



ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Delivering on Our Promises

With the passage of Measure BB in 2014, Alameda County residents entrusted this agency to responsibly manage their tax dollars to provide transportation projects and programs that expand access and improve mobility. Alameda CTC activities support local communities while advancing equity, safety, clean transportation and the economy. Through the agency motto of "Plan. Fund. Deliver.", our work is an important part of fostering an even more vibrant and livable Alameda County.

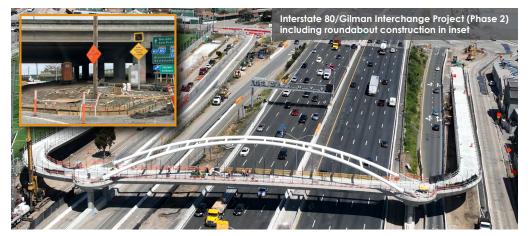
Sincerely, Carolyn

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Project Updates

Capital Projects update

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is leading the delivery of 26 projects across Alameda County, known as "the Capital Projects Program." Efforts are diverse and span highway operational improvements, multimodal streets with bicycle, pedestrian and/or transit improvements, and railroad safety crossing improvements—both atgrade and grade separated. The total value of the Capital Projects Program is estimated to be \$2.4 billion over the life cycle of projects, beginning with scoping and ending at project close-out.

The Program spans various phases of project development, with the largest component being four projects actively under construction:



- 1. <u>Interstate 80/Gilman Interchange</u>
 <u>Project</u> (Phase 2)
- 2. <u>State Route 84/Interstate 680</u> <u>Interchange Improvements</u>
- 3. Interstate 680 Express Lanes from SR-84
 to Alcosta Boulevard, known as the
 "Gap Closure Project"
- 4. 7th Street Grade Separation East

Plans to bring additional capital projects to construction are also established and include:

- <u>East Bay Greenway Multimodal</u> (<u>EBGWMM</u>) over the next two years:
 - North Segment (EBGWMM-NS), Oakland
 - North Segment (EBGWMM-NS), San Leandro

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- Rail Safety Enhancement Program Phase A
- <u>San Pablo Avenue (SPA)</u> Parallel Bike Improvements Project

In addition to construction led by Alameda CTC, Caltrans will be our delivery partner on a number of projects Alameda CTC was the lead in developing. Caltrans will be advertising, awarding and administering several upcoming construction projects on the state highway system, including the Oakland Alameda Access Project, the SPA Safety Enhancements project, and the EBGWMM-NS (San Leandro) construction package on E. 14th Street, also known as State Route 185. In total, these 11 projects represent over \$900 million of construction projects in Alameda County.

The remaining 13 projects are in the early phases of project development including scoping, preliminary engineering and environmental, and final design.

More information about this and other Alameda CTC projects can be found on the agency's <u>Projects webpage</u>.

Planning Updates

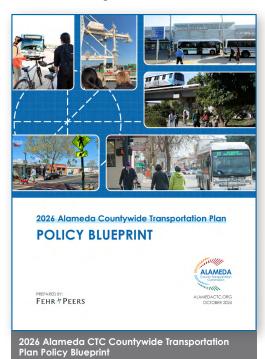
Countywide Transportation Plan update

The Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) creates a vision for the future of transportation in Alameda and establishes policy priorities that guide decision-making. Alameda CTC updates this transportation plan approximately every four years in response to changing conditions by evaluating new opportunities and the demands placed on the transportation system.

The CTP also articulates Alameda CTC needs within the region. It must reflect regional, state, and federal policies and planning assumptions, making this document important input to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)'s regular updates to Plan Bay Area, the region's long-range transportation and land use plan. Through this process, it also serves as an important pathway for many types of project funding opportunities.

In October 2024, the first phase of the CTP update was completed when the Commission adopted the Policy Blueprint

(Blueprint), which sets the plan's vision, goals, and policy objectives. The Blueprint will continue to inform all aspects of CTP development and is organized around four goals: safety, equity, climate, and economic vitality. The plan also includes policy objectives which articulate how to advance each goal.



Throughout the next year and a half, staff will continue to work with jurisdiction and agency partners, community-based organizations, committees, and the Commission to advance technical phases of the CTP. Those technical phases include a needs assessment, analysis of gaps and opportunities, development of strategies and near-term actions, performance evaluation, and recommendations of projects and programs.

To better understand local priorities and projects, Alameda CTC is meeting with local jurisdiction and agency staff in a series of one-on-one listening sessions this spring. Concurrently, staff will convene a CTP Working Group to strengthen relationships with and receive direct input from community-based organizations (CBOs). This group will include CBOs that represent historically marginalized communities throughout all four county planning areas–North, South, East, and Central.

