



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

East Bay Greenway—safety-focused active transportation

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is the project sponsor and implementing agency for the [East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project](#) (Phase 1), a 16-mile bicycle and pedestrian facility in the cities of Oakland, San Leandro and Hayward, and the unincorporated community of Ashland, which connects seven BART stations, as well as downtown areas, schools and other major destinations. In coordination with local agencies and leveraging partnerships, development of the East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project has been divided into North and South segments based on readiness.

In September 2023, Alameda CTC approved a full funding plan to achieve construction of the North Segment (Oakland and San Leandro segments) in 2025. The remaining portions of the Phase 1 project will be split into two elements: a segment in the Ashland community and a segment in Hayward. This approach takes into consideration several

projects that were recently constructed along the corridor or in advanced stages of project development along East 14th Street and Mission Boulevard between 162nd Avenue and A Street.

Alameda CTC will be conducting door-to-door outreach in the community of Ashland specific to project elements, which include connections to the Bay Fair BART station. In Hayward, a new alignment is being proposed along arterials on the west side of the BART and UP railroad tracks in order to provide an active transportation facility connecting residents to schools and the Hayward and South Hayward BART stations. Outreach efforts to further define the scope of improvements will occur in 2024.

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

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Planning Updates

Policy blueprint for the next Countywide Transportation Plan—safety, equity and climate

Last month, Alameda CTC staff kicked off the next update to the [Countywide Transportation Plan \(CTP\)](#). Last updated in 2020, the next CTP will be produced in two phases. The first phase is anticipated to take approximately one year, when approval will be sought for “the Policy Blueprint,” which will establish the foundation for the formal CTP development that is to be adopted in 2026.

To inform the Policy Blueprint, staff will bring topics and key issue areas throughout next year to the Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC) and Alameda CTC's Commission for policy discussions, while also seeking feedback through community engagement. This blueprint will include updates to the vision and goals identified in the 2020 CTP and establish the prioritization framework for the 2026 CTP and other policy areas that arise throughout the year.

Presentations and policy discussions next year will be organized around the three Commission priorities: safety, equity and climate. Focus on these priorities will help the agency and our partners clarify strategies and priorities on how we can:

- Make Alameda County safer and more equitable
- Advance clean transportation
- Encourage mode shift through:
 - Land use and transportation demand management (TDM)
 - Multimodal interstates, roadways, and bicycle connections
- Increase climate and economic resilience

At the end of the policy blueprint phase, staff will proceed with the detailed development of the 2026 CTP, including continued outreach, a needs assessment, a call for projects and technical evaluation.

The CTP and other short-, medium- and long-range planning endeavors can be found on Alameda CTC's [Planning webpage](#).

Policy News

State update



California's 2023 legislative session ended this fall and Governor Newsom signed two bills into law for which Alameda CTC had taken support positions. These legislative victories mark important advancements for safety and include:

1. [AB 413 \(Lee D\)](#), which amended the Vehicle Code to require “daylighting” at all intersections. Specifically, the new law now prohibits a person from stopping, parking or leave standing any vehicle within 20 feet of the vehicle approach side of a marked or unmarked crosswalk to improve visibility and safety for all road users
2. [AB 645 \(Friedman D\)](#), which will create a Speed Safety System Pilot Program using an automated system to detect and issue citations

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Programming Updates

Commission approves fiscal year 2023-24 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program

Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program (TFCA) County Program Manager funding is generated by a vehicle registration fee collected by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) to fund projects that reduce motor vehicle emissions. The Air District annually approves the program's policies and expenditure plan. During the fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 cycle, a total of \$2.57 million was available for programming to projects and was included in the fund estimate for Alameda CTC's 2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan.

A draft program of projects for the available FY 2023-24 TFCA funding was due on November 17, 2023 to the Air District. Projects typically funded with TFCA include: shuttles, bicycle facilities, transit signal priority, alternative fuel infrastructure and travel demand management programs. Alameda CTC submitted its Programs and Projects Committee's recommended draft program and associated project information to the Air District by the November 17th deadline, and will submit the Commission-adopted program in early December.

