

Alameda County Transportation Commission

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

Index

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Program
2. Local Street and Road (Local Transportation) Program
3. Mass Transit Program
4. Seniors and People with Disabilities (Paratransit) Program

**Alameda County Transportation Commission
Bicycle/Pedestrian Program
Implementation Guidelines**

Section 1. Purpose

- A. To delineate the eligible uses of Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Funds authorized under Alameda County Transportation Commission Master Program Funding Agreements, these implementation guidelines have been developed to specify the requirements that local jurisdictions must follow in their use of Measure B, Measure BB and Vehicle Registration Fee Direct Local Distribution and discretionary funds. These guidelines are incorporated by reference in the Master Program Funding Agreements. All other terms and conditions for programs are contained in the agreements themselves. The intent of the implementation guidelines is to:
1. Provide guidance on Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety funds eligible uses and expenditures.
 2. Define the terms in the Master Program Funding Agreements.
 3. Guide Bicycle and Pedestrian Program implementation.

Section 2. Authority

- A. These Implementation Guidelines have been adopted by the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and set forth eligible uses and expenditures for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program funds. Alameda CTC may update these guidelines on an as-needed basis and will do so with involvement of its technical and community advisory committees (as applicable). Exceptions to these guidelines must be requested in writing and be approved by Alameda CTC.

Section 3. Background

- A. Alameda CTC developed Implementation guidelines for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Funds to clarify eligible fund uses and expenditures in association Master Programs Funding Agreements for the November 2000 voter-approved Measure B Direct Local Distribution funds (formally known as “pass-through funds”). In 2012, the Master Programs Funding Agreements were updated to include the voter approved Measure F - Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) program. In November 2014, voters approved the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, Measure BB, and new Master Programs Funding Agreements were subsequently developed to incorporate Measure BB funds.

Section 4. Definition of Terms

- A. **Alameda CTC:** The Alameda County Transportation Commission is a Joint Powers Authority created by the merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, which performed long-range planning and funding for countywide transportation projects and programs, and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, which administered the voter approved half-cent transportation sales taxes in Alameda County (the 1986 and 2000 approved Measure B sales tax programs)
- B. **Capital project:** A bicycle and pedestrian capital investment that typically requires the following phases: planning/feasibility, scoping, environmental clearance, design, right-of-way, construction, and completion.
- C. **Complete Street:** A transportation facility that is planned, designed, operated, and maintained to provide safe mobility for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit vehicles, truckers, and motorists, appropriate to the function and context of the facility. Complete street concepts apply to rural, suburban, and urban areas (Caltrans definition).
- D. **Complete Streets Act of 2008:** The California Complete Streets Act (Assembly Bill 1358) was signed into law in September 2008. It requires that local jurisdictions modify their general plans as follows:

Alameda CTC Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Implementation Guidelines

“(A) Commencing January 1, 2011, upon any substantial revision of the circulation element, the legislative body shall modify the circulation element to plan for a balanced, multimodal transportation network that meets the needs of all users of the streets, roads, and highways for safe and convenient travel in a manner that is suitable to the rural, suburban, or urban context of the general plan.

(B) For the purposes of this paragraph, “users of streets, roads, and highways” means bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public transportation, and seniors.”

- E. **Construction:** Construction of a new capital project, including development of preliminary engineering and construction documents, including plans, specifications, and estimates.
- F. **Cost Allocation Plans (CAPs):** CAPs and Indirect cost rate proposals (IDCs) are plans that provide a systematic manner to identify, accumulate, and distribute allowable direct and indirect costs to Bicycle and Pedestrian programs funded through the Alameda CTC Master Programs Funding Agreements.
- G. **Direct cost:** A cost completely attributed to the provision of a service, operations, a program, a capital cost, or a product. These costs include documented hourly project staff labor charges (salaries, wages and benefits) which are directly and solely related to the implementation of the Alameda CTC-funded Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds, consultants, and materials. These funds may be used for travel or training if they are directly related to the implementation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds.
- H. **Direct Local Distribution Funds:** Funds are allocated based upon a funding formula (such as population, registered vehicles, road miles, or a combination thereof) defined in a voter approved transportation expenditure plan, and provided to eligible jurisdictions on a regularly scheduled basis (such as a regular monthly payment).
- I. **Environmental Documents:** Preparation of environmental documents, such as those related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), or permits required by state or federal permitting agencies.
- J. **Grants:** Funding for plans, programs or projects based upon a competitive call for projects, an evaluation process based on adopted evaluation criteria and allocated based upon a reimbursement basis.
- K. **Indirect cost:** Also known as “overhead,” any cost of doing business other than direct costs. These costs include utilities, rent, administrative staff, officer's salaries, accounting department costs and personnel department costs, which are requisite for general operation of the organization, but are not directly allocable to a particular service or product.
- L. **Local Bicycle Master Plan/Local Pedestrian Master Plans:** Locally adopted plans that, at a minimum, examine existing conditions for walking and/or bicycling, and provide recommendations on improving the walking and/or bicycling environment, and prioritize these improvements. These plans may be stand-alone bicycle and pedestrian plans or maybe a joint plan that addresses both walking and bicycling. Also referred to as an Active Transportation Plan.
- M. **Maintenance:** Repairs, renovation, or upgrade of existing facility or infrastructure.
- N. **Measure BB:** Alameda County voters approved Measure BB, the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, in November 2014. It authorizes the collection of a half-cent transportation sales tax and augments the existing 2000 Measure B sales tax program. Collection of the sales tax began on April 1, 2015. Administered by the Alameda CTC, Measure BB funds four types of programs in 20 local jurisdictions: bicycle and pedestrian, local streets and roads, mass transit, and paratransit.
- O. **Operations:** Provision of services that operate transportation facilities and programs. Operations costs do not include the costs to operate community outreach or other programs not directly related to a specific transportation service, program, or product.

Alameda CTC Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Implementation Guidelines

- P. **Planning:** Identification of project and program current conditions and needs and development of strategies and plans to address the identified needs.
- Q. **Project Completion/Closeout:** Inspection/project acceptance, final invoicing, final reporting, and processes for closing out project.
- R. **Scoping and Project Feasibility:** Early capital project phases that identify project needs, costs and implementation feasibility.
- S. **Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF):** Measure F, Alameda County's VRF Program, approved by the voters in November 2010. It will generate approximately \$12 million per year through a \$10 per year vehicle registration fee. Administered by the Alameda CTC, the VRF funds four main types of programs (with the funding distribution noted in parenthesis): local streets and roads (60 percent); transit (25 percent); local transportation technology (10 percent); and bicycle and pedestrian projects (5 percent).

Section 5. Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Fund Allocations

- A. These Implementation Guidelines provide guidance on two types of Bicycle and Pedestrian Fund allocation processes for Measure B, Measure BB, and Vehicle Registration Fee funds: 1) Direct Local Distribution funds and 2) Grants.
 - 1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Direct Local Distribution (DLD) Funds
 - a. *General:* The Bicycle and Pedestrian DLD Funds are distributed to cities in the county and to Alameda County to be spent on planning and construction of bicycle and pedestrian projects, and the development and implementation of bicycle and pedestrian programs. These funds are intended to expand and enhance bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Alameda County, focusing on high priority projects like gap closures and intermodal connections.
 - b. *Eligible Uses:* The Bicycle and Pedestrian DLD funds may be used for capital projects, programs, or plans that directly address bicycle and pedestrian access, convenience, safety, and usage.

Eligible uses for these funds include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- 1) Capital Projects, including:
 - a. New pedestrian facilities (e.g. sidewalks, curb ramps, countdown signals, accessible signals)
 - b. Improvements to existing pedestrian facilities
 - c. New bikeways (such as bicycle routes, boulevards, lanes, multi-use pathways)
 - d. Improvements or upgrades to existing bikeways
 - e. Maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian facilities
 - f. Crossing improvements (at intersections, interchanges, railroads, freeways, etc.) for pedestrians and bicyclists
 - g. Bicycle parking facilities, including construction, maintenance and operations
 - h. ADA on-street improvements
 - i. Signage for pedestrians and/or bicyclists

Alameda CTC Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Implementation Guidelines

- j. Pedestrian and bicycle access improvements to, from and at transit facilities
 - k. Traffic calming projects
 - l. All phases of capital projects, including feasibility studies, planning, and environmental
 - 2) Development and updates of Local Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Master Plans (Active Transportation Plans)
 - 3) Compliance with complete streets policies, to comply with the California Complete Streets Act of 2008, as specified in Section 6.
 - 4) Design and implementation of education, enforcement, outreach, and promotion programs
 - 5) Direct staff and consultant costs to develop, plan, implement, operate, and maintain the bicycle and pedestrian projects and programs.
 - 6) Maintenance of the portion of the street most often used for bicycling (such as bicycle lanes)
 - 7) Bicycle/pedestrian capital projects on non-city property, such as on school district property.
 - 8) Direct staff and consultant costs that support eligible activities, including the end-of-year compliance report
 - 9) Crossing guards
 - 10) Direct staff training costs directly related to implementation of projects, plans, or programs implemented with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Funds
- c. *Ineligible Uses:* The following is a list of ineligible uses of Bicycle/Pedestrian DLD funds:
- 1) Non-transportation projects such as fees charged to capital construction projects for services or amenities not related to transportation
 - 2) Repaving of the entire roadway (see “Eligible Uses” above for exceptions)
 - 3) Capital projects, programs, or plans that do not directly address bicycle and pedestrian access, convenience, safety, and usage
 - 4) Projects or programs that exclusively serve city/county staff
 - 5) Indirect costs, unless the recipient submits an independently audited/approved Indirect Cost Allocation Plan
- d. *List of Projects/Programs:* All projects and programs that use DLD funds must receive governing board approval prior to the jurisdiction expending the DLD funding on the project/program. This approval allows the opportunity for the public to provide input on planning for bicycle and pedestrian safety. These projects and programs may be included in any of the following, as long as they have been adopted by the jurisdiction’s governing board:

- 1) List of projects intended to be funded by DLD funds

Alameda CTC Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Implementation Guidelines

- 2) Local Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Master Plan with priority projects
 - 3) Capital Improvement Program
 - 4) A resolution, such as for a grant application submittal
2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Funds
- a. Alameda CTC will adopt *Grant Program Guidelines* before each grant cycle that will establish the guiding policies for that grant cycle and will publicize each grant funding cycle. Alameda CTC will administer a bicycle and pedestrian discretionary grant program using a portion of the available funds
 - b. Local jurisdictions, transit operators and Community Based Organizations (CBO) in Alameda County may be eligible for these competitive funds as determined by the Alameda CTC discretionary processes and the *Grant Program Guidelines*.

