

ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Delivering on Our Promises

Alameda CTC has long been dedicated to improving transportation throughout Alameda County—planning, funding, and delivering projects that enhance mobility, safety, and access. The passage of Measure BB in 2014, the third voter-approved transportation sales tax measure, reaffirmed the public's strong and lasting commitment to investing in a better transportation future.

Alameda CTC's work is rooted in longterm planning, strategic investment, and on-the-ground delivery. With a strong focus on transparency, partnership, and public service, the agency continues to improve mobility, enhance safety, and support communities throughout the county.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we build a more connected, safe, and accessible Alameda County.

Sincerely,

Tony Tavares

Executive Director

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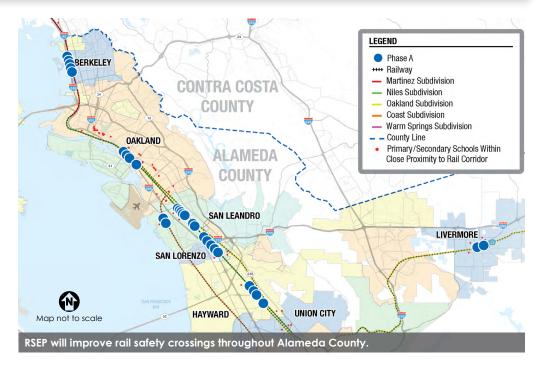
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Project Updates

Progress Towards Delivering the Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) has made significant progress on the Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A Project (RSEP Phase A). The Project will implement pedestrian and roadway safety treatments at 28 grade crossing and trespass locations spanning six jurisdictions on Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) corridors including unincorporated Alameda County and the cities of Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro, Hayward, and Livermore. Improvements include new automatic pedestrian and upgraded vehicle gate devices, sidewalks, channelized railings to guide travelers across tracks on safe routes, median islands, bulb-outs which extend sidewalk curbs out into the street to shorten crossing distances and make pedestrians easier to see, lighting, upgraded signage, striping, and traffic signal preemption which will allow trains to change nearby traffic lights so vehicles can safely clear tracks before a train's arrival.

Measure BB investments during the early phases of the project have helped Alameda CTC successfully leverage \$80 million of external funding. Alameda CTC was awarded \$25 million in federal Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program funds from the Federal Railroad Administration and \$25 million in Metropolitan Transportation Commission Regional Measure 3 funds for construction. Most recently in June 2025, the California Transportation Commission awarded \$30 million in competitive Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program state funds for construction.

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To begin construction as early as possible, Alameda CTC is using the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) delivery method for Phase A of the Rail Safety Enhancement Program. This approach brings the contractor onto the project early in the design phase to provide input and help streamline construction planning. Delivering the project in multiple phased construction packages also expedites the project's construction start.

RSEP Phase A will be constructed in phased orders of work performed by utility owners, UPRR and Alameda CTC's CM/GC. Phases include clearing all utility conflicts, replacement of UPRR's track panels and construction of the Project's improvements, including the signal work. UPRR has approved 100% of the design plans for the Livermore and Hayward crossings, and design is advancing toward final approval for the remaining locations. Construction of the first package is anticipated to begin in 2026.

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

Planning Updates

Paratransit Needs Assessment Study Launched to Inform Future Planning

As part of Alameda CTC's strong commitment to transportation for older adults and people with disabilities, the Commission is conducting a Paratransit Needs Assessment to understand needs and challenges for today and the future. This year-long effort will update the 2017 Paratransit Needs Assessment using input from the community engagement process to improve Alameda County's paratransit services.

The timing of this assessment also corresponds with the development of the Commission's 2026 Countywide

Transportation Plan (CTP) update. By coordinating with the CTP efforts, the paratransit assessment can inform CTP recommendations, ensuring the needs of older adults and people with disabilities are highlighted and fit within broader, countywide planning efforts. The Paratransit Needs Assessment is expected to wrap up in early 2026.

Community members are invited to learn more about the assessment and engagement opportunities, take the <u>survey</u>, and stay up to date by visiting <u>www.AccessAlameda.org/</u>
<u>NeedsAssessment</u>.

