TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018
6:00 PM

County of Imperial Administration Center
Board of Supervisors Chambers
940 W. Main Street, Second Floor
El Centro, CA 92243

CHAIR: LUIS PLANCARTE VICE CHAIR: ROBERT AMPARANO

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. EMERGENCY ITEMS
   A. Discussion/Action of emergency items, if necessary.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Commission for a period not to exceed three minutes on any item of interest not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission will listen to all communication, but in compliance with the Brown Act, will not take any action on items that are not on the agenda.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

(Executive Director recommends approval of consent calendar items)

A. Approval of the ICTC Commission Draft Minutes: October 24, 2018
B. Receive and File:
   1. ICTC Management Committee Draft Minutes: November 14, 2018
   2. ICTC TAC Minutes: September 20, 2018
   3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: September 5, 2018

V. REPORTS (Up to 5 minutes per staff report)

A. ICTC Executive Director
   • See attached Executive Director Report on page 10
B. Southern California Association of Governments
   • See attached report on page 23
C. California Department of Transportation – District 11
   • See attached report on page 26
D. Commission Member Reports (if any)

CITIES OF Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland, Imperial Irrigation District and County of Imperial
VI. ACTION CALENDAR

A. 2018 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines  Page 36

It is requested that the Management Committee forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the following methodology for assigning points of the 2018 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines:

   a. 10 points for projects that have been identified in an adopted local and/or regional plan; and
   b. Zero points for projects that have not been identified in an adopted local and/or regional plan.

VII. INFORMATION CALENDAR

A. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) & Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) 2018 Call for Projects Guidelines  Page 39

VIII. MEETING DATE AND PLACE

A. The next meeting of the Imperial County Transportation Commission will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., at the County of Imperial Board Chambers, at 940 W. Main Street, El Centro, CA.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion to adjourn
A. APPROVAL OF ICTC COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES:
   October 24, 2018

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      September 5, 2018
1. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. A quorum was present and introductions were made. There were no public comments made.

2. A motion was made to adopt the minutes for July 26, 2018, (Atondo/Falomir) Motion Carried.

3. ICTC Updates / Announcements
   (By Virginia Mendoza and Mark Baza)
   
   a. Transit Planning Updates:
      - There were none.
   
   b. Transportation Planning Updates:
      - Since early 2018, the IVCOG Joint Powers Authority development has been discussed at length by the City/County Managers during CCMA meetings. The following are the proposed next steps and goal for completion.
Goal: Consensus among the group was to have a goal to complete the agreement and establish the IVCOG by the end of the calendar year 2018.

Aug./Sept.: Cities and the County are carrying out their legal review of the agreement.

Sept./Oct.: City of El Centro and County Public Works are finalizing review for steps and timeline to transition the IVRMA and SAFE Programs to the IVCOG.

October: ICTC Executive Director presents to the Commission a formal action and Resolution in support of creating the IVCOG.

Nov./Dec.: City Managers and County CEO would present action and resolution to support and approve IVCOG Joint Powers Authority agreement.

December 2018/January 2019: Complete transition of IVRMA and SAFE programs to IVCOG.

- A Strategic Planning Meeting by the IMBA Memorandum of Understanding Signees will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the ICTC Offices in El Centro on Thursday, October 11, 2018. The regular IMBA meeting will follow the Strategic Planning meeting at 10:00am at ICTC Offices in El Centro on Thursday, October 11, 2018.

c. FFY 2018-19 Programmed Project Updates

- All federal funded projects CMAQ, RSTP and ATP projects programmed in FY 2017/2018 were obligated. An updated list for FFY 2018-19 is provided in the back-up.

d. SB 1 Project Update:

- There will be a ballot in November to repeal SB 1. Staff encouraged agencies to secure current funding available and obligate quickly. SB 1 funds can be used for engineering and right-of-way. It was requested that agency staff provided ICTC staff with a list of projects to post on the ICTC website. It’s important to note that during the period before the November ballot, public agencies position is to educate not advocate for SB 1.

- The projected annual revenues beyond FY 2018/2019 for SB 1 are listed in the Executive Director report. According to CTC staff, all Imperial County cities and the county have completed their project submittals for FY 2018/2019 and are eligible for funding distribution. Also included is a list of projects by agency for FY 2018-19.

e. LTA Updates:

- The cities of Calipatria, Calexico and Holtville are pursuing a new series of LTA bonding to assist in the completion of projects. The 2018ABC series totals $16,765,000 which includes $12,375,000 for Calexico, $1,450,000 for Calipatria and $2,940,000 for Holtville. The Purchase Contract was executed on September 13th and Official Statement was circulated for signature on September 26th and the bond issuance closed on September 26th.

4. SCAG Updates / Announcements:

- Ms. Mendoza gave an update on Mr. Salgado’s behalf regarding SCAG Sustainable Communities Program. Applications due to SCAG on November 15, 2018. A webinar is scheduled for October 2, 2018. Please register for it by October 1, 2018.
5. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:
   - There were various local agencies that gave an update on their local projects in progress.

6. Sustainable Communities and Climate Change Adaptation Planning Grants
   - Ms. Valentine gave a presentation regarding the various grant opportunities under the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants Program for FY 2019-20. A statewide webinar is scheduled on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 from Noon to 1:30 p.m. For more information go to the Caltrans website at [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html). Applications are due in November to Caltrans. However if you plan on submitting an application please contact Ms. Valentine before October 15, 2018.
   - A full presentation can be found in the agenda at: [http://www.imperialctc.org/media/module/content_item/A092718_agenda_revised.pdf](http://www.imperialctc.org/media/module/content_item/A092718_agenda_revised.pdf)

7. Caltrans Updates / Announcements
   - Ms. Chua provided all with a Local Assistance handout with all their updates.
   - Ms. Landrum stated that ICTC / Caltrans External Teambuilding Meeting will be held on October 25, 2018 instead of the regular TAC meeting.

