



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



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## Delivering on Our Promises

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) continues to advance projects and programs that improve mobility, safety, and access throughout Alameda County. This month's report highlights progress across the agency's work—from advancing rail safety improvements to expanding access through a successful e-bike rebate program partnership. Updates on the Central County Community Connections Plan and upcoming contracting opportunities are also included in the report. Alameda CTC remains committed to strong stewardship of public funds through ongoing oversight and financial updates, including this month's focus on the agency's mid-year budget.

Read on to learn more and thank you for your continued partnership as we build a more connected, safe, and accessible Alameda County.

Sincerely,  
Tony Tavares, Executive Director

### Rail Safety Improvements Move Forward Across Alameda County

Final designs are complete for the Rail Safety Enhancement Program – Phase A (RSEP-A) Project. The project improves at-grade crossings where high-speed trains operate, helping pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists cross the tracks more safely. RSEP-A has secured \$80 million of external grant funding for construction and will deliver proven safety treatments at 28 locations along Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) corridors. The program spans six jurisdictions: unincorporated Alameda County and the cities of Livermore, Hayward, San Leandro, Berkeley, and Oakland. Improvements include:

- a combination of new and upgraded automatic pedestrian and vehicle gate arm devices;
- safer sidewalks and channelized handrailing;
- median islands and bulb-outs;
- upgraded lighting, signage, striping, and roadway markings;
- new concrete track panels; and
- traffic signal preemption.



The 29th Avenue crossing in Oakland, one of the locations to be improved through the RSEP-A program.



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RSEP-A is using an alternative Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) delivery method, meaning the contractor is brought in early during the design phase. RSEP-A is also being delivered in multiple construction packages to facilitate coordination among the six local jurisdictions, UPRR, and third-party utility owners. Alameda CTC will administer the construction.

The first construction package includes three at-grade crossings and one location that prevents unpermitted access in Hayward and two at-grade crossings in Livermore. In January 2026 and February 2026, Livermore and Hayward approved resolutions authorizing the execution of the Construction and Maintenance Agreements with UPRR and Alameda CTC. These agreements are required to complete the right of way certification to achieve Ready-to-List status and secure funding for construction. Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2026 and continue for approximately two years.

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

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**Central County Community Connections Plan Advances to Second Round of Outreach**

The Central County Community Connections Plan (4CP) continues to make progress in identifying near-term projects to improve safety, connectivity, and climate resilience in communities adjacent to I-238 and I-580 between I-880 and Castro Valley BART.

The first round of public outreach, which closed for comment in early January 2026, confirmed community goals—prioritizing safety, improving access and connectivity, supporting transit, strengthening climate resilience, and facilitating community placemaking—and identified priority corridors for more detailed project development.

The 4CP's second round of public engagement is anticipated to begin in April 2026 and will focus on collaboratively refining improvement concepts for high-priority corridors and the broader study area. Outreach will be conducted both online and in-person in partnership with local community-based organizations such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Leandro, Cherryland Community Association, Community Resources for Independent Living, El Tímpano, and San Leandro 2050.

More information on upcoming opportunities for public engagement will be posted on the 4CP project website: [www.alamedactc.org/4cp](http://www.alamedactc.org/4cp).

**Popular Rebate Program Expands Access to E-Bikes**

The e-bike rebate program administered by Ava Community Energy and funded in part by Alameda CTC has had a significant impact since launching last July. The Ava Bike Electric program is available to all Alameda County residents 18 years of age and older and aims to reduce transportation-related carbon emissions, support local businesses, and make standard, cargo, or adaptive e-bikes more affordable.

In its first six months, the program has received over 14,000 applications and awarded over 9,000 rebate vouchers, 2,746 of which have been redeemed.

Approximately 60 percent of rebates have been used to purchase cargo e-bikes, which can carry passengers or heavy loads, and four percent have supported adaptive e-bike purchases, which are designed for riders with mobility challenges. More than half of redeemed rebate funds have gone to income qualified participants.

Participants report biking nearly 60 miles on average in their first month and primarily using their e-bike for trips that would have otherwise taken place via car. These early results demonstrate the program's impact in expanding access to an active, sustainable, and equitable transportation system.

