



NorCal Zero project hydrogen fuel cell trucks.



ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Keeping Our Promises

Alameda CTC is keeping our promises of delivering projects and programs while supporting jobs and the economy. I am ensuring that the agency continues to perform strategic planning, develop projects and implement programs, move projects into construction, and support our cities, the County, transit agencies and business partners during this pandemic. Our work is an important part of the economic recovery.

Thank you,

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Project Updates

Well-attended virtual public open house for I-80/Ashby project



Aerial view of the Interstate 80/Ashby Avenue project area.

The [Interstate 80 \(I-80\)/Ashby Avenue \(SR-13\) Interchange Improvements project](#) will reconstruct the existing interchange and frontage road to provide an east-west bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing to provide safe access for all modes of travel. This multimodal project will improve safety and traffic circulation. It will also provide new pedestrian/bicycle access to the Bay Trail and Point Emery.

The project is currently in the project approval and environmental document phase. A draft environmental document was circulated during the month of January for public review and comment—the comment period ended on January 31, 2022. A well-attended (a total of 191 livestreams) 90-minute virtual public open house meeting was held on January 11, 2022. On January 12, 2022, the City of Emeryville's City Council adopted a support position for the project. Alameda CTC will aggressively seek federal, state,

regional and other local funding opportunities to close the current \$105 million funding shortfall, continue with project development activities and bring the much-needed improvements to Alameda County's residents as soon as possible. Staff will also look into project phasing opportunities in spring 2022.

Oakland Alameda Access Project moves to the detailed design phase of project development



Map of the project footprint of the Oakland Alameda Access Project.

Alameda CTC selected Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. as the design consultant to initiate the detailed design phase of the Oakland Alameda Access Project (OAAP). The detailed design phase is anticipated to take approximately 30 months after which this project will commence construction. OAAP will improve multimodal safety, improve pedestrian and bicycle

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accessibility and connectivity, and improve traffic operations by reducing conflicts between local and regional traffic and pedestrians and bicyclists.

Alameda CTC staff has requested \$10.87 million as part of the fiscal year (FY) 2022 State Transportation Improvement Program to help close the funding gap. Staff also plans to apply for funding from the next cycle of the Senate Bill 1 Program.

For more information on this and other projects, visit Alameda CTC's [Projects webpage](#).

Planning and Program Updates

Student Transit Pass Program



Alameda CTC's [Student Transit Pass Program](#) (STPP) is currently half-way through the third year of the ongoing program.

For the 2021-2022 school year, the STPP is active at 89 schools in 15 districts across Alameda County.

Given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the STPP has been actively working with schools to support students and families, as they returned to in-person learning. The key programmatic change that was implemented as a result of COVID-19 was the transition to online applications.

The STPP team is working closely with transit agency staff on a weekly basis to ensure coordinated and smooth program operations in this dynamic environment. Applications are available electronically or, upon request, in paper format; STPP Clipper Cards are generated by our transit agency partners on a bi-weekly basis and are mailed to school sites for distribution to students.

Policy News

Legislative updates

Federal

With the \$1.2 trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (a.k.a. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)) now signed by President Biden, the Administration is working to advance programs this spring. Alameda CTC is actively monitoring new grant guidelines to identify federal funding that will advance Alameda County project and programs.

State

The Governor's 2022-23 State Budget proposal was released on January 10th—a \$286 billion spending plan that estimates a \$45.7 billion surplus.

Transportation funding proposals

The Budget proposes investing \$9.1 billion in transportation programs. The funding is allocated as follows:

- \$4.2 billion in bond funds for High-Speed Rail.
- \$2 billion for transit and rail infrastructure projects that will be allocated through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP).
- \$1.25 billion for Southern California transit and rail projects.
- \$750 million for Active Transportation Projects, divided as follows:
 - \$500 million for Active Transportation Program projects, which encourage increased use of active modes of transportation such as walking and biking, and increase the safety and mobility of non-motorized users.
 - \$150 million to establish the Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards Pilot Program, which is intended for projects that remove transportation barriers by investing in the conversion of underutilized highways into multi-modal corridors.
 - \$100 million for bicycle and pedestrian safety projects,

allocated through the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

- \$500 million for High Priority Grade Separation Projects.
- \$400 million for state and local Climate Adaptation Projects that support climate resiliency and reduce risks from climate impacts.

