



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

Interstate 80 Corridor Updates

The [Interstate 80 \(I-80\)/Gilman Street Interchange Improvements \(Phases 1 & 2\)](#) project is comprised of two phases that will enhance accessibility, safety, and mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. Phase 1, largely constructed in 2021-2023, provides a new pedestrian and bicycle overcrossing for I-80. Phase 2, which began construction in July 2022, involves the construction of a double roundabout on either side of I-80 on Gilman Street and improvements to Gilman Street. The east and west approaches to the pedestrian bridge and other associated enhancements are being constructed during Phase 2. The completion of Phase 2 will mark a significant milestone in providing safe passage for pedestrians and bicyclists over I-80 and closing a gap in the Bay Trail.



Phase 1 bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing at Interstate 80/Gilman Street in Berkeley.

The project will reduce traffic queues and turning conflicts by simplifying traffic operations and improving navigation, ultimately enhancing local and regional biking facilities. State-of-the-art upgrades on Gilman Street include railroad crossing enhancements and a signalized intersection at Fourth Street. The project will improve safety and accessibility for all users by providing safe access for pedestrians and bicyclists while improving safety and enhancing mobility. Construction is scheduled for completion in late 2024.

[I-80/Ashby Avenue \(State Route 13\) Interchange Improvements](#)



Rendering of the Interstate 80/Ashby Avenue Interchange Improvements project.

will reconstruct the current interchange at I-80/Ashby Avenue (State Route 13). It includes the construction of a stand-alone pedestrian/bicycle overcrossing across I-80 (to provide access to the Bay Trail and Point Emery) and realignment of the frontage road (to provide east-west access to the motorist vehicles and multimodal users). This project will improve safety and enhance/encourage multimodal use.

On December 28, 2023, the project completed a significant milestone as [Project Updates cont'd on page 2](#)

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the final environmental document was approved by the State of California. At the April Commission meeting, the Commission will consider an amendment to the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan to clearly document the new pedestrian and bicycle overcrossing element of the project and allow implementation of an initial deliverable segment. Final design and environmental revalidation for Phase 1 of the project are expected to commence in summer 2024. Phase 1 construction activities are anticipated in late 2026 and subject to funding availability.

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

Planning Updates

San Pablo Avenue Bus Lanes and Bike Lanes outreach update

Community engagement is underway to seek input on the [San Pablo Avenue Bus Lanes and Bike Lanes Project](#), which proposes safety and transit improvements along San Pablo Avenue in Oakland, Emeryville, and south of Heinz Avenue in Berkeley. To share the proposed design and get feedback, outreach began late last year with door-to-door outreach to all of the storefronts along the project corridor.



Community outreach for San Pablo Avenue at the Golden Gate Recreation Center in Oakland.

Earlier this month, we also launched outreach to the general public. Those efforts include:

- An online [community input website](#) where participants can view the project design and provide comments;
- Open house events on April 15 at the Golden Gate Recreation Center in Oakland and April 17 at the Emeryville Center of Community Life;
- Pop-up events along San Pablo Avenue and in the surrounding communities at bus stops, libraries, farmers' markets, grocery stores, and other gathering locations;
- Focus groups hosted by community-based organizations and geared toward equity communities; and

- Meetings with community and stakeholder groups representing neighborhood residents, people with disabilities, and people walking, biking, and riding transit.

As part of the outreach, Alameda CTC is distributing mailers, store window flyers, bus stop flyers, sidewalk decals, emails, and social media ads to inform community members about opportunities to get involved.

The project team will use stakeholder input to refine and finalize the design.

To learn more about the project, visit sanpabloavemysocialpinpoint.com.

Policy News

State policy updates

Staff is currently evaluating bills proposed for this year's legislative session. Legislation is evaluated using the priorities established in Alameda CTC's [Legislative Program](#) approved in December 2023.

Recommendations will be brought to the Commission as bills advance this spring.

Next week, the Commission will head to Sacramento for a state advocacy day. Discussions will focus on key policy priorities that align well with state goals and priorities, advocating for funding for projects and programs throughout Alameda County, and highlighting opportunities for partnership.