8. General Discussion / New Business
   - There was none.

9. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.
Present  Voting Attendees:  
Ted Ceasar – Chair            Consumer  
Michael Hack – Vice Chair    Consumer  
Raul Cordova                  Work Training Center  
Debora Garcia                Imperial County Public Authority/IHSS  
Lorena Arambula              San Diego Regional Center SDRC  
Victor Torres                Imperial Valley College IVC  
David Aguirre                CTSA– ICTC  
Maricela Galarza             CTSA– ICTC  

Non-Voting Attendees:  
Karla Aguilar                IVT/IVT Access/IVT Ride/IVT MedTrans  
Karla Pacheco                IVT/IVT Access/IVT Ride/IVT MedTrans  
Eric Estell                  IVT/IVT Access/IVT Ride/IVT MedTrans  
Cesar Sanchez                IVT/IVT Access/IVT Ride/IVT MedTrans  
Helio Sanchez                IVT/IVT Access/IVT Ride/IVT MedTrans  
Alejandra Rodriguez          Imperial County Public Health  

1. Mr. Ceasar called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

2. Minutes adopted for September 5, 2018 (Ceaser, Hack), Motion Carried.

3. CTSA Reports:

   Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:
   - There have been difficulties maintaining IVT MedTrans in the past 3 years. Public hearing for IVT MedTrans fare increase will be held on October 24, 2018 at the Board of Supervisor Board Chambers, 940 West Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243, at 6:00 p.m. Information will be emailed to SSTAC members.
   - ICTC will implement the fare that impacts the public less.
- The fare increase chosen on the 24th of October, will be temporary, until the fare study is conducted for the entire IVT system.
- ICTC will be integrating mobile ticketing, which will begin in a couple of months. It will run BETA for IVC students only, for the time being. They will have the ability to purchase and use their tickets electronically. ICTC is at the end of the negotiation with the contract.

4. Mr. Aguirre provided Transit 101 PowerPoint presentation; overview of transit services, capacities, fleet make up and statistics. Included the following services:
   - IVT
   - Green Line
   - Blue Line
   - Gold Line
   - IVT Access
   - IVT RIDE
   - IVT MedTrans
   - MV1
- A tour of all transit buses was given after PowerPoint and transportation was provided from the administration building to parking lot E at Imperial Valley College.

5. General Discussion
   - Mr. Aguirre encouraged SSTAC members to attend next meeting in November.
     - Mr. Ceaser informed SSTAC members that a PowerPoint was not necessary.
   - Ms. Garcia asked information on Ocotillo route. She mentioned that PCA’s need transportation to Ocotillo.
     - Mr. Aguirre informed her that transportation to Ocotillo is based on demand, the deviation route goes from Seeley to Ocotillo on Tuesdays. Passengers can call dispatch to request transportation to or from Ocotillo. If there is a need for transportation, she can reach out to ICTC to make certain arrangements.
     - Mr. Ceasar advised that any data that supports a missed service area, could support future Unmet Transportation Needs in the area
     - Ms. Garcia stated that her comments were based on a few isolated incidents and would monitor if other requests for the Ocotillo area are noted in the future.
   - Mr. Ceasar asked about the Short-Range Transportation Plan (SRTP).
     - Mr. Aguirre stated that the SRTP will be presented to the Commission on November 28, 2018.
     - Next STACC meeting ICTC will be reviewing more information on the SRTP.
   - Mr. Torres announced that IVC is looking into applying to an additional grant for transportation needs of students. Mr. Torres requested some data from Mr. Aguirre for the benefit of the grant process. Mr. Torres stated that a transportation survey is going to be conducted.
     - Mr. Aguirre asked Mr. Torres to contact him to provide him the appropriate data he requires.
   - Mr. Torres stated that new college hours were emailed to Mr. Aguirre.

6. Adjournment
   - Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m. Transit tour ended at 11:32 a.m. (Ceaser), Motion Carried.
   - Next meeting will be held on November 7, 2018, at the Imperial County Transportation Commission Office, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243.
V. REPORTS

A. ICTC/LTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
B. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS REPORT
C. CALTRANS REPORTS
Memorandum

Date: November 16, 2018
To: ICTC Commission Meeting
From: Mark Baza, Executive Director
Re: Executive Director’s Report

The following is a summary of the Executive Director’s Report for the Commission Meeting on November 28, 2018

1) **STUFF A BUS IVT Bus canned goods food collection campaign:** ICTC coordinates an annual canned food collection campaign utilizing IVT services. Passengers can supply a dry or canned food item in exchange for a free bus ride from November 5th to November 16th, 2018. *IVT and ICTC will deliver all items to the Food Bank and report the total number of food items delivered to the Commission on November 28, 2018.*

2) **IVT, IVT Ride and IVT Access Veteran’s Appreciation Week:** IVT, IVT Ride and IVT Access provided free trips to veterans as a thank you for their service from November 5th to November 12th, 2018.

3) **State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint:** In August 2017 following a year of coordination, Caltrans, the County of Imperial and ICTC met with CBP management and operations staff achieved consensus for a new conceptual alternative prepared by Caltrans. The LTA Board met on September 27, 2017, staff presented the Board with a fund request for $1.3 million from the 5% Regional Highway Set-Aside from the Measure D allocations. The request was approved. Staff met with Caltrans and CBP on December 20, 2017 at the ICTC to finalize agreements and discuss next steps. A meeting was held on February 13, 2018 with CBP, Caltrans, County of Imperial and ICTC at the ICTC offices. The project team proposes to design and construct two lanes for primary inspection, a newly constructed canopy placed over State Route 86, and two lanes of secondary inspection to use during peak periods. A Consultant Agreement with AECOM for design and construction engineering was approved by the LTA on February 28, 2018. *Currently design is underway by the consultant. A draft of 35% plans were completed and submitted for review on October 12, 2018. Stakeholders are scheduled to meet on November 13, 2018 at the ICTC Offices to review comments received from stakeholders.*

4) **2018 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP):** 2018 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP): ICTC staff developed a Request for Proposals (RFP) that was released on September 1, 2017 to complete an update to the 2011 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). This is a planning document that identifies transit services and capital improvements over the next three to five year period, with expected available resources. The bilingual public participation and outreach component has concluded. The consultant team is currently reviewing and analyzing data; and preparing a list of proposed service improvements to evaluate and prioritize recommendations for service changes and additions. *A public comment period on the draft document is being scheduled. A public workshop is tentatively scheduled for 11/28/18 from 10:00-2:00 p.m. at ICTC’s office. It is anticipated that the consultant will present the final draft to the Commission at the December meeting.*
5) **2018 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program:** The Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), created by Senate Bill (SB) 1 (Beall, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017), provides approximately $300 million annually for infrastructure improvements on federally designated Trade Corridors of National and Regional Significance, on the Primary Freight Network, and along other corridors that have a high volume of freight movement. ICTC in partnership with Caltrans and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) were successful in receiving TCEP funds for Advanced Technology Corridors at the California-Mexico Ports of Entry (POE). The goal project is to implement Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) strategies that will improve border travel delays. Some of the ITS strategies will include Bluetooth and Wi-Fi readers to help track vehicle delays, as well as implement changeable message signs on State Routes to inform border travelers of POE delays. Caltrans will serve as the implementing agency of this project and has an estimated completion date of early 2020.

