

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**

Project Updates

The Interstate 80 Gilman Interchange Phase 2 Project is nearing completion. The project is being constructed by Caltrans, with oversight from the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) in partnership with the City of Berkeley.

This project aims to improve traffic operations at the interchange and along Gilman Street by transforming the I-80 ramp intersections from stop-controlled to roundabouts. Improvements are also being made to the frontage road connections by realigning previously separate intersections at Gilman Street. These upgrades will directly connect the frontage roads with the roundabouts, resulting in a more seamless experience for travelers.

Additional improvements include wider sidewalks through the interchange, a new separated bicycle cycle track between the interchange and 4th Street along Gilman Street, and upgrades to the Union Pacific at-grade rail crossing that meet the latest safety standards.

The project is 91% complete and nearing conclusion. In December 2024, contractor OC Jones completed the final pavement layer at the roundabouts, marking the conclusion of major construction efforts. Traffic flow along Gilman Street has already improved noticeably as the public adapts to these changes. The remaining aesthetic features, including decorative hardscaping, irrigation, and landscaping, are scheduled for installation in early 2025.

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The Gilman Phase 1 project, which included the construction of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing, recently received recognition from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – Bay Bridge Chapter with an Engineering Excellence Award and from ACEC – California with an Honor Award. More information about this and other Alameda CTC projects can be found on the agency's [Projects webpage](#).

Planning Updates

Safe Routes to Schools Prepares for 'Reboot Your Commute' 2025

High School students across Alameda County are preparing for Reboot Your Commute, which is an annual county-wide encouragement event designed by and for youth to increase active and shared travel mode use. Led by the [Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools \(SR2S\) Program](#), this event will take place from February 3 to March 28, 2025 on dates selected by each participating school.

By empowering [SR2S Youth Task Force](#) student members to craft the initiative, Alameda County SR2S is tapping into the interests and leadership potential of high school students. With support from SR2S staff, these peer led [Reboot Your Commute events](#) inspire high schoolers to engage in school community dialogue and creative expression regarding shared and active travel choices and sustainable transportation solutions.

School community members and high school students are highly encouraged to participate. For more details or to get involved, visit the [Reboot Your Commute webpage](#) and submit a [registration form](#).

To stay up to date on event details and stories, follow SR2S on [Facebook](#) and [X, formerly known as Twitter](#), and use the hashtag #saferoutestoschools on social media platforms.

Policy News

Commission Approves 2025 Legislative Program

At the December 2024 Commission

meeting, the Commission approved Alameda CTC's 2025 Legislative Program, which provides a guiding framework for the agency's legislative funding, regulatory and administrative advocacy.

Like past years, the 2025 legislative program focuses on priorities that advance the vision and goals recently adopted in Alameda CTC's Policy Blueprint for the 2026 Countywide Transportation Plan.

The Commission's core legislative priorities for 2025 include:

- Transportation Funding
- Equity
- Safety
- Sustainability
- Effective Project Delivery
- Operations

To learn more, please visit Alameda CTC's [Legislative Program webpage](#), where the [complete 2025 Legislative Program](#) is posted.

Berkeley High students at their 2024 Reboot Your Commute Event.



Programming Updates

Several One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 recipients near project completion

In 2017, the Commission nominated 21 projects to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for over \$58 million in federal funds. In 2021, eight additional projects were nominated for over \$11.4 million in supplemental One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 (OBAG Cycle 2) funds.

Three of the capital projects are now making significant strides toward completion:

- **AC Transit's Quick Build Transit Lanes** project made significant progress in Berkeley and Oakland. AC Transit completed bus bulbs and transit shelters along Durant Avenue in Berkeley in early December 2024. Transit lane installation will finish in early 2025. At the MacArthur/Alma intersection in Oakland, the westbound bus stop improvements were completed including a new pedestrian island; the eastbound bus stop will be completed early 2025.
- **AC Transit's Tempo Quick Build Transit Lane Delineation** added tactile warning features to a bus lane on International Boulevard between 14th Avenue in Oakland and Durant Avenue in San Leandro. This improvement provides a physical

warning to pedestrians, cyclists, and visually impaired individuals and is designed to increase safety on one of the most dangerous roadways in Alameda County.

- **The City of Alameda's Clement Avenue Safety Improvements effort** added several safety and connectivity improvements on Clement Avenue from Broadway to Grand Street. Upgrades include a two-way separated bikeway, curb extensions, traffic signal modifications, sidewalk and curb ramp improvements, railroad track removal, street resurfacing, and stormwater enhancements. In October 2024, substantial completion of the project was celebrated with a ribbon cutting. This project marks an important extension of the Cross Alameda Trail, reimagining Clement Avenue as a gateway to the waterfront.

New enhancements on Clement Avenue in the City of Alameda mean improved safety and connectivity for active transportation users.



AC Transit's Quick Build Transit Lanes project will improve rider experience.

