

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 long-term 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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Project Updates

Oakland Alameda Access Project advances to construction phase

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) has advanced the Oakland Alameda Access Project (OAAP) to the construction phase. The project is designed to enhance safety, reduce congestion, and improve bike and pedestrian connectivity in downtown Oakland, Chinatown, and the City of Alameda.

Currently, drivers navigating between I-880, I-980, and the Webster and Posey Tubes must contend with congested city streets, which leads to bottlenecks, delays, and vehicle-pedestrian conflicts. OAAP will address these issues through improved roadway design, safer intersections, reduced emissions, and better access for all modes of transportation.

Last year, the project reached major milestones, including completion of the Final Plans, Specifications & Estimate, which is the full design and cost package required before construction, and the right-of-way certification, which confirms that all necessary property and access rights are secured. This past spring, Alameda CTC hosted a series of in-person and virtual Open Houses in partnership with the cities of Oakland and Alameda to share details about the project's improvements and information about upcoming construction activities.

Caltrans advertised the project in this past April and opened bids in June. Following a thorough review of bid items and debriefings with the two applicants, the agency awarded the contract to Bay Cities Paving & Grading, a local firm that has an office in Alameda County. Caltrans approved the contract in August and the detailed construction schedule is under development. As the project moves into construction, Caltrans will lead communications, including regular updates throughout the project with weekly emails, media partnerships, and in-person outreach.

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



New ramps improve weaving and merging at the SR-84/I-680 interchange. Photo provided by Chris Cole / Cole Management

Two I-680 projects in Tri-Valley near completion

Alameda CTC is leading two major projects in the Tri-Valley along Interstate 680 (I-680) and State Route 84 (SR-84) in partnership with Caltrans. The first project is the SR-84 Widening and SR-84/I-680 Interchange Improvements, which upgrades State Route 84 to expressway standards and improves merging and weaving at the I-680 Interchange. The second project is the I-680 Southbound Express Lane Project, which adds a new Express Lane along Southbound I-680 from the county line at Alcosta Boulevard to the SR-84/I-680 Interchange.

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State Route 84/I-680 Interchange Improvements

Over the summer, Caltrans and its contractor completed substantial work, including:

- Pavement and striping on SR-84;
- Completion of the new eastbound SR-84 off-ramp and flyover connection to northbound I-680, which means drivers no longer weave between lanes in the area to merge; and
- Final lift, which includes completing the last layer of pavement and striping of southbound I-680 through the interchange, as well as the on ramps from westbound 84 and Paloma Way, which will improve merging.

Work on northbound I-680 to eastbound SR-84 will be completed in September, including placing safety features, final pavement, and striping and opening the exit to two lanes.

I-680 Express Lanes Project

For the I-680 Southbound Express Lanes, crews began work on the southern end of the project and are conducting advanced utility work for toll system infrastructure. Drivers will see plastic barrels along the completed southbound I-680 as installation of the toll system infrastructure continues.

Caltrans and its contractor have completed pavement smoothness operations over the newly poured concrete lanes. When crews pour concrete lanes, small bumps and dips can naturally form as pavement hardens and sets. To correct this, Caltrans' contractor measured pavement smoothness and used a diamond grinding machine that shaves off thin layers to even out the surface. Because the machine only moves in one direction, crews complete several rounds of measuring and grinding, most often at night to minimize traffic impacts. The contractor began this work over the summer and will continue until the pavement meets contract standards, with completion expected this fall.

Planning Updates

Festivities planned for International Walk and Roll to School Day 2025

The Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Program will celebrate the annual International Walk and Roll to School Day on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. On this day, students across the county will join others from around the world in promoting active travel to and from school. The celebration will begin when students arrive at school, where they will participate in hands-on learning to highlight walking, rolling, biking, or taking transit to get



Commissioner Taplin welcomes 2024 International Walk and Roll to School Day participants at Rosa Parks Elementary in Berkeley. Photo provided by Alameda CTC

to school. Through events, technical support, and educational materials, the SR2S program encourages behavior change and inspires students to choose active transportation.