Section 6. Complete Streets Policy Requirement

- A. To receive DLD funds, local jurisdictions must do both of the following with respect to Complete Street policies:
1. Have an adopted complete streets policy
 2. Comply with the California Complete Streets Act of 2008. The California Complete Streets Act (AB1358) requires that local general plans do the following:
 - a. Commencing January 1, 2011, upon any substantial revision of the circulation element, the legislative body shall modify the circulation element to plan for a balanced, multimodal transportation network that meets the needs of all users of the streets, roads, and highways for safe and convenient travel in a manner that is suitable to the rural, suburban, or urban context of the general plan.
 - b. For the purposes of this paragraph, “users of streets, roads, and highways” means bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public transportation, and seniors.

Section 7. Local Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Requirement

- A. To receive DLD funds, local jurisdictions must do all of the following with respect to local bicycle and pedestrian master plans.
1. Have an adopted Local Pedestrian Master Plan AND Local Bicycle Master Plan OR have an adopted combined Local Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan (Active Transportation Plan); or demonstrate that the plan is being developed and will be adopted.
 2. Each plan must be updated, at a minimum, every five years.
 3. Each plan must include core elements to ensure that the plan is effective, and that plans throughout the county are comparable, to the extent that is reasonable, to facilitate countywide planning. Alameda CTC will develop and maintain guidelines outlining these core elements.

The Alameda CTC will provide technical assistance and consideration for funding for local jurisdictions to meet these requirements through the competitive grants. Jurisdictions may also use DLD funds for the development of local bicycle and pedestrian master plans.

Section 8. Advancement of Direct Local Distribution Funds

- A. Alameda CTC may consider advancing future Direct Local Distribution funds, with the goal of seeing improvements made in the near term. If a jurisdiction is interested in this option, a written request to Alameda CTC must include a description of the project, scope, schedule, the amount of funds requested, the anticipated timing of when funds are required, and justification for the request. Requests will be considered on an individual basis.

Section 9. Adoption of Implementation Guidelines

- A. Implementation Guidelines are adopted by Alameda CTC on an as-needed basis. Changes to Implementation Guidelines will be brought through Alameda CTC's Technical Advisory Committee for review and comment, as well as any other Alameda CTC committees as necessary, before changes are adopted by the Alameda CTC's Commission.

**Alameda County Transportation Commission
Local Streets and Roads (Local Transportation) Program
Implementation Guidelines**

Section 1. Purpose

- A. To delineate the eligible uses of Local Streets and Roads funds authorized under Alameda County Transportation Commission Master Program Funding Agreements, these implementation guidelines have been developed to specify the requirements that local jurisdictions must follow in their use of Measure B, Measure BB, and Vehicle Registration Fees (VRF) Direct Local Distribution funds. These guidelines are incorporated by reference in the Master Programs Funding Agreements. All other terms and conditions for programs are contained in the agreements themselves. The intent of the implementation guidelines is to:
1. Provide guidance on Local Streets and Roads funds eligible uses and expenditures.
 2. Define the terms in the Master Programs Funding Agreements.
 3. Guide Local Streets and Roads Program implementation.

Section 2. Authority

- A. These Implementation Guidelines have been adopted by the Alameda County Transportation Commission and set forth eligible uses and expenditures for the Local Streets and Roads funds. Alameda CTC may update these guidelines on an as-needed basis and will do so with involvement of its technical and community advisory committees (as applicable). Exceptions to these guidelines must be requested in writing and be approved by the Alameda CTC Commission.

Section 3. Background

- A. Alameda CTC developed Implementation Guidelines for the Local Streets and Roads (Local Transportation) funds to clarify eligible fund uses and expenditures in association with Master Program Funding Agreements for the November 2000 voter-approved Measure B Direct Local Distribution funds (formally known as “pass-through funds”). The Expenditure Plan allocates 22.34 percent of Measure B funds for Local Streets and Roads programs and projects. In 2012, the Master Programs Funding Agreements were updated to include the voter approved 2010 Measure F - Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) program. The VRF includes 60 percent of net revenues for a Local Streets and Roads Program. In November 2014, voters approved the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, Measure BB, which allocates 20.00 percent of funds for a Local Streets and Roads program. New Master Programs Funding Agreements were subsequently developed to incorporate Measure BB funds.

Section 4. Definition of Terms

- A. **Alameda CTC:** The Alameda County Transportation Commission is a Joint Powers Authority created by the merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, which performed long-range planning and funding for countywide transportation projects and programs, and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, which administered the voter-approved, half-cent transportation sales taxes in Alameda County (the Measure B sales tax programs approved in 1986 and 2000).
- B. **Bike parking:** Bike racks and lockers, bike shelters, attended bike parking facilities, and bike parking infrastructure.
- C. **Bikeways and multiuse paths:** Bike lanes, bike boulevards, side paths, bike routes, multiuse pathways, at-grade bike crossings, and maintenance of bikeway facilities.

Alameda CTC Local Streets and Roads Program Implementation Guidelines

- D. **Bridges and tunnels:** Crossings above or below grade for bicycles, pedestrians, and/or autos and transit.
- E. **Capital project:** A capital investment that typically requires the following phases: planning/feasibility, scoping, environmental clearance, design, right-of-way, construction, and completion.
- F. **Complete Street:** A transportation facility that is planned, designed, operated, and maintained to provide safe mobility for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit vehicles, truckers, and motorists, appropriate to the function and context of the facility. Complete street concepts apply to rural, suburban, and urban areas. (Caltrans definition)
- G. **Complete Streets Act of 2008:** The California Complete Streets Act (Assembly Bill 1358) was signed into law in September 2008. It requires that local jurisdictions modify their general plans as follows:
- “(A) Commencing January 1, 2011, upon any substantial revision of the circulation element, the legislative body shall modify the circulation element to plan for a balanced, multimodal transportation network that meets the needs of all users of the streets, roads, and highways for safe and convenient travel in a manner that is suitable to the rural, suburban, or urban context of the general plan.
- (B) For the purposes of this paragraph, “users of streets, roads, and highways” means bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public transportation, and seniors.”
- H. **Construction:** Construction of a new capital project, including development of preliminary engineering and construction documents, including plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E).
- I. **Cost Allocation Plans (CAPs):** CAPs and indirect cost (IDC) rate proposals are plans that provide a systematic manner to identify, accumulate, and distribute allowable direct and indirect costs to Local Streets and Roads programs funded through the Alameda CTC Master Programs Funding Agreements.
- J. **Direct cost:** A cost completely attributed to the provision of a service, operations, a program, a capital cost, or a product. These costs include documented hourly project staff labor charges (salaries, wages, and benefits) that are directly and solely related to the implementation of the Alameda CTC-funded Local Streets and Roads projects, consultants, and materials. These funds may be used for travel or training if they are directly related to the implementation of the Local Streets and Roads funds.
- K. **Direct Local Distribution Funds:** Funds are allocated based upon a funding formula (such as population, registered vehicles, roadmiles, or a combination thereof) defined in a voter approved measure and provided to eligible jurisdictions on a regularly schedule basis (such as a regular monthly payment).
- L. **Education and promotion:** Marketing, education, information, outreach, and promotional campaigns and programs.
- M. **Environmental documents:** Preparation of environmental documents, such as those related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), or permits required by state or federal permitting agencies.
- N. **Equipment and new vehicles:** Purchase or lease of vehicles and equipment for service improvements, such as information dissemination, fare collection, etc.
- O. **Grants:** Funding for plans, programs, or projects based on a competitive call for projects; evaluated based on adopted evaluation criteria; and allocated based on a reimbursement basis.
- P. **Indirect cost:** Also known as “overhead,” any cost of doing business other than direct costs. These costs include utilities, rent, administrative staff, officers’ salaries, accounting department costs, and

Alameda CTC Local Streets and Roads Program Implementation Guidelines

personnel department costs, which are requisite for general operation of the organization but are not directly allocable to a particular service or product.

- Q. **Maintenance:** Repairs, renovation, or upgrade of existing facility or infrastructure.
- R. **Measure B:** Alameda County’s half-cent transportation sales tax, originally approved in 1986, and reauthorized by voters in November 2000. Collection of the sales tax began on April 1, 2002. Administered by the Alameda CTC, Measure B funds four types of programs in 20 local jurisdictions: bicycle and pedestrian, local streets and roads, mass transit, and paratransit.
- S. **Measure BB:** Alameda County voters approved Measure BB, the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, in November 2014. It authorizes the collection of a half-cent transportation sales tax and augments the existing 2000 Measure B sales tax program. Collection of the sales tax began on April 1, 2015. Administered by the Alameda CTC, Measure BB funds four types of programs in 20 local jurisdictions: bicycle and pedestrian, local streets and roads, mass transit, and paratransit.
- T. **Operations:** Provision of services that operate transportation facilities and programs. Operations costs do not include the costs to operate community outreach or other programs not directly related to a specific transportation service, program, or product.
- U. **Pedestrian crossing improvements:** At-grade pedestrian crossing improvements such as crosswalks, roadway/geometric changes, or reconfiguration specifically benefiting pedestrians.
- V. **Planning:** Identification of project and program current conditions and needs and development of strategies and plans to address the identified needs.
- W. **Planning area:** Four geographical sub-areas of the county (Planning Areas 1, 2, 3, and 4). The sub-areas of the county are defined by the Alameda CTC as follows:
1. Planning Area 1 – North Area: Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland and Piedmont
 2. Planning Area 2 – Central Area: Cities of Hayward and San Leandro, and the unincorporated areas of Castro Valley and San Lorenzo, as well as other unincorporated lands in that area
 3. Planning Area 3 – South Area: Cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City
 4. Planning Area 4 – East Area: Cities of Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton, and all unincorporated lands in that area
- X. **Project completion/closeout:** Inspection/project acceptance, final invoicing, final reporting, and the processes for closing out a project.
- Y. **Scoping and project feasibility:** Early capital project phases that identify project needs, costs, and implementation feasibility.
- Z. **Sidewalks and ramps:** New sidewalks, sidewalk maintenance, curb ramps, and stairs/ramps for pedestrian and Americans with Disabilities Act access.
- AA. **Signage:** Warning, regulatory, wayfinding, or informational signage.
- BB. **Signals:** New traffic signals or crossing signals, signal upgrades, countdown signals, audible signals, or signal timing improvements.
- CC. **Street resurfacing and maintenance:** Repaving and resurfacing of on-street surfaces, including striping.
- DD. **Traffic calming:** Infrastructure primarily aimed at slowing down motor vehicle traffic.

Alameda CTC Local Streets and Roads Program Implementation Guidelines

- EE. **Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF):** Measure F, Alameda County's VRF Program, approved by the voters in November 2010 with 63 percent of the vote. It will generate approximately \$12 million per year through a \$10 per year vehicle registration fee. Administered by the Alameda CTC, the VRF funds four main types of programs and the distribution percentage is as follows: local streets and roads (60 percent); transit (25 percent); local transportation technology (10 percent); and bicycle and pedestrian projects (5 percent).