The Ava Bike Electric program will continue monthly rebate drawings through September 2026. Visit [avaenergy.org/go-electric/e-bikes/](http://avaenergy.org/go-electric/e-bikes/) to learn more and apply.

**FIRST SIX MONTHS OF EXPANDED REBATE PROGRAM SAW**



**14,000+**  
Program Applications



**9,000**  
Rebate Vouchers Awarded



**2,746**  
Redeemed Vouchers

### Measure B/BB and VRF Programs Compliance Update

Each year, Alameda CTC requires recipients of Measure B/BB and Vehicle Registration Fee Direct Local Distribution (DLD) funds to submit audited financial statements and program compliance reports detailing revenues and expenditures that support local street and roads, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, paratransit and transit investments. The reports provide transparency and inform the public by documenting how the recipients use DLD funds, including information on project improvements, fund balances, and programs funded by the voter-approved sales tax and VRF revenues.

In March, the Independent Watchdog Committee will begin its review of the FY 2024-25 DLD compliance reports. In Spring 2026, the Commission will receive a DLD compliance determination update. Compliance information is available on the Alameda CTC website at [www.alamedactc.org/app\\_pages/view/4135](http://www.alamedactc.org/app_pages/view/4135).



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### Local Funding Highlight - 40th Street Project

Construction will start late this year on the City of Emeryville's 40th Street Transit-Only Lanes and Multimodal Enhancements project. In May 2021, Alameda CTC awarded \$2 million of combined Measure BB and VRF funds to this project, which will improve pedestrian access to transit on the 40th Street corridor, provide safer infrastructure for cyclists, improve travel times for transit vehicles, and enhance passenger areas at the 40th/San Pablo Avenue transit hub. Alameda CTC's investment advanced a community-supported concept into a fully analyzed, engineered, and environmentally reviewed project, positioning the City of Emeryville to successfully leverage that funding to secure \$31 million in competitive construction grants. The project is currently completing pre-construction activities.

### Mid-Year Budget

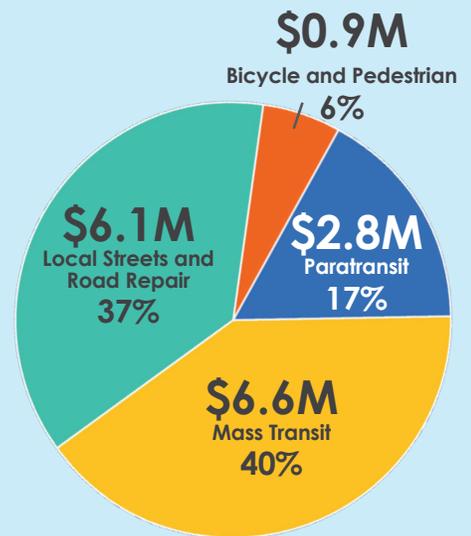
In February, the Finance team finalized the FY 2025-26 mid-year budget update, which is scheduled for review and approval by both the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) and Commission in March. This update reflects revised beginning fund balances based on audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, incorporates roll over funding for capital projects, and addresses changes to projects, programs and other needs since the adoption of the original budget. The update also includes a change to the sales tax revenue projection based on the most current data available.

### Investing in Our Communities

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

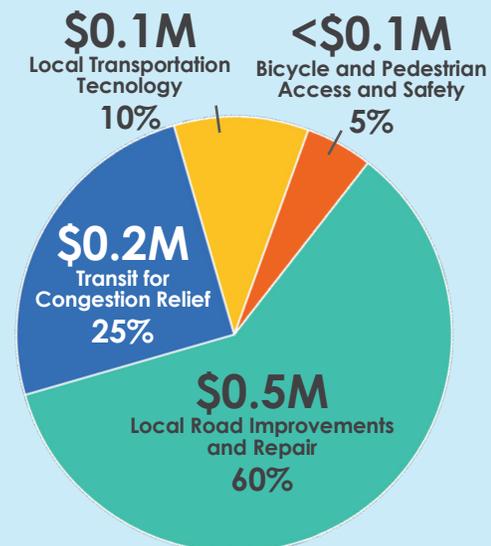
### Measure BB Program Distributions (Nov '25)

Measure BB direct local distributions since April 2015. More than \$1.10 billion has been distributed. Over \$16 million in Direct Local Distribution Funds were distributed in November 2025.