6) **State Legislation for Transportation Funding – SB 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA):** $1.5 Billion annually will go to cities and counties for local road improvements. The following are projected annual revenues of RMRA for the Cities and the County of Imperial for FY 2018/2019. This list of projects for all cities and the county can also be found on the ICTC website at: [http://www.imperialctc.org/senate-bill-1/](http://www.imperialctc.org/senate-bill-1/)

The following is a list of projects funded by SB1 for FY 2018-2019.

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<td>Holtville</td>
<td>Citywide Pavement Rehabilitation Project</td>
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<td>Imperial</td>
<td>Storm Drain Installation – Northwest Quadrant of City – Continuing</td>
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<td>Includes a total of 70 road improvement projects. List can be found on the ICTC website here.</td>
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<td>Caltrans/ICTC</td>
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<td>State Route 111 from State Route 98 to Ross Avenue near Calexico</td>
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<td>Bridges on Interstate 8 and State Route 86, 98, 11 and 186</td>
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Below are the projected annual revenues beyond FY 2018/2019. According to CTC staff, all Imperial County cities and the county have completed their project submittals for FY 2018/2019 and are eligible for funding distribution.

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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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7) **Rio Vista and Pioneers Memorial Hospital Bus Stops**: ICTC has engaged in several discussions with the City of Brawley Staff regarding the potential relocation of the existing bus stops along Rio Vista Avenue/SR78 and at Pioneers Memorial Hospital. Caltrans is currently completing improvements to SR 78 and will be providing on street concrete bus pads with an approximate value of $80,000.

8) **Imperial Valley Council of Governments (IVCOG)**: As a follow-up to our recent Commission meeting on October 24, 2018, staff was directed to schedule a meeting with Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia to discuss legislation that would amend ICTC’s authority to include non-transportation programs.

9) **2018 ICTC Bus Stop Bench and Shelter Inventory**: 2018 ICTC Bus Stop Bench and Shelter Inventory: The Project Consultant team Kimley Horn and Associates, and Agency Stakeholders from ICTC, Brawley, Calexico, El Centro and Imperial met on January 31, 2018 to review and discuss the current status of the ICTC Bus Stop Inventory, Signage Replacement and Technology Assessment Project. The items reviewed included the consultant prepared Bus Stop Inventory, Asset Condition Report, ADA Assessment Report, Bus Stop Usage Priority List and Bus Stop Signage installation parameters and requirements. ICTC and member agency staff have worked together to complete the priority list for implementation and pursuit of funding. *Bus stop signage specifications with specific route information have been finalized. The consultant and staff are working towards finalizing the Technology Memorandum which will provide ICTC with possible technology solutions for the fixed route bus system. Staff anticipates providing a presentation of project materials at the December 2018 commission meeting.*

10) **Preparation of FTIP 2019**: The 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Guidelines have been prepared to facilitate the work of the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties), transit operators, and the State of California Department of Transportation Caltrans) in development of county Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for inclusion in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2019 FTIP. These Guidelines assist in the development of the county TIPs that fulfill the legal, administrative and technical requirements prescribed by the law and which minimizes duplicate efforts by the CTCs, Caltrans, SCAG and/or other agencies. *The ICTC Board approved the resolution in February and was submitted to SCAG to proceed with project analysis. 2019 FTIP conformity determination by federal agencies is scheduled for December 2018.*

11) **SCAG’s Sustainability Grant Program – Imperial County Regional Climate Action Plan**: ICTC was awarded a SCAG Sustainable Planning Grant to develop a Regional Climate Action Plan. ICTC staff will work in collaboration with SCAG staff to develop and release a request for proposal to select a consultant that will develop the Regional Climate Action Plan. ICTC will serve as the day to day project manager and SCAG staff will serve as the administrative project manager. The goal of the project is to develop a regional framework for addressing Green House Gas (GHG) emissions for a Regional Climate Action Plan that allows each local agency to customize and fit into the context of the community each jurisdiction serves, that can be used at the local level in the development of jurisdiction – specific Climate Action Plans (CAPs). *ICTC and SCAG are in the process of completing the consultant selection process and anticipate an award in December 2018.*

12) **Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC)**: A new Intermodal Transportation Center in the City of Calexico has been part of ICTC’s long range transit planning. The new Calexico ITC will serve as a regional mobility hub that will accommodate bus bays for Imperial Valley Transit in addition to the City of Calexico’s private transit operators, taxis and farm labor buses. ICTC received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal program fund to complete the environmental and design plans of the new Calexico ITC. ICTC staff is in the process of completing the contract award for a consultant firm that will complete the environmental and design phase. Currently, ICTC staff is completing the Caltrans award review process with multiple Caltrans’ departments. The ICTC Board adopted the agreement with Psomas on September 26, 2018. *A kickoff meeting was held with the Psomas, ICTC, and the City of Calexico staff on November 5, 2018.*
13) **Calexico West Port of Entry Traffic Circulation Plan:** Caltrans authorized a special planning grant to perform a traffic management study to assist the City of Calexico and the Imperial Valley region to analyze and propose traffic management strategies and alternatives to serve traffic flow for the Calexico West Port of Entry expansion. SCAG, Caltrans and ICTC have led the Traffic Circulation Plan in partnership with the City of Calexico, Customs and Border Protection and General Services Administration. The Request for Proposals (RFP) was completed and the consultant selected was KOA. A series of public stakeholder meetings were held to develop the Plan. In attendance at the technical stakeholder meetings has been staff from KOA, ICTC, Caltrans, City of Calexico, GSA, CBP, and Mexican Aduanas. A public workshop has held prior to the July 10th southbound traffic shift opening to inform the public of the changes. A second public workshop was held on August 23rd to inform the public of the northbound traffic shift opening. The expansion of the POE was completed on September 11, 2018 and the new northbound and southbound access points to the POE are at Second Street and Cesar Chavez Boulevard. On September 11th the northbound traffic shift took place. The KOA consultant team plans to conduct traffic counts and observation during the week of November 5th to analyze the traffic after the north and southbound traffic shifts have been in operation.