Section 5. Local Streets and Roads Fund Allocations

- A. These Implementation Guidelines provide guidance on the Local Streets and Roads (LSR) Fund allocation process for Measure B, Measure BB and VRF Direct Local Distribution funds.
1. Measure B/BB Local Streets and Roads Direct Local Distribution (DLD) Funds
 - a. *General:* Alameda CTC distributes Measure B and Measure BB Local Streets and Roads DLD funds to cities in the county and to Alameda County to be spent on transportation capital improvements for surface streets and arterial roads, and maintenance and upkeep of local streets and roads, including repaving streets, filling potholes, and upgrading local transportation infrastructure.

These funds are intended to maintain and improve local streets and roads in Alameda County, and may be used for any local transportation need based on local priorities, including streets and roads projects, local transit projects, bicycle and pedestrian projects, projects (sponsored by others) that require local agency support, and other transportation uses as approved through a public process by the jurisdiction.
 - b. *Eligible Uses:* Measure B/BB DLD funds may be used for capital projects, programs, maintenance, or operations that directly improve local streets and roads and local transportation. Eligible uses for these funds include, but are not necessarily limited to:
 - 1) Capital projects, including:
 - a) All phases of capital projects, including feasibility studies, planning, and environmental
 - b) Upgrades to or installation of new local streets and roads infrastructure including installation of streets, roads, and highways
 - c) Street resurfacing and maintenance including repaving and resurfacing of on-street surfaces including striping
 - d) Improvements or upgrades to bridges and tunnels
 - e) Installation of or upgrades to sidewalks and curb ramps
 - f) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on-street improvements, including sidewalk upgrades and curb ramp installations
 - g) Purchase or lease of equipment or new vehicles for local streets and roads improvements
 - h) Crossing improvements including traffic signals, signage, and traffic lights (at intersections, interchanges, railroads, freeways, etc.) for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists

Alameda CTC Local Streets and Roads Program Implementation Guidelines

- i) Improvements to or installation of new pedestrian facilities (e.g., sidewalks, curb ramps, countdown signals, accessible signals, at-grade bike crossings)
 - j) Improvements or upgrades to or installation of new bikeways (such as bicycle routes, boulevards, lanes, multi-use pathways)
 - k) Maintenance of or installation of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including construction, maintenance, and operations of bike parking facilities.
 - l) Pedestrian and bicycle access improvements to, from and at transit facilities
 - m) Traffic calming projects
- 2) Transit system operations, operations of traffic signal system controls and interconnections, and corridor monitoring and management
 - 3) Mass transit project operations including bus, ferry, shuttle, rail, and Welfare to Work services
 - 4) Paratransit services
 - 5) Direct staff and consultant costs that support eligible activities, including the end-of-year compliance report
 - 6) Direct staff training costs directly related to implementation of projects or programs implemented with the Local Streets and Roads Funds
- c. *Ineligible Uses:* The following is a list of ineligible uses of LSR DLD funds:
- 1) Non-transportation projects such as fees charged to capital construction projects for services or amenities not related to transportation
 - 2) Capital projects, programs, maintenances, or operations that do not directly improve local streets and roads and local transportation
 - 3) Projects or programs that exclusively serve city/county staff
 - 4) Indirect costs, unless the RECIPIENT submits an independently audited/approved Indirect Cost Allocation Plan
- d. *List of Projects/Programs:* All projects and programs that use LSR DLD funds must receive governing board approval prior to the jurisdiction expending the DLD funding on the project/program. This approval allows the opportunity for the public to provide input on planning for local streets and roads projects. These projects and programs must be included in any of the following, as long as they have been adopted by the jurisdiction's governing board:
- 1) List of projects intended to be funded by DLD funds
 - 2) Local Streets and Roads Master Plan with priority projects
 - 3) Capital Improvement Program
 - 4) A resolution, such as for a grant application submittal

Alameda CTC Local Streets and Roads Program Implementation Guidelines

2. VRF Local Streets and Roads DLD Funds
 - a. *General:* Alameda CTC distributes VRF Local Streets and Roads DLD Funds to cities in the county and to Alameda County to be spent on transportation capital improvements for surface streets and arterial roads, and maintenance and upkeep of local streets and roads. These funds are intended to maintain and improve local streets and roads as well as a broad range of facilities in Alameda County (from local to arterial facilities).
 - b. *Eligible Uses:* The VRF Local Streets and Roads DLD funds may be used for improving, maintaining, and rehabilitating local roads and traffic signals. It will also incorporate the Complete Streets practice that makes local roads safe for all modes, including bicyclists and pedestrians, and accommodate transit. Eligible uses for these funds include, but are not necessarily limited to:
 - 1) Street repaving and rehabilitation, including curbs, gutters and drains
 - 2) Traffic signal maintenance and upgrades, including bicyclist and pedestrian treatments
 - 3) Signage and striping on roadways, including traffic and bicycle lanes and crosswalks
 - 4) Sidewalk repair and installation
 - 5) Bus stop improvements, including bus pads, turnouts and striping
 - 6) Improvements to roadways at rail crossings, including grade separations and safety protection devices
 - 7) Improvements to roadways with truck or transit routing
 - c. *Ineligible Uses:* The following is a list of ineligible uses of VRF Local Streets and Roads DLD funds:
 - 1) Non-transportation projects such as fees charged to capital construction projects for services or amenities that are not related to transportation
 - 2) Projects or programs that are not directly related to streets and roads improvements
 - 3) Projects or programs that exclusively serve city/county staff
 - 4) Indirect costs, unless the RECIPIENT submits an independently audited/approved Indirect Cost Allocation Plan.

Section 6. Complete Streets Policy Requirement

- A. To receive DLD funds, local jurisdictions must do both of the following with respect to Complete Streets policies:
 1. Have an adopted Complete Streets policy.
 2. Comply with the California Complete Streets Act of 2008. The California Complete Streets Act (AB1358) requires that local general plans do the following:
 - a. Commencing January 1, 2011, upon any substantial revision of the circulation element, the legislative body shall modify the circulation element to plan for a

Alameda CTC Local Streets and Roads Program Implementation Guidelines

balanced, multimodal transportation network that meets the needs of all users of the streets, roads, and highways for safe and convenient travel in a manner that is suitable to the rural, suburban, or urban context of the general plan.

- b. For the purposes of this paragraph, “users of streets, roads, and highways” means bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public transportation, and seniors.

Section 7. Pavement Condition Index Reporting

- A. To receive DLD funds, local jurisdictions must do both of the following with respect to the reporting of an agency’s pavement condition (PCI) index:
 1. Annually report on the citywide pavement condition index (PCI), which rates the “health” of local streets from 1 to 100, in the Annual Program Compliance Report Form. Where applicable, this information will be consistent with material provided for MTC reporting requirements.
 2. If the PCI falls below a total average index of 60 (fair condition), specify in the Annual Program Compliance Report what funding amounts, policies, or other needs are required to enable increasing the recipient’s PCI.

Section 8. Advancement of Direct Local Distribution Funds

- A. Alameda CTC may consider advancing future Direct Local Distribution funds, with the goal of seeing improvements made in the near term. If a jurisdiction is interested in this option, a written request to Alameda CTC must include a description of the project, scope, schedule, the amount of funds requested, the anticipated timing of when funds are required, and justification for the request. Requests will be considered on an individual basis.

Section 9. Adoption of Implementation Guidelines

- A. Implementation Guidelines are adopted by Alameda CTC on an as-needed basis. Changes to Implementation Guidelines will be brought through the Alameda CTC’s Technical Advisory Committee for review and comment, as well as any other Alameda CTC committees as necessary, before changes are adopted by the Alameda CTC Commission.

**Alameda County Transportation Commission
Mass Transit Program
Implementation Guidelines**

Section 1. Purpose

- A. To delineate eligible uses of Mass Transit funds authorized under Alameda County Transportation Commission Master Program Funding Agreements, these implementation guidelines have been developed to specify the requirements that local jurisdictions must follow in their use of Measure B, Measure BB, and Vehicle Registration Fees (VRF) Direct Local Distributions and discretionary funds. These guidelines are incorporated by reference in the Master Programs Funding Agreements. All other terms and conditions for programs are contained in the agreements themselves. The intent of the implementation guidelines is to:
1. Provide guidance on Mass Transit funds eligible uses and expenditures.
 2. Define the terms in the Master Programs Funding Agreements.
 3. Guide Mass Transit Program implementation.

Section 2. Authority

- A. These Implementation Guidelines have been adopted by the Alameda County Transportation Commission and set forth eligible uses and expenditures for the Mass Transit funds. Alameda CTC may update these guidelines on an as-needed basis and will do so with involvement of its technical and community advisory committees (as applicable). Exceptions to these guidelines must be requested in writing and be approved by the Alameda CTC Commission.

Section 3. Background

Alameda CTC developed Implementation Guidelines for the Mass Transit funds to clarify eligible fund uses and expenditures in association with Master Programs Funding Agreements for the November 2000 voter-approved Measure B Direct Local Distribution funds (formally known as “pass-through funds”). In 2012, the Master Programs Funding Agreements were updated to include the voter approved 2010 Measure F - Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) program. In November 2014, voters approved the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, Measure BB, and new Master Programs Funding Agreements were subsequently developed to incorporate Measure BB funds.

Section 4. Definition of Terms

- A. **Alameda CTC:** The Alameda County Transportation Commission is a Joint Powers Authority created by the merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, which performed long-range planning and funding for countywide transportation projects and programs, and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, which administered the voter-approved, half-cent transportation sales taxes in Alameda County (the Measure B sales tax programs approved in 1986 and 2000).
- B. **Capital project:** A capital investment that typically requires the following phases: planning/feasibility, scoping, environmental clearance, design, right-of-way, construction, and completion.
- C. **Construction:** Construction of a new capital project, including development of preliminary engineering and construction documents, including plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E).

