

Aerial view of the Port of Oakland and Downtown Oakland, Courtesy of the Port of Oakland.



ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2019

The Executive Director's Report provides focused updates on Alameda CTC's work to improve transportation throughout Alameda County. This report provides status updates on key activities, including capital projects delivery and express lane operations; planning, policy and program implementation; finance and contracting; and programming and project controls. In addition, it contains brief summaries of advisory committee and agency activities.

This monthly update provides a synopsis of transportation project and program implementation funded with local, regional, state and federal funds.

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Project Updates The GoPort Program

Alameda CTC is the implementing agency for the Global Opportunities at the Port of Oakland (GoPort) program, a suite of landside transportation improvement projects at the Port of Oakland (Port) to provide congestion relief, improve the efficiency and reliability of truck and rail access, and improve circulation within the Port:

- 7th Street Grade Separation, East
- 7th Street Grade Separation, West
- Freight Intelligent Transportation System (FITS)

The GoPort program builds on prior investments to bolster competitiveness of the Port, which supports more than 827,000 jobs nationally and 73,000 jobs regionally. To date, Alameda CTC has allocated \$53 million of voter-approved local sales tax Measure BB funds toward the delivery of this estimated \$611 million program. As a result of this early Measure BB investment, Alameda CTC, in partnership with the Port, has successfully secured \$207 million in external funding for two of the GoPort projects.

The FITS project will be the first of the three projects to move into construction. It is scheduled to begin construction at the end of 2019 and

estimated to be complete in late 2021. FITS will implement a number of demonstration technologies, including providing real-time traffic information for truckers to:

- Improve safety and efficiency of the roadway network
- Reduce congestion
- Reduce truck idling

The next project to move into construction is the 7SGSE project, which will begin in late 2020 and is estimated to be complete in late 2022. This project will reconstruct, widen and relocate the substandard grade-separated rail crossing over 7th Street to:

- Improve vertical and horizontal clearances for trucks
- Improve bike and pedestrian access

The 7SGSW project is early in the design phase and no date has been set for construction.

For project updates, visit the [Projects web page](#).



Rendering of the WB exit road and columns for the 7th Street Grade Separation East project.

Planning and Program Updates

2020 Countywide Transportation Plan Vision and Goals

This month, Alameda CTC is finalizing the vision and goals for the 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP). The 2020 CTP is a long-range planning and policy document that guides future transportation decisions for all modes and users in Alameda County and is updated every four years. The 2012 CTP and subsequent plans incorporate a vision statement and a set of goals that guide plan development and inform recommendations. The 2020 CTP aims to introduce a streamlined list of four goals that advance the following objectives for Alameda County:

- Accessible, Affordable and Equitable
- Safe, Healthy and Sustainable
- High Quality and Modern Infrastructure, and
- Economic Vitality

At its core, the CTP includes transportation projects and programs that move the County toward the vision and goals. This month, Alameda CTC will collect a list of transportation projects and programs from local agencies that reflect Alameda County's transportation needs through the long-range horizon of 2050. The final roster of projects and programs developed by Alameda CTC and its partner agencies will be responsive to engagement with Commissioners, partner agencies and the public.



The Bike Mobile helping Alameda County residents stay active and healthy.

2019 International Walk and Roll to School Day

International Walk and Roll to School Day is right around the corner. This year, Alameda County schools will celebrate on Wednesday, October 2, joining millions of students around the world in promoting active travel to and from school. Public schools in Alameda County can join the celebration by enrolling in the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) program, which provides technical support and materials to ensure schools host a successful celebration. Visit alamedacountysr2s.org to enroll your school, register to participate, and kick off an active and healthy school year.

ACT Safely



ALAMEDA COUNTY
RAIL SAFETY PROGRAM
 Alameda County Safe Routes To Schools

Last year, Alameda CTC received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety to develop a rail safety education program to raise awareness about trespassing and to teach safe behaviors when walking or bicycling near railroads. The new program, ACT Safely, has been fully integrated into the SR2S program, and is currently encouraging schools to observe national Rail Safety Week, September 22–28. The SR2S program provides schools with posters, stickers and key safety messaging to support schools in getting the word out. The goal of Rail Safety Week is to raise awareness about the importance of rail safety and to empower the general public to keep themselves safe near railroad crossings and along railroad rights-of-

way. This effort, led by Operation Lifesaver, Inc. (OLI), the national rail safety education nonprofit, works in partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation and other organizations to observe Rail Safety Week each year. Visit alamedacountysr2s.org/rail-safety for more information.