To learn more about International Walk and Roll to School Day, please visit <https://alamedacountystr2s.org/our-services/plan-an-event/iwr2sd/>. Schools can register to participate and receive free event materials, including posters, stickers, and planning guides at <https://airtable.com/appdOqa6iLGuKIL2Q/shrxyTAGrVAmf5Vfy>.

More information about Alameda County's Safe Routes to Schools program is available at <https://alamedacountystr2s.org/>.

Student Transit Pass Program Begins 10th Year

Alameda CTC is excited to kick off the 10th year of the Student Transit Pass (STP) Program, which provides eligible 6th–12th grade students with free unlimited bus rides on AC Transit, Union City Transit, and Wheels, along with 50 percent fare discounts on BART and other transit systems. During the 2023-2024 school year, over 30,000 students took nearly 1.8 million rides through the program. For 2025-26, more than 63,000 students at 165 schools across Alameda County are eligible to participate.

To support the start of the school year and reach more students who may not have engaged with the program in the past, the STP team expanded efforts at back-to-school events and community gatherings in August and September. Staff and partners connected directly with students and families at events such as the East Oakland Collective's Back to School Giveaway, HUSD's Annual Backpack

Giveaway, and BART's Let's Glow Anime Festival, among others. These events provide opportunities to reach new students, raise awareness about the program, and help families access transit benefits.

Programming News

Alameda CTC Hosts DLD Compliance Workshop September 18 as Program Funding Tops \$2.2 B

Alameda CTC administers Measure B, Measure BB, and the Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Programs, distributing over half of the annual revenues as Direct Local Distributions (DLD) for local transportation improvements to 20 eligible recipients including the cities of Alameda County and other eligible local government and nonprofit agencies.

Each year, DLD recipients must submit audited financial statements and compliance reports to confirm annual receipts, expenditures, and fulfillment of reporting obligations. Compliance reporting for Fiscal Year 2024-25 activities began this Fall with a DLD Program Compliance Workshop on September 18th to provide guidance on the program compliance process and requirements. All compliance reports are by the end of December.

Since the inception of each program to the end of Fiscal Year 2024-25, Alameda CTC has distributed over \$2.2 billion in combined DLD funds to eligible recipients to support local streets and roads, bicycle and pedestrian projects, transit programs, and paratransit services.

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\$1.18 M Alameda CTC investment makes group transportation more accessible for all ages and abilities

Recently, Alameda CTC awarded \$1.18 million in Measure B funds to the Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP) to support accessible group transportation for children, youth, and adults with disabilities participating in sports, recreation, and other community events. Funding will support program operations from FY 2024/25 through FY 2028/29. BORP fills a critical gap for people with disabilities in Alameda County as other group trip options are typically limited to older adults. From January through June 2025, BORP supported 1,017 individual one-way and 16 group trips. In October, BORP plans to host and provide transportation for the Adaptive Sports Expo in Berkeley and provide 10 group trips for other community agencies.



BORP supports transportation for children, youth, and adults participating in sports, recreation, and other community events. Photo provided by Alameda CTC

Finance Updates

Over the past several months, Alameda CTC's Finance Team finalized and closed the agency's financial records for FY 2024–25 and delivered the final trial balance to independent auditors Maze and Associates by the established deadline. Submission of the trial balance allowed the final phase of the annual audit to begin, which took place over two weeks from late August through early September. During this process, the Finance Team prepared extensive financial documentation to support the trial balance and worked closely with auditors as they completed the federal compliance audit for the fiscal year.

The team is now focused on developing Alameda CTC's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ending June 30, 2025. The final draft ACFR is scheduled for review by the Audit Committee in October, the Finance and Administration Committee in November, and the full Commission in December.