14) **State Route 98 and Cesar Chavez Blvd.:** As part of the POE Expansion project, SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Boulevard are being widened and improved to serve the expansion to the west. Caltrans’ SR-98 work between VV Williams and Ollie Avenue was completed in March 2018. Caltrans is working on a second segment on SR-98 between Rockwood Avenue and Ollie Avenue in the design and right-of-way phase. ICTC and Caltrans submitted a grant application through SB 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program. The CTC approved $3.4 million from the SB 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program to complete construction. Cesar Chavez Blvd is under construction by the City of Calexico and is scheduled for completion in March 2018.

15) **Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Expansion over the All American Canal Project:** ICTC submitted the Calexico East Commercial Vehicle Port of Entry Expansion Project under the California Sustainable Freight Action Plan: Pilot Project Ideas. The proposed elements of the Calexico East Expansion include: bridge expansion, commercial vehicle primary inspection booths and road construction is estimated at $65 million. ICTC is pursuing discretionary freight program funding for the bridge expansion for an estimated total cost of $28 million. Pending the possible funds for the bridge expansion, ICTC will pursue a donation authority request to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. In October 2017, ICTC staff coordinated with Caltrans to submit an application for grant funding under the State’s Freight funding available under SB-1 and the State’s share of the 2015 federal transportation bill (FAST Act), response for this grant program in May 2018. The CTC approved our request for $3 million to complete the project approval and environmental process for the bridge expansion. On October 23, 2018, Caltrans and ICTC hosted a kick-off meeting with IID, GSA and Bureau of Reclamation at the ICTC Offices. An environmental staff meeting between project stakeholders will be held at the ICTC offices on Monday, November 26, 2018.

16) **Forage Export Analysis:** In collaboration with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation, ICTC will be hosting a meeting to discuss trade and export in Imperial County focusing on forage products. The meeting will include a presentation from SCAG on Forage Product: Export Trade Market Analysis. ICTC also plans to include border tour of the Calexico East Port of Entry Commercial operations and another of an agriculture export facility in Imperial County. This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, 2018.

17) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance Meeting:** A Strategic Planning Meeting by the IMBA Memorandum of Understanding Sinees was held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 and members discussed the 2018 accomplishments and established 2019 goals and objectives. A regular IMBA meeting followed the Strategic Planning meeting where updates of the Calexico West and East Ports of Entry were discussed. In addition, the economic development agencies of the Mexicali Industrial Commission and the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation provide updates on new investments coming to the Imperial-Mexicali region. The next IMBA meeting is planned for Thursday, December 13, 2018 in the City of Mexicali.

18) **Heber Bus Stop & Pedestrian Access Improvements on State Route 86:** The community of Heber has had a need to improve pedestrian and bus stop access along State Route 86. The ICTC Commission granted the use of Regional Set-Aside Local Transportation Authority (LTA) funds for the project. Caltrans has served as the project lead; the first phase was recently completed in November 2017. Phase 1 included bench, bus shelter and
ADA access improvements. Phase 2 was recently completed in mid-June 2018 and consisted of curb and sidewalks improvements from Parkyns Ave to Heber Ave. Phase 3 will also have curb and sidewalk improvements and is located between Heffernan to Parkyns Ave. ICTC participated in a Heber Community Outreach event together with County Public Works and led by Supervisor Plancarte. The County of Imperial discussed sidewalk pavement projects, and ICTC gave transit updates and a status of the SR-86 improvements. The Phase 3 construction improvements have been completed and project is nearing completion and closeout. A ribbon cutting will be scheduled soon.

19) State Legislation for Transportation Funding – SB 1 2018 Local Partnership Program (LPP): The 2018 Local Partnership Program is comprised of formulaic program and competitive programs. In FY2017/2018 total amount available statewide is $200M and distribution is 50/50 for both formulaic and competitive programs. The formulaic program share distributions for the Local Partnership Program were presented at the CTC meeting in December 6-7, 2017. During the meeting the CTC Commission took action and approved the distribution of funds for the formulaic portion, the funding share for Imperial County in FY2017/2018 is $538,000. For FY2017/2018, no projects were submitted for the formulaic program and funds will be rolled over to FY2018/2019. Currently, ICTC staff is working with the local agencies to identify projects that will utilize FY2017/2018 and FY2018/2019 funding in the amount of $1.632 million. Local agencies will need to submit eligible projects by November 13, 2018 to ICTC staff. All eligible projects will be forwarded to CTC for a January 2019 allocation vote.

The following is the link to the 2019 Local Partnership Program guidelines:

20) State and Federal funding Obligations: Beginning October 1, 2018, agencies are allowed to move forward with request for authorization (RFA) for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Active Transportation Program (ATP) programmed in FY 2018/2019.

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21) Imperial Transit Park Project: ICTC obtained funding to complete a bus stop facility in the city of Imperial. The project improvements will include the installation of concrete bus pads, sidewalks, curb returns, pavement, landscaping, a parking lot, bus shelters and various other amenities. The project was awarded to Pyramid Construction for approximately $1.8 million and construction activities are expected to begin in late August 2018. The city of Imperial had the project groundbreaking ceremony on August 9, 2018. The project has an anticipated construction period of 120 calendar day and is currently underway.

22) Partnerships with IVEDC:
   a) Southern Border Broadband Consortium (SBBC): ICTC in partnership with IVEDC received a California Advanced Services Regional Consortia Grant award of $450,000 from their Rural and Regional Consortia program. The grant will cover a 3-year period. ICTC will be the fiscal agent and is working on developing an MOU which will define roles and responsibilities (Audits, Administration and Project Management) for ICTC and IVEDC. Since award, IVEDC staff has been meeting monthly with Consortia members and other webinars toward development of strategies for providing Broadband services for underserved communities. On April 27, 2018, the SBBC held its quarterly meeting highlighting activities by key stakeholders in San Diego and Imperial Valley. SBBC has been setting up meetings with many agencies and ISPs throughout this quarter. Timothy Kelley and Glenna Barrett have presented at several board meetings in San Diego and Imperial Counties in the past few months. The quarterly meeting was held in El Cajon in April. SBBC have assisted in quite a few grant applications and helped with the ICCEDS. Staff provided an oral update at the Commission meeting on August 22, 2018.
   