Policy News

2019 Congestion Management Program



Congestion on Interstate 880.

As required by state law, Alameda CTC updates its Congestion Management Program (CMP) every two years with strategies and procedures to monitor performance of the County's multimodal transportation system, to address roadway congestion and improve the performance of the multimodal system, and to integrate transportation and land use planning.

Changes to current CMP legislation are being considered by the state due to recent amendments to the California Environmental Quality Act legislation pursuant to implementation of Senate Bill 743 being in conflict. Alameda CTC is closely monitoring any changes that are anticipated to streamline the program to align it with current practices to support green house gas reduction and performance improvements. With any changes, Alameda CTC intends to update its approach and ensure continued compliance.

Programming Updates

Annual DLD Compliance Workshop

Jurisdictions eligible to receive Measure B, Measure BB and Vehicle Registration Fee Direct Local Distribution (DLD) funds signed a Master Programs Funding Agreement with Alameda CTC outlining eligible expenditures, reporting requirements and policies on the timely use of funds. Each year, jurisdictions are required to submit separate audited financial statements and program compliance reports detailing use of these funds.

This month, Alameda CTC held its Annual Compliance Workshop for reporting on fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 expenditures. DLD recipients were provided information on the program compliance review process, guidance on programmatic requirements and information on other requirements for the audited financial statements and compliance reports.

Audited financial statements and program compliance reports for FY2018-19 are due to Alameda CTC by December 27, 2019. A summary report to the Commission on DLD recipients' compliance and use of transportation funds will be presented in June.

2020 STIP

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a multi-year capital improvement program of transportation projects on and off the state highway system, funded with revenues from the State Highway Account and other funding sources administered by the California Transportation Commission (CTC), including SB 1. The 2020 STIP will cover FYs 2020-21 through 2024-25. Based on the State's 2020 STIP Fund Estimate, approximately \$15.7 million of new programming capacity for projects is anticipated for Alameda County.

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Finance Updates

Independent Audit Activities

Over the past couple of months, Finance staff worked on closing out the FY2018-19 financial accounting records for both the Alameda CTC and the Sunol Smart Carpool Lane JPA (Sunol JPA) and provided the final detailed trial balances to the agencies independent auditors, Maze & Associates Accounting Corporation. Auditors will be on site in Alameda CTC's office for two weeks in the first half of September completing extensive audit activities. Over the next couple of months the Finance team will be working on drafting audited financial statements for the Sunol JPA, which is expected to go to the Commission for review and approval in October, and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2019 for Alameda CTC, which is expected to go to the Audit Committee for review in October and the Finance and Administration Committee and Commission for review and approval in November and December, respectively.

Contracting opportunities

Alameda CTC anticipates upcoming solicitation of statements of qualifications, bids and/or proposals for the following:

Professional Services contracts

- Dublin Boulevard – North Canyon Parkway Extension
- Multimodal Corridor Project(s)

Construction contracts

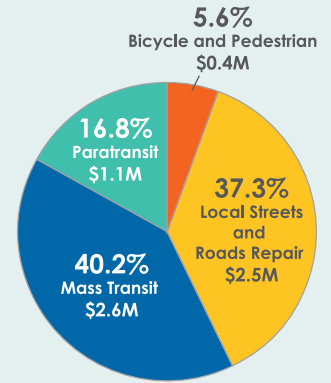
- SR-84 Plant Establishment Services
- I-880 Southbound High Occupancy Vehicle Lane – Replacement Highway Planting

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

Transportation Investments

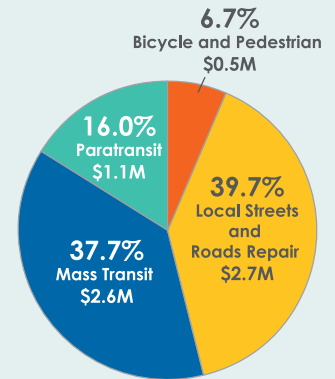
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$318.4 million; over \$6.6 million was distributed in June 2019.