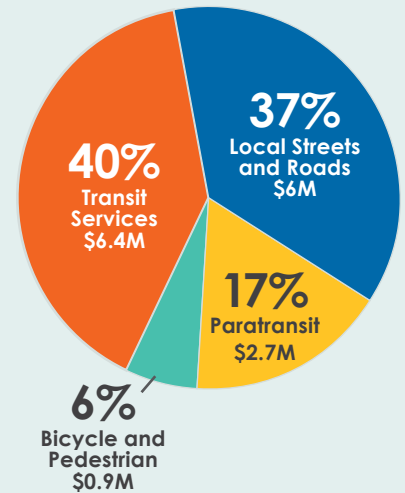


Transportation Investments

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

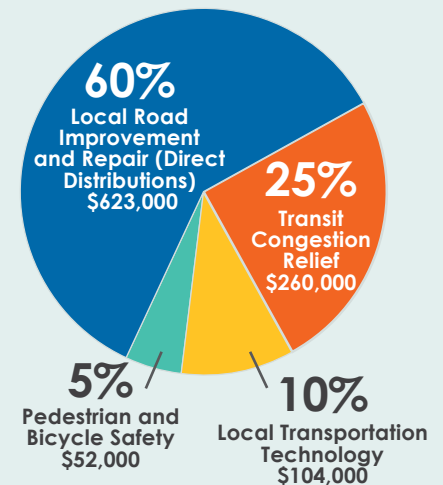
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total almost \$1.05 billion; over \$15.9 million was distributed in October 2024.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$95.9 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in October 2024.



Agency Activities

In January, the following events were either hosted, sponsored or participated in by Alameda CTC:

- Jan 6 – Oakland Alameda Access Project Monthly Public Stakeholders Meeting

Bike Mobile Outreach Events:

- Jan 7 – BikeMobile, Vannoy Elementary, Castro Valley
- Jan 8 – BikeMobile, Granada High, Livermore
- Jan 9 – BikeMobile, Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle, Union City
- Jan 10 – BikeMobile, Hillcrest Elementary, Oakland
- Jan 14 – BikeMobile, Albany High, Albany
- Jan 15 – BikeMobile, Manzanita SEED Elementary, Oakland
- Jan 16 – BikeMobile, Think College Now Elementary, Oakland
- Jan 17 – BikeMobile, John Green Elementary, Dublin
- Jan 21 – BikeMobile, Emery Secondary/Middle, Emeryville
- Jan 22 – BikeMobile, Alameda Community Learning Center Middle/High, Alameda
- Jan 23 – BikeMobile, East Avenue Middle, Livermore
- Jan 24 – BikeMobile, Community School for Creative Education Middle, Oakland
- Jan 27 – BikeMobile, United for Success Academy Middle, Oakland
- Jan 28 – BikeMobile, Lazear Charter Academy Elementary/Middle, Oakland
- Jan 29 – BikeMobile, Mission San Jose High, Fremont
- Jan 30 – BikeMobile, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle, Hayward

Finance Updates

In December, the Commission approved Alameda CTC's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended June 30, 2024. The agency's independent auditors, Maze & Associates, provided clean audit opinions for both Alameda CTC's financial statements and required supporting schedules and the Single Audit report included in the ACFR.

Finance staff have also begun budget related activities for Alameda CTC's FY2024-25 mid-year budget update and to develop the FY2025-26 budget. Work includes the critical step of collecting data to determine budget needs for Alameda's CTC programs and projects.

Contracting Opportunities

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

- Construction Management and Independent Cost Estimator Services for Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A (Professional Services)
- Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) for Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A (Professional Services and Construction)

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

Committee Activities

The following advisory committees met during January. Highlights include:

- January 14 – The Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee (ParaTAC) received information on Paratransit Direct Local Distribution (DLD) projections and updates on a review of the Program Plan, the 2024 Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program, and Commission equity initiatives.
- January 16 – The Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) received an update on the Commission's Measure B and Measure BB Programs and discussed the next steps for the Committee's Bylaws review.

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



Living Dr. King's Values

This month's federal holiday recognizing the legacy of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is an important opportunity to provide an update on Alameda CTC's work to further equity within agency activities.

Since 2022, the agency has advanced several efforts to ensure everyone in Alameda County enjoys the same access to mobility and participation in planning for the future

of transportation. Milestone activities included adopting an agency statement on equity and issuing the Commission's first [Race and Equity Action Plan \(REAP\)](#) and [Inclusive Engagement Report](#).

Advancing equity is also one of the cornerstone values the Commission recently adopted in the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) Blueprint. The CTP has long been used to establish a vision for the future of transportation

in Alameda County and is updated approximately every four years. The Policy Blueprint describes policy priorities for the CTP process. Along with goals for safety, climate, and economic vitality, equity was identified as a critical policy goal and objective to inform the CTP.

To learn more about Alameda CTC's work to advance equity, please visit [Alameda CTC's equity initiative page](#).