   b) The Brawley Transit Corridor Brownfield Assessment: ICTC in partnership with IVEDC received a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Communitywide Assessment Grant award of
$300,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency’s Brownfields Assessment Program. This assessment will be focused along the transit circulator route within the 13 mile Imperial Valley Transit’s (IVTs) Brawley Gold Line Transit Route and the Brawley Transit Center that serves as the IVTs North Imperial County transfer terminal. The commercial corridors in the target assessment area include over 100 known commercial properties and suspected historical gas station sites with known or suspected underground tanks in the target area. ICTC will be the fiscal agent and has developed an MOU which will define roles and responsibilities (Audits, Administration and Project Management) or ICTC and IVEDC. SCS Engineers has initiated early Tasks that include the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and project management plan as required by EPA. The Steering Committee consisting of agency partners and stakeholders met on August 22, 2018. The draft QAPP is nearing completion. The first community outreach meeting was held on October 11, 2018. The consultant and IVEDC presented an overview of the project and the opportunities available for property owners to consider participating and requesting Phase 1 or 2 Brownfield Assessments.

23) **California HERO Program:** The California Hero Program was launched in April 2014 in Imperial County with ICTC as the administering agency. A copy of the program activity report up to October 2018 is attached for your review.

24) **Community of Niland Bus Stop Bench and Shelter Request:** The ICTC submitted a formal request to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 11 requesting their assistance in identifying a location for a bus stop bench and shelter in the Community of Niland along State Route 111 (SR-111). The shelter has been installed in an existing parking lot on the east side of SR-111.

25) **Funding for Phase II of the Calexico West Port of Entry:** As previously noted, Congress authorized $98 million for Phase 1. The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) began construction for Phase 1 in December 2015 with completion now scheduled for July 2018. $275 million for Phase 2 has been identified in the President’s budget for FY 2018/2019 and is pending Congressional approval.

26) **I-8 / Imperial Avenue Interchange Reconstruction:** ICTC staff submitted the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Plan to the CTC on December 15, 2017. Caltrans is working to complete the right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and final design. As presented to the CTC, the current schedule to begin construction is in FY 2019/2020. Mr. Baza presented the STIP recommendations to the CTC at the STIP Hearing on January 25, 2018. The 2018 STIP was adopted by CTC at the March 2018 meeting. *ICTC staff will work with Caltrans and City of El Centro staff to coordinate a meeting to discuss the project schedule of the interchange and the Imperial Avenue Extension South projects.*

27) **Active Transportation Program (ATP) Augmentation Planning Grant Opportunity:** As a part of Senate Bill (SB) 1, the 2017 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Augmentation is funded from the approximately $200 million allocated from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account to the ATP in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19. The Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account funds are state funds. The CTC has announced ATP Cycle 4 Call for Projects at the state level. The Cycle 4 Call for Projects is expected to include about $440M in ATP funding made up of Federal funding and State SB1 and State Highway Account (SHA) funding. The funding/programming years are expected to include 19/20, 20/21, 21/22 and 22/23 funding years. Applications were due on July 31, 2018. For more information refer to the Caltrans ATP page: [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/cycle-4.html](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/cycle-4.html)

2018 Cycle 4 ATP applications for Imperial County include the following applications:

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28) **Westshores Transit Opportunities**: Westshores Transit Opportunities: As part of the Short Range Transit Plan, ICTC has explored connection opportunities with Sunline Transit who serves the Coachella Valley region. ICTC and Sunline Transit have discussed pursuing grant opportunities for interregional transit services to/from Westshores and Coachella. ICTC and Sunline Transit continue to have regular dialogue about the potential opportunities most recently engaging in discussions in September 2018.

29) **California-Baja California Binational Region**: A Fresh Look at Impacts of Border Delays: Building upon previous Caltrans, SANDAG, and ICTC studies, this project will refine the economic models developed to assess economic impacts of delays at the land ports of entry (POEs) between the San Diego and Imperial Counties region and Baja California, Mexico, on the border region economies. It will also estimate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of passenger and commercial vehicles due to northbound and southbound border delays at the six California POEs, and propose strategies to reduce GHG emissions at the border region. Lastly, extensive outreach to government agencies, local border communities, and private sector stakeholders was conducted. The study is scheduled to be completed in 2019.

30) **Meetings attended on behalf of ICTC:**
- October 10, 2018 – ICTC Management Committee meeting in the City of Brawley
- October 11, 2018 – Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance Meeting at the ICTC Offices
- October 19, 2018 – Mobility 21 Summit in Los Angeles (attended by Mark Baza and Supervisor Plancarte). Mr. Plancarte participated in the Chairman’s Roundtable with other transportation commission Chairman’s of Southern California.
- October 24, 2018 – ICTC Commission Meeting in El Centro
- October 25, 2018 – League of California Cities, Imperial League Dinner in Westmorland, CA
- October 29-30, 2018 – Self Help Counties Coalition Focus on the Future Conference in Indian Wells, CA
- November 1, 2018 – SCAG Regional Council Meeting in Los Angeles, CA
- November 12-14, 2018 – CalACT Conference in Napa, CA (attended by ICTC staff)
- November 14, 2018 – ICTC Management Committee Meeting in Calexico, CA
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** Participation rate based off of funded projects
*** 1 job for every $117,000 invested.
DARIN CHIDSEY APPOINTED INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SCAG

In early October, the Regional Council appointed Darin Chidsey as Interim Executive Director of SCAG. Former director Hasan Ikhrata, who recently accepted an offer to lead the San Diego Association of Governments, will serve in a new capacity as Special Advisor to the Interim Executive Director until Nov. 30. The Regional Council also authorized an ad hoc committee to initiate a formal search process. Darin Chidsey has been with SCAG for 13 years, most recently serving as the agency’s second-in-command in the role of Chief Operating Officer. As COO, Chidsey has worked closely with the Executive Director and has been responsible for driving SCAG’s vision and strategy, as well as implementing the actions of the agency’s Regional Council. Prior to his appointment as COO in 2016, he served as SCAG’s Director of Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs.