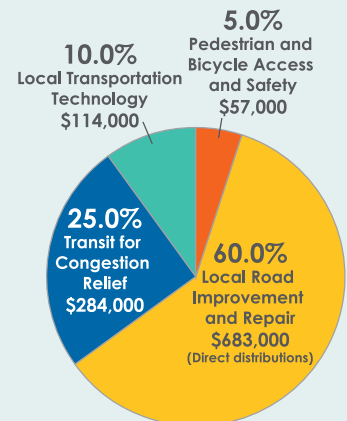
Measure B Program Distributions

Measure B direct local distributions have totaled nearly \$1.1 billion since 2002. In June 2019, over \$6.9 million was distributed for four programs.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$58.3 million for local road repair; over \$1.1 million was collected in June 2019.



Agency Activities

In September, the Alameda CTC hosted or participated in the following events:

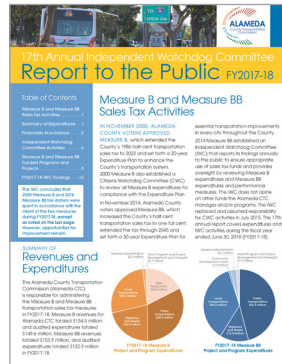
- BikeMobile events and school visits:
 - September 4 – International Community School, Oakland
 - September 5 – Markham Elementary School, Oakland
 - September 5 – Elmhurst United Middle School, Oakland
 - September 6 – Esperanza Elementary School, Oakland
 - September 7 – Artisan Festival West Oakland, Oakland
 - September 10 – Frederiksen Elementary School, Dublin
 - September 11 – Cornell Elementary School, Albany
 - September 12 – Otis Elementary School, Alameda; Amador High School, Pleasanton
 - September 13 – Garfield Elementary School, Oakland
 - September 14 – Day in the Park at Maxwell Park, Oakland
 - September 19 – New Highland Elementary School, Oakland
 - September 20 – Christensen Middle School, Livermore
 - September 26 – Eden Walk and Roll at the REACH Ashland Youth Center, San Leandro
 - September 27 – San Leandro High School, San Leandro; Canyon Middle School, Castro Valley
 - September 28 – Alameda County Bicycle Safety at the Fremont City Policy Department, Fremont
- September 12 - Seaplane Lagoon (SPL) Ferry Terminal Groundbreaking, Alameda



Other News

17th IWC Annual Report

The final [17th Annual Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\) Report](#) was released late August 2019, along with the Executive Summary in [English](#), [Chinese](#) and [Spanish](#). Although instances occurred where performance measures were not met, the [IWC committee](#) concluded that the 2000 Measure B and



2014 Measure BB tax dollars were spent in accordance with the intent of the two measures during the 2017-18 fiscal year.

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As part of the overall STIP programming process, the Alameda CTC adopted and forwarded a program of STIP projects to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for inclusion in MTC's 2020 Regional TIP program (2020 RTIP). In July 2019, MTC forwarded the regional projects list to the CTC for approval. The Alameda CTC Commission approved the programming principles for the development of the Alameda County 2020 STIP project list. The final approved projects list and supporting documentation are due to MTC by November 1, 2019.

Committee Activities

Advisory committees

In September, the following community advisory committees met. Highlights include:

- September 5 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) approved the 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan Vision and Goals and the 2019 Congestion Management Program and 2019 Conformity Findings. ACTAC members also reviewed 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program Principles and the Measure RR-funded Safe Routes to BART Program.
- September 5 – The [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee \(BPAC\)](#) members discussed the East 14th Street/Mission and Fremont Boulevard Multimodal Corridor project. The committee also reviewed Transportation Development Act Article 3 projects and received updates on the Union City Quarry Lakes Parkway project and Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian County Protocols.
- September 23 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\)](#) received the final 2018 Comprehensive Investment Plan Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program Progress Report. A presentation was given by AC Transit regarding "ACT Real Time." Committee members received reports from the Independent Watchdog Committee, the East Bay Paratransit Service Review Advisory Committee and other Americans with Disabilities Act and Transit advisory committees.

Carpooling Options

511 A number of options to facilitate carpooling are now available in the Bay Area, all aimed at making carpooling more convenient. Carpool apps make it easy to schedule one-way carpool trips and allow you to be either a driver or a passenger.

Try the 511 RideMatch Service to find and email neighbors with

similar commutes, or try [one of the carpool apps available at rideshare.511.org](#).

Commute Options

Whether you're a commuter trying to affordably and safely get around Alameda County or an employer coordinating staff transportation options, the [Commuter Choices web page](#) has the resources you need.