Alameda CTC is also hosting an open house featuring the Paratransit Needs Assessment at the Joint Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO) and Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee (ParaTAC) meeting, 1:30 PM PT on July 28, 2025. The event will occur at the Mary V. King Conference Room at Alameda CTC's offices at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94607.

For more information about the Open House or to general assistance with the survey including materials in other languages or formats, please email paratransit@alamedactc.org.



Policy News

State Update

Governor Newsom signed California's \$321 billion budget into law at the end of June. The budget restores \$1.1 billion for transit and includes up to \$750 million in loans for Bay Area operators such as BART and AC Transit.

The Legislature's policy committees wrapped up their work by July 18, and lawmakers are now in recess until early August. When they return, they'll have until mid-September to pass remaining bills. Details on the Cap-and-Invest Program are expected to be determined at that time. Alameda CTC staff continue

to monitor state legislation closely and will provide updates as it progresses.

Staff are recommending a "Support in Concept" position for Senate Bill 63, which would authorize a regional transit sales tax measure on the November 2026 ballot. The recommendation includes advocating for key principles including local return of funds, fare programs that benefit riders, and efficient administration.

Federal Update

The President signed the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" into law in early July. This major budget reconciliation package is expected to have significant implications for states. Reductions in federal spending are anticipated, which could reduce funding for programs such as California's Medi-Cal and further impact state and local budgets including for future transportation funding needs and opportunities. Staff will continue to monitor developments.

Programming News

2026 STIP Process Kicks Off, Planning for \$14 Million in New Funding

As Alameda County's designated Congestion Management Agency, Alameda CTC is expected to receive about \$14 million in new funding through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Managed by the California Transportation Commission (CTC), STIP is a multi-year capital improvement program that funds transportation projects on and off the state highway system using revenues from other state and federal funding sources. In June, the CTC released its draft 2026 STIP Fund Estimate which covers Fiscal Years (FYs) 2026-27 through 2030-31, with new funding available in the final two years.

To prepare for the development of Alameda County's 2026 STIP project list, staff is recommending Commission approval this month of the proposed 2026 STIP programming principles and schedule. Based on the Commission-adopted 2026 STIP Principles, Alameda CTC staff will request nominations for eligible projects in

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August; assess eligibility and readiness of nominations in September; and present a draft project list to the Commission for consideration in October 2025.

Applications for selected projects must be submitted due to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) by November 1st. Supporting documentation required by MTC is expected to include: MTC Complete Streets Checklist, STIP Electronic Project Programming Request form, project performance measures analysis, Final Project Study Report (PSR) or PSR Equivalent, governing-body approved Resolution of Local Support, and STIP Certification of Assurances. MTC is scheduled to adopt its 2026 Regional STIP project list in December 2025 and the final 2026 STIP will be adopted by the CTC in March 2026.

Alameda CTC Invests \$8.4 Million to Advance Long-Envisioned **Clement Avenue and Tilden** Way Improvements

Alameda CTC has allocated \$8.4 million of Measure BB funds to the Clement Avenue East Extension and Tilden Way Project in the City of Alameda. The project will develop a complete street by improving walking, bicycling, transit and truck access between the Northern Waterfront Priority Development Area in Alameda, Oakland and Fruitvale BART. The effort aims to transform the project area to a best-practice gateway for all types of travel.

The Clement Avenue East Extension and Tilden Way Project has been envisioned since at least 2005 and includes key elements such as building a 1,000-foot multi-modal walking/biking facility, improving bus transit, creating a direct truck route, and remediating the soil in the former railroad right-ofway. In April 2025, the Final Design package was completed with the City of Alameda advertising for construction in May. The construction contract is expected to be awarded this month with construction expected to start this Fall.

Finance Updates

In June, Whitney Crockett, the audit partner from Maze and Associates assigned to Alameda CTC's audit, met with the Commission's Audit Committee to discuss the audit workplan, management's responsibilities, and required communications related to fraud for the FY2024-25 audit engagement. Maze and Associates also concluded the interim phase of the financial audit in June during which they reviewed policies, procedures, and internal controls and began various testing activities. They are scheduled to return in mid-August to complete the Single Audit and final phase of the FY2024-25 financial audit.