JOIN US FOR SCAG’S ECONOMIC SUMMIT ON EXPONENTIAL GROWTH IN KEY INDUSTRIES

On Thursday, Dec. 6, SCAG and the Southern California Leadership Council will host the ninth edition of our celebrated annual Southern California Economic Summit series focusing on next generation jobs and industry. This year’s summit will be held at the L.A. Hotel in downtown Los Angeles focusing on the theme, “Exponential Growth, Exponential Future.” A distinguished roster of industry leaders and economic experts will assess the current state of the region’s economy, discuss the role of technology and innovation in our region’s future, and look at ways in which the region can maintain leadership and support growth in new transportation technology. Panel sessions include “What’s Next for the Southern California Economy?” and “The Future of Transportation: Exponential Growth in California’s Hottest Sector.” Join us, along with Southern California’s civic and business leaders, for this vital conversation on the region’s economic future – reserve your seat today. Early bird registration is $100 per person until Nov. 12. Elected officials and city managers may attend for free. Additional program details coming soon.

SCAG BRINGS GO HUMAN AND FUTURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAMS TO LA COMOTION

SCAG is proud to sponsor the upcoming LA CoMotion Leadership Conference and Mobility Festival, Nov. 15 - 17. LA CoMotion provides an opportunity for mobility innovators, local leaders and industry experts from around the world to come together and discuss the future of urban mobility. At a lunchtime breakout session on Thursday, Nov. 15, SCAG will generate excitement about our new funding opportunity, the Future Communities Pilot Program (see below), and connect potential applicants to experts in the field. Cities and counties developing pilot proposals for the grant program are welcome to attend and gain feedback from innovation leaders from a variety of industries. Interested city or county teams should contact Deanna Dupuy by Nov. 9. And during the Mobility Festival on Saturday, Nov. 17, SCAG will display elements of its new Go Human Kit-of-Parts. The Go Human Kit-of-Parts will allow cities to borrow materials such as spray chalk, bollards, street furniture and more to host open streets and temporary safety demonstrations. Learn more about LA CoMotion and get tickets to join us at www.LACoMotion.com.

SCAG’S FEDERAL CERTIFICATION RENEWED FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed a review and evaluation of SCAG’s regional transportation planning process for its 2018 certification. Every four years, these federal agencies complete this process for all urbanized areas with a population of over 200,000. In early 2018, FHWA and FTA started out by assessing detailed information about SCAG’s planning processes, policies and practices. Reviewers then visited the SCAG offices, conducting roundtable review meetings with key SCAG staff and interviewing select elected leaders, Native American Tribal Government officials and representatives of transit providers around the region. The federal agencies have now concluded their review, issuing a final report confirming that SCAG’s transportation planning process substantially meets the requirements of federal code. The next certification review will take place in 2022.
UPDATE ON CONNECT SOCAL (2020 RTP/SCS)

This past month, SCAG staff has been ramping up the development for Connect SoCal, SCAG’s 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy. The agency is beginning the process for developing scenarios that will compare alternative pathways for the region to reach greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and other plan goals. SCAG will be reaching out to key stakeholders and planning directors over the next few weeks, with broader outreach to follow in early 2019 on scenario development.

Given the number of subject areas covered by Connect SoCal, topic-specific working groups are continuing to meet with regional stakeholders to dig in on specific issues. There are seven Regional Planning Working Groups, including: Active Transportation, Environmental Justice, Mobility Innovations, Natural and Lands Conservation, Public Health, Safety and Sustainable Communities. A joint meeting of the Regional Planning Working Groups is scheduled for Nov. 15. More information about our regional planning working groups, including details on upcoming meetings, is available on the SCAG website.

Related to this, we are happy to report that SCAG’s region-wide Metropolitan Planning Agreements have now been fully executed. The region’s six county transportation commissions and 38 transit providers have all signed on to the updated agreements, which are designed to ensure they are fully incorporated into the regional transportation planning process.

REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST MEETING

On Oct. 29, the development process for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) kicked into full gear with the first meeting of the board’s RHNA and Housing Element Reform Subcommittee. Representing a wide range of stakeholders, the committee is made up of one elected official representing each county and three ex officio members representing the building industry, the nonprofit sector and academia. State housing law requires that each city and county plans for existing and future housing need as represented by its RHNA allocation. The next cycle of RHNA development, also known as the 6th cycle, will apply to the period between 2021 and 2029, and will be adopted at the latest by October 2020. The role of this board subcommittee is to review and make recommendations on possible reform to the RHNA and housing element processes.

The October meeting featured a presentation from special guest Ben Metcalf, Director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development, who shared details on the policy and process as well as listened to feedback from those in attendance. The meeting was exceptionally well-attended, with nearly 200 participants total across the main office, regional teleconference sites and webinar.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR FUTURE COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM

Pending approval from the Regional Council, SCAG is expected to release its Future Communities Pilot Program Call for Projects on Nov. 1. This new grant program will provide cities and counties with resources to reduce emissions-producing vehicle miles traveled through the application of innovative technology and data solutions. Potential project types could include fleet telematics, internet-of-things applications, route optimization and mobility-as-a-service pilots. Funding for pilot program totals $2.7 million and requires a 25% match from applicants, with a maximum project size of $500,000. Applications are due by Dec. 13, and city and county applicants from within the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s jurisdiction are eligible to apply. SCAG will host two application workshops on Nov. 13 and Dec. 4 and a conceptual project development workshop at LA CoMotion on Nov. 15. The Future Communities Pilot Program is a partnership between SCAG and the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Committee. For more information about the program, contact Deanna Dupuy at dupuy@scag.ca.gov.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM APPLICATIONS DUE NOV. 15

As a reminder, the deadline for the 2018 Sustainable Communities Program is Nov. 15. The program is a multi-year commitment that will provide about $6 million in funding and technical assistance to local cities and counties for integrated land use, green region and active transportation projects that support the policies and initiatives of the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. All SCAG-member jurisdictions, including cities, counties and councils of governments are encouraged to apply. This program is designed not just to provide much-needed resources directly to cities and counties, but also to increase the region’s competitiveness for federal and state funds. Applicants can apply for support for any of nine project types in the broader categories of active transportation, integrated land use and green region initiative. Program guidelines and application materials are available online here: sustain.scag.ca.gov. Applications should be submitted to scp@scag.ca.gov by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15. Final funding recommendations are expected to be approved by the Regional Council in March 2019.

