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Independent Watchdog Committee Releases 22nd Annual Report to the Public on Measure B and Measure BB Sales Tax Expenditures and Committee Activities

ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif. – On July 11, 2024, the Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) of the **Alameda County Transportation Commission** (Alameda CTC) approved its 22nd Annual Report to the Public https://www.AlamedaCTC.org/IWC2024Report/, covering fiscal year 2022-2023 expenditures and IWC activities. The report makes recommendations regarding the delivery of projects and programs funded by Measure B, Alameda County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, and those funded by Measure BB, which augmented the half-cent sales tax to one cent and extended the tax through 2045.

Each year, the IWC reviews and analyzes Alameda CTC's Measure B and Measure BB expenditures to ensure that funds are spent in accordance with the voter-approved measures. For additional details, see the full report at the link provided above.

For fiscal year 2022-2023, Alameda CTC received \$399.5 million in Measure BB revenue. Audited expenditures totaled \$387.8 million as follows:

- \$131.7 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities
- \$121.1 million for local transportation improvements, including local streets and roads and bicycle and pedestrian projects
- \$115.9 million for highway and street capital projects
- \$8.7 for debt repayment
- \$4.5 million for general administration
- \$4.0 million for direct program and project management and oversight
- \$1.9 million for other grants including technology and community development grants

In July 2022 Alameda CTC issued \$124.0 million of Measure BB Sales Tax Revenue Bonds to bridge a short-term funding gap that existed while many large capital projects in the Transportation Expenditure Plan were entering the construction phase. In FY2022-23, the bonds incurred \$8.7 million of costs related to annual debt repayment. Details related to the debt can be found in the official statement: AlamedaCTC.org/Bonds.

For fiscal year 2022-2023, Alameda CTC received \$2.6 million in Measure B revenue from prior year collection adjustments. Audited expenditures for the period totaled \$8.6 million.

In July 2015, the IWC replaced and assumed responsibility for the Citizens Watchdog Committee created in 2002 after reauthorization of the local sales tax measure in 2000. Each year, the IWC reports directly to the public on the agency's Measure B expenditures and Measure BB expenditures and performance measures.

The <u>22st Annual Report to the Public</u>, the Executive Summary in <u>English</u>, <u>Chinese</u> and <u>Spanish</u>, and <u>audited</u> <u>financial statements and compliance reports</u> of Measure B and Measure BB for each agency receiving funds through the direct local distribution program are available to the public on the Alameda CTC website. Hard copies of the Annual Report are available by request via e-mail to <u>aayers@alamedactc.org</u> or via telephone, 510.208.7450.

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 <u>projects and programs</u> and learn about <u>Measure BB</u>, which voters passed in November 2014. Visit <u>Alameda CTC's website</u> to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>X</u>, <u>formally known as Twitter</u>.

About the Alameda CTC Independent Watchdog Committee

The IWC is made up of 17 members, all of whom must be a resident of Alameda County. IWC members are not elected officials at any level of government, nor individuals in a position to benefit personally in any way from the sales tax.

IWC at-large members are appointed for a two-year term, including:

- One per district, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
- One per district, appointed by the Alameda County Mayor's Conference.

All other members may serve until a replacement is appointed, including:

- One per representing organization specified in the Measure B and Measure BB Expenditure Plans:
 - o Alameda County Labor Council
 - o Alameda County Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee
 - Alameda County Taxpayers' Association
 - Bike East Bay
 - o East Bay Economic Development Alliance
 - o League of Women Voters
 - o Sierra Club

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