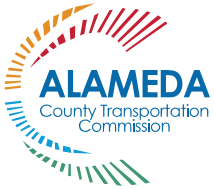




Celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities with Alameda CTC as we continue to support transportation services and programs that provide access throughout the county.



ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2024

## 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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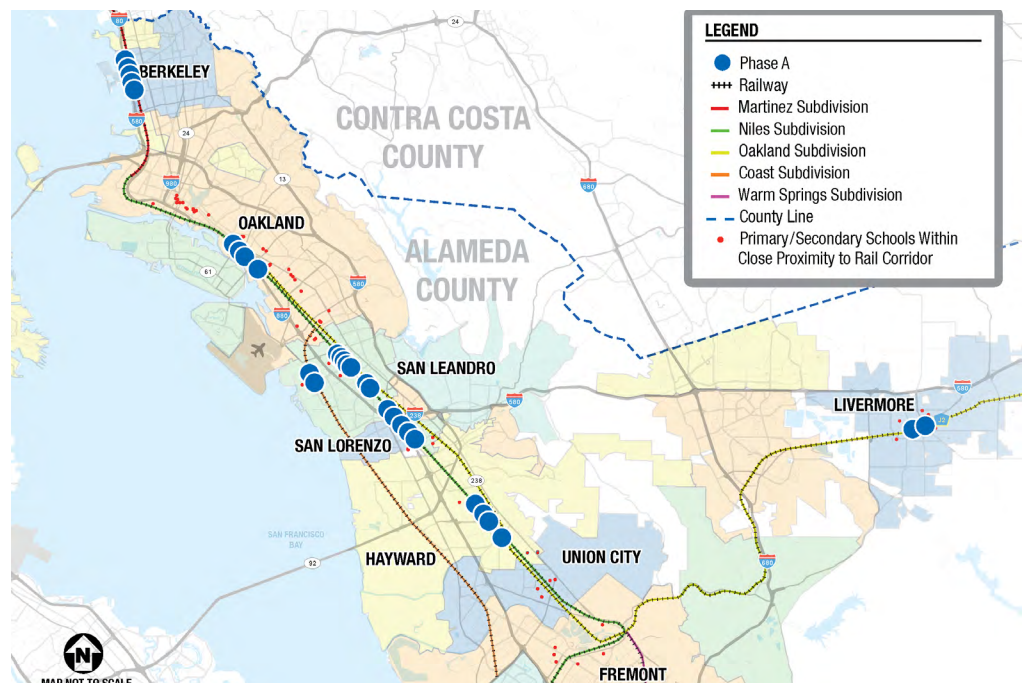
## Project Updates

### Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) has made significant progress toward delivering the Rail Safety Enhancement Program (RSEP) – Phase A. The project will implement proven safety treatments at 29 at-grade crossing and trespass locations spanning six jurisdictions on Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) corridors within Alameda County. Work locations include unincorporated Alameda County and the cities of Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro, Hayward, and Livermore. Improvements include new automatic pedestrian and upgraded vehicle gate arm devices, sidewalks, channelized railing, median islands, bulb-outs, lighting, upgraded

signage, striping, and traffic signal preemption.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents for RSEP-Phase A were approved for all 29 locations in fall 2023. A Categorical Exclusion under the federal National Environmental Policy Act was approved in fall 2024 for all locations except for two crossings in the City of Berkeley, which will require additional environmental analysis. Alameda CTC has been working closely with the six partnering jurisdictions, UPRR, the California Public Utilities Commission, and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to advance the project toward the 100% Plans, Specifications and Estimates phase.



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Alameda CTC was previously awarded \$25 million in federal Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program grant funds from the FRA and \$25 million in Metropolitan Transportation Commission Regional Measure 3 funds for construction. The first RSEP construction package is anticipated to begin construction in 2026.

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

## Planning Updates

### Bikeways Academy Training Highlights Multimodal Corridor Planning

On November 14, 2024, Alameda CTC hosted the fourth training in our Bikeways Academy series with a focus on multimodal corridor planning and implementation. The virtual session featured panelists Kevin Harrison from Washington, DC to speak about the Pennsylvania Avenue SE Corridor Project; Babak Dorji from Los Angeles to speak about the Venice Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project;

and Colin Dentel-Post, project manager of Alameda CTC's San Pablo Avenue Bus Lanes and Bike Lanes Project.

Each panelist highlighted a corridor project that supports high-frequency transit while providing all ages and abilities bikeways, ensuring accessibility, and accommodating curb access for adjacent businesses. While all three projects feature both bus lanes and protected bike lanes, they require different design compromises to balance the corridors' many competing needs.

Over 90 attendees joined the session, including staff from local jurisdictions and transit agencies, Caltrans, and MTC. The panel discussion focused on strategies for how to reach agreement with a variety of stakeholders and lessons learned from each project.

Next year, the Academy will pivot to support pedestrian planning and Alameda CTC's Active Transportation Plan that will accompany the 2026 Countywide Transportation Plan.