Alameda CTC Mass Transit Program Implementation Guidelines

- D. **Cost Allocation Plans (CAPs):** CAPs and indirect cost (IDC) rate proposals are plans that provide a systematic manner to identify, accumulate, and distribute allowable direct and indirect costs to Mass Transit programs funded through the Alameda CTC Master Programs Funding Agreements.
- E. **Direct cost:** A cost completely attributed to the provision of a service, operations, a program, a capital cost, or a product. These costs include documented hourly project staff labor charges (salaries, wages, and benefits) that are directly and solely related to the implementation of Alameda CTC-funded Mass Transit projects, consultants, and materials. These funds may be used for travel or training if they are directly related to the implementation of the Mass Transit funds.
- F. **Direct Local Distribution funds:** Funds allocated based on a funding formula (such as population, registered vehicles, road miles, or a combination thereof) defined in a voter-approved measure and provided to eligible jurisdictions on a regularly scheduled basis (such as a regular monthly payment).
- G. **Education and promotion:** Marketing, education, information, outreach, and promotional campaigns and programs.
- H. **Environmental documents:** Preparation of environmental documents, such as those related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), or permits required by state or federal permitting agencies.
- I. **Equipment and new vehicles:** Purchase or lease of vehicles. Equipment for service improvements, such as information dissemination, fare collection, etc.
- J. **Express bus service:** Either of these types of rapid bus service:
1. Service within zones with a defined pick-up area, nonstop express bus service, and a defined drop-off zone.
 2. Service that provides a simple route layout, has frequent service and fewer stops than regular fixed route service, and may include level boarding, bus priority at traffic signals, signature identification of the rapid buses such as color-coded buses and stops, and enhanced stations.
- K. **Grants:** Funding for plans, programs, or projects based on a competitive call for projects; evaluated based on adopted evaluation criteria; and allocated based on a reimbursement basis.
- L. **Indirect cost:** Also known as “overhead,” any cost of doing business other than direct costs. These costs include utilities, rent, administrative staff, officers’ salaries, accounting department costs, and personnel department costs, which are requisite for general operation of the organization but are not directly allocable to a particular service or product.
- M. **Maintenance:** Repairs, renovation, or upgrade of existing facility or infrastructure.
- N. **Measure B:** Alameda County’s half-cent transportation sales tax, originally approved in 1986, and reauthorized by voters in November 2000. Collection of the sales tax began on April 1, 2002. Administered by the Alameda CTC, Measure B funds four types of programs in 20 local jurisdictions: bicycle and pedestrian, local streets and roads, mass transit, and paratransit.
- O. **Measure BB:** Alameda County voters approved Measure BB, the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, in November 2014. It authorizes the collection of a half-cent transportation sales tax and augments the existing 2000 Measure B sales tax program. Collection of the sales tax began on April 1, 2015. Administered by the Alameda CTC, Measure BB funds four types of programs in 20 local jurisdictions: bicycle and pedestrian, local streets and roads, mass transit, and paratransit.
- P. **Operations:** Provision of services that operate transportation facilities and programs. Operations costs do not include the costs to operate community outreach or other programs not directly related to a specific transportation service, program, or product.

Alameda CTC Mass Transit Program Implementation Guidelines

- Q. **Planning:** Identification of project and program current conditions and needs and development of strategies and plans to address the identified needs.
- R. **Planning area:** Four geographical sub-areas of the county (Planning Areas 1, 2, 3, and 4). The sub-areas of the county are defined by the Alameda CTC as follows:
1. Planning Area 1 – North Area: Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland and Piedmont
 2. Planning Area 2 – Central Area: Cities of Hayward and San Leandro, and the unincorporated areas of Castro Valley and San Lorenzo, as well as other unincorporated lands in that area
 3. Planning Area 3 – South Area: Cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City
 4. Planning Area 4 – East Area: Cities of Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton, and all unincorporated lands in that area
- S. **Project completion/closeout:** Inspection/project acceptance, final invoicing, final reporting, and the processes for closing out a project.
- T. **Safety improvements:** Safety or security improvements for operators, passengers, service users, facilities, and infrastructure or property.
- U. **Scoping and project feasibility:** Early capital project phases that identify project needs, costs, and implementation feasibility.
- V. **Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF):** Measure F, Alameda County’s VRF Program, approved by the voters in November 2010 with 63 percent of the vote. It will generate approximately \$12 million per year through a \$10 per year vehicle registration fee. Administered by the Alameda CTC, the VRF funds four main types of programs and the distribution percentage is as follows: local streets and roads (60 percent); transit (25 percent); local transportation technology (10 percent); and bicycle and pedestrian projects (5 percent).
- W. **Welfare to Work:** Transit services to enhance transportation opportunities for persons making the transition from welfare to work.

Section 5. Mass Transit Fund Allocations

- A. These Implementation Guidelines provide guidance on the Mass Transit Fund allocation process for Mass Transit Direct Local Distribution funds and Measure B Express Bus Services Grant Program and VRF Transit for Congestion Relief Program funds.
1. Mass Transit Direct Local Distribution (DLD) Funds
 - a. *General:* Alameda CTC distributes Mass Transit DLD Funds to transit operators in Alameda County to be spent on maintenance of transit services, restoration of service cuts, expansion of transit services, and passenger safety and security.
 - b. *Eligible Uses:* The Mass Transit DLD funds may be used for capital projects, programs, maintenance, or operations that directly improve mass transit services. Eligible uses for these funds include, but are not necessarily limited to:
 - 1) Capital projects, including:
 - a) All phases of capital projects, including feasibility studies, planning, and environmental

Alameda CTC Mass Transit Program Implementation Guidelines

- b) Upgrades to or expansions to bus, ferry, rail, and shuttle infrastructure
 - c) Purchase or lease of equipment or new vehicles for transit services
 - 2) Mass transit system operations and services, including commuter rail; express, local, and feeder bus; and ferry
 - 3) Paratransit services
 - 4) Welfare to Work services
 - 5) Direct staff and consultant costs to develop, plan, implement, operate and maintain transit projects and programs
 - 6) Direct staff and consultant costs that support eligible activities, including the end-of-year compliance report
 - 7) Direct staff training costs directly related to implementation of projects or programs implemented with the Mass Transit Funds
 - c. *Ineligible Uses:* The following is a list of ineligible uses of Mass Transit DLD funds:
 - 1) Non-transportation projects such as fees charged to capital construction projects for services or amenities not related to transportation
 - 2) Capital projects, programs, maintenances, or operations that does not directly improve mass transit services
 - 3) Projects or programs that exclusively serve city/county staff
 - 4) Indirect costs, unless the RECIPIENT submits an independently audited/approved Indirect Cost Allocation Plan.
2. Measure B Express Bus Services Grant Program Funds
- a. The Measure B Expenditure Plan dedicates 0.7 percent of net revenues for the Countywide Express Bus Service fund for express bus service projects. The Alameda CTC will administer a Measure B Countywide Express Bus Services discretionary grant program. The Alameda CTC will adopt *Grant Program Guidelines* before each grant cycle that will establish the guiding policies for that grant cycle and will widely publicize each grant funding cycle.
 - b. Two agencies are eligible to receive express bus services grant funds:
 - 1) Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit)
 - 2) Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA)

Fund recipients must enter into a separate agreement with Alameda CTC.
3. VRF Transit for Congestion Relief Program Funds
- a. The VRF Expenditure Plan dedicates 25 percent of net revenues for transit projects that provide congestion relief. Alameda CTC awards VRF Transit for Congestion Relief Grant Program funds on a discretionary basis. These funds are intended to make it easier for drivers to use public transportation, make the existing transit system more efficient and effective, and improve access to schools and jobs. The goal of this program is to decrease automobile usage and thereby reduce both localized and area-

Alameda CTC Mass Transit Program Implementation Guidelines

wide congestion and air pollution. Fund recipients must enter into a separate agreement with Alameda CTC.

- b. *Eligible Uses:* VRF Transit for Congestion Relief Grant Program Guidelines provide program eligibility and fund usage guidelines and requirements, definitions of terms, evaluation criteria, award details, and monitoring requirements.

Section 6. Advancement of Direct Local Distribution Funds

- A. Alameda CTC may consider advancing future Direct Local Distribution funds, with the goal of seeing improvements made in the near term. If a jurisdiction is interested in this option, a written request to Alameda CTC must include a description of the project, scope, schedule, the amount of funds requested, the anticipated timing of when funds are required, and justification for the request. Requests will be considered on an individual basis.

Section 7. Adoption of Implementation Guidelines

- A. Implementation Guidelines are adopted by Alameda CTC on an as-needed basis. Changes to Implementation Guidelines will be brought through the Alameda CTC's Technical Advisory Committee for review and comment, as well as any other Alameda CTC committees as necessary, before changes are adopted by the Alameda CTC Commission.

**Alameda County Transportation Commission
Mass Transit Program
Implementation Guidelines**

Section 1. Purpose

- A. To delineate eligible uses of Mass Transit funds authorized under Alameda County Transportation Commission Master Program Funding Agreements, these implementation guidelines have been developed to specify the requirements that local jurisdictions must follow in their use of Measure B, Measure BB, and Vehicle Registration Fees (VRF) Direct Local Distributions and discretionary funds. These guidelines are incorporated by reference in the Master Programs Funding Agreements. All other terms and conditions for programs are contained in the agreements themselves. The intent of the implementation guidelines is to:
1. Provide guidance on Mass Transit funds eligible uses and expenditures.
 2. Define the terms in the Master Programs Funding Agreements.
 3. Guide Mass Transit Program implementation.

Section 2. Authority

- A. These Implementation Guidelines have been adopted by the Alameda County Transportation Commission and set forth eligible uses and expenditures for the Mass Transit funds. Alameda CTC may update these guidelines on an as-needed basis and will do so with involvement of its technical and community advisory committees (as applicable). Exceptions to these guidelines must be requested in writing and be approved by the Alameda CTC Commission.

Section 3. Background

Alameda CTC developed Implementation Guidelines for the Mass Transit funds to clarify eligible fund uses and expenditures in association with Master Programs Funding Agreements for the November 2000 voter-approved Measure B Direct Local Distribution funds (formally known as “pass-through funds”). In 2012, the Master Programs Funding Agreements were updated to include the voter approved 2010 Measure F - Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) program. In November 2014, voters approved the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, Measure BB, and new Master Programs Funding Agreements were subsequently developed to incorporate Measure BB funds.

Section 4. Definition of Terms

- A. **Alameda CTC:** The Alameda County Transportation Commission is a Joint Powers Authority created by the merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, which performed long-range planning and funding for countywide transportation projects and programs, and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, which administered the voter-approved, half-cent transportation sales taxes in Alameda County (the Measure B sales tax programs approved in 1986 and 2000).
- B. **Capital project:** A capital investment that typically requires the following phases: planning/feasibility, scoping, environmental clearance, design, right-of-way, construction, and completion.
- C. **Construction:** Construction of a new capital project, including development of preliminary engineering and construction documents, including plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E).