Federal policy update

Staff is also preparing for the Commission's annual federal advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. Meetings are being scheduled with representatives at the US Department of Transportation, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Alameda County Legislative Delegation and their staff, as well as staff from key committees.



Programming Updates

Transportation Fund for Clean Air Fiscal Year 2024-25 Call for Projects

As the designated administering agency for Alameda County's share of the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA), Alameda CTC will release a TFCA call for projects this spring. The fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 TFCA Expenditure Plan Application identifies approximately \$3.087 million of FY 2024-25 funding available for programming this year. Eligible projects include emission reduction projects and programs. A Commission-approved FY 2024-25 program of projects will be presented to the Commission in fall 2024, and subsequently transmitted to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District by November 15, 2024.

City of Berkeley Adeline Street Transportation Improvements



Adeline Street Improvements in the City of Berkeley.

The City of Berkeley is implementing the [Adeline Street Transportation Improvements](#) project, which is funded through Alameda CTC's sales tax and Vehicle Registration Fee. It intends to repurpose existing general-purpose vehicle lanes to create new pedestrian safety and transit operations improvements, protected bikeways, and public spaces. The project will develop preliminary engineering plans and conduct environmental analysis for multimodal improvements on approximately 0.55 miles of Adeline Street from just north of Ashby Avenue (State Route 13) to the southern city limits (King Street/62nd Street/Stanford Avenue/Martin Luther King, Jr Way).

The Adeline Street Transportation Improvement project will be conducted in tandem with planning for BART's Ashby Station Transit Oriented Development project and also include transit treatments to improve the operations of AC Transit Line F. This line connects to Downtown Berkeley, the University of California Berkeley, Ashby BART, South Berkeley, Emeryville, and San Francisco. This project received approximately \$1.1 million of 2010 Vehicle Registration Fee and 2014 Measure BB funding. The preliminary engineering and environmental studies phase is expected to be completed by winter 2026.

Finance Updates

Budget development for fiscal year 2024-25

During March, the finance team worked with all agency departments to collect FY 2024-25 budget needs data that included the needs for ongoing projects and programs, and for administration. Subsequent to data collection, the team began the budget development process by incorporating all revenue projections and expenditure needs, including the revenues and expenditures of the Interstate 680 (I-680) Express Lanes, as the lanes will now fall under the administration of Alameda CTC. To ensure a sustainable and balanced budget, the finance team will continue to develop the budget throughout the month of April and bring the final proposed FY 2024-25 budget to the Finance and Administration Committee and Commission for review and approval in May.

Contracting opportunities

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

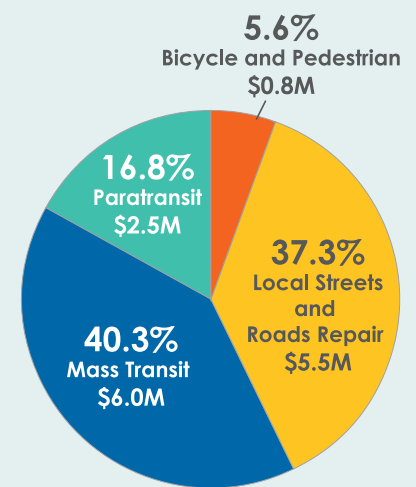
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Transportation Investments

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

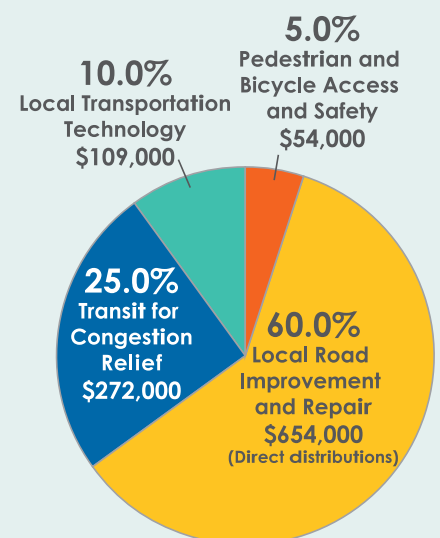
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$926.1 million; over \$14.8 million was distributed in January 2024.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$91.9 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in January 2024.