SCAG WELCOMES NEW CIVICSPARK FELLOWS

SCAG is a regional partner of the CivicSpark program, a statewide Governor’s Initiative AmeriCorps program administered by California’s Office of Planning and Research and the Local Government Commission. The program places 70 fellows in agencies and local governments around the state to build capacity for climate mitigation and adaptation, and SCAG has hosted CivicSpark fellows in our Sustainability Department since the program’s launch in 2014. For 2018-2019, SCAG welcomes three new fellows: Elisa Barrios, Lupe Franco and April Crain. They will continue work on the Green Region Initiative Sustainability Indicators project, which collects sustainability data and maps progress in every city and county in the SCAG region. The fellows are conducting a comprehensive data update and preparing to pilot the tool with cities in the region.

FINDINGS OF SCAG’S INTERCOUNTRY TRANSIT AND RAIL STUDY SHARED AT ASSEMBLY HEARING

On Oct. 11, SCAG’s Transit/Rail department presented to the California State Assembly Select Committee on Regional Transportation Solutions on the recently completed Los Angeles-San Bernardino Inter-County Transit and Rail Study. Assemblymember Chris Holden, committee chair, convened the hearing to address significant topics such as interconnectivity between transportation modes, securing funding for transportation infrastructure. SCAG President Alan Wapner discussed connectivity to the Ontario Airport, Special Advisor Hasan Ikhrata offered remarks on the necessity of first/last mile planning to maximize accessibility to our region’s transit stations, and Senior Regional Planner Stephen Fox discussed the findings of the newly released Intercounty Study. The study sought to develop a coordinated transit and rail strategy that best serves the transportation needs of the residents, workers and businesses that rely on this corridor. Findings pointed to several mobility options (including light rail, commuter rail, hybrid rail and bus rapid transit) that warrant further consideration and study by the transportation authorities in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. The final report can be found at: scag.ca.gov/InterCountyTransitRail.

SCAG SHARES KNOWLEDGE AND RECEIVES AWARD AT AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION EVENT

SCAG’s Go Human program was honored with the Public Outreach Award of Excellence by the California Chapter of the American Planning Association at their statewide conference in early October. The award recognized five Go Human temporary safety demonstration events in Orange County held last year, which promoted walking and biking and gave community members a chance to weigh in on planned improvements. SCAG was not the only Southern California agency recognized with an American Planning Association 2018 Award this year. Congratulations to SCAG member agencies: City of Los Angeles, City of Long Beach, LA Metro, Temple City and City of Rancho Cucamonga.

SCAG staff also participated in a panel discussion, “Coming Together Around Livable Communities: Regional Programs that Support Local Sustainability Efforts,” which brought together program managers from different metropolitan planning organizations to discuss how their respective agencies are funding grant programs to implement their policies.
SCAG CO-HOSTS FORUM ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION

On Oct. 18, SCAG hosted the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative’s forum “Electrifying Transportation in SoCal: Opportunities and Challenges for 2030.” Esteemed guests from the clean fuels and energy industry, as well as California Assemblymember Chris Holden and former California Senator Fran Pavley, held panel discussions about the future of transportation electrification in Southern California. SCAG’s Planning Director, Kome Ajise, was featured on the first panel of the day and spoke about our work to support cleaner fuels. Specifically, he highlighted SCAG’s Plug-in Electric Vehicle Atlas and how it has been used to help identify opportunities in the region for increasing and improving charging infrastructure. The second panel, moderated by SCAG staff, discussed challenges and successes transit operators and other fleets are experiencing in transitioning to all electric vehicles. Another important panel presented case studies of how public agencies and community-based organizations are partnering to bring electric vehicles to disadvantaged communities.

SCAG JOINED REGION’S LEADERS TO STRATEGIZE FOR CALIFORNIA’S TRANSPORTATION FUTURE

The 17th annual Mobility 21 Southern California Transportation Summit was on Friday, October 19 at the J.W. Marriott in downtown Los Angeles. This year’s theme—California: Transportation Center of Excellence—spoke to the innovations that have propelled our state to the forefront in the transportation sector. Included in the Summit’s discussions were elected officials and transportation industry leaders, which demonstrates the importance of advocating for regional solutions in transportation and mobility. SCAG President Alan Wapner participated on the Chairmen’s Roundtable and spoke to the many ways SCAG engages our numerous stakeholders in the development of our regional plans. I (Darin) was pleased to participate in a breakout panel discussing the big deal with big data and how that data is changing the way we do business at SCAG. Special Advisor Hasan Ikhrata was on the closing panel, which related to air quality and how California can both meet our state’s aggressive air quality mandates and spur economic opportunity. Once again, the Summit was an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas, network with peers, and plan for the future.

SCAG SHARES DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH WITH INDUSTRY LEADERS

On Oct. 12, staff from SCAG’s Research and Analysis team presented in-progress research to the Southern Demographic Association in Durham, North Carolina. Preliminary results from the project, which studies drivers of domestic migration, indicate that in regions across the country, people are consistently moving to areas with higher, not lower, housing cost. At an economic conference in San Diego later that month, staff made a presentation on the economic impacts of the Federal Transportation Improvement Plan’s investment priorities, including growth potential and job creation. The results emphasize that investing in transportation is becoming more important for job creation, showing an annual average of more than 91,000 jobs added in the six-county SCAG region. SCAG’s ongoing economic and demographic research provide key support to our long-term growth forecasts and regional plans.
Memorandum

Date: November 15th, 2018
To: ICTC Commission Meeting
From: David Salgado, Regional Affairs Officer (RAO)
Re: Southern California Association of Government’s Report

The following is a summary of the SCAG Executive Director’s Report and/or Federal and State Legislature Staff Report for the Imperial County Transportation Commission Meeting November 28th, 2018.

1. 9th Annual Southern California Economic Summit: SCAG’s 9th Annual Economic Summit will be held Thursday December 6th at the L.A. Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. **ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS and City Managers are provided complimentary registrations.** The summit will begin at 8:00am. Further details will be provided as the agenda is formalized. Please mark your calendars and feel free to reach out to Imperial County RAO David Salgado with any questions.

2. SCAG Go Human Campaign: SCAG is entering the 3rd year of the GO-Human Marketing and Advertising Safety and Encouragement Campaign which has been implemented throughout the 6 county SCAG region. We’ve had great participation and engagement in Imperial County and would like to build upon the success. The new round of advertising will integrate Vison Zero and new messaging developed from gathered from direct feedback. The campaign will run through the month of May to coincide with “National Bike Month” and during July and August to promote safe walking and biking during “back to school.” If any agencies would like to participate and partner with SCAG to promote GO Human, please reach out to SCAG Regional Affairs Officer (RAO) David Salgado or Assistant Regional Planner Julia Lippe-Klein (213) 236-1856.