In addition to the audit, the Finance team began the fiscal year end closing process for FY2024-25. Work includes coordinating with all agency departments to ensure all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures related to FY2024-25 are captured in the final trail balance as of June 30, 2025. This information which will be used to draft the FY2024-25 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Alameda CTC.

Contracting Opportunities

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

Professional Services

- I-680 Express Lane/High Occupancy Vehicle Lane Environmental and Design Services
- Express Lanes Maintenance Services
- Oversight Project Management and Project Support Services
- **Project Controls Services**
- Contract Compliance and Equity Support Services
- Paratransit Coordination Services
- Express Lane System Manager and **Program Support Services**

Construction

San Pablo Avenue Parallel Bike Improvements

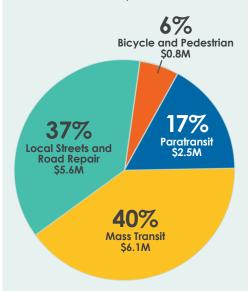
For more information, visit the Contracting Opportunities webpage.

Transportation Investments

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

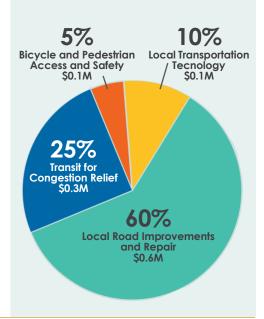
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total more than \$1.10 billion; over \$15.1 million was distributed in April 2025.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Fee Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$99.7 million for local road improvement and repair. \$1.1 million was collected in April 2025.



Agency Activities

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

- June 15 Access and Function Needs Paratransit Needs Assessment Outreach
- June 17 Fremont Summer Concerts in the Park Countywide Transportation Plan Outreach
- June 18 Age Friendly Council Paratransit Needs Assessment Outreach
- June 25 Center for Independent Living (CIL) 35th ADA Anniversary Resource Fair Paratransit Needs Assessment Outreach
- June 25 Bay Area County Transportation Agencies **Executive Roundtable**
- June 26 and 27 City of Alameda Downtown Art and Wine Faire

Bike Mobile Outreach Events:

- July 14 Reilly Station Apartments, Fremont
- July 14 Faith Tennyson Apartments, Hayward
- July 14 Estrella Vista Apartments, Emeryville
- July 14 Reilly Station Apartments, Fremont
- July 15 Faith Tennyson Apartments, Hayward
- July 16 Estrella Vista Apartments, Emeryville
- July 17 Union City Library, **Union City**
- July 18 Golden Gate Rec Center, Oakland
- July 21 Siena Pointe Apartments, Hayward
- July 22 Boys and Girls Club, Oakland
- July 23 San Lorenzo Library, San Lorenzo
- July 24 Station Center Apartments, **Union City**
- July 25 36th Ave. Apartments, Oakland
- July 26 Centerville Library, Fremont
- July 27 Dublin Library, Dublin
- July 31 Casa Arabella Apartments, Oakland



Committee Activities

July 28 – Joint Paratransit Committees to Review Mobility **Needs Assessment**

On July 28, a joint meeting of the Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO) and the Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee (ParaTAC) will be held. More details are included in the article about the Paratransit Needs Assessment Survey on page 2.

July 31 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to Review Safe Routes to Schools and Paratransit Needs

At its July 31 meeting, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) will receive informational updates on two key programs: Alameda CTC's Safe Routes to Schools Program and the Paratransit Needs Assessment survey. The meeting will also include a review of the updated BPAC member roster and the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 meeting calendar.

Visit Alameda CTC's Meetings webpage for details on upcoming meetings.

Other News

Independent Watchdog Committee meets to finalize annual report at July hearing

Alameda CTC's Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) is tasked to review Measures B expenditures and Measure BB expenditures and performance measures. The IWC will release its 23rd consecutive Annual Report to the Public in August 2025 to confirm that Measure B and Measure BB transportation sales tax dollars were spent in accordance with the intent of each measure. The IWC invited the public to comment on its draft 23rd Annual Report to the Public at a public hearing on Thursday, July 17, 2025. The draft report is available on Alameda CTC's Latest News webpage here.