### Vehicle Registration Fee (Nov '25)

Nearly \$1 million in vehicle registration fees was collected in November 2025. Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$98.6 million of these fees for local road improvement and repair.



## Agency Activities

In March 2026 the following events were either hosted, sponsored or participated in by Alameda CTC:

- March 4 – Caltrans 5th Annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprises – Small Business Summit
- March 9-11 – CALCOG's California Academy for Regional Leaders (CARL) in Long Beach
- March 14-15 – Dublin St Patrick's Day Celebration Community Outreach
- March 19 – Central County Community Connections Plan Workshop
- March 24 – 2026 Resource Fair – San Francisco International Airport, City of Oakland & Business Outreach Committee

### Bike Mobile Outreach Events:

- February 27 – Cox Academy, Oakland
- March 2 – Sunset Elementary, Livermore
- March 3 – Edison Elementary, Alameda
- March 4 – Del Rey Elementary, San Lorenzo
- March 5 – Vintage Hills Elementary, Pleasanton
- March 6 – Birch Grove Intermediate, Newark
- March 10 – Esperanza Elementary, Oakland
- March 11 – Guy Emanuele Jr. Elementary, Union City
- March 12 – Valley View Elementary, Pleasanton
- March 13 – Marshall Elementary, Castro Valley
- March 14 – Malcolm X Elementary, Berkeley
- March 18 – Edendale Middle, San Lorenzo
- March 20 – Searles Elementary, Union City

## Golden Sneaker Contest

Over 80 schools registered for Alameda CTC's 14th annual Golden Sneaker Contest, which occurred between March 2nd and March 13th. Led by the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools program, this long-running county-wide initiative encourages students and school communities to try active and shared modes of transportation for the trip to school while building community and teamwork skills. During the two-week contest, students walked, rolled, used transit, and organized carpools. Families also explored new approaches for their commute, such as parking further from school to incorporate walking and rolling to their route, and hosting volunteer-led walking school buses and bike trains.

At the end of the contest, the classroom at each participating school with the highest percentage of students using active or shared modes received their school's Golden Sneaker trophy, made with official Golden State Warriors sneakers donated by the Golden State Warriors Community Foundation. Each student in a winning classroom received a pair of shiny golden shoelaces. The Platinum Sneaker Award will be presented to the school with the highest participation in all of Alameda County. This year's winner will receive special recognition at the April 2026 Commission meeting.

Learn more about the contest at [alamedacountystr2s.org/our-services/plan-an-event/golden-sneaker-contest/](https://alamedacountystr2s.org/our-services/plan-an-event/golden-sneaker-contest/).

### Contracting Opportunities

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

### Professional Services

- Electronic Toll System Manager and Program Support Services (Close Date: April 10th, 2026)
- I-580/I-680 Interchange Project PA/ED (Open April '26)
- I-680 Northbound Express Lane Gap Closure PS&E (Open May '26)
- On-Call Planning and Engineering Services (Open May or June '26)

### Construction

- San Pablo Avenue Parallel Bike Improvements
- East Bay Greenway Multimodal
  - North Segment (San Leandro)
  - Broadmoor Boulevard to E14th Street)
- East Bay Greenway Multimodal
  - North Segment (Lake Merritt to Fruitvale BART Segment)

For more information, visit the [Contracting Opportunities webpage](https://alamedactc.org/get-involved/contracting-opportunities). ([alamedactc.org/get-involved/contracting-opportunities](https://alamedactc.org/get-involved/contracting-opportunities))

### Committee Activities

**March 5th:** The Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee (ACTAC) received reports on the 2025 Performance Report, 2027 Transportation Improvement Program Development, One Bay Area Grant/CARE Program, and Safe Trips to BART.

**March 12th:** The Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) received an update on the Measure B/BB Named Capital Projects and received an orientation on the Measure B and BB FY 2024-25 DLD Audits and Compliance Reporting.

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