A new funding opportunity for community-based initiatives—the CARE Program

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTCs) Community Action Resource & Empowerment (CARE) Program is the successor to its Lifeline Transportation Program. It is a new transportation funding program designed to develop equity-based partnerships and initiatives and to implement community-based transportation

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projects in Bay Area communities to address equity.

The release of CARE Cycle 1 is anticipated in early December. This \$21.5 million competitive call for projects is in a mix of federal and state funds to advance and implement transportation projects and programs identified through community-based transportation planning efforts, as well as to support community power-building and engagement initiatives. Local jurisdictions, transit agencies, and county transportation agencies are eligible to apply. Community-based organizations and certain educational- and housing-related entities are also eligible to apply, either in partnership with public agencies or directly for power-building and engagement activities.

Alameda CTC is supporting MTC's CARE program outreach by spreading the word in Alameda County through recent presentations to its Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee in September and October; emails to potential applicants and stakeholders, including community-based organizations; and through social media.

The deadline to apply is February 15, 2024. For more information, refer to MTC's CARE Program webpage: <https://mtc.ca.gov/planning/transportation/access-equity-mobility/community-action-resource-empowerment-care-program> or contact Judis Santos, MTC CARE Program Manager, at jsantos@bayareametro.gov.

Oakland Broadway Streetscape and Transit Improvement Project

The City of Oakland is moving into the final design phase of its \$3.9 million, Measure BB-funded [Broadway Streetscape and Transit Improvement](#)

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Finance Updates**Annual Comprehensive Financial Report development**

During October and November, the finance team worked with independent financial auditors Maze and Associates to finalize audit processes and develop Alameda CTC's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the Sunol Joint Powers Authority's (JPA) Annual Financial Report for FY 2022-23. Auditors provided clean opinions of the financial statements in both reports. Maze and Associates' partner met with Alameda CTC's Audit Committee on October 26th to review the draft ACFR and discuss required communications as per the Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, which are guidelines for audits created by the Comptroller General and the U.S. Government Accountability Office. The ACFR was approved at Alameda CTC's Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) meeting in November and will be presented to the Commission in December for approval. The Sunol JPA Annual Financial Report was approved during the November meeting of its Governing Board.

Additionally, several important reports were developed by finance and administration staff either went to, or are going to, the FAC and Commission in November and December—the Annual Local Business Contract Equity Program Utilization Report for FY 2022-23, the FY 2023-24 first quarter financial report and the Professional Services Contracts Plan.

Contracting opportunities

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

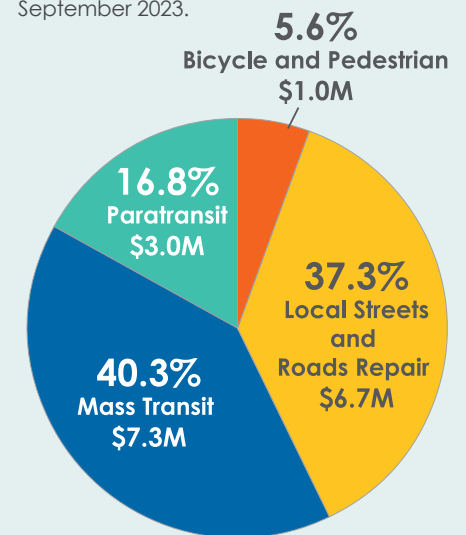
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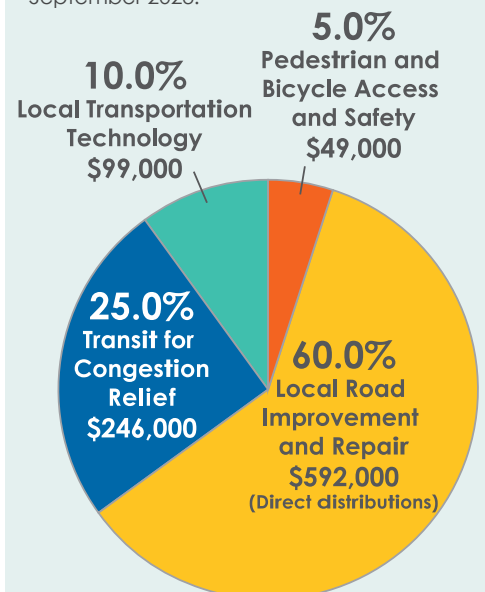
Alameda CTC supports the future of Alameda County by equitably investing in projects and programs throughout the county to improve transportation.

Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$860.3 million; over \$18.0 million was distributed in September 2023.

**Vehicle Registration Fee**

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$89.6 million for local road repair; over \$.9 million was collected in September 2023.



Agency Activities

The following events were either hosted, sponsored or participated in by Alameda CTC during the months of November and December:

- November 2 – Meet the Buyers Virtual Procurement Forum, Virtual
- November 30 – Executive Director Tess Lengyel met with Federal Transit Administrator Nuria Fernandez on AC Transit bus tour, Emeryville and Oakland
- December 1 – COMTO 20th Annual Scholarship and Industry Awards Gala, San Francisco
- [BikeMobile](#) Outreach Events
 - November 1 – Tennyson High, Hayward
 - November 2 – Donlon Elementary, Pleasanton
 - November 3 – Aspire Golden State College Preparatory Academy, Oakland
 - November 4 – Learning Without Limits, Oakland
 - November 6 – Glenmoor Elementary, Fremont
 - November 7 – Edendale Middle, San Lorenzo
 - November 8 – Burckhalter Elementary, Oakland
 - November 9 – Nea Community Learning Center, Alameda
 - November 10 – Boys Charity League of Pleasanton, Ken Mercer Sports Park
 - November 13 – East Avenue Middle, Livermore
 - November 14 – James Dougherty Elementary, Dublin
 - November 15 – Oakland Technical High, Oakland
 - November 16 – Mission Valley Elementary, Fremont
 - November 17 – Washington High, Fremont
 - November 18 – James Monroe Elementary, San Leandro
 - November 28 – Berkeley High, Berkeley
 - November 29 – Leo R. Croce Elementary, Livermore
 - November 30 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle, Berkeley
 - December 2 – Love Elementary, Alameda
 - December 8 – American High, Fremont
 - December 20 – Creekside Middle, Castro Valley

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for speeding in six California jurisdictions: Oakland, Los Angeles, San Jose, Glendale, Long Beach and San Francisco. To address certain racial profiling and privacy concerns, the legislation included provisions specifying the steps each city must comply with, reporting requirements, limits to the number of automated systems and specific placement locations.

Safety is one of Alameda CTC's core legislative priorities. At the beginning of 2023, the Commission committed to advancing safety by advocating 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 and support opportunities for local jurisdictions to advance initiatives to increase safety in their communities.

With the passage of these two laws, fewer obstructions will block crosswalk visibility and local jurisdictions, including the City of Oakland, will have another tool to deter dangerous driving.

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project. Funding was awarded to the city in May 2023. This project will enhance mobility for people walking, taking transit and driving in downtown Oakland on Broadway between 2nd and 11th streets and between 20th Street and Grand Avenue. Improvements include pedestrian safety improvements, intersection and signal modifications, pavement rehabilitation and transit improvements along this corridor. The design phase is expected to be completed in fall 2024. Measure BB funding, in conjunction with \$44.1 million in other local, state and federal funds secured for the project, bring the total project cost to \$48 million.

Committee Activities

Advisory committee activity in November and December

In November and December, the following committees met:

- November 9 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) received an overview of the Countywide Transportation Plan and an update on Local Business Contract Equity Program utilization. Members also approved the FY 2023-24 Transportation Fund for Clean Air County Program Manager program of projects.
- November 16 – The [Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#) received presentations of the draft audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2023 and of AC Transit's On-Time Performance. The committee also received an outreach summary and publication cost update for their recent annual report. In addition to the Chair's report, members reported on the IWC issues identification process and forms and approved the Issues Identification Form for Report of Mass Transit Program Performance Measures.

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- Communications and Public Relations Services for the 7th Street Grade Separation East (7SGSE) Public Information Officer (PIO)
- East Bay Greenway Multimodal – North Segment
 - (San Leandro – Broadmoor Boulevard to East 14th Street)
 - Lake Merritt to Fruitvale BART Segment)
 - (Oakland - 54th Avenue to Broadmoor Boulevard)
- Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase B

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