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## Alameda CTC Announces \$11.5 Million in Paratransit Grants

*By funding projects and programs that enhance travel options and provide access to services for older adults and people with disabilities, these grants advance equity and mobility in Alameda County.*

**ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif.** – Last week, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) approved \$11.5 million dollars in grants to 14 Alameda County nonprofit and government agencies providing paratransit programs for older adults and people with disabilities. The grants will support transportation services that improve users' access to services, further coordination between existing programs, and address gaps in our transportation system. Funding for the awards is made possible through the 2014 voter-approved Measure BB transportation sales tax.

"Alameda CTC is grateful to partner with local organizations rooted in their communities to ensure that older adults and people with disabilities have equitable access to transportation choices that enhance mobility," noted Alameda CTC Chair, Emeryville Councilmember John J. Bauters. "These providers have a long history of delivering quality transportation services that respond to the local community needs of older adults and people with disabilities."

Last week's action provides grant funding for paratransit projects and programs over a five-year period beginning with the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan allocates a large portion of Measure BB sales tax revenues—10% of net revenues—to paratransit programs. The funding supports operations for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-mandated services and city paratransit programs as well as the discretionary grants approved last week. The paratransit discretionary grant program is designed to provide a regular opportunity to address transportation needs that cannot be addressed through existing services.

"Thank you once again to Alameda County voters for approving Measure BB and making this funding possible for transportation services that older adults and people with disabilities count on every day," remarked Alameda CTC Executive Director Tess Lengyel. "By funding programs that advance equitable transportation services for all, the

Commission is once more delivering on its promise to expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County."

The grants will support projects and programs such as travel training which teaches participants how to travel independently on public transit and trip planning to navigate frequent trips; volunteer driver programs; wheelchair accessible transportation and more. The grants also invest in capital improvements and vehicle/equipment purchases that directly support projects and programs that serve older adults and people with disabilities.

Recipients participated in a competitive application process and requests exceeded funding availability. Once applications were vetted for meeting minimum technical requirements, Alameda CTC's Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO), an all consumer-based community advisory committee, reviewed the submissions and approved formal funding recommendations. The recommendations were then approved by Alameda CTC Commissioners at their meeting last week. PAPCO is one of several community advisory committees responsible for advising the Commission on transportation matters.

### **About the Alameda County Transportation Commission**

The mission of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is to plan, fund and deliver transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. Governed by a 22-member Commission, Alameda CTC manages the county's one-cent transportation sales tax and serves as the county's congestion management agency. The agency delivers more than \$200 million each year in transportation improvements that create jobs, enhance mobility and enrich communities.

Learn about current transportation [projects and programs](#) and learn about [Measure BB](#), which voters passed in November 2014. Visit [Alameda CTC's website](#) to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on [Facebook](#) and [X, formally known as Twitter](#).

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