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Alameda CTC and Partners Break Ground on Suite of I-580 Corridor Improvements

New HOV and auxiliary lanes will provide important benefits to the region.

Alameda County - California. On Thursday, June 13, 2013, Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and its partners, including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), broke ground on the I-580 Westbound HOV Lane and Corridor Improvement Projects at the Freisman Road cul-de-sac in Livermore.

A number of elected officials representing the local jurisdictions and the projects' planning and funding agencies participated in the groundbreaking, recognizing the importance of this corridor to regional economic development and freight movement.

The groundbreaking celebrated a suite of corridor investments, including a new 13-mile westbound high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane, from Greenville Road overcrossing in Livermore to the San Ramon/Foothill Road overcrossing in Dublin/Pleasanton; an eastbound auxiliary lane between Isabel Avenue and First Street in Livermore; as well as widening of two eastbound bridges at Arroyo-Las Positas. These projects, anticipated to be complete in fall 2014, will reduce congestion, encourage carpools and improve air quality along this critical mobility corridor, while setting the stage for future high-tech mobility improvements. The new I-580 Westbound HOV lane "will serve as a practical amenity for everyone who comes to the Tri-Valley," said Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne.

"Mobility is essential to attracting and retaining jobs throughout the Tri-Valley, and truly maximizing job creation and innovation," said Livermore Mayor John Marchand.

"These projects are part of a larger series of capacity and operational improvements we have delivered and will continue to deliver to this region into the future," said master of ceremonies Alameda CTC Chair and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, "including the 580/680 interchange improvements funded in part by the very first Measure B,

investments in Route 84, the Isabel Ave Interchange and the Eastbound HOV lane. Measure B dollars, combined with local, regional, state and federal fund sources have resulted in over \$1.3 billion in investments in the Tri-Valley.”

Caltrans Director **Malcolm Dougherty** remarked that a large component of the funding for these projects comes from the Proposition 1B corridor mobility improvement funds, and commented “I can’t think of many other corridors that are as deserving of corridor improvement funds as the I-580 corridor. Thousands of motorists per day are using this corridor.”

MTC Chair **Mayor Amy Rein Worth** noted that these projects, partially funded by MTC’s voter-approved Regional Measure 2, will “improve the lives of our commuters every day,” and that they are responsive to the voters, who are saying “we want these - they are important in our lives, and we are willing to pay.”



I-580 WB HOV Lane and Corridor Improvement Projects Groundbreaking Ceremony
(l-r)

Art Dao, Executive Director Alameda CTC

Bijan Sartipi, Caltrans District 4 Director

Malcolm Dougherty, Caltrans Director

Amy Rein Worth, Chair MTC

Scott Haggerty, Chair Alameda CTC

John Marchand, Mayor Livermore

Jerry Thorne, Mayor Pleasanton

Marvin Peixoto, Councilmember Hayward

Lupe Schoenberger, District Director, State Senator Mark DeSaulneir

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. Alameda CTC coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers the expenditure plan for the half-cent sales tax approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000. For more information, visit www.alamedactc.org.

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