



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.

Thank you,

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Project Updates

East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project update

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is leading project development for the [East Bay Greenway Multimodal \(EBGMM\) Project](#).

EBGMM will construct complete streets improvements along local roads that are parallel to the BART corridor that connects the seven station areas between Lake Merritt and South Hayward.

The EBGMM project has been divided into segments to facilitate efficient development processes in the various Alameda County jurisdictions. The **North Segment** (located in Oakland and San Leandro) of the project extends 10.6 miles from Lake Merritt to Bayfair via East 10th Street, East 8th Street, East 12th Street, San Leandro Street/Boulevard, and East 14th Street. The North Segment is working towards the 95% final design milestone, which was environmentally cleared under the California Environmental Quality Act in summer 2023. Nearly \$90 million in external grant funds have been obtained for the North

Segment, including highly competitive U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods funds. Construction of the North Segment, which will be implemented via four construction packages, is anticipated to be advertised in summer 2025.

The **County Segment** of the project extends along East 14th Street between Bayfair and 162nd Avenue in the unincorporated community of Ashland and is approximately 0.3 miles. Concept design/preliminary engineering for the County Segment is complete and Alameda County will lead this segment through final design and construction.

The **Hayward Segment** of the project connects the Hayward BART station to the South Hayward BART station. This segment of the project is on the west side of the BART and Union Pacific tracks between A Street and Tennyson Road. The Hayward segment includes pedestrian improvements along Mission Boulevard.

To implement the Hayward Segment, Alameda CTC in cooperation with the



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City of Hayward has formed an Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG) and is collaborating with the stakeholders to review project alignment alternatives that can be implemented within the near-term. Completion of an alternative alignment selection is anticipated in fall 2024.

Current outreach efforts include conducting online surveys, bicycle and walk audits, and presenting the project at community-based organization gatherings.

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



BART overcrossing in the City of San Leandro.

this year will establish the areas on which the CTP will focus, driving ultimate plan recommendations for the next set of projects and programs that the agency funds and advances. The Commission will consider adoption of the blueprint this fall, which will initiate the more traditional plan elements starting in 2025.

Throughout the first half of this year, staff have solicited input from community groups, Commissioners, and partner agency staff on policy and technical priorities for the CTP update. Staff presented safety and equity updates in February and April, where Commissioner feedback supported strong emphasis on safety in the CTP, especially for vulnerable groups. Staff also reported back on initial engagement with community groups and advocacy organizations. This initial phase of engagement reached nearly 40 organizations with input highlighting the importance of planning for equitable access, in particular for seniors and people with disabilities, and prioritizing safety and transit connections.

Based on gathered feedback and building off of the foundation set by the more recent policies adopted by state and regional agencies, four goals are recommended for the CTP focused on the Commission's priorities of 1) Safety, 2) Equity, 3) Climate, and 4) Economy.

In the coming months, staff will engage local jurisdiction and agency staff, community-based organizations, and advocacy organizations to define policy objectives in support of these goals and bring them back for Commission adoption in the fall. Policy objectives will further articulate the implementation of each goal and align with regional and state priorities. Each objective will reflect

Alameda CTC's role in supporting the goals and will drive project prioritization and recommendations for projects, programs, and strategies in the final CTP.

Programming Updates

2026 Comprehensive Investment Plan

Alameda CTC is embarking on development of the 2026 Comprehensive Investment Plan (2026 CIP). The agency will release a call for projects for \$100 million in combined Alameda CTC-administered discretionary local funding sources including Measures B and BB, the Vehicle Registration Fee, and the Transportation Fund for Clean Air. Eligible bicycle/pedestrian, transit, technology, and transit development capital projects and programs within Alameda County may apply. The 2026 CIP will program funding between fiscal years (FYs) 2025-26 through 2029-30. As they become available, complete 2026 CIP Call for Projects resources can be accessed on Alameda CTC's [Funding Opportunities webpage](#) at <https://www.alamedactc.org/funding/funding-opportunities/>.

