

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

### Oakland Alameda Access Project Advances

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is delivering on the Oakland Alameda Access Project, one of the named capital projects in both the 2000 Measure B and 2014 Measure BB transportation expenditure plans. The project, which has been in development for almost 30 years, has been coordinated with a multitude of stakeholders.

The project will improve multimodal safety, accessibility for active transportation users, connectivity, and traffic by reducing conflicts between local and regional traffic, pedestrians, and bicycle users around Interstate 880, the Webster and Posey tubes, and local city streets in Oakland and Alameda. It will also improve access between the City of Alameda and locations in Oakland including downtown, Chinatown, and Jack London Square.

Alameda CTC has completed the project requirements with Caltrans to complete the Plans, Specifications & Estimate (PS&E) package and is at a Ready to List (RTL) stage this month.

To begin construction in the summer of 2025, Alameda CTC is scheduled to request nearly \$70 million in funding from the California Transportation Commission at their December 2024 meeting. Caltrans will lead efforts to advertise the project in early 2025 and plans to award the contract in spring 2025. In partnership with Alameda CTC, Caltrans will administer the construction contract.

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



## Planning & Program Updates

### International Walk and Roll to School Day 2024

The Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Program will celebrate the annual International Walk and Roll to School Day on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. On this special day, students will join millions around the world to promote active travel to and from school. The celebration begins when students arrive at school and engage in hands on activities to report their transportation modes. The SR2S program inspires active transportation behavior change through technical support, event facilitation, and materials for students' learning and encouragement.

Learn more at SR2S's International Walk and Roll to School Day by visiting [the event's webpage](#). To learn more about Alameda County's Safe Routes to Schools program, please visit [the program's website](#).

### Student Transit Pass Program Kicks Off Eighth Year

This school year marks the eighth year of the Student Transit Pass Program (STPP), an Alameda CTC program that provides free, unlimited transit for middle and high school students across the county. STPP currently serves over 160 schools and nearly 32,000 active student participants.

Designed to facilitate easier and more affordable travel for students to and from school, extracurricular activities, jobs, and other important engagements, the program is also entering its final year of expansion. Upon the completion of expansion, a significant milestone will be achieved: all eligible middle and high schools in Alameda County will have access to the program.

## Policy News

### State Update

August 31 was the deadline for the Senate and Assembly to pass bills out of their respective houses, after which the legislature adjourned for the year. The Governor now has until September 30 to sign or veto bills.

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

On July 11, 2024, Alameda CTC's Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) approved its [22nd Annual Report to the Public](#), covering fiscal year 2022-2023 expenditures and IWC activities. The report addresses the delivery of projects and programs funded by Measure B, Alameda County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, and Measure BB, which augmented the half-cent sales tax to one cent and extended the tax through 2045.

The [22st Annual Report to the Public](#), the Executive Summary in [English](#), [Chinese](#) and [Spanish](#), and [audited financial statements and compliance reports](#) 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 can also be requested.

## Programming Updates

### Alameda Oakland Estuary Shuttle Pilot Program Begins

The City of Alameda, in partnership with the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) and other organizations launched a free two-year pilot water shuttle service across the Oakland Estuary on July 17, 2024. The shuttle connects Alameda and Oakland, operating between Jack London Square and Bohol Circle Immigrant Park. The service operates four to five days per week, with peak season operations in March to October featuring up to 40 trips per day.



Each year, Safe Routes to Schools helps Alameda County students join others around the world to participate in International Walk and Roll to School Day.

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The water shuttle service is ADA-accessible and can accommodate at least eight bicycles each trip. Alameda CTC is providing \$1M of 2010 Vehicle Registration Fee and Transportation Fund for Clean Air funding for the program.

Fiscal Year 2023-24 MB/BB/VRF Direct Local Distribution Compliance

Alameda CTC oversees the administration of Measure B, Measure BB, and the Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Programs, allocating more than half of the annual revenue as Direct Local Distributions (DLD) to twenty eligible recipients for local transportation improvement projects.

Alameda CTC distributed over \$2.2 Billion in combined DLD funds between the inception of the program to the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23. Eligible recipients received funds for local transportation (streets and road), bicycle/pedestrian, transit, and paratransit programs. Each year, recipients are required to submit audited financial statements and program compliance reports to confirm DLD annual receipts, expenditures, and the completion of reporting obligations. For Fiscal Year 2023-24, Alameda CTC will verify recipients' compliance with DLD expenditure requirements, starting with a DLD Program Compliance Workshop on September 17th. DLD recipients are required to provide DLD program compliance reporting by the end of December.

Finance Updates

Over the last two months, the Finance team has been working to close out Alameda CTC's financial books for the fiscal year 2023-2024 including preparing

the required schedules and gathering information for the independent auditor's review.

The finance team also started to draft the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year 2023-2024. The ACFR is scheduled to go to the Audit Committee and the Finance and Administrative Committee (FAC) for review in October and November, respectively, and to the Commission for final approval in December.

