



ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

2026 COMPREHENSIVE INVESTMENT PLAN

Notice of Funding Opportunity and Program Guidelines

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is responsible for planning, funding and delivering transportation projects and programs within Alameda County. This includes the programming of certain federal, state, regional and local transportation funding. The Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) is Alameda CTC's near-term strategic planning and programming document through which fund sources administered by Alameda CTC are programmed through a consolidated process to maximize investments in transportation infrastructure and program operations needs that are essential for enhancing, developing and maintaining the county's multi-modal transportation system.

The 2026 CIP includes a call for projects for \$100.0 million in combined Alameda CTC-administered discretionary local funding sources, including Measures B and BB (MB/MBB), Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF), and Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) for eligible capital projects and programs within Alameda County.

The 2026 CIP will program funding across five fiscal years, 2025-26 through 2029-30. Funding in the first two years of each adopted CIP are considered allocated at the time of the CIP approval and may be encumbered through a funding agreement. Funding in the three outer years of a CIP are considered programmed, but unallocated, and will need to be moved forward to an allocation year in a future CIP prior to encumbrance through a funding agreement.

Complete 2026 CIP Call for Projects resources, including funding-specific guidelines, relevant maps and plans, and a link to the online application, can be accessed at: <https://www.alamedactc.org/funding/funding-opportunities/>.

A CIP application workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th, 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Alameda CTC offices, with a virtual meeting option. See the above link to the Alameda CTC's 2026 CIP resources for workshop information as it becomes available.

The online 2026 CIP application will be available starting from September 1, 2024 and applications will be due no later than October 31, 2024.

Eligible project categories:

- 1) Bicycle and/or pedestrian capital projects and programs
- 2) Complete streets capital and road improvement projects
- 3) Transit-related capital projects
- 4) Shuttle and other program operations

Projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the funding sources and programs that are ultimately programmed by Alameda CTC.

Projects ready for implementation in fiscal years 2025-26 through 2029-30 should apply at this time. Available funding will be prioritized towards eligible projects that can demonstrate construction readiness or begin operations within the first two years of the 2026 CIP, enhance connectivity and gap closures on Alameda CTC's Countywide Bicycle Network, address safety on the High Injury Network, and directly benefit MTC-designated Equity Priority Communities and other underserved communities.

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2026 CIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES (Commission Approved May 23, 2024)

1. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants (direct recipients) of funds programmed through the CIP are limited to the following:

- Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Union City
- County of Alameda
- Transit agencies and operators in Alameda County
- East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD)
- Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC)

Entities that are not identified above as eligible direct recipients will only be eligible to receive CIP funds as sub-recipients by partnering with an eligible direct recipient that is willing to pass through the funds to a sub-recipient. Exceptions related to funding and allowing other public agencies to directly receive funds may be granted by Alameda CTC on a case-by-case basis.

2. Fund Estimate

The 2026 CIP fund estimate includes approximately \$100.0 million of funding anticipated between fiscal years 2025-26 through 2029-30, from the following discretionary programs:

2026 CIP Fund Estimate		
Program Category	Fund Sources	Amount (in millions)
CIP Discretionary Programs		
Bicycle and Pedestrian Program	MB Countywide Bike/Ped Discretionary Program MBB Bike/Ped Discretionary Funds VRF Bike/Ped Discretionary Funds Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA)	\$15.0
Transit Program	MB Express Bus VRF Transit for Congestion Relief Program	\$20.0
Community and Transit Oriented Development	MB Transit Center Development Fund MBB Community Development Investment Program	\$10.0
Technology Program	VRF Discretionary Technology Funds	\$15.0
Subtotal Discretionary Fund Estimate		\$60.0
Major Trails Grant Matching Program		
Measure BB Three Major Trails Grant Matching Program		\$40.0
Total 2026 CIP Fund Estimate		\$100.0

Fund Estimate Notes:

1. The 2026 CIP Fund Estimate reflects estimated funding levels and is subject to change.
2. The available TFCA funds are prioritized towards bicycle/pedestrian improvements. TFCA-eligible transit and technology projects will be considered for TFCA as necessary to utilize all available TFCA funds.
3. Major Trails Matching program is reserved for projects which have secured funds from an external, non-Alameda CTC administered or recommended grant fund source. See next section for more details.