A CIP application workshop will be held at Alameda CTC offices, with a virtual option, on Thursday, September 12, 2024, 1:30-3:30 p.m. The 2026 CIP application will be available starting September 1, 2024 and due on October 31, 2024.

Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick Strike Program (SSQM) Spotlight—Recently Completed Projects

In 2021, Alameda CTC nominated projects for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTCs) One Bay Area Grant funding that targets projects in Priority Development Areas that include local streets and road maintenance, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, Safe Routes to Schools projects, and

Planning Updates

Countywide Transportation Plan Update—Draft Goals

Development of the next Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) will reach an important milestone this month, when Alameda CTC releases draft goals for initial input on the CTP. The goals and supporting policies will be the foundation of the "policy blueprint phase" of the plan. Approval of the goals and policies



Protected intersection in Fremont at Grimmer Boulevard and Eugene Street along Fremont Boulevard.

Fremont Boulevard Multimodal Corridor Improvements that, as a whole, connect hundreds of affordable housing units to regional transit, local schools, commercial and employment centers, recreational

transportation planning. MTC awarded \$11.44 million to nine safety and multimodal improvement projects in Alameda County. To date, three capital projects have been completed. The first is Alameda County's **Anita Avenue Safe and Accessible Route to School and Transit Project**, completed in February 2024. The project implemented much needed sidewalk gap closures, Americans with Disabilities Act curb ramps, crosswalk, and streetscape improvements, between Somerset Avenue and Castro Valley Boulevard in the unincorporated community of Castro Valley. This project transformed Anita Avenue from a motor vehicle-focused to a pedestrian-friendly roadway.

In Fremont, the **protected intersection improvements along Fremont Boulevard at Grimmer Boulevard/Eugene Street and at Walnut Avenue** are scheduled for completion this month. Featuring high visibility crosswalks, enlarged curb returns, traffic signal upgrades, intersection analytics systems, video-based traffic and bicycle detection, and sidewalk level bikeways, these intersections provide all ages and abilities connections to adjacent Class IV bikeways. They are part of the larger



Protected intersection along Fremont Boulevard at Walnut Avenue.

destinations, government offices, and regional social services.

Finance Updates

Fiscal year end activities

As last fiscal year ended in June, Alameda CTC's finance team began work to ensure that all financial transactions are accounted for in the trial balances for both Alameda CTC and the Sunol Joint Powers Authority (JPA). Alameda CTC's FY 2023-24 interim audit kicked off as well, requiring the finance team to prepare and provide various documents, schedules, and reports as requested by auditors. As required by the Statement of Auditing Standard 145, auditors met with Alameda CTC's Audit Committee to discuss the intended scope of the audit, management's responsibilities, and fraud risk considerations. They must also review their audit plans. The audit is scheduled to begin in late August.

In addition, the finance staff worked with the express lanes team on dissolution of the Sunol JPA. Approved by Alameda CTC and the Sunol JPA Board this year, the final dissolution occurred on May 31, 2024. Finance activities related to the dissolution will conclude in September when the final audited annual financial report is presented to Alameda CTC.

Contracting opportunities

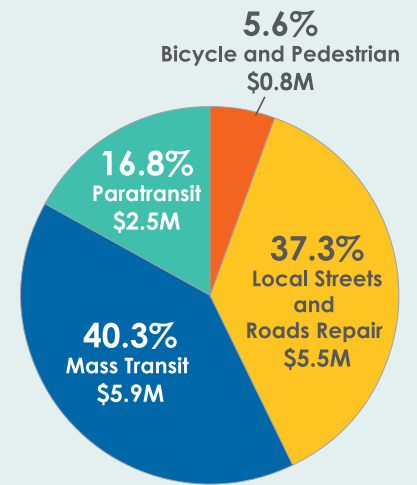
Alameda CTC anticipates upcoming solicitation of proposals for the [Finance Updates cont'd on page 4](#)

