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## Alameda CTC Announces Appointment of Tony Tavares as New Executive Director

*Currently serving as head of California's Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Tavares will assume the new position June 1, bringing over three decades of executive transportation leadership across the state advancing transportation safety, mobility and sustainability.*

**ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif.** – Chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) Supervisor David Haubert announced today that Tony Tavares, current Director of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), has been selected as the new Executive Director of Alameda CTC. The appointment follows an extensive national recruitment process to identify the next leader to guide Alameda County's vital transportation programs and investments.

Chair Haubert observed, "Tony is an exceptional leader with an unmatched depth of experience in delivering major transportation improvements while advancing safety, mobility, and modernization efforts across the state. Alameda County will benefit immensely from his strategic insight, experience, and dedication to improving mobility for everyone as we move into the second decade of delivering on the promises we made to voters when they approved transportation sales tax Measure BB in 2014."

Tavares currently leads Caltrans as its 34th Director, managing a \$20 billion annual budget and overseeing more than 22,000 employees across the state. Caltrans is responsible for maintaining 50,000 lane miles of highway, approximately 20,000 bridges, and supporting transit services to over 200 local and regional agencies. "It is an honor to be chosen as Alameda CTC's next Executive Director," said Mr. Tavares. "I look forward to building on the agency's legacy of delivering transformative transportation solutions that improve mobility, support economic prosperity, and promote sustainability and access for all communities in Alameda County."

Tavares brings over three decades of executive leadership experience at Caltrans and a vision for transportation that addresses critical climate issues and advances a safe, equitable, accessible, sustainable,



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and multimodal transportation system. He previously served as District Director in Caltrans in the Bay Area and Los Angeles/Ventura regions, where he managed multibillion-dollar transportation programs and advanced regional implementation of Senate Bill 1, California's landmark Road Repair and Accountability Act. He also held key leadership roles for transportation project delivery across Northern and Central California and will continue to build on a techrecord of strong partnerships and robust stakeholder engagement in his new position.

As Executive Director, Tavares will manage an agency with a current annual budget of almost \$740 million and lead Alameda CTC's efforts to:

- Deliver major transportation projects for roadways, transit and bike and pedestrian facilities;
- Advance countywide planning for immediate and long-range transportation investments;
- Ensure mobility for the tens of thousands of Alameda County residents who depend on Alameda CTC programs for paratransit services, education programs on bicycle and pedestrian safety and supporting transportation mode shift, and free student transit passes;
- Continue to modernize express lane operations and electronic tolling systems;
- Engage community stakeholders from Alameda County's diverse communities in decision-making and planning; and
- Oversee agency administration, finance, and public affairs including Implementation of Alameda CTC's Comprehensive Investment Plan which guides Measure BB investments.

A civil engineering graduate from the University of California, Davis, Tavares is a licensed Professional Engineer and Project Management Professional. He has been nationally recognized, including for his work in infrastructure delivery. He will officially begin serving as Executive Director on June 1.

### **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. In the most recent fiscal year, the agency carried out \$405 million 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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