



Congress passes an over \$900B Covid relief package.



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 process payments to 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

### \$25 million in Senate Bill 1 funds for Interstate 680 project

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has awarded \$25 million in Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program funds to the



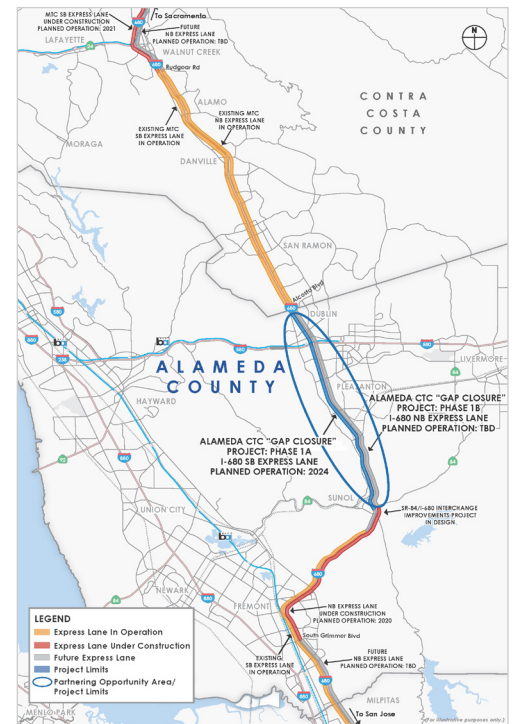
[Interstate 680 Express \(I-680\) Lanes from State Route 84 \(SR-84\) to Alcosta Boulevard](#) (Gap Closure) project. This project is the final segment needed to close a nine-mile gap in the southbound high-occupancy vehicle (HOV)/express lane system through Alameda and Contra Costa counties, completing an approximately 50-mile continuous southbound express lane from Walnut Creek to Milpitas.



I-680 Express Lanes.

These CTC-awarded funds bring Alameda CTC one step closer to closing the funding gap for this regionally-significant project. These funds, in addition to the Metropolitan

Transportation Commission's (MTC) commitment of \$90 million in regional funds is another example of how early investments of 2014 Measure BB funds have helped to leverage external grant funds.



I-680 Express Lanes from SR-84 to Alcosta Boulevard project area map.

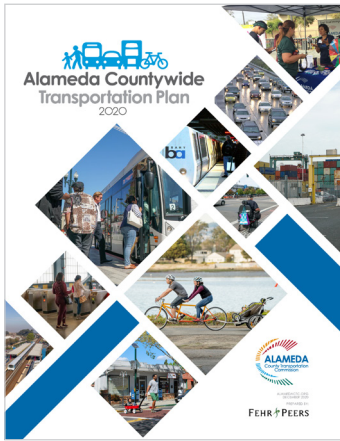
The project is scheduled to go into construction by spring 2022 and will reduce congestion, improve travel time reliability, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase throughput, and improve safety and accessibility.

Delivery of the I-680 Southbound Express Lane is currently being coordinated with an upcoming

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## Planning and Program Updates

### 2020 CTP implementation efforts



Late last year, the Commission adopted Alameda County's next long-range transportation plan. The [2020 Countywide Transportation Plan \(CTP\)](#) charts the course for transportation policy, planning and project development for the next 30 years and presents a clear path forward for the next 10 years for projects, programs and broad-ranging strategies.



Alameda County has been developing CTPs since 1994. And starting with the 2012 CTP, these plans have become increasingly multimodal and integrate land use planning. The 2020 CTP expands upon this trend, advancing goals related to access and affordability, safety and health, high-quality infrastructure and economic vitality. Developed largely during the COVID-19 pandemic, this CTP establishes a framework for equitable recovery through community-serving investments and transit support. Two companion reports, the Community-Based Transportation Plan and the New Mobility

Roadmap, identify priorities in low-income communities and communities of color, and how to advance new mobility technologies, respectively. The final CTP, the [Community-Based Transportation Plan](#) and the [New Mobility Roadmap](#), can be found on the agency's [Countywide Transportation Plan webpage](#).

