



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

### GoPort—7th Street Grade Separation East

Construction is advancing on the 7th Street Grade Separation East (7SGSE) project as part of the Global Opportunities at the Port of Oakland (GoPort) Program. The project will realign 7th Street between Interstate 880 and Maritime Street and reconstruct structurally inadequate Union Pacific Railroad underpass structures that are beyond their useful life.

The groundbreaking for 7SGSE was held at the Port of Oakland in Shoreline Park on July 24, 2023 after which various community briefings were held during fall 2023 to advise of upcoming construction activity. A presentation of those community meetings in English, Cantonese and Spanish, as well as updates and advisories, can be found on the [GoPort webpage](#).

Early construction activities started with utility potholing and are ongoing. Temporary storm water pollution control

measures for construction, as well as temporary fencing on the western portion of the project in the Port of Oakland parking lot, have been completed. In early 2024, there will be major roadway and retaining wall excavation along the western portion of the project.

Once completed, 7SGSE will meet current geometric and seismic standards by increasing both vertical and horizontal clearances for trucks. It will also widen and upgrade the roadway, and construct a new shared pedestrian/bicycle pathway on a new alignment to meet both engineering and American with Disabilities Act standards. Collectively, the project will improve air quality by reducing traffic/truck congestion and idling, advance Port Global Market competitiveness, create new jobs, provide Port and Shoreline Park public access, and improve aesthetics and greening.

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





## Planning Updates

### 2024 Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) initiated a call for projects for its 2024 Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program (PDGP) for eligible transportation projects and programs serving older adults and people with disabilities in Alameda County. Through the 2024 PDGP, an estimated \$12 million of local Measures B and BB sales tax funding is available for a five-year funding period, fiscal years (FYs) 2024-25 through 2028-29. Eligible applicants with implementation-ready projects and programs during the five-year funding period were encouraged to apply.

The 2024 PDGP will focus on mobility management activities to:

- Equitably enhance consumers' travel options and access to services,
- Improve coordination and partnerships between new and/or existing programs and services, and/or
- Address critical gaps in the transportation system.

The 2024 PDGP is designed to complement paratransit direct local distribution funding which is dedicated to more traditional trip-provision services.



East Bay Paratransit driver strapping in wheelchair passenger.

The 2024 PDGP's application period opened on December 11, 2023 and will close on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Alameda CTC staff hosted two virtual application workshops in December and January to give prospective applicants an opportunity to ask questions and network with other applicants.

These discretionary funds are programmed and allocated on a competitive basis. Final recommendations are documented in Alameda CTC's Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP), which will be considered for approval by the Commission in late spring 2024.

For additional information on this funding opportunity, visit Alameda CTC's [Funding Opportunities webpage](#).



Travel training program in the City of Fremont.

## Policy News

### Commission Approves 2024 Legislative Program

At the December 2023 Commission meeting, Commissioners approved Alameda CTC's 2024 Legislative Program, which provides a guiding advocacy framework for the agency to consider legislative funding, regulatory and administrative issues.



California State Capitol Building in Sacramento. Credit: Sundry Photography

Like past years, the 2024 legislative program focuses on priorities that advance Alameda CTC's 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan goals—with some specific details included to address this moment's most pressing priorities. Core legislative priorities for 2024 continue to advocate for:

- Transportation Funding
- Equity
- Safety
- Sustainability
- Effective Project Delivery and Operations

To learn more, please visit Alameda CTC's [Legislative Program webpage](#), where the [complete 2024 Legislative Program](#) is posted.

## Programming Updates

### Direct Local Distribution Annual Compliance

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 DLD 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 specific improvements and programs funded by voter-approved dollars.

For the FY 2022-23 period, Audited Financial Statements and Compliance Reports were required to be electronically submitted via email by December 29, 2023. From January to April 2024, Alameda CTC staff and the agency's Independent Watch Dog Committee will review submissions to determine recipients' annual program compliance.

## Finance Updates

### Clean financial audit determinations kick off the new year

During this past November and December, Alameda CTC's independent auditors, Maze & Associates, presented the agency's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended June 30, 2023 to the Finance and Administration Committee and Commission and the Sunol JPA's Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2023 to the Sunol JPA Board. Both agencies received clean audit opinions on their financial

statements from Maze & Associates. Upon Commission approval, the ACFR was submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association for consideration for its annual Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award. Alameda CTC was awarded this certificate of achievement for its ACFRs for the past ten years in a row. This award requires that an agency go beyond minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare an ACFR in the spirit of full transparency and disclosure.

Staff also recently kicked off Alameda CTC's mid-year budget update and annual budget processes for FYs 2023-24 and 2024-25, respectively.