3. Minimum and Maximum Award and Matching Requirements

Project Type	Minimum Request	Maximum Request	Minimum Match
Capital Improvement	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	25% (for each phase requested)
Programs and Shuttle Operations	\$100,000 per year	\$500,000 per year	75% (by year)
Three Major Trails (MBB TEP-42) Grant Matching Program	\$100,000	Maximum request of up to 30% of the sponsor match identified in an external grant application, up to a maximum of \$10M (whichever is less). Alameda CTC will award the matching funds only to successful external grant award recipients	No minimum

- Matching funds must be expended concurrently and proportionally for each phase programmed with Alameda CTC-administered funds.
- Previously incurred costs or previously expended funds do not count towards fulfilling minimum matching requirements.
- Per the Alameda CTC’s Small Cities Program Policy, the Alameda CTC waives the minimum local matching requirement for the Cities of Albany, Emeryville, and Piedmont for capital projects.
- For Measure B/BB/VRF Direct Local Distribution Recipients, costs for Project Sponsor staff labor related to project administration, contract management of professional and construction services, are not eligible for reimbursement with Alameda CTC-administered funds per the Local Cooperation Policy. Such costs may be identified for matching purposes.
- For the Three Major Trails (MBB TEP-42) Grant Matching Program, for eligible projects that directly benefit the Three Major Trails (Bay Trail, Iron Horse Trail, East Bay Greenway), Measure BB funds may be awarded to match a grant from a

non-Alameda CTC administered fund source awarded to the construction phase.

- Examples of qualifying, external competitive/discretionary grant programs include Senate Bill 1, MTC regional funding (RM2/RM3), and other federal, state and/or regional grants.
- Excluded grant sources include federal OBAG and state STIP funding, which are recommended through Alameda CTC.
- Alameda CTC will target awarding \$10 million of the Grant Matching funds per planning area, based on needs, funding availability, and applications submitted. Any previously awarded Alameda CTC CIP discretionary funding included as a sponsor's match commitment in an external grant application will be excluded from the calculation to determine the maximum MBB Three Major Trails funds that may be awarded as Grant Matching.
- Applications submitted for external competitive/discretionary grant programs that are still undecided at the time a Three Major Trails Grant Matching application is submitted to Alameda CTC are eligible to apply, but the external grant request would need to be successful/awarded prior to adoption of the 2026 CIP in order to be considered eligible to receive an award of Three Major Trails Grant Matching funds.
- Awarded Three Major Trails Grant Matching Program funds are not intended to supplant previously committed local matching funds.

4. Eligible Projects

The 2026 CIP will focus on comprehensive transportation projects that yield significant benefits to the countywide transportation system. In general, smaller projects or early project development (planning/scoping) activities that are able to be funded through local means (direct local distribution funds) will be a lesser priority for discretionary funding.

Eligible Project Requirements

- Projects and programs ("projects") proposed for funding through the 2026 CIP must be included in the 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) project listings (10-Year Priority, 30-Year Projects, or Programmatic Projects).
- Bike projects demonstrating a direct benefit to the [Countywide Bikeways Network \(CBN\)](#) (adopted May 2022) will need to meet [Alameda CTC's All Ages and Abilities \(AAA\) Policy](#) (adopted Dec. 2022). Inclusion on the CBN is not a requirement to apply, but CIP funding will be prioritized to proposed improvements that are located on the CBN or demonstrate a significant degree of benefit to the CBN and comply with Alameda CTC's Complete Streets and AAA policies.

- Projects must demonstrate a public benefit towards enhancing, building and maintaining the multimodal transportation infrastructure in Alameda County.
- Projects must be publicly accessible and not intended solely for use by a private entity.
- Project sponsors must affirm and document community engagement efforts that have been completed and/or are planned.
- Projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the funding sources and CIP Programs that are ultimately programmed by Alameda CTC.
 - For TFCA funding, Alameda CTC will consider other TFCA-eligible project categories such as electric vehicle (EV) charging, Travel Demand Management (TDM), including rideshare, carpool and transit incentive programs, shuttle operations, and bike lockers. Agencies with candidate projects in mind for a TFCA-specific category that may not be eligible for the other 2026 CIP sources are encouraged to contact Alameda CTC staff to discuss eligibility ahead of completing an application.
 - For a complete listing of eligible project types for the funding sources included in the 2026 CIP fund estimate, please refer to the applicable CIP program descriptions (e.g., Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, Transit Program, Community Development Program, etc.) found within [Appendix D - CIP Programming Principles and Guidelines](#).