Over the next four years, staff will work to implement the CTP through capital project development, funding programs and focused planning initiatives. For example, the 2022 Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) has already incorporated the CTP's goals as scoring criteria and will prioritize those projects identified in the CTP's 10-year list of projects. Staff looks forward to working with the Commission and Alameda CTC's partner agencies on a broad suite of implementation efforts for the 2020 CTP.



## Policy News

### 2021 Legislative Priorities

Every year, Alameda CTC adopts a new legislative program to facilitate the advancement of transportation projects and programs that will maintain and improve the County's multimodal system. It provides direction for agency legislative and policy activities through the establishment of funding, regulatory and administrative principles to guide legislative advocacy.

The 2021 program retains many of the 2020 priorities and is divided into five issue areas:

- Transportation Funding
- Multimodal Transportation, Land Use, Safety and Equity
- Project Delivery and Operations
- Climate Change and Technology
- Partnerships

Approved by both the Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee and the Planning, Policy and Legislation Committee, staff anticipates approval of the 2021 Alameda CTC Legislative Program by the Commission in January of this year. [Details of the program can be found in the program table.](#)



[State of California capitol building.](#)

### State Update

The 2021 California legislative session began on January 11, 2021. COVID-19 continues to be the priority for this year's session, therefore members are limited to the number of bills they can introduce. The deadline for introducing bills is February 19.

Virtual visits with members of the state delegation will be scheduled during February 2021.

### Federal Update

Late last year, Congress passed a more than over \$900 billion COVID relief package that includes critical funding for transit operations. This package includes \$14 billion in aid for public transportation systems nationwide, \$975 million of which is expected to go to the Bay Area. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission [Policy News cont'd on page 4](#)

## Programming Updates

### Direct Local Distribution Programs compliance update

Alameda CTC is reviewing the Measure B, Measure BB and Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) reported expenditures from local jurisdictions for fiscal year (FY) 2019-20. Each year, Alameda CTC requires recipients of Measure B/BB and VRF direct local distribution (DLD) funds to submit Audited Financial Statements and Program Compliance Reports, which summarize revenues and expenditures that support local street and roads, bicycle and pedestrian, paratransit and transit investments. These compliance reports inform the public with detailed information, including recipient use of funds, fund balances and information about specific improvements and programs funded by the sales tax and revenue programs.

Alameda CTC, in conjunction with the Independent Watchdog Committee, will review submitted reports for the FY 2019-20 reporting year to determine program compliance and note any discrepancies to the Commission. Program compliance information is available on the Alameda CTC [Compliance Reports webpage](#).

### 2022 Comprehensive Investment Plan Call for Projects

Last month, Alameda CTC released a [call for projects for the 2022 Comprehensive Investment Plan \(CIP\)](#). This funding opportunity includes approximately \$26 million in combined 2000 Measure B, VRF and Transportation Fund for Clean Air discretionary program funds for bicycle/pedestrian and transit-related improvements. Eligible applicants are required to submit their projects and funding requests to Alameda CTC by the

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## Finance Updates

### Financial audits and the FY 2020-21 mid-year budget kick-off

During November, auditors from Maze & Associates presented Alameda CTC's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2020 to the Commission, for which they provided a clean, or unmodified, opinion. The Commission unanimously approved this CAFR, which demonstrates that the agency is in a strong financial position as of June 30, 2020. This CAFR has been submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for consideration of the award for excellence in financial reporting. Alameda CTC has received the award for excellence in financial reporting from the GFOA for the past seven years in a row, since Alameda CTC's first annual financial report was prepared in CAFR form. Also, in November, finance staff brought the FY 2020-21 first quarter financial and investment reports to the Commission for approval.

In December, staff began the mid-year budget update process. This process requires the finance team to work with all agency departments to ensure all requisite adjustments are made to the FY 2020-21 budget. The mid-year budget update is anticipated to go to the Commission for approval in March 2021.