Goods Movement/Port Funding

The budget includes a \$2.3 billion investment to address supply chain issues and modernization at California's ports. The spending plan includes the following elements:

- \$1.2 billion for Port Infrastructure and Goods Movement projects that increase goods movement capacity on rail and roadways serving ports and at port terminals.
- \$875 million for zero emission equipment and infrastructure for zero emission drayage trucks and port equipment.
- \$110 million for workforce training programs. These funds would be allocated over three years to develop a Goods Movement Training Center in southern California, to support workforce resilience in the face of supply chain disruption and accelerate the deployment of zero emission equipment and technologies.
- \$40 million to enhance California's capacity to issue Commercial Driver's Licenses.
- \$30 million for the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to provide funding for operational and process improvements at the ports.

Zero Emission Vehicle Funding

The budget proposes appropriating \$6.1 billion for various zero emission vehicle programs. This appropriation would be allocated over five years, and in combination with the funds appropriated in the FY 2021-22 budget, the total investment equals \$10 billion over the next few years.

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Programming Updates

OBAG and NorCal Zero Project

One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Program Cycle 3 Update

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) adopted a program framework for the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 3 program in January 2022. The proposed framework, MTC Resolution 4505, proposes a total of \$375 million over a four-year period, FYs 2022-23 through 2025-26, with the funding split an even 50/50 between Regional and County programs. MTC has yet to release county-specific OBAG 3 funding targets, but based on the prior OBAG 2 distribution, OBAG 3 funding for Alameda County is anticipated to be in the \$75 million range. For Alameda County, the OBAG 3 project nomination process is planned to be coordinated with the programming of various Alameda CTC local discretionary funding sources available through the 2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP), with a combined call for project nomination for both OBAG 3 and 2024 CIP funding tentatively scheduled for release in May 2022. Additional information will be released to Alameda CTC committees and the Commission later this spring.

Measure BB NorCal Zero Project – Hydrogen Fuel Cell Technologies

Alameda CTC is pleased to be a funding partner for the NorCAL ZERO project that has the capacity to move forward key goals of the County's Goods Movement Plan—reduce emissions, maintain sustainable communities and improve public health. The Bay Area region has a trucking distribution system highly concentrated in Alameda County, which has an extensive network of interstate freeways, including many on the National Highway Primary Freight Network, including Interstates 80, 238, 580, 680 and 880. Alameda CTC allocated \$3.6 million in Measure BB funds to support

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Finance Updates

Budget updates, Q2 reports and bond financing

During January, while developing updates to the FY 2021-22 budgets for the Sunol Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and Alameda CTC that address changing needs for administration, projects and programs since the original budgets were adopted in May 2021, the finance team kicked off the process for the FY 2022-23 budget. The team is working with all departments to gather revenue and expenditure data for next fiscal year to produce a sustainable balanced budget, which will be proposed to the Commission for approval in May. Finance staff also finalized the FY 2021-22 second quarter financial report for the Sunol JPA, which will go to the Sunol JPA board in February. They also began work on the FY 2021-22 financial and investment reports for Alameda CTC, which will go to the FAC and the Commission for approval in March.

In addition, the finance team has worked with contracting staff to finalize contracts with members of the bond financing team selected through the agency's competitive contracting process. The bond financing team anticipates a kick-off meeting in February to plan for an upcoming bond financing to fund capital projects in the Measure BB Transportation Expenditure Plan.

Contracting Opportunities

Alameda CTC anticipates upcoming solicitation of bids and/or proposals for the following contracts:

Professional Services contracts

- I-680 Express Lanes Toll System Integration
- East Bay Greenway project
- Financial Advisory and Support Services

Construction contracts

- 7th Street Grade Separation East project

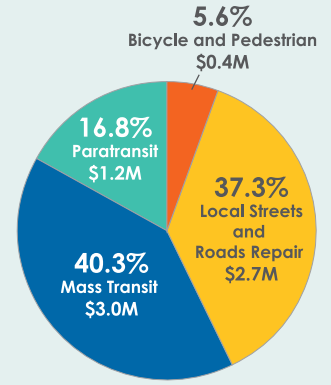
For more information, visit Alameda CTC's

[Contracting Opportunities webpage.](#)

Transportation Investments

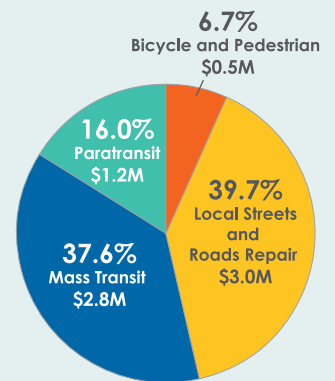
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$522.1 million; over \$7.3 million was distributed in November 2021.



