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ACTIA Transportation Forum To Highlight Progress in Central County

Alameda County – California — On Thursday, January 15th the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), in partnership with its Citizens Advisory Committee and sponsoring agencies is holding a transportation forum at St. Leander School in San Leandro. The forum will focus on the agency's major transportation projects and programs in the county's central region. Transportation project sponsors will be on hand to respond to questions.

WHAT:	ACTIA Central County (San Leandro, Hayward) Transportation Forum
DATE:	Thursday, January 15, 2009
TIME:	6:30 p.m. Open House / 7:00-8:30 p.m. ACTIA project and program presentations. The event concludes with a Q&A period.
WHERE:	St. Leander School, 451 Davis Street, 94577 – Site is BART accessible. Additional information regarding transit access can be found at www.511.org.

The event will highlight projects and programs that aim to reduce congestion and improve access and mobility. Project/program presentations include:

- **Active Transportation**

Active Transportation in Alameda County will create opportunities for kids, commuters, and community, by investing in and advancing access to transit, connecting communities through urban greenways, and inspiring walking and biking through Safe Routes to Schools and Safe Routes for Seniors Programs. These efforts aim to reduce motor vehicle use, preserve air quality, and improve public health.

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- **Safe Routes to Schools**

This program is a comprehensive countywide effort to support schools, parents, and children in training and encouraging walking and biking to school safely. Safe Routes to Schools will reach over 50,000 children in Alameda County.

- **San Leandro FLEX Shuttle**

This service provides access to a series of shuttle stops located throughout San Leandro, including shopping, transit, and key community locations. It also provides curb-to-curb service for qualified users, enabling group trips and out-of-town medical trips. The shuttle serves seniors and people with disabilities who live and travel within San Leandro.

- **San Leandro Bay Trail Slough Bridge**

By constructing a 300-foot bridge between the Port of Oakland/Oakland Airport and the Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline in San Leandro, a critical gap in the Bay Trail will be filled. The bridge will connect the existing Bay Trail on either side of the San Leandro Slough.

- **Lewelling/East Lewelling Widening Project**

This is the first of a two-phase project to widen East Lewelling Boulevard to East 14th Street and to move utilities underground in the project area. The work widens Lewelling Boulevard between Hesperian Boulevard and Meekland Avenue and includes median, island, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and bicycle lane construction.

- **Central County Freeway Study**

The project analyzes the congestion relief potential of a series of Central County freeway improvements and will result in a prioritized list of enhancements in the region that could be funded from the sale of excess state property previously acquired for the former Hayward Bypass Project.

- **Washington Avenue Interchange**

Enhancements improve access between Washington Avenue in San Leandro and I-880. The project will widen the southbound I-880 on-ramp, modify local traffic signals, and widen northbound Washington Avenue.

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.

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