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### **Creation of Alameda County Transportation Commission as Single Countywide Transportation Agency for Alameda County**

Alameda County - California. At a joint board meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>, the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) gave final approval to a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) which creates a new countywide transportation agency: the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC). The JPA had previously been approved by all 14 cities in the County, the County Board of Supervisors, AC Transit and BART.

The actions taken today by ACTIA and ACCMA complete the first step in merging the two agencies into a single entity, in order to eliminate redundancies and create efficiencies in planning and project delivery and to streamline legislative, policy and funding strategies. The merger will take place based upon a specific schedule. Until all merger actions are complete, a 22-member Board with representation from all Alameda County cities, the County, AC Transit and BART, will act on behalf of ACTIA, ACCMA, and the Alameda CTC. Mayor Mark Green, Union City, who serves as Chair of both ACTIA and ACCMA commented, "This action today brings a unified voice for Alameda County

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transportation by streamlining administration, planning, funding and delivery of projects and programs, providing a positive economic benefit for the residents, businesses and other governmental agencies in Alameda County.”

The Alameda CTC Board (and the separate Boards of ACTIA and CMA for a period of time until all merger activities are finalized) is composed of:

- Each member of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors;
- One member from each of the 14 cities (Oakland has two representatives); and
- One representative of BART and one representative of AC Transit.

Full implementation of the merger will require many steps as outlined below:

EVENT	TARGET DATE
Completion of JPA adoption by member agencies and Boards of Directors	June 24, 2010
First Alameda CTC meeting	July 22, 2010
Employees transition to new Commission	January-March, 2011
Single accounting system begins	July 1, 2011
Complete integration of operations	January 2012
Consolidation of office space	November 2014

Specifically, in administering Measure B, Alameda County’s half-cent transportation sales tax measure approved by voters in November 2000, the funding allocations will continue as promised to voters, with 40% of funds for capital projects and 60% for program expenditures, including distribution of pass-through funds to local jurisdictions and sponsor agencies for local streets and roads, transit maintenance and operations, senior and disabled transportation, bicycle and pedestrian safety and transit oriented development. The Alameda CTC will ensure that the Commission’s administrative staff costs related to Measure B expenditures are capped at 1% of the net Measure B revenues and that total administrative costs related to Measure B are limited to 4.5% of the net revenues. Annual independent audits are currently performed to enforce accountability and transparency and will continue.

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## Merger Background

In January 2009, ACTIA and the ACCMA initiated a study to identify service sharing and/or consolidation opportunities between the two agencies. The study examined whether mission critical responsibilities could be delivered in a more streamlined and cost effective manner if the two agencies operated on a more integrated basis. Another objective was to determine if there was sufficient information to allow policy makers to make a decision about whether to move forward with an implementation analysis and develop a plan for a possible integration and potential consolidation.

During a joint meeting of the ACTIA and the ACCMA Boards in May 2009, the Boards were given a presentation which described the opportunities for service sharing and potential merger of operations, opportunities for cost efficiencies and estimated annual savings. The presentation pointed out that the ten-year return on investment was very good, with up-front costs relatively minor considering the long term goals and benefits. The greatest opportunities for consolidation and efficiency improvement were in the areas of financial services, administrative services and capital project delivery. The joint meeting also discussed the potential for blending the Boards of Directors into one Board. The initial analysis was compelling enough for the Boards to move forward with an implementation analysis and plan.

As a result of the two separate studies, both Boards of Directors at a joint meeting in January 2010 expressed support for a proposed merger of the two agencies and directed staff to bring back at a joint meeting in February the necessary actions to form a new joint powers authority which would generally have the powers of a congestion management agency and of ACTIA. The Boards further agreed on a new structure for a combined Board of Directors and expressed support for the title of Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) as the name of the agency.

In February 2010, the joint Boards approved a draft Joint Powers Agreement and directed staff to present it to the Board of Supervisors, the City Councils for all 14 cities in the County, and the Boards of AC Transit and BART. Over the next few months, ACTIA and ACCMA obtained approval of the new Joint Powers Agreement and the necessary parallel changes to the ACCMA joint powers agreement from each of these entities. The ACTIA Board also amended the 2000 Transportation

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Expenditure Plan, following a 45-day review period, to change the composition of the ACTIA Board so that it is the same as that of the Alameda CTC Board. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, the Alameda County Transportation Authority (originally created in 1986 to implement the first transportation sales tax measure in the County) was terminated and the Agency's assets and liabilities were transferred to ACTIA. As the merger continues, these will be turned over to the new Alameda CTC.

**ACTIA:** ACTIA administers Measure B, the half-cent transportation sales tax in Alameda County, which was approved by 81.5% of the voters. ACTIA delivers transportation improvements and services to keep Alameda County moving, including mass transit projects and programs, transit villages, bicycle and pedestrian corridors, and key highway projects to eliminate bottlenecks and improve local connectivity. For more information visit the ACTIA web site at [www.actia2022.com](http://www.actia2022.com)

**ACCMA:** In 1990 California voters passed Proposition 111 that increased the statewide fuel tax to fund transportation projects and required urban counties to designate an agency to plan and implement congestion management projects and programs with these funds. In 1991, Alameda County, its 14 cities and local transit operators created the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA). The ACCMA works to improve how residents, workers, visitors and goods move in and through Alameda County. By properly channeling information, expertise and scarce transportation dollars, ACCMA ensures that tax dollars are spent wisely to improve transportation countywide. [www.accma.ca.gov](http://www.accma.ca.gov)

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