

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **ACTIA Awards Grants Supporting Active Transportation in Recognition of International Walk to School Month**

Alameda County, California — The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) encourages kids, commuters and all members of Alameda County to engage in active transportation during October, International Walk to School Month. The rising rate of obesity and the increasing health care costs of inactivity, coupled with climate change, dictate a call to action for more active living, including how people use transportation. ‘Active Transportation’ is a national effort aimed at increasing federal transportation funding for walking, biking and access to transit.

ACTIA has joined this effort to expand active mobility opportunities and choices for all ages and transportation needs in our communities, by funding grants and innovative programs that assist people in using alternative transportation options.

Throughout the month of October, hundreds of students at more than 50 Alameda County public elementary schools will walk and bike to school safely as part of the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Program. SR2S is a comprehensive program aimed at enhancing the health of kids, while improving air quality and the environment.

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In Alameda County, SR2S is a partnership led by TransForm (formerly Transportation and Land Use Coalition [TALC]), including the Alameda County Public Health Department, Cycles of Change and many other local agencies and organizations. SR2S was among 12 bicycle and pedestrian projects that were funded through Measure B's 2009 Bicycle and Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Cycle 4 grants. The SR2S grant totaled \$820,000. For more information regarding SR2S, visit <http://transformca.org>.

In addition to promoting walking and biking, Active Transportation is also aimed at shifting car trips to transit. To empower communities in making focused improvements in this regard, \$3.4 million of Measure B Countywide Express Bus Cycle 2 grant funds were awarded to AC Transit, including \$1.7 million for Bus Route 1R weekday operations and \$200,000 for Bus Route 1R weekend operations. Additionally, \$1.5 million of the Cycle 2 grant funds were awarded to the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) for three Express Bus service routes in Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton.

The following table provides a detailed breakdown of the 2009 Express Bus Cycle 2 and Bicycle and Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Cycle 4 grant awards.

**2009 Projects Receiving Measure B Grant Funds:**

<b>Project Sponsor</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Grant Type</b>	<b>ACTIA Funding</b>	<b>Planning Area</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>
AC Transit	Route #1R/International Rapid – Weekday Operations and Weekend Operations	Express Bus	\$1.9 million	Central & North County	\$5.2 million
LAVTA	Express Bus Operating Assistance for three routes: 20X, 12V, and 70X	Express Bus	\$1.5 million	East County	\$1.8 million
<b>Total 2009 Express Bus Cycle 2 Grant Awards Total</b>			<b>\$3.4 million</b>		

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Project Sponsor	Project Name	Grant Type	ACTIA Funding	Planning Area	Total Project Cost
Urban Ecology	East Bay Greenway Environmental Review & Implementation Strategy	Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$527,000	Central & North County	\$902,000
City of Oakland	Lakeshore/Lake Park Avenue Complete Streets Project: Transit, Pedestrian and Bike Access Improvements	Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$573,599	North County	\$1,207,591
City of Dublin	Alamo Canal Regional Trail – Interstate 580 Undercrossing	Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$891,000	East County	\$3,076,000
East Bay Regional Parks District	Iron Horse Trail Feasibility Study – Dublin BART to Santa Rita Road	Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$25,000	East County	\$50,000
City of Fremont	Irvington Area Pedestrian Improvements	Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$342,000	South County	\$400,000
City of Albany	Albany Pedestrian Master Plan and Update to Albany Bicycle Master Plan	Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$130,000	North County	\$160,000
City of Newark	Newark Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan	Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$119,000	South County	\$149,000
Alameda County Congestion Management Agency	Alameda Countywide Bicycle Plan Update	Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$130,000	Countywide	\$165,000
TransForm	Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Alameda County Partnership	Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$820,000	Countywide	\$1,895,000
East Bay Bicycle Coalition	Bicycle Safety Education Program	Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$215,401	Countywide	\$230,201
City of Fremont	Tri-City Senior Walk Clubs	Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$52,000	South County	\$67,000
TransForm	TravelChoice New Residents	Bicycle & Pedestrian	\$175,000	Countywide	\$353,000
<b>Total 2009 Bicycle and Pedestrian Countywide Discretionary Cycle 4 Grant Awards Total</b>			<b>\$4,000,000</b>		

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ACTIA has funded over 100 grants supporting multi-modal services, including bicycle and pedestrian safety, senior and disabled mobility, transit oriented projects and studies, and express bus services.

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: [www.actia2022.com](http://www.actia2022.com).

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