

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. Our work is an important part of supporting local communities, equity, safety, clean transportation, and the economy.

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Project Updates

San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Program update

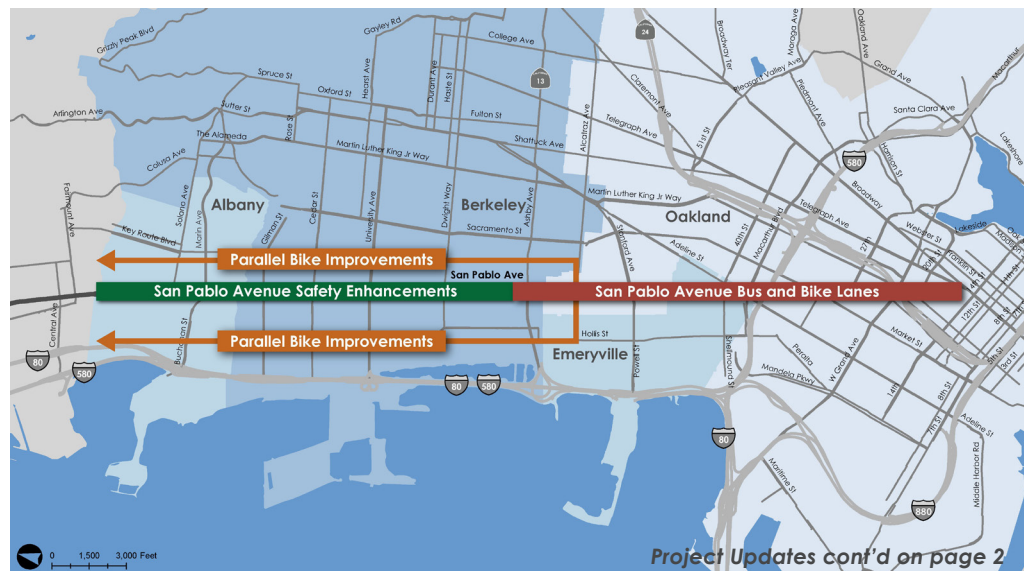
The [San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Program](#) is comprised of three complementary projects to improve safety and multimodal access along one of Alameda County's most traveled interjurisdictional corridors. The [Safety Enhancements project](#) extends through Berkeley and Albany and consists of improvements to make it safer and easier to cross San Pablo Avenue while also providing transit speed and reliability upgrades. The [Parallel Bike Improvements project](#) includes improvements to create convenient and comfortable neighborhood bike routes on streets parallel to San Pablo Avenue in North Oakland, Berkeley, and Albany. The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) has

obtained more than \$40 million in state and federal competitive grant funds for the two projects. Our agency secured approvals of the conceptual designs for from city councils in 2023; environmental clearance and final design for both projects is currently underway. The Parallel Bike Improvements project is anticipated to be ready for construction in winter 2024 and the Safety Enhancements project component is anticipated to be ready for construction in late 2025.

The third corridor program project, the [Bus Lanes and Bike Lanes project](#), extends through Oakland, Emeryville, and South Berkeley and consists of dedicated side-running bus lanes, protected bike lanes, and pedestrian crossing safety upgrades. A comprehensive public engagement effort to seek input on design details for the Bus Lanes and Bike Lanes project is wrapping up this summer. Following the

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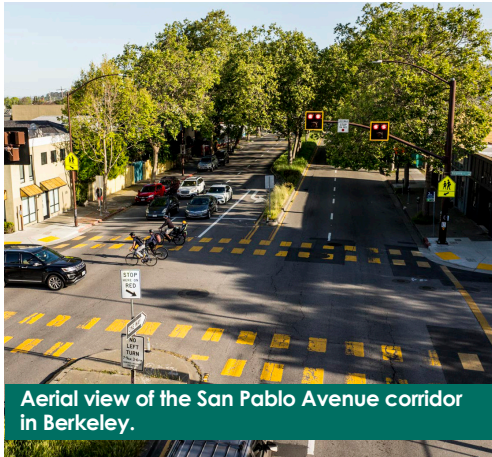
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conclusion of this outreach effort, the project will advance to the California Department of Transportation's approval process and final design. Construction of the Bus Lanes and Bike Lanes project is scheduled for 2026, pending securing full funding for the project.



Aerial view of the San Pablo Avenue corridor in Berkeley.

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

Planning Updates

Alameda CTC releases two new Bikeways Academy white papers

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) [Bikeways Academy](#) is a multi-year initiative that supports development of All Ages and Abilities (AAA) bikeways in Alameda County with technical assistance materials, training opportunities, and knowledge-sharing resources. The Academy is designed to assist local jurisdictions with implementation of the Commission-adopted Countywide Bikeways Network and accompanying AAA Policy and Design Expectations, both included in a [2022 Summary Report](#).