The CTP workplan over the next 18 months includes:

- Spring 2025: Local priority meetings, CTP Working Group meetings
- Summer 2025: Initial Project and Program Assessments, Public Engagement and Survey
- Fall 2025: Project and Programs follow-up discussions, draft Gaps and Opportunities Assessment, and CTP Working Group meeting
- Winter 2025-26: Draft Strategies and Near-term Actions, and Plan Performance Evaluation
- Spring 2026: Draft CTP released, CTP Working Group meeting
- Summer 2026: CTP recommended for approval

This timeline aligns with MTC's next major update of Plan Bay Area and may change to meet emerging factors.

Oakland Alameda Access Project open houses announced

Alameda CTC will host four in-person open houses at the end of April and one virtual presentation in May to provide updates and pre-construction information on the Oakland Alameda Access Project. Preregistration for in person events is not necessary. Dates, times and locations include:

Open House #1

Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 5-6:30pm BLOC15 Event Venue 252 2nd St, Oakland, CA 94607

Open House #2

Thursday, April 24, 2025, 6-7:30pm Alameda Chamber of Commerce 2215-A S Shore Center, Alameda, CA 94501

Open House #3

Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 4:30-6:00pm Oakland Asian Cultural Center 388 9th St Ste 290, Oakland, CA 94607

Open House #4

Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 5-6:30pm College of Alameda (Student Lounge) 555 Ralph Appezzato Memorial Pkwy, Alameda, CA 94501

Virtual Presentation

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 5-6:30pm Preregistration is required: bit.ly/OAAPVirtualPresentation

Go to <u>oaklandalamedaaccessproject.com</u> for more information.

Programming News

FY 2023-24 Direct Local **Distribution Compliance Report**

Alameda CTC's Measure B and Measure BB Direct sales tax programs generate \$200 million annually for the Commission's Local Distribution (DLD) program, which city and other local qualifying organizations can use to support their community's transportation, bicycle/pedestrian, mass transit, and paratransit programs. Requirements and guidelines for DLD spending are outlined in the Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plans for Measure B (2000) and Measure BB (2014).

To ensure program compliance, DLD fund recipients are required to submit Audited Financial Statements and Compliance Reports to Alameda CTC that summarize the prior fiscal year's financial and project expenditure activity and fund balances. Recipients' Audited Financial Statements and Compliance Reports for the FY 2023-24 reporting period were due to Alameda CTC by the end of December 2024. Alameda CTC will work in conjunction with the Independent Watchdog Committee to review all submittals for adherence to the expenditure requirements mandated by the 2000 Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) and the 2014 TEP.

Eden I & R, Inc. - Mobility Management through 2-1-1 **Alameda County**



Alameda CTC is providing approximately \$950,000 over four years of Measure B paratransit grant funding to

nonprofit Eden I & R, Inc. to implement a mobility management service through 2-1-1 Alameda County. The program offers free local information and referral services regarding transportation services for older adults and individuals with disabilities. This program addresses identified transportation gaps for older adults and people with disabilities by linking individuals to transportation resources and informing them of available travel options.

Users can access transportation resources through a basic home or cell phone call without the need of a computer or smartphone by calling 2-1-1

or texting 898211 for transportation referral information.

Since FY 2024-25 program implementation, this program has provided mobility management support to over 14,000 Alameda County residents, and over 34,000 people accessed Eden I & R's transportation resource finder from July through December of 2024. Eden I & R continues to seek innovative ways to keep their inventory of Alameda County's paratransit resources up to date, conduct outreach and reach, and with Measure B funding from Alameda CTC, can provide enhanced services to Alameda County's older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Finance Updates

Mid-year budget update and financial report

During February, the finance team finalized development of the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Update. The update primarily includes changes to beginning fund balances for each fund to FY 2023-24 audited ending fund balances; the rollover of capital project funding authorized, but not utilized, during the prior fiscal year; and updates to project and program needs since adoption of the original budget in May 2024. The update has resulted in a budget with a beginning fund balance of \$1,054.5 million, revenues of \$623.6 million that include federal, state, regional, and local fund sources, and expenditures of \$738.7 million for a net decrease in a fund balance of \$115.2 million and an ending fund balance of \$939.3 million.

In addition, the finance team prepared the second quarter Consolidated Financial Report that reflects Alameda CTC in a strong financial position compared to the budget as of December 31, 2024. Both the financial report and the budget update are scheduled to go to the Commission for approval in March.

