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## Executive Director Tess Lengyel to Retire from the Alameda County Transportation Commission After 25 Years of Service

**ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif.** – With the support of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC), Tess Lengyel, Executive Director of the organization, will retire in December 2024 after a career of nearly 35 years, including 25 years at Alameda CTC and its predecessor agencies. Executive Director Lengyel's career has included leading the planning, funding and delivery of transportation projects and programs that improve quality of life for all in Alameda County.

"On behalf of the Commission, I want to thank Executive Director Lengyel for her leadership, her commitment to delivering high-quality projects and programs that improve mobility and access for all, and her steadfast service to Alameda County over these past 25 years," said Commission Chair and Emeryville City Councilperson John J. Bauters. "Working with Executive Director Lengyel has been an honor, and I am so proud of the work she has done in partnership with the Commission to advance safety, equity, mobility and good governance. We wish her well in her well-deserved retirement."

Under Executive Director Lengyel's leadership, extensive investments have been delivered throughout the County, only a few of which are highlighted below:

- Developed and initiated implementation of the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, Measure BB, which was overwhelmingly approved by Alameda County voters in November 2014 to generate more than \$8 billion of transportation investments in the county over 30 years, which is expected to result in \$20 billion of economic activity and a significant number of jobs;
- Facilitated and fulfilled implementation of the 2000 voter-approved Measure B, investing in over \$3 billion throughout Alameda County;
- Established the Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) process to facilitate strategic programming and allocation of all federal, state, regional and local funding sources under Alameda CTC's purview, with the 2024 CIP alone programming hundreds of millions of dollars towards transportation improvements throughout Alameda County;
- Advanced some of the most challenging capital projects into construction, including over \$941 million in total project cost in construction in 2024 alone, with major capital projects throughout the county, including projects at the Port of Oakland to improve goods movement throughout all of Northern California and public safety and air quality in local communities, major interchange safety and

bicycle and pedestrian improvements at the I-80/Gilman Interchange, the I-680 Express Lane Gap Closure Project and the I-680/SR-84 interchange modernization, and a multitude of additional projects that will be ready to move into construction within the next three years, fulfilling the promise to voters in the transportation expenditure plans;

- Secured significant regional, state and federal funding to deliver projects to advance safety, transit reliability and active transportation throughout the county, leveraging local funds to secure outside funding to deliver improvements to benefit local communities;
- Created the Affordable Student Transit Pass Program to provide free transit to middle and high school students in Alameda County and supported expansion of the countywide Safe Routes to Schools program;
- Developed programs for transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities, providing mobility options, access to services, activities and support to those in need;
- Led an agencywide Equity Initiative resulting in the Commission's Equity Statement and the agency's first Race and Equity Action Plan to integrate and institutionalize equity in all agency activities;
- Led development of multiple Countywide Transportation Plans and developed and achieved consensus on a set of comprehensive plans and strategies for goods movement investments, transit improvements, and major multimodal arterials improvements throughout Alameda County;
- Ensured the highest standards for government financial accountability and transparency for an 11th year in a row with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the industry's highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting;
- Achieved bond financing with a AAA credit rating for over \$120 million, highlighting the agency's strong financial standing, and enabling Alameda CTC to advance early delivery of capital projects and benefits to the public; and
- Strengthened partnerships and coordination with state, regional, and local agencies and transit operators to increase transportation investments in Alameda County.

"It has been my privilege to serve the Commission and people of Alameda County for these 25 years," says Executive Director Lengyel. "I am deeply proud of our work, our committed staff and all the partners we work with to plan, fund and deliver transportation projects and programs that improve the quality of people's everyday lives."

The Alameda CTC Commission leadership is undertaking procedural steps in the coming weeks to hire a new Executive Director.

### **About the Alameda County Transportation Commission**

The mission of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is to plan, fund and deliver transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County. Governed by a 22-member Commission, Alameda CTC manages the county's one-cent transportation sales tax and serves as the county's congestion management agency. The agency delivers more than \$200 million each year in transportation improvements that create jobs, enhance mobility and enrich communities.

Learn about current transportation [projects and programs](#) and learn about [Measure BB](#), which voters passed in November 2014. Visit [Alameda CTC's website](#) to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on [Facebook](#) and [X, formally known as Twitter](#).

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