the pandemic on fiscal solvency and ridership, including regional efforts to secure sustainable multi-year funding and improve service for the public.
- Support efforts that protect against transportation funding diversions.
- Ensure fair share of sales tax allocations from new laws and regulations.
- Protect and enhance voter-approved funding. Support efforts to lower the two-thirds voter threshold for voter-approved transportation measures including funding for delivery of programs and operations.
- Support rewarding Self-Help Counties and states that provide significant transportation funding.
- Support efforts to increase funding and advance policies that support transit, paratransit, and multimodal transportation.
- Support efforts to increase funding to advance safety and active transportation.
- Support policies and funding that enhance Bay Area goods movement and passenger rail funding, delivery and advocacy that enhance the economy, local communities, and the environment.
- Support policies and programs that improve transportation services and infrastructure and do not create unfunded mandates.

Equity: Advocate for resources, legislation, and initiatives that provide accessible, affordable and equitable transportation opportunities and elevate the needs of equity priority communities. Prioritize and advance racial and socio-economic equity and environmental justice throughout the legislative program.

- Support accessible, affordable and equitable transportation resources throughout each policy area of this legislative program.
- Support investments in transportation for transit-dependent communities that provide enhanced access to goods, services, jobs and education.
- Support means-based fare programs while being fiscally responsible.
- Support policies and funding to develop and implement equitable mobility improvements.

- Support projects and programs that reduce emissions with a particular emphasis on communities historically disproportionately burdened by pollution from the transportation sector.
- Support expanding economic opportunities for small and local businesses by leveraging our procurement, contracting and hiring processes and supporting those historically disenfranchised such as women and minority owned businesses.

Safety: Advocate for resources and legislation that enable Alameda CTC to deliver safe, multimodal infrastructure that prioritizes the safety of all users and advances Vision Zero policies and strategies. Support opportunities for local jurisdictions to advance initiatives to increase safety in their communities.

- Expand multimodal options, shared mobility and innovative technology.
- Support investments in active transportation, including for improved safety and advance Vision Zero strategies to reduce speeds and protect communities.
- Support allowing cities the discretion to use more effective methods of speed enforcement within their jurisdictions.
- Support policies that advance safety for all users of the transportation system.
- Support advocacy of cooperation and partnership with railroads to advance projects, with a particular interest in rail safety projects.

Sustainability: Support legislation, strategies and investments that reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) to create sustainable and healthy communities and increase the resiliency of our transportation system and communities, especially for equity communities; support investments and funding for alternative fuels, vehicles and supportive infrastructure to reduce emissions.

- Support funding for infrastructure, operations, and programs to relieve congestion, improve air quality, reduce emissions, expand resiliency and support economic development, including to support transitioning to a zero-emission transportation system.
- Support emerging technologies such as alternative fuels and technology to reduce GHG emissions and prioritize continued access to the electric grid for charging to support reliable operations.
- Support legislation to modernize the Congestion Management Program, supporting the linkage between transportation, housing, and multi-modal performance monitoring.
- Support efforts to increase transit priority throughout the transportation system, such as on freeway corridors and bridges.
- Support efforts to address sea level rise adaptation including planning, funding and implementation support.
- Support legislation and policies to facilitate deployment of connected and autonomous vehicles in Alameda County to enhance last mile connectivity to

transit, including data sharing that will enable long-term planning and analysis of benefits and impacts.

- Support legislation that increases flexibility and reduces barriers for infrastructure improvements that support the linkage between transportation, housing and jobs and leverage opportunities for TOD and PDA implementation, including transportation corridor investments that link PDAs.

Effective Project Delivery and Operations: Support policies that facilitate efficient and expedited project development and delivery processes, effective operations of the transportation system including Express Lane and HOV operations and governance, and support innovative project delivery.

- Advance innovative and cost-effective project delivery.
- Advance efficient and effective operations and governance of the Express Lane and HOV systems.
- Support environmental streamlining, efforts that reduce project and program implementation costs, and expedited project delivery, including contracting flexibility and innovative project delivery methods.
- Support funding and policies to implement transportation projects that create jobs and economic growth, including for apprenticeships and workforce training programs.
- Support HOV/managed lane policies and efforts that promote effective and efficient lane implementation and operations, protect toll operators' management of lane operations and performance, toll rate setting and toll revenue reinvestments, deployment of new technologies and improved enforcement.
- Oppose legislation that degrades HOV lanes that could lead to congestion and decreased efficiency.