Alameda CTC Mass Transit Program Implementation Guidelines

- D. **Cost Allocation Plans (CAPs):** CAPs and indirect cost (IDC) rate proposals are plans that provide a systematic manner to identify, accumulate, and distribute allowable direct and indirect costs to Mass Transit programs funded through the Alameda CTC Master Programs Funding Agreements.
- E. **Direct cost:** A cost completely attributed to the provision of a service, operations, a program, a capital cost, or a product. These costs include documented hourly project staff labor charges (salaries, wages, and benefits) that are directly and solely related to the implementation of Alameda CTC-funded Mass Transit projects, consultants, and materials. These funds may be used for travel or training if they are directly related to the implementation of the Mass Transit funds.
- F. **Direct Local Distribution funds:** Funds allocated based on a funding formula (such as population, registered vehicles, road miles, or a combination thereof) defined in a voter-approved measure and provided to eligible jurisdictions on a regularly scheduled basis (such as a regular monthly payment).
- G. **Education and promotion:** Marketing, education, information, outreach, and promotional campaigns and programs.
- H. **Environmental documents:** Preparation of environmental documents, such as those related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), or permits required by state or federal permitting agencies.
- I. **Equipment and new vehicles:** Purchase or lease of vehicles. Equipment for service improvements, such as information dissemination, fare collection, etc.
- J. **Express bus service:** Either of these types of rapid bus service:
1. Service within zones with a defined pick-up area, nonstop express bus service, and a defined drop-off zone.
 2. Service that provides a simple route layout, has frequent service and fewer stops than regular fixed route service, and may include level boarding, bus priority at traffic signals, signature identification of the rapid buses such as color-coded buses and stops, and enhanced stations.
- K. **Grants:** Funding for plans, programs, or projects based on a competitive call for projects; evaluated based on adopted evaluation criteria; and allocated based on a reimbursement basis.
- L. **Indirect cost:** Also known as “overhead,” any cost of doing business other than direct costs. These costs include utilities, rent, administrative staff, officers’ salaries, accounting department costs, and personnel department costs, which are requisite for general operation of the organization but are not directly allocable to a particular service or product.
- M. **Maintenance:** Repairs, renovation, or upgrade of existing facility or infrastructure.
- N. **Measure B:** Alameda County’s half-cent transportation sales tax, originally approved in 1986, and reauthorized by voters in November 2000. Collection of the sales tax began on April 1, 2002. Administered by the Alameda CTC, Measure B funds four types of programs in 20 local jurisdictions: bicycle and pedestrian, local streets and roads, mass transit, and paratransit.
- O. **Measure BB:** Alameda County voters approved Measure BB, the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, in November 2014. It authorizes the collection of a half-cent transportation sales tax and augments the existing 2000 Measure B sales tax program. Collection of the sales tax began on April 1, 2015. Administered by the Alameda CTC, Measure BB funds four types of programs in 20 local jurisdictions: bicycle and pedestrian, local streets and roads, mass transit, and paratransit.
- P. **Operations:** Provision of services that operate transportation facilities and programs. Operations costs do not include the costs to operate community outreach or other programs not directly related to a specific transportation service, program, or product.

Alameda CTC Mass Transit Program Implementation Guidelines

- Q. **Planning:** Identification of project and program current conditions and needs and development of strategies and plans to address the identified needs.
- R. **Planning area:** Four geographical sub-areas of the county (Planning Areas 1, 2, 3, and 4). The sub-areas of the county are defined by the Alameda CTC as follows:
1. Planning Area 1 – North Area: Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland and Piedmont
 2. Planning Area 2 – Central Area: Cities of Hayward and San Leandro, and the unincorporated areas of Castro Valley and San Lorenzo, as well as other unincorporated lands in that area
 3. Planning Area 3 – South Area: Cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City
 4. Planning Area 4 – East Area: Cities of Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton, and all unincorporated lands in that area
- S. **Project completion/closeout:** Inspection/project acceptance, final invoicing, final reporting, and the processes for closing out a project.
- T. **Safety improvements:** Safety or security improvements for operators, passengers, service users, facilities, and infrastructure or property.
- U. **Scoping and project feasibility:** Early capital project phases that identify project needs, costs, and implementation feasibility.
- V. **Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF):** Measure F, Alameda County’s VRF Program, approved by the voters in November 2010 with 63 percent of the vote. It will generate approximately \$12 million per year through a \$10 per year vehicle registration fee. Administered by the Alameda CTC, the VRF funds four main types of programs and the distribution percentage is as follows: local streets and roads (60 percent); transit (25 percent); local transportation technology (10 percent); and bicycle and pedestrian projects (5 percent).
- W. **Welfare to Work:** Transit services to enhance transportation opportunities for persons making the transition from welfare to work.

Section 5. Mass Transit Fund Allocations

- A. These Implementation Guidelines provide guidance on the Mass Transit Fund allocation process for Mass Transit Direct Local Distribution funds and Measure B Express Bus Services Grant Program and VRF Transit for Congestion Relief Program funds.
1. Mass Transit Direct Local Distribution (DLD) Funds
 - a. *General:* Alameda CTC distributes Mass Transit DLD Funds to transit operators in Alameda County to be spent on maintenance of transit services, restoration of service cuts, expansion of transit services, and passenger safety and security.
 - b. *Eligible Uses:* The Mass Transit DLD funds may be used for capital projects, programs, maintenance, or operations that directly improve mass transit services. Eligible uses for these funds include, but are not necessarily limited to:
 - 1) Capital projects, including:
 - a) All phases of capital projects, including feasibility studies, planning, and environmental

Alameda CTC Mass Transit Program Implementation Guidelines

- b) Upgrades to or expansions to bus, ferry, rail, and shuttle infrastructure
 - c) Purchase or lease of equipment or new vehicles for transit services
 - 2) Mass transit system operations and services, including commuter rail; express, local, and feeder bus; and ferry
 - 3) Paratransit services
 - 4) Welfare to Work services
 - 5) Direct staff and consultant costs to develop, plan, implement, operate and maintain transit projects and programs
 - 6) Direct staff and consultant costs that support eligible activities, including the end-of-year compliance report
 - 7) Direct staff training costs directly related to implementation of projects or programs implemented with the Mass Transit Funds
 - c. *Ineligible Uses:* The following is a list of ineligible uses of Mass Transit DLD funds:
 - 1) Non-transportation projects such as fees charged to capital construction projects for services or amenities not related to transportation
 - 2) Capital projects, programs, maintenances, or operations that does not directly improve mass transit services
 - 3) Projects or programs that exclusively serve city/county staff
 - 4) Indirect costs, unless the RECIPIENT submits an independently audited/approved Indirect Cost Allocation Plan.
2. Measure B Express Bus Services Grant Program Funds
- a. The Measure B Expenditure Plan dedicates 0.7 percent of net revenues for the Countywide Express Bus Service fund for express bus service projects. The Alameda CTC will administer a Measure B Countywide Express Bus Services discretionary grant program. The Alameda CTC will adopt *Grant Program Guidelines* before each grant cycle that will establish the guiding policies for that grant cycle and will widely publicize each grant funding cycle.
 - b. Two agencies are eligible to receive express bus services grant funds:
 - 1) Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit)
 - 2) Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA)

Fund recipients must enter into a separate agreement with Alameda CTC.
3. VRF Transit for Congestion Relief Program Funds
- a. The VRF Expenditure Plan dedicates 25 percent of net revenues for transit projects that provide congestion relief. Alameda CTC awards VRF Transit for Congestion Relief Grant Program funds on a discretionary basis. These funds are intended to make it easier for drivers to use public transportation, make the existing transit system more efficient and effective, and improve access to schools and jobs. The goal of this program is to decrease automobile usage and thereby reduce both localized and area-

Alameda CTC Mass Transit Program Implementation Guidelines

wide congestion and air pollution. Fund recipients must enter into a separate agreement with Alameda CTC.

- b. *Eligible Uses:* VRF Transit for Congestion Relief Grant Program Guidelines provide program eligibility and fund usage guidelines and requirements, definitions of terms, evaluation criteria, award details, and monitoring requirements.

Section 6. Advancement of Direct Local Distribution Funds

- A. Alameda CTC may consider advancing future Direct Local Distribution funds, with the goal of seeing improvements made in the near term. If a jurisdiction is interested in this option, a written request to Alameda CTC must include a description of the project, scope, schedule, the amount of funds requested, the anticipated timing of when funds are required, and justification for the request. Requests will be considered on an individual basis.

Section 7. Adoption of Implementation Guidelines

- A. Implementation Guidelines are adopted by Alameda CTC on an as-needed basis. Changes to Implementation Guidelines will be brought through the Alameda CTC's Technical Advisory Committee for review and comment, as well as any other Alameda CTC committees as necessary, before changes are adopted by the Alameda CTC Commission.

**Alameda County Transportation Commission
Paratransit Program
Implementation Guidelines**

Section 1. Purpose

- A. To delineate eligible uses of Paratransit funds authorized under Alameda County Transportation Commission Master Programs Funding Agreements, these implementation guidelines have been developed to specify the requirements that local jurisdictions must follow in their use of Measure B and Measure BB Direct Local Distributions funds and discretionary funds. These guidelines are incorporated by reference in the Master Programs Funding Agreements. All other terms and conditions for programs are contained in the agreements themselves. The intent of the implementation guidelines is to:
1. Provide guidance on Paratransit funds eligible uses and expenditures.
 2. Define the terms in the Master Programs Funding Agreements.
 3. Guide Paratransit Program implementation.

Section 2. Authority

- A. These Implementation Guidelines have been adopted by the Alameda County Transportation Commission and set forth eligible uses and expenditures for Paratransit funds. Alameda CTC may update these guidelines on an as-needed basis and will do so with involvement of its technical and community advisory committees (as applicable). Exceptions to these guidelines must be requested in writing and be approved by the Alameda CTC Commission.

Section 3. Background

- A. Alameda CTC developed Implementation Guidelines for the Paratransit funds to clarify eligible fund uses and expenditures in association Master Programs Funding Agreements for the November 2000 voter-approved Measure B Direct Local Distribution (formally known as “pass-through funds”). In November 2014, voters approved the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, Measure BB, and new Master Programs Funding Agreements were subsequently developed to incorporate Measure BB funds. The expenditure plans allocates 10.45 percent of Measure B funds and 10 percent of Measure BB funds for special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities (paratransit) programs and projects.

Section 4. Definition of Terms

- A. **Alameda CTC:** The Alameda County Transportation Commission is a Joint Powers Authority created by the merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, which performed long-range planning and funding for countywide transportation projects and programs, and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, which administered the voter-approved, half-cent transportation sales taxes in Alameda County (the Measure B sales tax programs approved in 1986 and 2000).
- B. **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):** According to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, originally passed in 1990 and revised in 2008, a law that prohibits private employers, state and local governments, employment agencies and labor unions from discriminating against qualified individuals with disabilities in job application procedures, hiring, firing, advancement, compensation, job training, and other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment. The ADA also requires reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities and has resulted in the removal of many barriers to transportation and in better access for seniors and people with disabilities.