Contracting Opportunities

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

Professional Services

- Contract Compliance and Equity Support Services
- Alameda County Freeway Ramp Safety Plan (FRSP) Services
- Paratransit Coordination Services
- Express Lane System Manager and Program Support Services

Construction

- San Pablo Avenue Parallel Bike Improvements Project

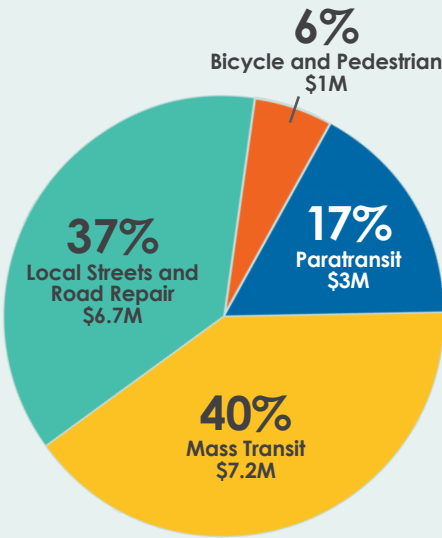
For more information, visit the [Contracting Opportunities webpage](#).

Transportation Investments

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

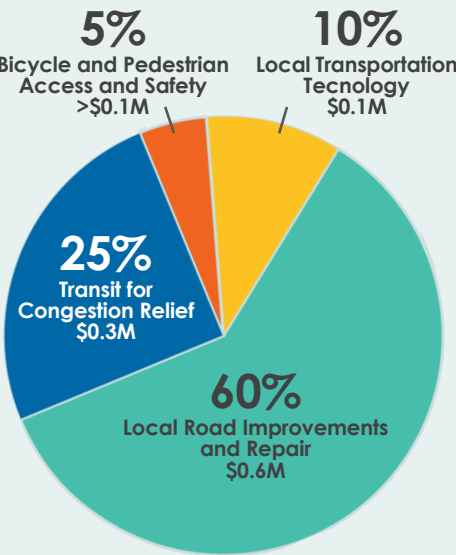
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total more than \$1.10 billion; over \$17.8 million was distributed in June 2025.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$98.6 million for local road improvement and repair; \$1.1 million was collected in June 2025.



Committee Activities

September 4 – Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee Reviews Federal and State Program Updates

On September 4, the Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC) met to review several transportation funding and program updates. Items included information on Alameda County's Federal Inactive Projects update, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's FY 2025-26 Annual Obligation Plan, and the California Transportation Commission's Allocation Plan. The committee also received an update on the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Agency Activities

With strong pushes to collect feedback for the Countywide Transportation Plan and Paratransit Needs Assessment efforts--and engaging families for the Student Transit Pass annual school year launch--Alameda CTC was busy in August and September hosting, sponsoring or participating in the following events:

August:

- Aug 2 – East Oakland Collective's Back to School Event & Backpack Giveaway Student Transit Pass Program (STPP) Outreach
- Aug 2 – Our Youth Matter's Back 2 School Bash STPP Outreach
- Aug 2 – Fremont Festival of the Arts Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) Outreach
- Aug 2 – Partnership with Roots Community Health Community Backpack Distribution Resource Fair CTP Outreach
- Aug 3 – Fremont Festival of the Arts CTP Outreach
- Aug 5 – Union City National Night Out CTP Outreach
- Aug 5 – Newark National Night Out CTP Outreach
- Aug 7 – Albany Community Resources Expo PNA Outreach
- Aug 9 – HUSD's Annual Backpack Giveaway STPP Outreach
- Aug 9 – Alameda County Probation Department & Center of Reentry Excellence's Backpack Giveaway STPP Outreach
- Aug 9 – Laurel Street Fair World Music Festival CTP Outreach
- Aug 9 – Allen Temple Arms Baptist Annual Holistic Health Fair PNA Outreach
- Aug 14 – CTP Press Release CTP Outreach
- Aug 15 – Pleasanton Concerts in the Park CTP Outreach
- Aug 19 – Stakeholder Interviews PNA Outreach
- Aug 21 – Stakeholder Interviews PNA Outreach
- Aug 23 – AEG Oakland Community Foundation's Back to School Shoe Giveaway & Health Fair STPP Outreach
- Aug 24 – Chinatown 36th Streetfest CTP Outreach
- Aug 30 – Oakland Roots' Back to School Night Game STPP Outreach
- Sep 11 – Pleasanton Senior Center Pop-up PNA Presentation
- Sep 13 – Splatter Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) Outreach, Dublin
- Sep 13 – Bayview Chapter Council for the Blind In-Person PNA Outreach
- Sep 14 – Solano Stroll
- Sep 17 – CityServe Health and Wellness Expo CTP Outreach
- Sep 18 – Unincorporated County Senior Center Pop-up PNA Outreach
- Sep 20–21 – Newark Days
- Sep 21 – Piedmont Fall Fest CTP Outreach
- Sep 21 – Livermore Farmer's Market CTP Outreach
- Sep 25 – USOAC Healthy Living Festival PNA Outreach
- Sep 25 – CTPWG Partnership: San Leandro Food Pantry Pop-in CTP Outreach
- Sep 26 – Alameda County AAA Senior Information and Assistance Roundtable PNA Outreach
- Sep 27 – Hayward Mariachi Festival CTP Outreach
- Sep 27 – Telegraph for People's Transit Month Rally STPP Outreach
- Sep 30 – CTPWG Partnership: CityServe of the Tri-Valley Survey Work Session CTP Outreach