### Contracting opportunities

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

#### Professional Services contracts

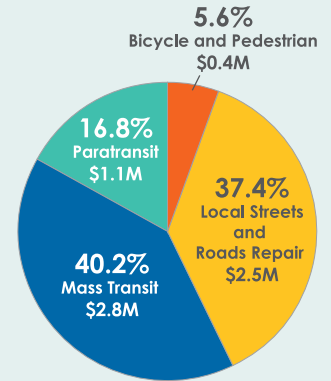
- I-880 Interchanges
- Oakland Alameda Access Project
- State Route 262 Cross Connector

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## Transportation Investments

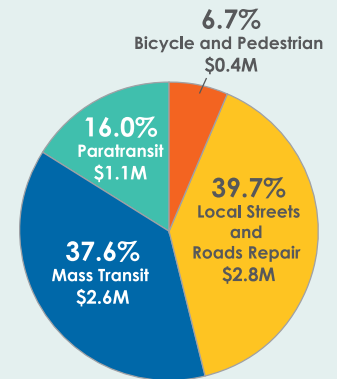
### Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$425.5 million; over \$6.8 million was distributed in October 2020.



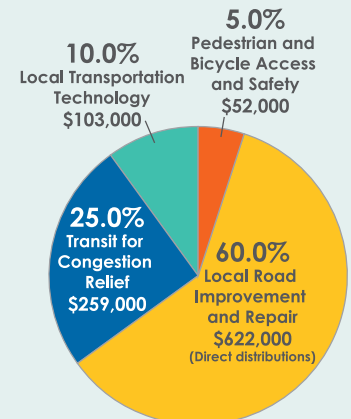
### Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled more than \$1.2 billion since 2002. In October 2020, over \$6.9 million was distributed for four programs.



### Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$68.2 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in October 2020.



## Agency Activities

The following virtual Bike Mobile events were held in December and January:

- December 7-8 – Wood Middle School, Alameda
- December 9 – Longfellow Middle School, Berkeley
- December 11 – Piedmont Avenue, Piedmont
- December 15 – “Lock Your Bike” with Wood Middle School, Alameda
- December 16 – Grass Valley Elementary School, Oakland
- December 17 – “Bike Types” with Bay Elementary School, San Lorenzo
- December 17 – “Bike Types” with Eden Area, Alameda County
- January 5 – “Flat Tires” with Wood Middle School, Alameda
- January 8 – “Bike Types and Helmets” with Brier Elementary School, Fremont
- January 20-22 – Amador Elementary School, Dublin

Alameda CTC will continue to move forward cautiously, due to indoor gatherings being high risk, as it considers revisiting in-person outreach events.

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Caltrans pavement rehabilitation project along the same section of I-680. Coordination of these two projects will lead to a significant cost savings of approximately \$18 million and will minimize inconvenience and reduce impacts to the traveling public during the months of construction.

For more information on these and other Alameda CTC projects, visit the [Projects webpage](#).

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is tasked with dividing the funding among the region's public transit agencies, largely based on formula grants.

While this funding is considered by many to be a short-term fix, and is less than half of what the American Public Transportation Association had requested, transit agencies in the Bay Area are grateful to receive it to keep workers employed and maintain service.

This spring, Alameda CTC staff will conduct virtual advocacy visits with members of the federal delegation and the new administration.

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February 1, 2021 application deadline. This call for projects is anticipated to be highly competitive with funding prioritization identified towards projects that demonstrate construction readiness, local coordination, and benefit safety and access improvements to Communities of Concern and Priority Development Areas. Complete 2022 CIP programming guidelines and the application are available on the Alameda CTC [Funding Opportunities webpage](#).

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#### Construction

- State Route 84 Plant Establishment

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

## Committee Activities

### January advisory committees

In January, the following committees met. Highlights include:

- January 7 – Focus of the [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) meeting was to approve the 2021 Legislative Program, a program that provides direction for Alameda CTC's legislative and policy activities, not only locally and regionally, but also statewide and federally. The committee approved this year's program.
- January 11 – [The Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#) received updates on Measure B and Measure BB projects and programs, as well as an update on the FY 2019-20 Measure B/BB Program Compliance and Audit Reports. Audit reports are available on the website at <https://www.alamedactc.org/funding/reporting-and-grant-forms/>. Committee bylaws were reviewed, and IWC members and staff reported on activities.
- January 12 – The [Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee \(ParaTAC\)](#) received updates on the FY 2021-22 Program Plan application and process as well as information on the FY 2021-22 Paratransit Direct Local Distribution (DLD) funding projections. Committee members also received updates on Covid-19 impacts on programs, Transportation Network Company (TNCs) partnerships, mobility management, emergency preparedness, and the Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO) activities. Additionally, members received their meeting calendar for FY 2020-21.