Transportation Investments

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

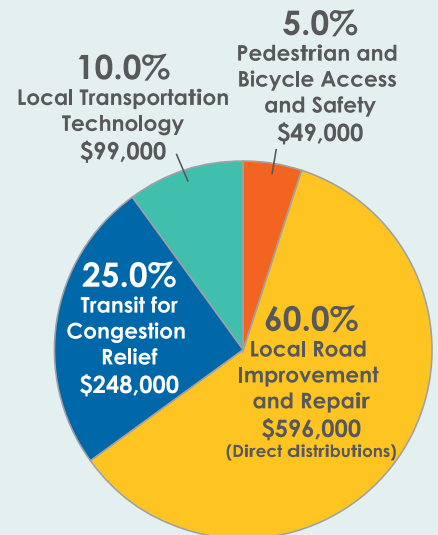
Measure BB Program Distributions

Measure BB direct local distributions began in April 2015 and total over \$972.4 million; over \$14.7 million was distributed in April 2024.



Vehicle Registration Fee

Since 2011, Alameda CTC has distributed more than \$93.7 million for local road repair; over \$0.9 million was collected in April 2024.



Agency Activities

In July, the following events were either hosted, sponsored, or participated in by Alameda CTC:

- July 16 – Doing Business with BART, Zoom
- July 24 – North Region 2024 Resource Roundtable, Zoom
- July 26 – Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) Americans with Disabilities Act Anniversary event, Hayward

Policy News

State update

The state legislature recessed on July 4th and will return for the final month of the 2023-24 Legislative Session on August 5th. August 31st is the last day for bills to pass each house. Bills passed out of the legislature must be signed by the Governor before the end of September.

Senate Bill 1031, which would have authorized the MTC to place a regional transportation measure on the ballot, is not moving forward this session. Instead, MTC is working with the authors, Senators Wiener and Wahab, to reach consensus and to advance legislation in the next session to address the Bay Area's transit funding challenges. MTC has formed a Transportation Revenue Measure Select Committee to guide the consensus building effort. Executive Director Tess Lengyel serves on the Transportation Revenue Measure Executive Group. Staff will update the Commission as these efforts advance this summer.



Other News

Alameda CTC's Independent Watchdog Committee held public hearing

Alameda CTC's [Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#) is tasked to review Measures B and BB expenditures and performance measures. The IWC will release its 22nd consecutive Annual Report to the Public in August 2024 to confirm that Measure B and Measure BB transportation sales tax dollars were spent in accordance with the intent of each measure.

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



Finance Updates cont'd from page 3 following professional services and construction contracts:

Professional Services

- Financial Audit Services
- Human Resources Consulting and Support Services
- Rail Safety Enhancement Program—Phase A
- San Pablo Avenue Parallel Bike

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

Committee Activities

July advisory committee activities

The following advisory committees met during July. Highlights include:

- July 11 – The [Independent Watchdog Committee \(IWC\)](#) held a public hearing on the draft IWC Annual Report where they received a presentation of the draft report and public comments. The committee also approved the draft IWC Annual Report and finding along with its proposed publication costs. Committee members received comments and responses regarding the Direct Local Distribution FY 2022-23 Compliance Reporting, along with the Summary Report update, and approved its FY 2024-25 chair and vice chair.
- July 18 – The [Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee \(BPAC\)](#) received updates on the Caltrans District 4 Bike Plan and the San Pablo Avenue Bus Lanes and Bike Lanes Project, and approved appointment of the committee Vice Chair. Committee members also received an announcement of two new Bikeways Academy white papers: Phasing and Implementation: Strategies and Case Studies and Phasing and Implementation: Treatments and Materials Toolbox.
- July 22 – The [Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee \(PAPCO\)](#) and the [Paratransit Technical Advisory Committee \(ParaTAC\)](#) met jointly to focus on paratransit planning within Alameda County. Committee members received updates regarding paratransit planning efforts. They also provided input and discussed the Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan with presenters and guests.

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