To find out more about the Bikeways Academy, visit Alameda CTC's [Bikeways Academy webpage](#).

## Policy News

### Alameda CTC's 2025 Legislative Program

Each year Alameda CTC staff develop a Legislative Program for the Commission to consider for approval. The proposed 2025 Legislative Program builds on programs from previous years, elevating a core set of policy priorities established by the agency, while maintaining flexibility to be responsive to the dynamic legislative process.

#### State legislative priorities

2025 will be the first of a new two-year state legislative session. Staff generally anticipate that the main transportation topics that dominated the most recent session will continue to do so, including transit funding, safety, climate, and equity. Discussions may also begin regarding extending California's Cap and Trade Program beyond its current end date, 2030.

#### Federal Reauthorization

Currently, the primary bill related to federal transportation policy and funding is the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Long-term transportation authorization bills typically last five to six years and focus on surface transportation, including for highways, bridges, transit systems, freight and intermodal programs, rail investments, safety, and resilience programs. The IIJA became law in November 2021 and extends through September 2026. It is anticipated that in 2025, Congress will initiate discussions regarding reauthorizing the next major federal infrastructure bill.



Protected bike lanes on Telegraph Avenue.  
Photo courtesy of Robert Prinz.



## Programming Updates

### 2026 Comprehensive Investment Plan Summary

On August 30, 2024, Alameda CTC released the 2026 Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) Call for Projects and applications are currently under review. The 2026 CIP fund estimate includes \$100 million in combined Alameda CTC-administered discretionary local funding sources for eligible capital projects and programs within Alameda County. \$60 million of the available funding is for the CIP Discretionary Program and \$40 million for the Three Major Trails Grant Matching Program. Applications were due on October 31, 2024, and 39 applications with funding requests totaling \$63.4 million were received. Submissions will be evaluated based upon Commission-approved 2026 CIP project selection criteria and Alameda CTC will provide the 2026 CIP recommendation to the Commission in spring 2025. Any unprogrammed funds will be made available for future programming.

### Iron Horse Trail Bridge at Dublin – Dedication Ceremony

On November 23, 2024, the City of Dublin hosted a Dedication Ceremony for the recently completed Iron Horse Trail Bridge. The 1,200 feet project included construction of a 230-foot-long free-span bridge over Dublin Boulevard to improve safety and traffic flow. Commission Chair Bauters represented Alameda CTC at the ceremony. Alameda CTC provided \$4.7 million of 2014 Measure BB and \$856,000 of Transportation Fund for Clean Air for the \$14 million project.

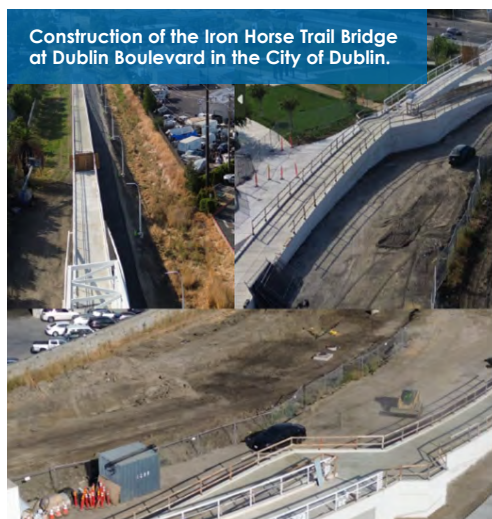
The Iron Horse Regional Trail is a major regional pedestrian and bicycle trail running through central Alameda and Contra Costa counties spanning several cities, including Livermore, Pleasanton,

and Concord. The trail also connects to BART stations in Dublin/Pleasanton and Pleasant Hill. Construction of the Class 1 bicycle and pedestrian bridge reduces the possibility of motor vehicle and pedestrian collisions, creating a safer road for all users.

## Finance Updates

### Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Finalized and Ready for Approval

Over the last two months, the Finance team worked with independent auditors from Maze & Associates to conclude the fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 financial audit and finalize the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended June 30, 2024. Alameda CTC's audit committee reviewed the draft ACFR, which received a clean audit opinion. The audit indicated that the financial statements are a fair presentation of Alameda CTC's financial position as of June 30, 2024, and were prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, standards that guide accounting work. The ACFR was presented to the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) in November and will be presented to the Commission in December for final approval.