The Finance team also worked with the Express Lanes team to draft and finalize the Sunol Smart Carpool Lane JPA's (Sunol JPA) final audited financial report for the period ending May 31, 2024. This is the last financial report for the Sunol JPA due to its dissolution in May 2024 and is scheduled to go to the FAC and Commission for review in September.

Contracting Opportunities

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

Professional Services

- Financial Audit Services
- Human Resources Consulting and Support Services
- I-580/I-238/I-880 Safe Access and Community Resilience Plan
- Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A
- San Pablo Avenue Parallel Bike

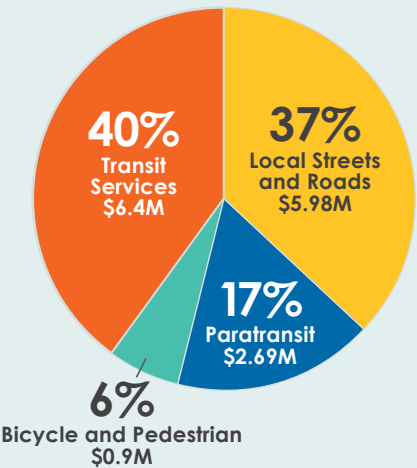
For more information, visit the [Contracting Opportunities webpage](#).

Transportation Investments

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

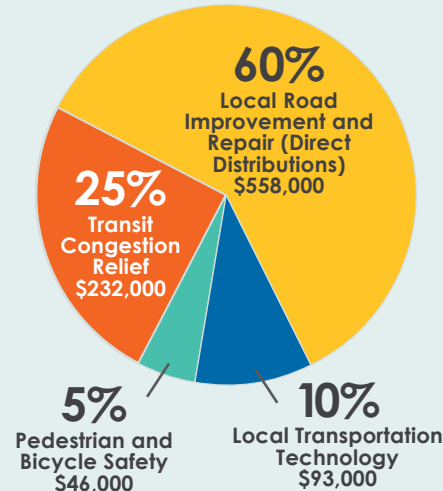
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB Direct Local Distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$1.0 billion. On average, \$17 million is distributed every month to DLD recipients; almost \$16 million was distributed in June 2024.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$96 million for local road repair. On average, \$600,000 is distributed monthly to DLD recipients with approximately \$372,000 available for discretionary programming; more than .9 million was collected in June 2024.





Agency Activities

Alameda CTC hosted, sponsored and participated in the following activities during August and September 2024:

- August 3-4 – Fremont Festival of the Arts
- August 15 – Downtown Hayward Street Party
- August 15 – CMAA Northern California Chapter Meet the Primes
- August 16 – City of Emeryville Quiet Zone Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- August 30 – Alliance for Renewable Energy Systems (ARCHES) Opening Celebration
- September 8 – Solano Avenue Stroll
- September 12 – 2026 CIP Application Workshop
- September 18 – Alameda CTC LBCE Certification Workshop
- September 18 – Outreach to the Alameda Chamber Board Meeting regarding OAAP
- September 19 – Girls in Motion Summit hosted by Alameda CTC
- September 21-22 – Newark Days
- September 26 – United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County (USOAC) Healthy Living Festival

Bike Mobile September 2024 activities:

- September 1 – Washington Elementary, Berkeley
- September 3 – Encinal Junior & Senior High School, Alameda
- September 4 – Bancroft Middle, San Leandro
- September 5 – Cottonwood Creek, Dublin
- September 10 – G. M. Walters Middle, Fremont
- September 11 – Phoebe Apperson Hearst Elementary, Pleasanton
- September 12 – Knowledge Enlightens You (KEY) Academy, Hayward
- September 13 – Oliveira Elementary, Fremont
- September 23 – EnCompass Academy Elementary, Oakland
- September 25 – Tennyson High, Hayward
- September 27 – Proctor Elementary, Castro Valley

Other News

Alameda CTC celebrates launch of first-ever Hydrogen Hub ARCHES

In late August, Alameda CTC was thrilled to join the celebration of a \$12.6B investment from the US Department of Energy in the Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES) to create the first ever Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub in California. Event guests included Governor Newsom, Senator Padilla and Department of Energy Under Secretary David Crane.

Furthering clean energy solutions to advance sustainability is a top priority for Alameda CTC. Event festivities included a tour of the Port of Oakland aboard the hydrogen-powered Sea Change Ferry, a ride on AC Transit and SamTrans hydrogen fuel cell electric buses, and a tour of the NorCal ZERO hydrogen fueling station.



Commission Chair Bauters and Vice Commission Chair Haubert celebrate ARCHES with California Senator Alex Padilla.



Committee Activities

September advisory committee activities

Highlights from September committee meetings include:

- September 5 – The Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC) received preliminary results from the 2024 Congestion Monitoring Report, showing auto congestion trends in Alameda County. The committee also received information about requirements and procedures for the Alameda CTC Local Business Contract Equity Program and MTC's FY 24-25 Obligation Plan and California Transportation Commission Allocation Plan.
- September 10 – The Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee (ParaTAC) received information about the implementation of guidelines and performance measures for the Special Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Paratransit) Program.

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