Eligible Projects

- Capital projects may include (but are not limited to):
 - New or upgraded bicycle/pedestrian facilities, bicycle lane striping, designated pedestrian path markings, signage/signals, bicycle parking, street reconfigurations, street closures, and bicycle/pedestrian safety improvements
 - Transit infrastructure enhancements and expansion
 - Safety or modernization improvements to transit centers, stations or intermodal facilities
 - Transportation improvements that provide greater transit access for residents of MTC-designated Equity Priority Communities or other disadvantaged and underserved communities
- Non-capital projects may include (but are not limited to):
 - Safety education, training, enforcement and promotional programs
 - Transportation demand and traffic management programs
 - Shuttle operations
- Technology Projects may include (but are not limited to):
 - Clean transportation technologies that facilitate the mitigation of congestion and/or pollution

- Traffic signal interconnection, controller upgrades, and advance signal technologies
- Infrastructure for alternative vehicle fuels such as electric/plug-in-hybrid vehicle stations
- Advanced traffic management systems and advanced traveler information systems
- Technology to improve freight system infrastructure, reliability, and/or to reduce environmental impacts related to freight improvements
- Deploying technologies associated with autonomous vehicles, and other collision avoidance technologies
- Advanced public transit modernization technologies i.e. transit signal priorities

5. Eligible Costs

Costs eligible for reimbursement must be in accordance with the policies and provisions set forth and described in detail in CIP Policy 4 - Eligible Costs for Reimbursement, found within [Appendix E – CIP Policies and Procedures](#).

Eligible costs for Alameda CTC-administered local funds programmed through the CIP include:

- Project development and preconstruction activities such as scoping-level documents, preliminary study reports, feasibility studies, environmental documents, preliminary engineering and design work.
- Activities related to construction, rehabilitation, environmental mitigation, capital equipment acquisition.
- Consultant or contracted costs, and other direct costs to implement the proposed improvement(s).
- Program implementation, transit services, and shuttle operations.

For Measure B/BB/VRF Direct Local Distribution Recipients, costs for Project Sponsor staff labor related to project administration, contract management of professional and construction services, are not eligible for reimbursement with Alameda CTC Administered Funds per the Local Cooperation Policy. Such costs may be identified for matching purposes.

6. Project Screening and Selection Criteria

CIP Project Screening: Only project applications that are determined by Alameda CTC to meet the following screening criteria will be considered:

1. Project identified in the Alameda CTC 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan.
2. Project meets the required minimum match, by project category and phase, for the Alameda CTC-administered funds requested.

CIP Project Selection Criteria: Projects will be scored on a scale based on the project’s expected outcomes and performance, project readiness, and leveraging ability as shown in the below table.

General CIP Criterion	CIP Criterion Description	Score Scale	Criteria Weight
A. Project Readiness	The project has a well-defined funding plan, budget and schedule; implementation of the project or project phase(s) is feasible; governing body approval and community support are demonstrated; and the sponsor demonstrates coordination among internal and external agencies, as applicable.	40	40%
B. Needs and Benefits	The project’s needs and benefits are evaluated on combined scoring of B.1 through B.4 below.	50	50%
B.1 General Benefits	The project need is clearly defined and demonstrates how the transportation improvement will benefit intended users by increasing connectivity, improving access, maintaining transportation facilities/equipment, facilitating a clean environment, promoting innovation and contributing to economic growth i.e. CTP Goals.	15	15%
B.2 Access Improvements/ Equity Priority Communities	The project demonstrates a significant impact and benefit to one or more MTC- identified Equity Priority Communities (EPCs). Sponsors may propose projects that are not physically located within the MTC-defined EPC if the application demonstrates a clear and direct benefit to other locally-identified and defined disadvantaged or underserved communities. For example, see Federal Justice 40 Initiative guidance (See note).	15	15%
B.3 Safety Benefits	The project enhances transportation safety and includes countermeasures that specifically address demonstrated safety issues.	10	10%
B.4 High Injury Network (HIN)	The project enhances transportation safety on the Countywide Bicycle and/or Pedestrian HINs.	10	10%
C. Matching Funds	Commits other identified funds beyond the minimum match requirement for the phase(s) funds are being requested. Up to 10 points assigned, 2 points earned for every additional 5% match beyond minimum match requirement.	10	10%
Total		100	100%

Note:

The [federal Justice 40 Initiative interim guidance](#) defines a community as, “either a group of individuals living in geographic proximity to one another, or a geographically dispersed set of individuals, where either type of group experiences common conditions.”