Contracting Opportunities

Alameda CTC anticipates upcoming solicitations for the following professional services:

- · Oversight Project Management and **Project Support**
- Project Controls Services

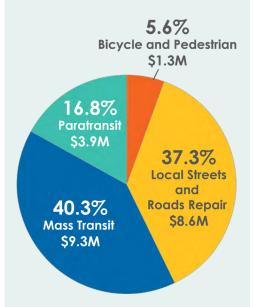
For more information, visit the Contracting Opportunities webpage.

Transportation Investments

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

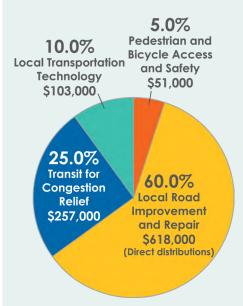
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total more than \$1.10 billion; over \$23.1 million was distributed in December 2024.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$98.6 million for local road improvement and repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in December 2024.



Agency Activities

During March 2025, Alameda CTC either hosted, sponsored or participated in the following events:

- March 3 Oakland Alameda Access Project Monthly Public Stakeholder Update, Virtual
- March 12 Oakland Alameda Adaption Committee Quarterly meeting, Virtual
- March 12 Commission's annual state legislative visit, Sacramento
- March 15-16 Outreach at Community St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Dublin
- March 28 Bay Area County Transportation Agencies Executive Roundtable

Bike Mobile Outreach Events:

- March 3 Hillview Crest Elementary, Hayward
- March 4 Valley View Elementary, Pleasanton
- March 5 Guy Emanuele, Jr. Elementary, Union City
- March 6 American High, Fremont
- March 8 Roosevelt Elementary, San Leandro
- March 10 Fairview Elementary, Hayward
- March 11 Altamont Creek Elementary, Livermore
- March 13 Vallejo Mill Elementary, Fremont
- March 15 South Berkeley Neighborhood Festival
- March 17 John F. Kennedy Elementary, Newark
- March 18 Newark Middle, Newark
- March 19 Searles Elementary, Union City
- March 20 Brenkwitz High, Hayward
- March 25 John F. Kennedy High, Fremont
- March 26 Franklin Elementary, Oakland
- March 28 J. M. Amador Elementary, Dublin

Committee Activities

Advisory committee highlights

Community advisory committee highlights for the month of March are as follows:

- March 6 The Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC) received an update on the Priority Conservation Area (PCA) amendment and nomination process. PCAs are designated geographic areas nominated by local jurisdictions to support regional conservation, resilience and sustainability goals. The obligation status of both the One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 and Cycle 3 funding were provided to committee members. Procedures and requirements for the agency's Local Business Contract Equity (LBCE) Program were shared to increase sponsor program compliance and augment the delivery of contracting opportunities. The committee also received an update on Alameda County Federal Inactive Projects.
- March 11 The <u>Paratransit Technical</u> <u>Advisory Committee (ParaTAC)</u> received updates regarding the Alameda County Mobility Needs

- Assessment for Older Adults and People with Disabilities report and agency equity initiatives. Information was shared with committee members regarding PAPCO and the Americans with Disabilities and Transit Advisory Committee.
- March 13 The Independent

 Watchdog Committee (IWC) were
 provided information on the annual
 orientation/workshop for Measure B
 and Measure BB FY 2023-24 Direct
 Local Distribution Audit and Program
 Compliance Reports. Members
 approved the IWC Annual Report
 Subcommittee that creates and
 finalizes the IWC Annual Report. And
 discussion was continued regarding
 Committee Bylaws and the Projects
 and Programs Watchlist.
- March 24 The Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO) members approved the 2025 Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program recommendations. Member reports included the latest information on Senate Bill 1376, agency equity initiatives and mobility management.

Visit <u>Alameda CTC's Meetings webpage</u> for details about these and other upcoming meetings.

Other News

Golden Sneaker Contest



The 2025 Golden Sneaker Contest kicked off on March 3 and ran through March 14, 2025. This treasured Alameda CTC-sponsored contest encourages students, parents, teachers, and participating school administrators to try active modes of transportation to get to school. During the two-week contest, participants can walk or roll to school or opt for carpooling or taking transit. They also try new approaches for

their commute, such as parking further from school to add walking to their trip. Teamwork and community building are fundamental to the contest. Classmates work together to track active and shared travel each day with their teachers or family members, giving classrooms and families a special time to share and celebrate together.

At the end of the competition, the classroom at each participating school with the highest percentage of students using active or shared modes will receive the coveted Golden Sneaker trophy made with donated Golden State Warrior shoes! Each student in the winning classroom will receive a pair of shiny golden shoelaces. The Ultimate prize—the Platinum Sneaker Award—will go to the school with the highest participation in all of Alameda County. This school will receive not only the award, but also special recognition for their teamwork at the April 2025 Commission meeting.

Over 100 schools throughout Alameda County registered for this year's contest.