Alameda CTC Paratransit Program Implementation Guidelines

- C. **Capital project:** A capital investment that typically requires the following phases: planning/feasibility, scoping, environmental clearance, design, right-of-way, construction, and completion. For paratransit programs, may be an investment in vehicles or equipment directly related to providing paratransit services.
- D. **Construction:** Construction of a new capital project, including development of preliminary engineering and construction documents, including plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E).
- E. **Cost Allocation Plans (CAPs):** CAPs and indirect cost (IDC) rate proposals are plans that provide a systematic manner to identify, accumulate, and distribute allowable direct and indirect costs to Paratransit programs funded through the Alameda CTC Master Programs Funding Agreements.
- F. **Customer service and outreach:** Customer service functions as well as costs associated with marketing, education, outreach, and promotional campaigns and programs.
- G. **Direct cost:** A cost completely attributed to the provision of a service, operations, a program, a capital cost, or a product. These costs include documented hourly project staff labor charges (salaries, wages, and benefits) that are directly and solely related to the implementation of the Alameda CTC-funded Paratransit projects, consultants, and materials. These funds may be used for travel or training if they are directly related to the implementation of the Paratransit funds.
- H. **Direct Local Distribution funds:** Funds allocated based on a funding formula (such as population, registered vehicles, road miles, or a combination thereof) defined in a voter-approved measure and provided to eligible jurisdictions on a regularly scheduled basis (such as a regular monthly payment).
- I. **Education and promotion:** Marketing, education, information, outreach, and promotional campaigns and programs.
- J. **Environmental documents:** Preparation of environmental documents, such as those related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), or permits required by state or federal permitting agencies.
- K. **Grants:** Funding for plans, programs, or projects based on a competitive call for projects; evaluated based on adopted evaluation criteria; and allocated based on a reimbursement basis.
- L. **Group trips:** One-way passenger trips considered group trips. Includes vehicle operation and contracts. See individual demand-response trips.
- M. **Indirect cost:** Also known as “overhead,” any cost of doing business other than direct costs. These costs include utilities, rent, administrative staff, officers’ salaries, accounting department costs, and personnel department costs, which are requisite for general operation of the organization but are not directly allocable to a particular service or product.
- N. **Individual demand-response trips:** Taxi service, door-to-door trips, and van trips that passengers request on demand. Includes actual operation cost and contracts for vehicle operation, scheduling, dispatching, vehicle maintenance, supervision, and fare collection (including ticket or scrip printing and sales) for the purpose of carrying passengers.
- O. **Maintenance:** Repairs, renovation, or upgrade of existing facility, infrastructure, or vehicles.
- P. **Management:** Direct staffing costs and benefits to manage programs, projects, and services.
- Q. **Meal delivery:** Service that includes costs associated with vehicle operation, scheduling, dispatching, vehicle maintenance, and supervision for the purpose of delivering meals, whether provided in-house, through contracts, via taxicab, or by grantees. See Meals on Wheels.
- R. **Meals on Wheels:** Service that is part of a Senior Nutrition Program and provides delivery of meals to seniors and people with disabilities. See meal delivery.

Alameda CTC Paratransit Program Implementation Guidelines

- S. **Measure B:** Alameda County’s half-cent transportation sales tax, originally approved in 1986, and reauthorized by voters in November 2000. Collection of the sales tax began on April 1, 2002. Administered by the Alameda CTC, Measure B funds four types of programs in 20 local jurisdictions: bicycle and pedestrian, local streets and roads, mass transit, and paratransit.
- T. **Measure BB:** Alameda County voters approved Measure BB, the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, in November 2014. It authorizes the collection of a half-cent transportation sales tax and augments the existing 2000 Measure B sales tax program. Collection of the sales tax began on April 1, 2015. Administered by the Alameda CTC, Measure BB funds four types of programs in 20 local jurisdictions: bicycle and pedestrian, local streets and roads, mass transit, and paratransit.
- U. **Operations:** Provision of services that operate transportation facilities and programs. Operations costs do not include the costs to operate community outreach or other programs not directly related to a specific transportation service, program, or product.
- V. **Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee:** Originally named by the Measure B Expenditure Plan as the Alameda County Paratransit Coordinating Council, the committee meets to address funding, planning, and coordination issues regarding paratransit services in Alameda County. Members must be an Alameda County resident and an eligible user of any transportation service available to seniors and people with disabilities in Alameda County. PAPCO is supported by a Technical Advisory Committee comprised of Measure B and Measure BB-funded paratransit providers in Alameda County.
- W. **Paratransit service:** Transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities including ADA-mandated or non-mandated shuttle or fixed-route services, including door-to-door services, group trips, and individual demand-response trip services; taxi programs; Meals on Wheels or meal delivery; volunteer driver programs; and purchase of EBP tickets.
- X. **Planning:** Identification of project and program current conditions and needs and development of strategies and plans to address the identified needs.
- Y. **Project completion/closeout:** Inspection/project acceptance, final invoicing, final reporting, and the processes for closing out a project.
- Z. **Scoping and project feasibility:** Early capital project phases that identify project needs, costs, and implementation feasibility.
- AA. **Shuttle or fixed-route trips:** Shuttle service or fixed-route bus service, for example. Includes vehicle operation and contracts. See individual demand-response trips.

Section 5. Paratransit Fund Allocations

- A. These Implementation Guidelines provide guidance on the Paratransit Fund allocation process for Direct Local Distribution funds and Paratransit Gap Grant Program funds.
 - 1. Paratransit Direct Local Distribution Funds
 - a. *General:* Alameda CTC distributes Paratransit Direct Local Distribution (DLD) Funds to fixed-route public transit operators that are required to provide transportation services mandated by the ADA; and to cities in Alameda County and the County to provide non-mandated services, aimed at improving mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities.
 - 1) A portion of the funds as defined in the Master Programs Funding Agreement are local DLD funds distributed to Alameda County cities to provide non-mandated transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities allocated to each city operating paratransit service through a

Alameda CTC Paratransit Program Implementation Guidelines

census-based funding formula that is developed by PAPCO and approved by the Alameda CTC Commission.

- 2) A portion of the funds as defined in the Master Programs Funding Agreement are DLD funds distributed to Alameda County's primary mandated ADA service provider, East Bay Paratransit Consortium.

b. *Eligible Uses:* Paratransit DLD funds may be used for capital projects, programs, maintenance, or operations that directly improve paratransit services. Eligible uses for these funds include services as defined in Attachment A, as well as, but not limited to:

- 1) Direct staff and consultant costs to develop, plan, implement, manage, operate and maintain paratransit projects and programs
- 2) Direct staff and consultant costs to provide customer service and outreach for paratransit projects and programs
- 3) Direct staff and consultant costs that support eligible activities, including the end-of-year compliance report
- 4) Direct staff training costs directly related to implementation of projects or programs implemented with the Paratransit Funds

c. *Ineligible Uses:* The following is a list of ineligible uses of Paratransit DLD funds:

- 1) Non-transportation projects or services such as fees charged to capital construction projects for services or amenities not related to transportation
- 2) Capital projects, programs, maintenance, or operations that do not directly improve paratransit services
- 3) Projects or programs that exclusively serve city/county staff
- 4) Indirect costs, unless the RECIPIENT submits an independently audited/approved Indirect Cost Allocation Plan.

2. Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program Funds

- a. The Measure BB Expenditure Plan dedicates 1.0 percent of the funds for paratransit coordination and services to meet the needs of seniors and people with disabilities. Alameda CTC will administer a Measure BB Paratransit discretionary grant program.
- b. The Alameda CTC adopt Grant Program Guidelines through its programming and allocation processes to guide the grant allocations.
- c. Gap funds provide Alameda County with the opportunity to be innovative and explore alternative service delivery mechanisms in the face of a senior and disability population expected to grow substantially over the next 30 years. The population of people likely to need paratransit service is expected to outpace the growth in sales tax revenues that fund paratransit programs in Alameda County, including city-based programs and ADA-mandated services.
- d. Gap funds provide an opportunity to minimize the differences in service experienced by consumers based on their geographic location.

Alameda CTC Paratransit Program Implementation Guidelines

Section 6. Advancement of Direct Local Distribution Funds

- A. Alameda CTC may consider advancing future Direct Local Distribution funds, with the goal of seeing improvements made in the near term. If a jurisdiction is interested in this option, a written request to Alameda CTC must include a description of the project, scope, schedule, the amount of funds requested, the anticipated timing of when funds are required, and justification for the request. Requests will be considered on an individual basis.

Section 7. Adoption of Implementation Guidelines

- A. Implementation Guidelines are adopted by Alameda CTC on an as-needed basis. Changes to Implementation Guidelines will be brought through the Alameda CTC's Technical Advisory Committee for review and comment, as well as any other Alameda CTC committees as necessary, before changes are adopted by the Alameda CTC Commission.

FY2026-27 FINAL

Implementation Guidelines and Performance Measures – Special Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Paratransit) Program

Implementation Guidelines

These guidelines lay out the service types that are eligible to be funded with Alameda County Measure B (2000) reserves and Measure BB (2014) revenues under the Special Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Paratransit) Program. All programs funded partially or in their entirety through these sources, including American with Disabilities Act (ADA)- mandated paratransit services, city programs and discretionary grant funded projects, must abide by the following requirements for each type of paratransit service. While the collection of Measure B has sunset, remaining funds continue to be utilized.

Fund recipients are able to select which of these service types are most appropriate for their community to meet the needs of older adults and people with disabilities. Overall, all programs should be designed to enhance quality of life for older adults and people with disabilities by offering accessible, affordable and convenient transportation options to reach major medical facilities, grocery stores and other important travel destinations to meet life needs. Although some programs may need to prioritize based on trip purpose due to capacity constraints, ideally, the importance of a trip should be determined by the consumer.

Performance Measures

The Alameda CTC collects performance data from all programs funded with Alameda County Measure B (2000) reserves and Measure BB (2014) revenues. All programs funded partially or in their entirety through these sources must at a minimum report annually through the Annual Compliance Report for Direct Local Distribution (DLD) funding on the performance measures identified within the Implementation Guidelines for each DLD program.

The performance measures for the Measure B and Measure BB Direct Local Distribution (DLD) funding distributed through the Special Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Paratransit) Program, which funds ADA-mandated paratransit services, city paratransit programs and discretionary grant funded projects, are identified below.

FY2026-27 FINAL

Performance data required for Compliance Reports are marked with a ❖. Additional performance-related data is listed and may be required through:

- Separate discretionary grant guidelines
- Report to the Alameda CTC's Commission
- Report to one of its community advisory committees.

Additional performance measures include but are not limited to those below marked with a regular bullet.