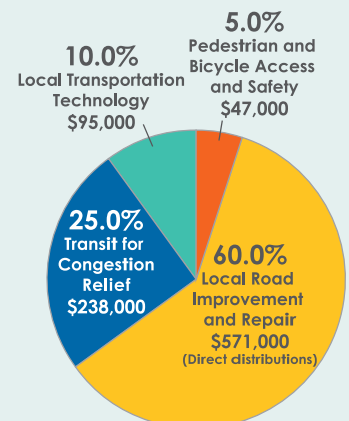
Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$1.3 billion since 2002. In November 2021, over \$7.5 million was distributed for four programs.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$76.2 million for local road repair; over \$0.9 million was collected in November 2021.



Agency Activities

In February 2022, Alameda CTC hosted, sponsored or participated in the following events:

- February 7 – A Bus/Bicycle Tour of key projects in Alameda County with then Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin (now appointed by Gavin Newsom to lead the California State Transportation Agency), along with our partner agencies from MTC/BATA, Port of Oakland and AC Transit.
- February 11 – Carolyn Clevenger, Deputy Executive Director of Planning and Policy, presented to the Bay Planning Coalition on goods movement and the supply chain.
- Bike Mobile events
 - February 1 – Heron Head Housing, San Leandro; East Bay Innovation Academy, Oakland
 - February 2 – Garfield Elementary, Oakland; Heron Head Housing, San Leandro; East Bay Innovation Academy, Oakland
 - February 3 - Heron Head Housing, San Leandro; East Bay Innovation Academy, Oakland
 - February 5 – Hayward Farmers Market
 - February 8 – Bret Harte Middle, Oakland; East Bay Innovation Academy, Oakland
 - February 9 - East Bay Innovation Academy, Oakland; Life Academy, Oakland
 - February 11 – Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle, Union City; Fred E. Weibel Elementary, Fremont
 - February 12 – Centerville Library, Fremont
 - February 16 - Donlon Elementary, Pleasanton
 - February 17 – Alameda County Library
 - February 18 – Irvington Library, Fremont
 - February 22 – Owls Landing Apartments, Livermore
 - February 24 Alameda County Library; Henry P. Mohr Elementary, Pleasanton
 - February 25 – Amador Valley High, Pleasanton
 - February 26 – Union City Family Center

Other News

2022 Golden Sneaker Contest



The Golden Sneaker contest is a signature event for the Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Program. Each school year hundreds of Alameda County public School students participate. This year from February 28 to March 11, 2022 classrooms will work together to tally travel activities, including biking, scooters, skating, walking and use of shared transportation, such as public transit, carpooling and buses. At each school, the classroom with the highest active transportation modes charted each day will win fun participant incentives. There will also be incentives for teachers who encouraging students and chart travel modes.

During the 2022 school year, as part of an ongoing effort to respond to the ongoing pandemic, the program is providing both in-person and virtual options to participate in the Golden Sneaker Contest. For more information, visit our [event webpage](#).

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In particular, the proposal includes an additional \$460 million for zero emission transit buses and infrastructure with the goal of replacing 1,700 transit buses, and \$475 million to replace 1,000 drayage trucks. The plan also provides \$419 million for a new Zero Emission Mobility program. The intent of the Mobility program is to support community-based transportation equity projects that increase access to zero-emission mobility in low-income communities. This includes supporting clean mobility options, sustainable transportation and equity projects.

Committee Activities

February advisory committees

In February, the following advisory committees met:

- February 10 –The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) approved the Transportation Fund for Clean Air FY 2022-23 Expenditure Plan Application. The committee also received information on the One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 and 2024 Comprehensive Investment Plan Update. An update was also given on countywide bikeways and the Alameda County Federal Inactive Projects.
- February 14 – The [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee \(BPAC\)](#) received updates on the San Pablo Avenue Corridor project and the City of Dublin's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. An informational presentation was given on Countywide and Regional Active Transportation Planning: Complete Streets Policy and Active Transportation Network Update. The committee also reviewed its annual calendar and roster.
- February 22 – [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\) and ParaTAC](#) met jointly to focus on equitable communication and coordination within Alameda County programs. This meeting offered a key opportunity for committee members to receive an overview of the latest updates regarding streamlined communication efforts in Alameda County. Committee members, presenters and guests then had an opportunity for discourse.

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the implementation of Hyundai's pilot hydrogen fuel cell technologies serving the Port of Oakland. New hydrogen fuel cell drayage trucks will be purchased and support reduced vehicle emissions and keep our communities safer.