Bike Mobile Outreach Events:

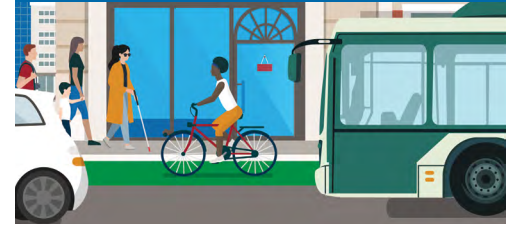
- Sep 2 – Leo R. Croce Elementary, Livermore
- Sep 3 – Oliveira Elementary, Fremont
- Sep 5 – Henry P. Mohr Elementary, Pleasanton
- Sep 9 – Schafer Park Elementary, Hayward
- Sep 10 – Southgate Elementary, Hayward
- Sep 11 – Steven Millard Elementary, Fremont
- Sep 12 – William Hopkins Middle, Fremont
- Sep 15 – Frank Otis Elementary, Alameda
- Sep 16 – Wells Middle, Dublin
- Sep 17 – Phoebe Apperson Hearst Elementary, Pleasanton
- Sep 18 – Eldridge Elementary, Hayward
- Sep 20 – James Monroe Elementary, San Leandro
- Sep 21 – 5th Annual Celebrando Comunidad en la Placita at Civic Center Park, Berkeley
- Sep 23 – Burckhalter Elementary, Oakland
- Sep 24 – Brier Elementary, Fremont
- Sep 25 – Laurel Elementary, Oakland
- Sep 26 – Thornton Middle, Fremont
- Sep 29 – Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle, Union City
- Sep 30 – Donlon Elementary, Pleasanton
- Elementary, Pleasanton

September:

- Sep 6–7 – Castro Valley Fall Festival
- Sep 6 – BART's Let's Glow Anime Festival STPP Outreach
- Sep 9 – AC Transit General Manager's Advisory Committee Paratransit Needs Assessment (PNA) Outreach
- Sep 10 – Developmental Disabilities Council PNA Outreach
- Sep 10 – Union City Ruggieri Center Virtual PNA Outreach

Other News

Final Call to Take Part in the CTP Survey!



Countywide Transportation Plan Survey Closes October 31

Scan the QR code and share the link below to answer questions and help shape the future of our county's transportation system for people who walk, bike, roll, drive and ride transit!



bit.ly/2026CTPSurvey

Tell us what you want to see >>>



Alameda CTC Welcomes New Chief Deputy Executive Director

Alameda CTC is pleased to announce the appointment of Susan Chang as the Commission's first ever Chief Deputy Executive Director. Susan began work September 15, 2025.

Ms. Chang brings nearly four decades of leadership in transportation to the Commission, including top roles at Caltrans where she oversaw multi-billion-dollar programs and delivered some of the Bay Area's highest profile projects including the Cypress Replacement effort and Carquinez Bridge replacement and retrofit. She also led environmental planning and engineering efforts for the Bay Area Toll Bridge Program, valued at more than \$10 billion, and managed some of the state's most complex and time-sensitive projects.

Susan is familiar with the work of Alameda CTC, having served as a consultant project manager on major Measure B and BB projects, including the I-680 Express Lane, SR 84 improvements, I-80 interchanges at Gilman and Ashby, and the Oakland Alameda Access Project.