Additionally, 2026 CIP programming recommendations may not be based strictly on the scoring criteria alone. Consideration will be given towards the requirements of Alameda CTC-administered local fund sources, project delivery requirements,

sponsor's past delivery performance, geographic equity, leveraging requirements, and countywide synergies of proposed improvements.

7. CIP Programming Priorities

Funds are prioritized to projects as follows:

- a. Achieves Fundamental Programming Principles: The degree to which projects achieve the CIP's five (5) fundamental programming principles:
 1. Implement Alameda CTC's adopted 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan's vision and goals
 2. Balance strategic investments across project delivery phases
 3. Maximize transportation investments
 4. Investments in all modes and areas within Alameda County
 5. Deliver solutions while ensuring accountability
- b. Countywide Significance: Projects identified as a countywide priority, as an identified project, or along a transportation corridor, in Alameda CTC's Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP), Countywide Bikeways Network, Countywide Bicycle and/or Pedestrian HINs, and/or the transportation expenditure plans, will receive higher priority consideration.
- c. Readiness: Projects demonstrating higher state of construction readiness will receive higher priority consideration. Readiness includes technical and financial readiness such as completion of engineering, environmental and design studies, identification of risk-mitigation measures, secured funding towards project completion, feasible schedule, etc. Projects must be deliverable within the timeframe that funds are made available. Available funding will be prioritized towards improvements that can be implemented and/or demonstrate construction readiness within the first two years of the 2026 CIP.
- d. Fund Leveraging: Projects that leverage external funding commitments (such as federal and state discretionary funds) shall receive higher priority consideration.
- e. Coordination and Support: The degree to which a project demonstrates coordination and support from multiple jurisdictions, agencies, and the community stakeholders throughout the planning and project implementation phases, and identification of commitments to maintain the improvements after completion. The 2026 CIP application will request documentation of project-specific community engagement and how community input has been incorporated into the project.

8. Maximum Number of Applications and General Application Requirements

- Each eligible applicant may submit up to:
 - A maximum of three (3) applications for the available 2026 CIP discretionary funding.
 - Each 2026 CIP application must be prioritized in respect to the total number of applications submitted (e.g., priority 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3).
 - Each eligible applicant may also submit one (1) application for the available Three Major Trails Grant Matching Program funding.
- Applications for the 2026 CIP, including the Three Major Trails Grant Matching Program funding, must be submitted through Alameda CTC's online grant application system by the stated deadline.
- Applicants must provide sufficient detail for the proposed project, including a description of the improvement(s) to be implemented and the benefits, a project map, implementation schedule, project budget, funding request, and confirmation of matching funds commitment.
- Projects must adhere to Alameda CTC's Timely Use of Funds Policy found within the [Appendix E – CIP Policies and Procedures](#).
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Project sponsors will not be applying for a specific fund source through the CIP process. Rather, Alameda CTC will evaluate submitted projects based on the Commission-approved 2026 CIP project selection criteria and match successful candidate projects with the appropriate fund source(s) available in the 2026 CIP Fund Estimate.

Only project applications that demonstrate the project or project phase(s) can be implemented within the time period of fund availability of the 2026 CIP, and in accordance with the requirements of the identified fund source(s) will be recommended for funding.

9. Resolution of Local Support

A separate governing body-approved resolution of local support is required to be submitted with each 2026 CIP application. Applicants are to use the provided Resolution of Local Support Template, available from the 2026 CIP Resources webpage: <https://www.alamedactc.org/funding/funding-opportunities/>. This resolution affirms approval to submit 2026 CIP application(s), commitment of local matching funds, understanding of Alameda CTC's Project Funding Agreement requirements, and the Project Sponsor's commitment to complete the project as proposed in the 2026 CIP application. Applicants are to adopt a separate resolution for each 2026 CIP candidate project.