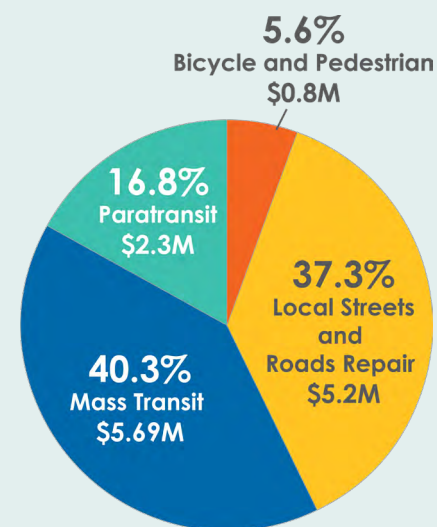
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## Transportation Investments

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

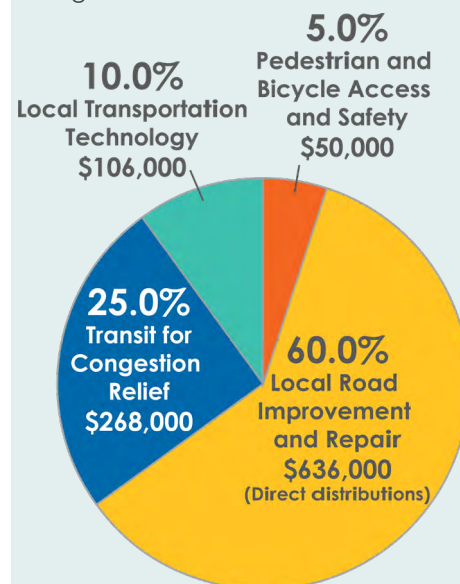
### Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$1.03 billion; over \$13.9 million was distributed in August 2024.



### Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$94.9 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in August 2024.



Agency Activities

In November and the first week of December, Alameda CTC hosted, sponsored and participated in the following activities. During the remainder of December, the agency participated in the multiple Bike Mobile events listed below:

- Nov 8 – 2024 Meet the Primes Panels Discussion & Business Networking Event, Oakland
- Nov 11-12 – Focus on the Future, Long Beach
- Dec 6 – 21st Annual COMTO Northern California Scholarship & Industry Awards Gala, Oakland

Bike Mobile Outreach Events:

- Nov 1 – Lincoln High (Continuation), San Leandro
- Nov 2 – Frick United Academy of Language Middle, Oakland
- Nov 4 – Arroyo Seco Elementary, Livermore
- Nov 5 – Walnut Grove Elementary, Pleasanton
- Nov 7 – Leo R. Croce Elementary, Livermore
- Nov 8 – Lincoln Elementary, Newark
- Nov 9 – Crocker Highlands, Oakland
- Nov 12 – KIPP King Collegiate High, San Lorenzo
- Nov 14 – John Muir Middle, San Leandro
- Nov 15 – James Dougherty Elementary, Dublin
- Nov 16 – James Monroe Elementary, San Leandro
- Nov 18 – Schafer Park Elementary, Hayward
- Nov 19 – Mission Valley Elementary, Fremont
- Nov 20 – Bay Farm, Alameda
- Nov 21 – Fred T. Korematsu Discovery Academy, Oakland
- Nov 22 – Willard Middle, Berkeley
- Dec 2 – Niles Elementary, Fremont
- Dec 4 – Longfellow Arts and Technology Middle, Berkeley
- Dec 5 – Fruitvale Elementary, Oakland
- Dec 6 – Castro Valley Elementary, Castro Valley
- Dec 9 – Oakland Charter High, Oakland
- Dec 10 – Treeview Elementary, Hayward
- Dec 11 – Frank Otis Elementary, Alameda
- Dec 12 – Foothill High, Pleasanton
- Dec 13 – Esperanza Elementary, Oakland
- Dec 16 – Brookvale Elementary, Fremont
- Dec 17 – Bella Vista Elementary, Oakland
- Dec 18 – Eldridge Elementary, Hayward
- Dec 19 – Southgate Elementary, Hayward
- Dec 20 – Castlemont High, Oakland

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Finance and administration staff developed additional reports that were presented to the FAC in November to the Commission in December including the Annual Local Business Contract Equity Program Utilization Report, the FY 2024-25 Professional Services Contracts Plan, and the FY 2024-25 First Quarter Financial Report.

Contracting Opportunities

Alameda CTC anticipates solicitations for the following professional services and construction contracts:

Professional Services

- Planning Services for the Central County Community Connections Plan
- Human Resources Consulting and Support
- Construction Management and Independent Cost Estimator Services for Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A

Professional Services and Construction

- Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) for Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A

Construction Services

- San Pablo Avenue Parallel Bike

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

Committee Activities

Advisory committee activity in November and December

In November and December, the following committees met:

- November 14 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) met to provide updates on the MTC Transit Oriented Communities and Funding Opportunity and the release of the New Alameda Contra Costa Travel Demand Model. A summary of applications received for the 2026 CIP Call for Projects was shared and a report was provided on the Annual Local Business Contract Equity Project Utilization for payments processed during the 2023-24 fiscal year.
- November 21 – The [Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#) received a presentation of the audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2024 by an independent auditor. Members also received updates on Measure B and Measure BB Capital Projects, the IWC Annual Report Outreach Summary and publication costs for their recent annual report, and an update on potential updates to the IWC bylaws. In addition to the Chair's report, members reported on IWC issues identification process and forms.

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