ADA Paratransit Guidelines	
Service Description	Origin-to-destination trips for people with disabilities unable to ride fixed route transit. Trips are pre-scheduled and accessible.
Eligible Population	Due to a disability or health-related condition, the individual must be unable to use fixed route transit.
Time & Days of Service	Varies by area. Available when and where fixed route transit operates.
Fare (Cost to Customer)	Varies by area.
Other	<p>Programs mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act are implemented and administered according to federal guidelines that supersede these guidelines; however, all ADA-mandated programs funded through Measures B and BB are subject to the terms of the Master Programs Funding Agreement.</p> <p>Historically, at the request of a health care provider or ADA provider, city programs would provide interim service through their programs to consumers awaiting ADA certification. Currently, the ADA programs meet these needs directly.</p>
Performance Measures (❖ Performance data required for)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Number of one-way trips provided ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per one-way trip (<i>Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of one-way trips provided during period.</i>)

FY2026-27 FINAL

ADA Paratransit Guidelines	
<i>Compliance Reports)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total program cost per one-way trip (total program cost during period divided by the number of one-way trips provided during period). • Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs • Number of applicants and registrants • Demographic data on age, disability, ethnicity/race, and income • On-time performance • Number of trips provided to consumers who require an accessible vehicle • Quantitative and qualitative information on complaints • Quantitative and qualitative information on safety incidents • Quantitative and qualitative information on outreach • Quantitative and qualitative information on “high need” trips • Quantitative and qualitative information on ridership satisfaction

Same-Day Transportation Service Guidelines	
Service Description	<p>Same-day transportation services provide on-demand same-day services utilizing taxis, Transportation Network Companies a.k.a. TNCs (e.g. Lyft, Uber) that use ride-hailing mobile apps, or other new transportation options. Services may be subsidized in different ways including vouchers, scrip, reimbursement, a discount code on an app, call center or website payment, etc.</p> <p>Transportation Network Companies (e.g. Lyft, Uber) using ride-hailing apps and web-based platforms provide curb-to-curb service that can be scheduled on a same-day basis. TNCs charge riders on a distance/time basis depending on calculations determined by the app. Subsidy programs allow eligible consumers to use TNCs at a reduced fare by reimbursing consumers a percentage of the fare, providing a coupon code, or by providing some initial fare payment, which can be used to cover a portion of the fare. These programs are intended for situations</p>

FY2026-27 FINAL

Same-Day Transportation Service Guidelines	
	<p>when consumers cannot make their trip on a pre-scheduled basis. TNC trip services can incorporate a concierge service.</p> <p>Taxis also provide curb-to-curb service that can be scheduled on a same-day basis. Taxis charge riders on a distance/time basis using a meter. Taxi subsidy programs offer a reduced fare by reimbursing consumers a percentage of the fare or by providing some fare medium, e.g. scrip or vouchers, which can be used to cover a portion of the fare.</p> <p>The availability of accessible vehicles varies by geographical area and provider, but programs should expand availability of accessible vehicles where possible in order to fulfill requests for same-day accessible trips. Programs may incorporate a parallel Specialized Accessible Van Service to meet the need for accessible trips.</p>
Eligible Population	<p>Eligible Populations include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People 18 and above with disabilities who are unable to use fixed route services. Cities may, at their discretion, also provide services to consumers with disabilities under the age of 18, and 2. Older adults 70 years or older without proof of a disability. <p><i>Program sponsors may use either ADA eligibility, as established by ADA-mandated providers (incl. East Bay Paratransit, LAVTA, Union City Transit) or the Alameda County City Paratransit Services Medical Statement Form, as proof of disability. Program sponsors may, at their discretion, also offer temporary or interim eligibility due to disability. ADA-mandated providers that are not also city providers (East Bay Paratransit and LAVTA) are not required to provide service to older adults 70 years or older without ADA eligibility.</i></p>
Time & Days of Service	Service times should be consistent with transportation provider availability to public consumers.
Fare (Cost to Customer)	<p>Programs must subsidize at least 50% of the fare within an established reasonable service area (at a minimum the sponsoring city).</p> <p>Programs can impose a cap on total subsidy per person. This can be accomplished through a maximum subsidy per trip, a limit on the</p>

FY2026-27 FINAL

Same-Day Transportation Service Guidelines	
	number of vouchers/scrip (or other fare medium) per person, and/or a total monetary subsidy per person per month/quarter/year.
Other	<p>New same-day transportation programs that utilize TNCs are subject to review by Alameda CTC staff prior to implementation.</p> <p>Programs may also use funding to provide incentives to drivers and/or transportation providers to ensure reliable service. Incentives are often utilized to promote accessible service. Planned expenditures on incentives are subject to review by Alameda CTC staff prior to implementation.</p> <p>Generally, same-day transportation options have been inconsistent in their ability to offer WAV (Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle) service. These include taxis and programs offered via privately-owned vehicles (e.g. TNCs and volunteer driver programs). Programs should strive to provide an equitable suite of programs, balancing offering accessible alternatives (e.g. using an agency van to supplement a TNC program), searching for and developing new wheelchair accessible options, and meeting the needs of their community. New and/or separate WAV services should be included under Specialized Accessible Van Service.</p>
<p>Performance Measures</p> <p>(❖ Performance data required for Compliance Reports)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Number of one-way trips provided on taxis ❖ Number of one-way trips provided on Transportation Network Companies (e.g. Lyft, Uber) using ride-hailing apps ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per one-way trip (<i>Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of one-way trips provided during period.</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total program cost per one-way trip, including extra concierge costs if applicable (total program cost during period divided by the number of one-way trips provided during period) • Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs • Number of applicants (including number of those on the waitlist) and registrants (report quantities for taxis and/or Transportation Network Companies separately) • Demographic data on age, disability, ethnicity/race, and income

Same-Day Transportation Service Guidelines	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information in aggregate on origin and destination for same day trips by category (i.e. medical appointments, grocery store, senior center, etc.; report quantities for taxis and/or Transportation Network Companies separately) • Quantitative and qualitative information on complaints (report quantities for taxis and/or Transportation Network Companies separately) • Quantitative and qualitative information on safety incidents (report quantities for taxis and/or Transportation Network Companies separately) • Quantitative and qualitative information on outreach • Quantitative and qualitative information on ridership satisfaction • Qualitative information on program's capacity to serve demand (e.g. status of waitlist)

Specialized Accessible Van Service Guidelines	
Service Description	<p>Specialized accessible van service provides accessible, origin-to-destination trips on a pre-scheduled or same-day basis. This service category should complement core services in communities where critical needs for accessible or other specialized trips are not being adequately met by the existing primary services. Examples of unmet needs are a taxi or TNC program without accessible vehicles, medical trips for riders with dementia unable to safely take an ADA-mandated trip, or trips outside of the ADA-mandated service area. When possible, a priority for this service should be fulfilling requests for WAV (Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle) trips as defined under the CPUC TNC Access for All (AFA)¹ Program Funding. Services may be subsidized in different ways as agreed upon by the program sponsor and transportation provider, including vouchers, scrip,</p>

¹ TNC Access for All Program <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/tncaccess/>

FY2026-27 FINAL

Specialized Accessible Van Service Guidelines	
	reimbursement, a discount code on an app, call center or website payment, etc.
Eligible Population	<p>People 18 and above who are unable to use fixed route, ADA-mandated or same-day transportation services due to disability. Cities may, at their discretion, also provide services to consumers with disabilities under the age of 18.</p> <p><i>Program sponsors may use either ADA eligibility, as established by ADA-mandated providers (incl. East Bay Paratransit, LAVTA, Union City Transit) or the Alameda County City-Based Paratransit Services Medical Statement Form, as proof of disability. Program sponsors may, at their discretion, also offer temporary or interim eligibility due to disability.</i></p> <p><i>ADA-mandated providers that are not also city providers (East Bay Paratransit and LAVTA) are not required to provide service to older adults 70 years or older without ADA eligibility.</i></p>
Time & Days of Service	At discretion of program sponsor with local consumer input. When possible, service should be available Monday – Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (excluding holidays) and accept reservations between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday – Friday (excluding holidays).
Fare (Cost to Customer)	Fares for pre-scheduled service should not exceed comparable same-day transportation services fares.
Other	Specialized Accessible van programs must demonstrate that they are providing trips at an equal or lower cost to the provider than the ADA-mandated provider on a cost per trip basis, except if providing service beyond ADA paratransit minimums (e.g. WAV). Cost per trip is defined as total transportation cost (from all sources of revenue) during a reporting period divided by the number of one-way trips, including attendant and companion trips, provided during the period.
Performance Measures (❖ Performance data required for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Number of one-way trips provided ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per one-way trip (<i>Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of one-way trips provided during period.</i>)

Specialized Accessible Van Service Guidelines	
<i>Compliance Reports)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total program cost per one-way trip, including extra costs for specialized service if applicable (total program cost during period divided by the number of one-way trips provided during period). • Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs • Number of applicants (including number of those on the waitlist) and registrants • Demographic data on age, disability, ethnicity/race, and income • On-time performance • Number of trips provided to consumers who require an accessible vehicle • Data required for CPUC TNC Access for All (AFA) Program funding² • Quantitative and qualitative information on complaints • Quantitative and qualitative information on safety incidents • Quantitative and qualitative information on outreach • Quantitative and qualitative information on ridership satisfaction • Qualitative information on program's capacity to serve demand (e.g. status of waitlist)

Accessible Shuttle Service Guidelines	
Service Description	<p>Shuttles are accessible vehicles that operate on a fixed, deviated, or flex-fixed route and schedule. They serve common trip origins and destinations visited by eligible consumers, e.g. senior centers, medical facilities, grocery stores, BART and other transit centers, community centers, commercial districts, and post offices.</p> <p>Shuttles should be designed to supplement rather than duplicate existing fixed route transit services. Routes should not necessarily be designed for fast travel, but to get as close as possible to destinations of interest, such as going into parking lots or up to the front entrance of</p>

² Access Provider Information <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/regulatory-services/licensing/transportation-licensing-and-analysis-branch/transportation-network-companies/tnc-access-for-all-program/tnc---access-for-all-program-access-provider>

FY2026-27 FINAL

Accessible Shuttle Service Guidelines	
	a senior living facility. Shuttles are often designed to serve active older adults who do not drive but are not ADA paratransit registrants.
Eligible Population	Shuttles should be designed to appeal to older adults but can be made open to the general public.
Time and Days of Service	At discretion of program sponsor with local consumer input.
Fare (Cost to Customer)	At discretion of program sponsor but cannot exceed local ADA paratransit fares. Fares may be scaled based on distance.
Cost of Service	By end of the second fiscal year of service, the City's cost per one-way trip per person should not exceed \$50, including transportation and direct administrative costs. Cost per trip is defined as total cost (all sources) during a reporting period divided by the number of one-way trips, including attendant and companion trips, provided during period.
Other	<p>Shuttle sponsors are required to coordinate with the local fixed route transit provider.</p> <p>Shuttle routes and schedules should be designed with input from the older adult and disabled communities to ensure effective design. For new shuttle services, to ensure effective program design, a well-defined plan must be submitted to Alameda CTC staff for review prior to implementation.</p> <p>Deviations and flag stops are permitted at discretion of program sponsor.</p>
Performance Measures <i>(❖ Performance data required for Compliance Reports)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Total ridership (<i>One-way passenger boardings</i>) ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per one-way passenger trip (<i>Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the total ridership during period.</i>) • Total program cost per one-way passenger trip (total program cost during period divided by the total ridership during period). • Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs

FY2026-27 FINAL

Accessible Shuttle Service Guidelines	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of applicants (including number of those on the waitlist) and registrants • Demographic data on age, disability, ethnicity/race, and income • On-time performance • Number of trips provided to consumers who require an accessible vehicle • Quantitative and qualitative information on complaints • Quantitative and qualitative information on safety incidents • Quantitative and qualitative information on outreach • Quantitative and qualitative information on ridership satisfaction • Qualitative information on program's capacity to serve demand (e.g. status of waitlist)

Group Trips Service Guidelines	
Service Description	Group trips are round-trip rides for pre-scheduled outings, including shopping trips, recreational events, and community activities. These trips are specifically designed to serve the needs of older adults and people with disabilities and typically originate from a senior center or housing facility, and are generally provided in accessible buses or vans.
Eligible Population	At discretion of program sponsor.
Time and Days of Service	Group trips must begin and end on the same day.
Fare (Cost to Customer)	At discretion of program sponsor.
Other	Programs can impose mileage or quantity of trips limitations to individuals or organizations to control program costs.