The Bikeways Academy is now in its second year and Alameda CTC has released two new white papers that focus on phasing and implementation strategies. These white papers complement a comprehensive design

guide and information from trainings throughout last year that are posted on the agency's [Active Transportation webpage](#).

For the first time, the [2026 CIP Programming Guidelines](#) adopted by the Commission in May require bicycle facility projects to demonstrate a direct benefit to the Countywide Bikeways Network and meet Alameda CTC's AAA Policy.

The first new white paper, [Phasing and Implementation: Strategies and Case Studies](#), features successful bikeway implementation case studies from across Alameda County and highlights the strategies and designs employed for each project.

The second new white paper, [Phasing and Implementation: Treatments and Materials Toolbox](#), provides a construction materials toolbox to help agencies consider potential materials for bikeway implementation, including their benefits, drawbacks, and most appropriate applications.

The Bikeways Academy will round out its second year with a technical knowledge-sharing session planned for fall 2024.

Alameda CTC's flagship programs

Alameda CTC's [Student Transit Pass Program \(STPP\)](#) provides free youth Clipper cards to eligible middle and high school students in Alameda County, which can be used for unlimited free bus rides in their area (on AC Transit, Union City Transit or LAVTA Wheels), as well as a 50 percent discount on BART trips and youth discounts on other transit systems. The STPP has nearly 150 participating schools in 18 school districts with over 31,000 active participants (out of 56,000



eligible students). Looking ahead, the STPP plans to complete the phased program expansion to all eligible middle and high schools in Alameda county during the 2024-2025 school year.

The [Safe Routes to Schools \(SR2S\) Program](#) provides free hands-on walking, bicycling,



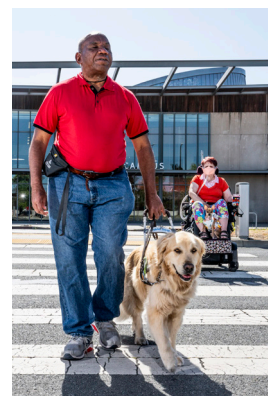
carpooling, and transit use education and encouragement events to

public elementary, middle, and high school students in Alameda County.

The comprehensive trainings and activities are further supported with transportation engineering customized technical assistance and School Safety Assessments (SSA) for traffic calming surrounding school campuses. SR2S has over 295 participating schools in 18 school districts throughout Alameda County. Looking ahead, SR2S plans to continue school community outreach to increase phased program expansion and to boost school participation during the 2024-2025 school year.

The agency's [Paratransit Program](#) focuses on transportation services and programs for older adults and people with disabilities in Alameda County. It continues to fund a wide variety of services for these communities for work, recreation, and/or other types of trips.

The Commission recently approved \$11.5 million in paratransit discretionary grant awards focused on mobility management activities aimed at meeting unique transportation needs for these communities.



Programming Updates

Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Fiscal Year 2024-25 Call for Projects

Alameda CTC has released a call for projects for fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) County Program Manager funding, amounting to approximately \$3 million. This funding is sourced from a portion of the vehicle registration fee collected in Alameda County. Eligible projects must be located within the county and result in the reduction of motor vehicle emissions. Eligible project types include bike lanes and bike parking, bike sharing, projects that provide first- and last-mile connections (e.g., shuttle and feeder bus operations), transit signal priority, transit incentives and transportation demand management (TDM) programs, alternative fuel vehicles, and infrastructure, including electric vehicle charging. Funded projects must adhere to Bay Area Air Quality Management District TFCA policies and provisions. Applications are due on June 28, 2024, and will be evaluated this summer. More information can be found on Alameda CTC's [Funding Opportunities webpage](#).

FY 2022-23 Direct Local Distribution summary

Alameda CTC oversees the administration of Measure B, Measure BB, and the Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Programs, distributing over half of the revenues generated annually to twenty eligible recipients—local agencies and transit agencies—as [Direct Local Distributions \(DLD\)](#) for local transportation improvement programs. From the inception of each program to the end of FY 2022-23, Alameda CTC has distributed over \$2.2 billion in combined DLD funds for local transportation (streets

and road), bicycle/pedestrian, transit, and paratransit programs. To ensure proper fund use, recipients are annually required to submit audited financial statements and program compliance reports to confirm DLD annual receipts, expenditures, and the completion of reporting obligations. DLD Compliance Reports reflect over \$200 million in DLD investments in capital infrastructure, programs, and transit operations across Alameda County over the FY 2022-23 reporting year.

Finance Updates

Alameda CTC's interim audit begins

In May, the Commission approved a sustainable and balanced budget for FY 2024-25 for Alameda CTC which will provide resources of \$528.8 million and authorize expenditures of \$673.8 million. These resources include an estimated capital rollover budget authority from the prior fiscal year and a projected ending fund balance of \$873.6 million. The budget also incorporates revenues and expenditures for the Interstate 680 (I-680) Express Lanes as the Sunol Smart Carpool Lane Joint Powers Authority is dissolved and Alameda CTC takes over operations. The budget also sets aside reserves for express lanes maintenance on both Interstate 580 and I-680, and operational risk totaling \$72.2 million.

