

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **ACTIA Transportation Forum Highlights Mobility Improvement Projects and Programs in North Alameda County**

**Alameda County – California** —On Thursday, October 15th the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), in partnership with its Citizens Advisory Committee and sponsoring agencies is holding a transportation forum at the ACTIA office in downtown Oakland. The forum will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public. It will focus on the agency's major transportation projects and programs in the north county region.

<b>WHAT:</b>	<b>ACTIA North County (Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, Piedmont) Transportation Forum</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Thursday, October 15, 2009</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Open House / 7:00-8:30 p.m. Project and Program presentations. The event concludes with a Q&amp;A period.</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612. Site is BART accessible. More information regarding transit access can be found at <a href="http://www.511.org">www.511.org</a>.</b>

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

- **Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP)**

Measure B Gap Grant recipient, BORP, is a leading provider, promoter and advocate of accessible sports and recreation opportunities for children and adults with physical disabilities in Alameda County.

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- **Senior Mobility Coordination and Expansion**

With the senior-aged population expected to more than double in the next twenty years, Measure B funds provide countywide coordination efforts, including research, planning and services to promote comprehensive transportation access for seniors.

- **Active Transportation**

Local and national effort to create access for kids, commuters and communities by investing in the advancement of access-to-transit, connecting communities with urban greenways and inspiring people to walk and bike in Alameda County.

- **Oakland Airport Connector Project**

Expanded access for travelers to and from the Oakland International Airport via a 3.2 mile automated guide-way transit system, which will provide connection with reliable travel times to BART, Amtrak service and the Airport.

- **Ashby BART Station/Ed Roberts Campus**

A Measure B Grants recipient and international model for disability rights and universal access, this transit-oriented campus is located at the Ashby BART Station in South Berkeley and includes the offices of collaborating organizations, along with fully accessible meeting rooms, a computer/media resource center, fitness center, café, and child development center.

- **AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit**

The first Bus Rapid Transit project located in the Telegraph Avenue, Broadway, International Boulevard and East 14<sup>th</sup> Street corridors and the second phase of the Rapid Bus Project, which is being implemented in the corridor. Funded by Measure B, the project will expand transit priority treatments in the corridor to improve service reliability and travel time.

- **ACTIA Local Business Contract Equity Team**

Will be available to answer questions and provide assistance regarding certification and upcoming transportation opportunities with ACTIA.

- **Calmentor Program**

This Mentor/protégé program promotes partnerships and supports participation of certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) firms in Caltrans District 4 architecture and engineering contracts.

- **Caltrans Small Business Program**

Caltrans will be available to answer questions and provide information regarding small business contracting opportunities.

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).

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