### Contracting opportunities

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

- East Bay Greenway Multimodal—North Segment (Lake Merritt to Fruitvale BART Segment)
- East Bay Greenway Multimodal—North Segment (Oakland - 54th Avenue to Broadmoor Boulevard)
- East Bay Greenway Multimodal—North Segment (San Leandro—Broadmoor Boulevard to East 14th Street)
- Rail Safety Enhancement Program—Phase B

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



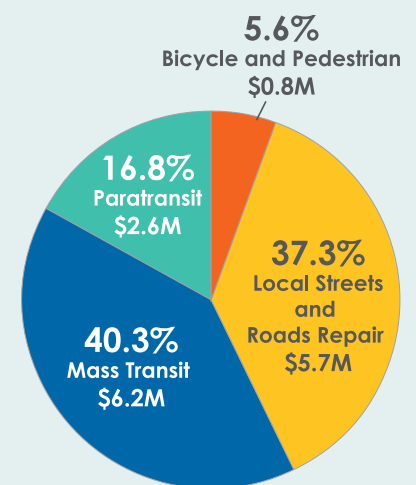
Rail Safety Enhancement Program crossing on High Street in the City of Oakland.

## Transportation Investments

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

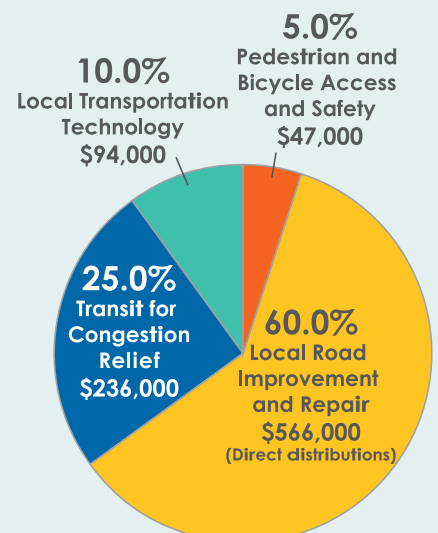
### Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$875.6 million; over \$15.3 million was distributed in October 2023.



### Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$90.2 million for local road repair; over \$0.9 million was collected in October 2023.





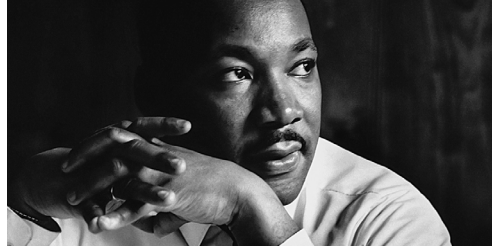
## Agency Activities

Alameda CTC either hosted, sponsored or participated in the following events in January:

- January 10— Sponsor Agency Reporting Workshop (Virtual)
- January 10 – How to Get Certified with the State of California Small Business Program (Virtual)
- January 18 - WTS Glass Ceiling Industry Report panel discussion with Executive Director Lengyel, Oakland
- January 26 – Building Opportunities for Business Breakfast, Hayward
- **BikeMobile** Outreach Events
  - January 2 – Maralisa Meadows, Livermore
  - January 3 – Carmen Flores Recreation Center, Oakland
  - January 4 – Rosefield/Eagle Village, Alameda
  - January 5 – Laguna Commons, Fremont
  - January 9 – Boys and Girls Club, Oakland
  - January 10 – Albany High, Albany
  - January 12 – John Blacow Elementary, Fremont
  - January 16 – Guy Emanuele, Jr. Elementary, Union City
  - January 19 – Bridges Academy, Oakland
  - January 24 – Andrew N. Christensen Middle, Livermore
  - January 26 – Joseph Azevada Elementary, Fremont
  - January 30 – Madison Elementary, San Leandro

## Other News

### Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Each year during the month of January, we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—not just his birth, but his life and legacy, both of which included struggle toward equity for all.

This year, Alameda CTC also celebrates that a little more than a year ago, the Commission adopted the agency's first Race and Equity Action Plan, which established actions across all agency departments to advance equity. Staff are actively implementing the actions and will provide updates to the Commission on progress in early 2024.

As we identify and advance opportunities for renewed emphasis on equity, each of us is reminded of Dr. King's words that "No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

Visit Alameda CTC's [Equity Initiatives webpage](#) for more information on our equity efforts.

## Committee Activities

### January advisory committee activities

In January, the following committees met:

- January 9 – The [Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee \(ParaTAC\)](#) met to receive information on the FY 2024-25 projections for Paratransit Direct Local Distributions, the FY 2024-25 Program Plan Review process and the 2024 Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program. The committee also received updates on the agency's equity initiatives and reports on mobility management and preparedness.
- January 11 – The [Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#) received trainings on the Brown Act and Roberts Rules of Order, information on Alameda County's High Injury Network and an overview of Measure B and Measure BB programs. The committee also received information on FY 2022-23 Measure B/BB Program Compliance and Audit Reports that are now available on the website at <https://www.alamedactc.org/funding/reporting-and-grant-forms/>. In addition to their FY 2023-24 Calendar/Work Plan and roster, the committee received staff responses to members' requests for information.
- January 22 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\)](#) met to receive the mid-year report on programs with conditional funding. Committee members also received information on the FY 2024-25 Program Plan Review process, mobility management and progress of the Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program.

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