During the month of May, the finance staff also brought the financial reports for both Alameda CTC and the Sunol JPA for the third quarter of FY 2023-24 to the Commission for approval. The team has also been preparing for the interim phase of Alameda CTC's annual independent audit by ensuring that all accounting records are up to date and that all financial information has been recorded in the agency's financial system.

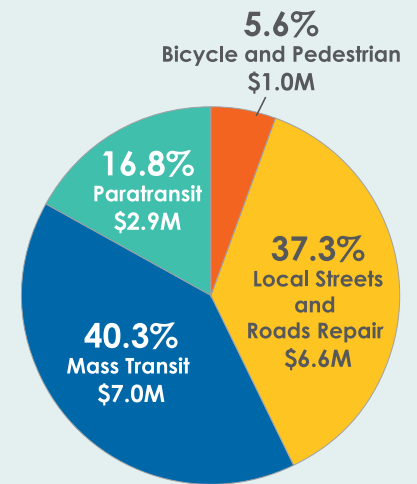
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Transportation Investments

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

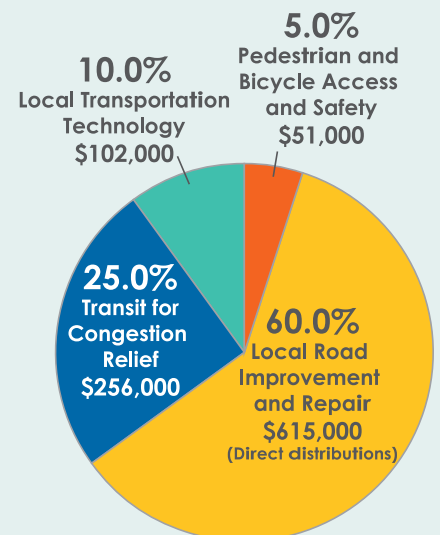
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$957.6 million; over \$17.5 million was distributed in March 2024.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$93.1 million for local road repair; over \$1.0 million was collected in March 2024.



Agency Activities

During June, Alameda CTC hosted, sponsored, or participated in the following outreach events:

- June 1 – Cherry Festival, San Leandro
- June 12 – Certification Workshops DBE/ACBE Two-Day Series, Northern and Southern California and virtually
- June 13 – California Transportation Foundation (CTF) Awards Gala, Sacramento
- June 13 - Annual Owner's Night event hosted by Construction Management Association of America (CMAA), American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), and BuildOUT California
- June 20 – WTS Annual Scholarships and Awards Gala, Oakland



- June 22 – Ashland Cherryland FamFest Spring Event, Unincorporated Ashland
- June 22 – LakeFest, Oakland



- June 21 – United Seniors of Alameda County (USOAC) 2024 Convention, Oakland
- June 28 – Bay Area County Transportation Agencies' Executive Roundtable, San Francisco

Other News

Alameda CTC's Independent Watchdog Committee to hold public hearing

Alameda CTC's [Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#) is tasked to review Measure B and Measure BB expenditures. The IWC will release its 22nd consecutive Annual Report to the Public in August 2024.

The IWC will hold a public hearing on its draft 22nd Annual Report to the Public on July 11, 2024. The draft report is available on Alameda CTC's [Annual Reports webpage](#) at <https://www.alamedactc.org/news-publications/annualreports>. For more information, please call 510.208.7400.



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Alameda CTC anticipates upcoming solicitation of proposals for the following Professional Services contracts:

- Audio/Visual Engineering and Technical Services
- Financial Audit Services
- Human Resources Consulting and Support Services
- Rail Safety Enhancement Program—Phase A

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

Committee Activities

June advisory committee activities

In June, the following advisory committees met. Highlights include:

- June 9 – The [Alameda County Technical Advisory Committee \(ACTAC\)](#) met to receive updates on the One Bay Area Grant Cycles 2 and 3 Obligation Status, the FY 2022-23 Direct Local Distribution Program Compliance Summary Report and the Bikeways Academy. Committee members also received an update on Alameda County Federal Inactive Projects.
- June 24 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\)](#) received a presentation on the San Pablo Avenue Bus and Bike Project and approved the election of its officers and roles and responsibilities for FY 2024-25. The committee also approved the appointment of PAPCO representatives to Alameda CTC's Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) and the East Bay Paratransit Access Committee (EBPAC), Formerly the East Bay Paratransit Service Review Advisory Committee (SRAC) for FY 2024-25.

Visit Alameda CTC's [Meetings webpage](#) for details on this and other upcoming meetings.