FY2026-27 FINAL

Group Trips Service Guidelines	
<p>Performance Measures</p> <p>(❖ Performance data required for Compliance Reports)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Number of one-way passenger trips provided ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per passenger trip (<i>Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of passenger trips provided during period.</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total program cost per passenger trip (total program cost during period divided by the number of passenger trips provided during period). • Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs • Number of requests (including any unfulfilled requests) • Demographic data on age, disability, ethnicity/race, and income • Number of trips provided to consumers who require a wheelchair accessible trip • Quantitative and qualitative information on complaints • Quantitative and qualitative information on safety incidents • Quantitative and qualitative information on outreach • Quantitative and qualitative information on ridership satisfaction • Qualitative information on program's capacity to serve demand (e.g. status of waitlist)

Door-through-Door/Volunteer Driver Service Guidelines	
<p>Service Description</p>	<p>Volunteer driver services are pre-scheduled, door-through-door services that are typically not accessible. These programs rely on volunteers to drive eligible consumers for critical trip needs, such as medical trips. Programs may use staff to complete intake or fill gaps in service provision. This service meets a key mobility gap by serving more vulnerable populations and should complement existing primary services (i.e. ADA-mandated, Specialized Accessible Van, or Same-Day).</p> <p>Volunteer driver programs may also have an escort component where volunteers accompany consumers on any service eligible for Alameda CTC funding, when they are unable to travel in a private vehicle.</p>

FY2026-27 FINAL

Door-through-Door/Volunteer Driver Service Guidelines	
Eligible Population	At discretion of program sponsor.
Time and Days of Service	At discretion of program sponsor.
Fare (Cost to Customer)	At discretion of program sponsor.
Other	Program sponsors can use funds for administrative purposes and/or to pay for volunteer mileage reimbursement purposes (not to exceed Federal General Services Administration (Privately Owned Vehicle) Mileage Reimbursement Rates) or an equivalent financial incentive for volunteers.
Performance Measures <i>(❖ Performance data required for Compliance Reports)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Number of one-way trips provided ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per one-way trip <i>(Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of one-way trips provided during period.)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total program cost per one-way trip (total program cost during period divided by the number of one-way trips provided during period). • Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs • Number of applicants (including number of those on the waitlist) and registrants • Demographic data on age, disability, ethnicity/race, and income • Quantitative and qualitative information on complaints • Quantitative and qualitative information on safety incidents • Quantitative and qualitative information on outreach • Number of active volunteer drivers • Number of one-way trips provided by staff • Percentage of service requests unfulfilled when requested within specified time • Quantitative and qualitative information on ridership satisfaction

Door-through-Door/Volunteer Driver Service Guidelines	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative information on program's capacity to serve demand (e.g. status of waitlist)

Mobility Management and/or Travel Training Program Guidelines	
Service Description	<p>Mobility management services cover a wide range of activities, such as travel training, coordinated services, trip planning, and brokerage. Mobility management activities often include education and outreach to individuals and organizations. Individual trip planning can play an important role in ensuring that people use the “best” service for them for each trip, e.g. using East Bay Paratransit from Fremont to Berkeley for an event, using a TNC (e.g. Lyft, Uber) or taxi voucher for a same-day urgent doctor visit, and scheduling with a group trip service to go grocery shopping. Service types can include information and referral, service linkage, service coordination, or advocacy.</p> <p>Travel training is short-term, one-on-one or group-based intensive instruction designed to teach people with disabilities and older adults to travel safely and independently on fixed-route public transportation in their community.³</p> <p>Travel orientation, also known as transit orientation, is less formal and involved than traditional travel training and explains transportation systems by sharing information about trip planning, schedules, maps, fare systems, mobility devices, new mobility services, and benefits and services. It may be conducted in a group or one-on-one.⁴</p> <p>This service description should not be considered all-inclusive. Programs are welcome to contact Alameda CTC staff to discuss other mobility management activities if they need guidance.</p>
Eligible Population	At discretion of program sponsor.

³ Easter Seals Project ACTION <http://www.projectaction.com/glossary-of-disability-and-transit-terms/>

⁴ Easter Seals Project ACTION <https://www.nadtc.org/wp-content/uploads/Module-4-NADTC-link-version.pdf>

FY2026-27 FINAL

Mobility Management and/or Travel Training Program Guidelines	
Time and Days of Service	At discretion of program sponsor.
Fare (Cost to Customer)	N/A
Other	For new mobility management and/or travel training programs, to ensure effective program design, a plan with a well-defined set of activities must be submitted to Alameda CTC staff for review prior to implementation.
Performance Measures <i>(❖ Performance data required for Compliance Reports)</i>	<p>Mobility Management Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Number of individuals provided with mobility management support <i>(Note: an individual may have multiple contacts)</i> ❖ Number of contacts providing mobility management support ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per individual provided with mobility management support <i>(Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of individuals provided with support during period.)</i> • Total cost per individual provided with mobility management support (total program cost during period divided by the number of individuals provided with support during period). • Demographic data on age, disability, ethnicity/race, and income of individuals • Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs • Quantitative and qualitative information on outreach • Quantitative and qualitative information on program satisfaction <p>Travel Training Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Number of individuals trained and/or received travel orientation (divided by those in individual training and those participating in group trainings) ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per individual trained in individual trainings and in group trainings <i>(Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of individuals trained during period)</i>

Mobility Management and/or Travel Training Program Guidelines	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total program cost per individual trained in individual trainings and in group trainings (total program cost during period divided by the number individuals trained during period) • Number of requests for training unfulfilled • Demographic data on age, disability, ethnicity/race, and income of individuals • Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs • Number of individuals trained (divided by those receiving travel orientation, mobility device training, older adults, adults with disabilities, youth with disabilities, and/or people with visual impairments) • Quantitative and qualitative information on outreach • Percentage/number of people surveyed who used transit post workshop • Quantitative and qualitative information on program satisfaction • Qualitative information on program's capacity to serve demand (e.g. status of waitlist)

Means-Based Fare Program Guidelines	
Service Description	Means-Based Fare Programs can subsidize any service eligible for paratransit funding and/or fixed-route transit for paratransit customers who are low-income and can demonstrate financial need.
Eligible Population	<p>Subsidies can be offered to low-income consumers with demonstrated financial need who are currently eligible for an Alameda County ADA-mandated or city paratransit program.</p> <p>Low income requirements are at discretion of program sponsors, but the requirement for household income should not be below the HUD Very Low-Income threshold for Alameda County.⁵</p>

⁵ Alameda County Housing and Community Development Department https://www.acgov.org/cda/hcd/hud-income-rent_limits.htm

FY2026-27 FINAL

Means-Based Fare Program Guidelines	
Time and Days of Service	N/A
Fare (Cost to Customer)	N/A
Other	<p>Outreach/communication plans related to means-based fares must be submitted to Alameda CTC staff annually.</p> <p>Low-income requirements and the means to determine and verify eligibility must be submitted to Alameda CTC staff for review prior to implementation.</p> <p>If program sponsors include subsidized ADA-mandated paratransit tickets in this program, no more than 3% of a program sponsor's Alameda CTC distributed funding may be used for the ticket subsidy. Other services or purposes proposed for means-based fare subsidy must be submitted to Alameda CTC staff for review prior to implementation.</p>
Performance Measures <i>(❖ Performance data required for Compliance Reports)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Number of unduplicated individuals who received scholarship/subsidized fares ❖ Number of one-way fares/tickets subsidized ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per subsidy (<i>Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of subsidized fares/tickets during period</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total program cost per subsidy (total program cost during period divided by the number of subsidized fares/tickets during period) • Demographic data on age, disability, ethnicity/race, and income of individuals • Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs • Quantitative and qualitative information on complaints • Quantitative and qualitative information on outreach • Quantitative and qualitative information on program satisfaction

Meal Delivery Program Guidelines	
Service Description	<p>Meal Delivery programs traditionally support delivery of meals to the homes of individuals who have difficulty traveling to congregate meal sites and/or have difficulty shopping for food or preparing meals for themselves.</p> <p>Meal delivery program eligibility under Measures B and BB is limited to transportation-related meal delivery program costs for traditional meal delivery services provided by a local community-based organization. Allowable expenses also include direct mileage reimbursement for volunteer drivers providing meal delivery.</p>
Eligible Population	At discretion of program sponsor.
Time and Days of Service	At discretion of program sponsor.
Fare (Cost to Customer)	At discretion of program sponsor.
Other	<p>Program sponsors may not use more than 5% of their Alameda CTC DLD Paratransit program funds expended in a given fiscal year for transportation-related meal delivery program costs. Additionally, Meal Delivery Programs (including Capital Expenditures) may not account for more than 5% of the total funding made available for a Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program Call.</p> <p>Funding for traditional meal delivery provided by a local community-based organization must be limited to no more than \$3 per meal delivered.</p> <p>If programs are directly reimbursing volunteer drivers for meal delivery services, DLD program funds used for mileage reimbursement must be limited to no more than \$8 per meal delivered (not to exceed Federal General Services Administration (Privately Owned Vehicle) Mileage Reimbursement Rates).</p>

FY2026-27 FINAL

Meal Delivery Program Guidelines	
	For new meal delivery programs, to ensure effective program design, a well-defined plan must be submitted to Alameda CTC staff for review prior to implementation.
Performance Measures <i>(❖ Performance data required for Compliance Reports)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Number of meal delivery trips ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost per meal delivery trip <i>(Total Measure B/BB program cost during period divided by the number of meal delivery trips during period)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of individuals served • Total cost per meal delivery trip (total program cost during period divided by the number of meal delivery trips during period) • Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs • Demographic data on age, disability, ethnicity/race, and income in aggregate • Quantitative and qualitative information on transportation program satisfaction

Capital Expenditures Guidelines	
Description	Capital expenditures are eligible if directly related to the implementation of a program or project within an eligible service category, including but not limited to, purchase of scheduling software, accessible vehicles and equipment, and accessibility improvements at shuttle stops.
Eligible Population	N/A
Time and Days of Service	N/A
Fare (Cost to Customer)	N/A
Other	Capital expenditures are to support the eligible service types included in the Implementation Guidelines and must be consistent with objectives of

Capital Expenditures Guidelines	
	<p>the Alameda CTC Special Transportation for Seniors and Peoples with Disabilities (Paratransit) Program.</p> <p>Meal Delivery Programs may not account for more than 5% of the total funding made available for a Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program Call for vehicles.</p> <p>If programs are purchasing passenger vehicles, they should be accessible. Planned expenditures are subject to review by Alameda CTC staff prior to implementation.</p>
<p>Performance Measures <i>(❖ Performance data required for Compliance Reports)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Total Measure B/BB cost • Non-Measure B/BB revenues and costs • Photograph of new vehicle (where applicable)