10. Application Deadline

Applications must be submitted by 6:00 pm (PST) on October 31, 2024.

11. Application Review and Grant Award Process

Alameda CTC staff will review applications to ensure proposed projects meet the CIP program goals and associated fund source eligibility requirements. Alameda CTC may request additional information from an applicant during this review.

Upon determination of project and funding eligibility, Alameda CTC staff will evaluate projects based on the Commission-adopted criteria and develop a 2026 CIP program recommendation for the Commission's consideration.

12. Post-Funding Award and Allocation Requirements

Once the 2026 CIP is adopted, Alameda CTC will encumber the allocated funds by entering into a project funding agreement with the recipient. Agreements will include project scope, cost, schedule, performance measures, requirements for reporting, publicity, and audits, task deliverables, effective date of reimbursable costs, etc. Funding agreements must be executed prior to the time of allowable use of funds. If not, the project award may be deallocated and rescinded. A sample funding agreement is posted with the call for project materials:

<https://www.alamedactc.org/funding/funding-opportunities/>.

Project Sponsors awarded Alameda CTC-administered local funding are required to:

- Deliver projects awarded 2026 CIP funding consistent with the submitted 2026 CIP application and current CIP Policies.
- For allocated funding, enter into a funding agreement with Alameda CTC prior to the authorized timing of the use of funds, as identified in the approved 2026 CIP. Allocated 2026 CIP funds not encumbered within this timeframe are subject to deallocation and rescission.
- Comply with all agreement requirements, including the effective date of reimbursable costs, progress reporting, publicity, task deliverables, audits, and Alameda CTC's Local Business Equity Program:
<https://www.alamedactc.org/get-involved/contract-equity/>.
- Upon project completion, provide a Final Report that describes the accomplishments of the funded project, with documentation of project publicity and photos.
- For projects awarded TFCA funding through the 2026 CIP, also comply with the TFCA Program requirements, which are identified in the sample funding agreement template posted with the call for project materials.

13. Reimbursement by Alameda CTC’s Local Funding Sources

The Alameda CTC’s local discretionary funding programs operate on a reimbursement basis for eligible, incurred costs. Eligible costs are based on the Project Sponsor’s funding application and further defined in the executed funding agreement between Alameda CTC and the Project Sponsor. Requests for reimbursement will only be approved for payment upon a fully executed funding agreement and satisfactory documentation of costs incurred by the Project Sponsor, and receipt of any required reports and deliverables. Final requests for reimbursement are to be submitted no less than sixty (60) days prior to funding agreement expiration date.

14. Resources

Refer to the below link for 2026 CIP resources, including application, CIP program requirements, policies, Alameda CTC resolution of local support template, sample Alameda CTC project funding agreement, priority area maps, and other relevant resources: <https://www.alamedactc.org/funding/funding-opportunities/>

15. CIP Application Workshop

A CIP Application Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2024, 1:30-3:30 pm, at the Alameda CTC Offices, 1111 Broadway, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94607. The meeting will also be available through a Zoom Webinar. This is an opportunity for eligible applicants to learn more about the CIP process, how to apply, and Alameda CTC’s Local Business Contract Equity Program requirements. The workshop agenda and resources, and a link to the Zoom Webinar will be available from the Alameda CTC’s CIP resources webpage by early September.

16. Schedule

Milestone	Date
Commission Approves 2026 Programming Guidelines	May 23, 2024
Release 2026 CIP Notice & Resolution Template	July 26, 2024
2026 CIP Application Release	September 1, 2024
2026 CIP Application Workshop	September 12, 2024
2026 CIP Application Deadline	October 31, 2024
Summary of Applications Received	December 2024
2026 CIP Program Recommendation	By May 2025

17. Accessibility and Title VI Statement

Alameda CTC is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of or discriminated against under its projects, programs or activities on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age,

as provided in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 49 United States Code Section 5332. [Visit Alameda CTC's Title VI webpage for additional information.](#) For accessibility accommodations, or to request this information in another language, please call 510.208.7450 (Voice) or 1.800.855.7100 (TTY).

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