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Major Transportation Investments Mark Third Anniversary of the Passage of Measure BB *Measure BB Funding Expands Mobility Options for Alameda County Residents and Commuters*

ALAMEDA COUNTY - Calif. The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is keeping its pledge to residents and businesses throughout Alameda County by delivering essential transportation improvements with funding from the approval of sales tax Measure BB three years ago.

“Since the passage of Measure BB in November 2014, significant transportation investments have been made to improve transportation and expand mobility options,” says Alameda CTC Chair Rebecca Kaplan, Oakland City Councilmember At-Large. “Enhancements to Alameda County’s transportation system have included upgraded and expanded BART service; increased reliability in bus service and expanded access to transit; investments to improve streets, roads and highways; and expanded safe walking and biking paths – as was promised to voters. Alameda CTC has received AAA ratings from Fitch and Standard and Poor and has 100% clean audits since inception – a testament to our fiscal accountability.”

Below are highlights of [Measure BB accomplishments](#), to date:

Upgraded and Expanded BART Service

The new South Fremont/Warm Spring station extends BART toward Silicon Valley by five miles and provides Alameda County commuters with a viable alternative to driving. Measure B, the predecessor to Measure BB, contributed more than one-third of the extension’s total funding.

Increased Reliability in Bus Service and Expanded Access to Transit

Expanding travel choices to accommodate our growing county is one of the cornerstones of Measure BB. East Bay Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is under construction. Once complete, it will provide more reliable and faster travel along the busy 9.5-mile International Boulevard corridor from downtown Oakland to San Leandro BART. Helping to expand access to transit, and further reducing congestion on local streets, is the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program. The program launched its second year in August, reaching 17,000 students with free and low-cost student transit passes [to improve school attendance, reduce the burden of transportation costs on families and improve access to after-school activities and jobs](#). Under Measure BB, other Alameda County residents in need of transportation assistance, including seniors and people with disabilities, have benefited from a 100% increase in funding for paratransit since 2014. A recently completed paratransit needs assessment will inform future countywide investments.

Improved Streets, Roads and Highways

Fixing local streets and roads is a top priority for Alameda County residents, and more than 50 percent of Measure BB revenues are distributed to cities to repair local streets and roads. Additional improvements implemented in the last three years mitigate traffic on Alameda County streets by managing congestion along key corridors. The I-80 SMART Corridor integrates state-of-the-art technology for safer and more reliable travel, while on I-580 and I-680, [Express Lanes](#) provide more reliable travel times, improved traffic conditions, and incentives to carpool and use transit. A new three-lane overcrossing at 880 and 29th Avenue improves safety and traffic flow, and [improvements to SR84 Expressway and the SR84/ I-680 Interchange](#) are also in progress. [Enhancements at the Port of Oakland](#) are working to improve freight efficiency and reduced emissions from trucks idling in gridlock.

Expanded Safe Walking and Biking Paths

Expanded safe walking and cycling infrastructure funded by Measure BB empowers more Alameda County residents to choose these healthy, viable, and equitable transportation solutions. The next phase of the [East Bay Greenway](#) - from Lake Merritt BART to South Hayward BART - is under environmental review. The first segment, completed in 2015, provides critical pedestrian and bicycle access from 85th Avenue in Oakland to the Coliseum BART Station. Streetscape improvements and gap closures on major countywide trails increase access and quality of life for residents and commuters.

Alameda CTC is committed to the responsible stewardship of public funds and public accountability. An [Independent Watchdog Committee reviews and reports on all Measure B and Measure BB expenditures](#). Alameda CTC has received 100% clean audits and Alameda CTC's bonds are AAA-rated. In the coming years, Alameda CTC will continue to deliver the promises of voter approved transportation dollars, improving mobility and increasing travel choices to Alameda County and the region.

In addition to the many current investments, Measure BB funds serve to leverage key regional and state funding, including SB 1, which will be critical to closing funding gaps for many local infrastructure projects.



PLAN, FUND, DELIVER

Measure BB Celebrates Third Anniversary Delivering Transportation Solutions

November 2017 marks three years since the passage of Measure BB. Here are just a few of the promises we are delivering with Measure BB funds.



Warm Springs/South Fremont BART Station opened spring 2017

More Reliable, Safer and Faster Service on BART, Bus and Commuter Rail

Measure BB dollars funded the opening of BART's Warm Springs station in Fremont, which brings BART commuters 5.4 miles closer to Silicon Valley. Also, AC Transit East Bay Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) construction is underway to provide more reliable and faster travel along heavily traveled transit corridors in Oakland and San Leandro.



I-880 is a major goods movement corridor

Traffic Relief Along Major Commute Corridors

As part of our continued investment in I-880, we funded the completion of a new three-lane overcrossing at 29th Avenue. Reconstruction of the 29th and 23rd Avenue interchanges is also underway, which will make goods movement along this key connector route to the Port of Oakland safer and more efficient.



Student Transit Pass Program expanded fall 2017

Affordable Fares for Seniors, Youth and People with Disabilities

This fall, we launched the second year of a three-year pilot Student Transit Pass Program in cooperation with 15 schools in Alameda County reaching 17,000 students. In June 2017, we completed a paratransit needs assessment to address affordability, access, ride performance and other needs of seniors and people with disabilities.



Share Your Ride Week education October 2017

Clean Transportation Alternatives

During the week of October 2-6, we launched the first Share Your Ride Week program in Northern California to encourage solo drivers to rethink their commutes and fill empty seats by skipping traffic and hopping on the bus, BART, into a carpool or onto a Rideshare app.

We're Delivering



We are investing more than \$3 billion in projects to relieve congestion along the busiest corridors throughout the County.

Our investments in multimodal options will enhance opportunities for safe bicycle and pedestrian access and provide traffic flow for transit and other vehicles.



We're also investing in the construction of new Express Lanes where carpoolers ride for free with a Fastrak Flex.

A Responsible Steward of Public Funds

- ✓ Since the passage of Measure BB in November 2014, Alameda CTC has planned, funded and delivered the many priority projects and programs approved by voters.
- ✓ Alameda CTC has delivered award-winning financial management, 100% clean audits and AAA-rated bonds.
- ✓ An Independent Watchdog Committee reviews expenditures annually and has reported consistent compliance with voter intentions.

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About the Alameda County Transportation Commission

Alameda CTC coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers essential, voter-supported transportation improvements in every city throughout Alameda County. Funding sources for Alameda CTC's expenditure plans include Measure B, approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000, and Measure BB, approved by more than 70 percent of voters in 2014. For more information, please visit the Alameda CTC website at <http://www.alamedactc.org>.

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