Agency Activities

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

- April 3-5 – Executive Director Lengyel and staff traveled to Washington D. C. for a study session with the District Department of Transportation and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to inform corridor development for the East Bay Greenway and San Pablo Avenue projects.
- April 9 - San Pablo Avenue Corridor (SPA) pop-up for the Bus Lane and Bike Lane Project at the Oakland Library Golden Gate Branch, Oakland
- April 14 - SPA pop-up at the West Oakland Farmers' Market, Oakland
- April 15 – SPA Open House for the Bus Lane and Bike Lane Project at the Emeryville Center for Community Life, Emeryville
- April 17 – SPA Open House at the Golden Gate Recreation Center, Oakland
- April 19 - SPA event at the Emeryville Senior Center, Salem Street, Emeryville
- April 22 - SPA bus stop pop-up at 20th Street / Thomas L. Berkeley Way, Oakland
- April 26 - SPA event at Serenity House, Oakland
- April 28 – Gilman District Street Fair, Berkeley
- April 30 - SPA bus stop pop-up at San Pablo Avenue/40th Street, Emeryville
- **BikeMobile** Outreach Events
 - **Alameda**
 - Alameda Bikefest; Earhart Elementary
 - **Berkeley**
 - Longfellow Arts and Technology Middle
 - **Hayward**
 - Eden Gardens, Eldridge, and Lorin A. Eden Elementary; Robertson High
 - **Oakland**
 - Chabot, Franklin and Montclair Elementary; Lighthouse Community Charter; Oakland High
 - **Piedmont**
 - Piedmont Middle
 - **Pleasanton**
 - Harvest Park and Pleasanton Middle; Village High
 - **San Leandro**
 - Earth Day

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- Audio/Visual Engineering and Technical Services
- East Bay Greenway Multimodal—North Segment (Lake Merritt to Fruitvale BART Segment)
- Rail Safety Enhancement Program—Pase A
- Rail Safety Enhancement Program—Phase B

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

Other News

Nearly 100 Schools Participate in 2024 Golden Sneaker Contest

Nearly 100 schools registered for the 2024 Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools annual Golden Sneaker Contest. Held March 4-15, the contest hosted nearly 20,000 students participating across the county. School communities were encouraged to get active and walk, roll, bike, carpool, or take transit to school and chart progress for two weeks. Contest participation continues to grow: over half of students in the majority of classrooms used active travel modes to get to school during this year's contest.

The classroom at each participating school with the highest percentage of students actively commuting to school wins the Golden Sneaker trophy. In addition, a Platinum Sneaker award is given to the school with the highest participation in all of Alameda County. The Platinum Sneaker award will be announced and awarded at the Alameda CTC's April Commission meeting. Congratulations to all of this year's Golden Sneaker trophy winners!

Bike Month

May 2024 is National Bike Month! Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) will celebrate Bike to School Day on May 16, 2024. Students, families, and school staff

around the county will try riding bikes to school for the first time or renew their commitment to healthy and safe bicycling.

Bike to School Day is one of many events around the Bay Area during National Bike Month and coincides with [Bay Area Bike to Wherever Days 2024](#) (formerly Bike to Work Day), also held in the month of May. Watch also for ads as part of Alameda CTC's annual iBike education and promotion efforts. Every May they can be seen around the county promoting bike use including on buses, shelters, bike share stations and your favorite social media platforms.



Committee Activities

Advisory committee highlights

During April, the following community advisory committee met with highlights as follows:

- April 4 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) received and update on early community engagement conducted in support of Countywide Transportation Plan development and how input from this early engagement will inform the inclusive engagement approach for the CTP. The committee also received information on Alameda County Federal Inactive Projects and One Bay Area Grant Cycles 2 and 3 Obligation Status.

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