3. SCAG Sustainability Grant Applications 2018: The Southern California Association of Governments is accepting applications for the 2018 Sustainable Communities Program. For many years, SCAG has provided technical assistance and resources at no cost to local jurisdictions that support local planning and implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) under the banner of the Compass Blueprint Program and later the Sustainability Planning Grant program. The program recognizes sustainable solutions to local growth challenges and has resulted in local plans that promote sustainability through the integration of transportation and land use.

**The goals of the 2018 Sustainable Communities Program are as follows:**
- Provide needed planning resources to local jurisdictions for sustainability planning efforts;
- Develop local plans that support the implementation of the 2016 RTP/SCS; and
- Increase the region’s competitiveness for federal and state funds, including but not limited to the California Active Transportation Program and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds.

There are nine project types within the three project areas - Active Transportation, Integrated Land Use, and Green Region Initiative. More details can be found on the Sustainable Communities Program Guidelines website. The deadline for applications was November 15, 2015. For more information please contact Imperial County RAO David Salgado.

4. **Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Working Group:** As a part of the upcoming RHNA Cycle SCAG President Alan Wapner has appointed 2 elected officials from each SCAG county to participate in the SCAG RHNA Working Group. The group will meet periodically to ensure participation from each county throughout the RHNA development process. Imperial Counties representative is City of Holtville Councilman, ICTC Commissioner, and SCAG Regional Council and Policy Committee Member Jim Predmore with Councilman Bill Hodge as the alternate. Please feel free to contact SCAG RAO David Salgado with any questions regarding RHNA or reach out to your local delegate to carry any concerns to the presidents sub-committee.

We appreciate everyone’s responsiveness to requests to provide the most accurate and current information for the RHNA process.

5. **SCAG Executive Director:** On Thursday October 4th, 2018 the SCAG Regional Council took a number of actions pertaining to the SCAG Executive Director Position. The first action taken approved the resignation of Hasan Ikhrata. The board also took action to appoint Darin Chidsey, former Chief Operating Officer, as the Interim Executive Director effective Monday October 8th. To assist with the transition Hasan Ikhrata will serve as Special Advisor to the Interim Executive Director through November 30th. SCAG President Alan Wapner will be establishing an ad hoc committee comprised of SCAG board officers to select and retain an executive search firm within 30 days for the permanent employment of a new Executive Director.

6. **SCAG Policy Committee Appointments:** At the April 5th, 2018 Regional Council Policy Committee meetings Imperial County Supervisor and Regional Council Member Luis Plancarte was appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC). El Centro Mayor and SCAG Past President Cheryl Viegas-Walker was appointed as the Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee (TC) Vice-Chair.

7. **SCAG Downtown Los Angeles Relocation:** SCAG relocated to the new Downtown Headquarters located at The Wilshire Grand Center. The new address is 900 Wilshire Boulevard, 17th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The building is a brand new LEED Certified Class A Building and provides for a more advanced space for SCAG to grow into. The new space will also have improved spaces for SCAG’s regular public meetings and workshops.

8. **SCAG 2017 Local Profiles:** 2017 Final Local Profiles are posted on the SCAG website and readily available. Hard copies may be provided upon request. Questions can be directed to Ping Chang or Mike Gainor at SCAG.
9. **2017 SCAG Presidents Strategic Plan (PSP) Update:** SCAG has convened a strategic planning committee composed of executive management, leadership, and staff in order to develop and update SCAG’s Strategic Planning Document. The new SCAG Strategic Plan was adopted as one of the first items of the new year at the February 2018 Regional Council Meeting. The Strategic Plan has not been updated since 2009 and provides a framework for the agencies work Plan and continued success. Imperial County RAO David Salgado participated on the PSP Committee.

10. **2016 RTP/SCS FINAL APPROVAL** – On April 7, 2016, SCAG’s Regional Council adopted the 2016 RTP/SCS, a long range visioning plan that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals. The Plan charts a course for closely integrating land use and transportation – so that the region can grow smartly and sustainably. It outlines more than $556.5 billion in transportation system investments through 2040. The Plan was prepared through a collaborative, continuous, and comprehensive process with input from local governments, county transportation commissions, tribal governments, non-profit organizations, businesses and local stakeholders within the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura.

The 2016 RTP/SCS is available for download by chapter or as one file. Please note that some files are large and may take longer to download depending on individual connection speeds. We strongly recommend that you first download it onto your computer before opening the file. All files are in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. The executive summary is available upon request.
The following is the California Department of Transportation, District 11 report for the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Commissioner’s meeting of November 28, 2018:

1. **Project Updates:**

   Please see maps at end of report for project level detail.

2. **Construction:**

   **Interstate 8 (I-8) Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement Project (CRCP)**

   I-8 CRCP Project was divided into five segments with segments 1-3 being complete. The entire project is scheduled for completion in 2019.

   Segment 4: This segment is divided into two sections located near El Centro from west of I-8/SR-111 separation to just west of Anderholt Road overcrossing and from east of the East Highline Canal Bridge to west of the I-8/SR-98 separation. This segment began construction on July 10, 2017. Section One was fully open to traffic on September 28, 2018 with only minor work remaining which will cause temporary lane closures. On Section Two, westbound traffic was shifted onto Evan Hewes Highway on August 6, 2018 and paving has started in the westbound lanes. Work in Section Two is expected to continue through the end of 2019.

   Segment 5: Located near Winterhaven from west of Ogilby Road overcrossing to west of the I-8/SR-186 separation. This seven-mile segment began construction the week of June 12, 2017. All lanes are opened with the project being completed ten months ahead of schedule.
Construction (continued):

SR-86/Heber Pedestrian Improvements

This project will construct sidewalks and a bus shelter. Construction on Phase 1 and 2 is complete. Phase 3 started on October 3, 2018 and improvements were completed on October 19, 2018.

3. Traffic Operations:

SR-86/Customs & Border Protection Checkpoint Expansion

Caltrans recently provided a design alternative with cost estimate to ICTC. The design will allow for two lanes for use by CBP under a newly constructed canopy to be placed over SR-86, and two lanes of secondary inspection during peak periods, which should reduce or eliminate queuing of traffic during these time periods. This was approved by the Commission in late 2017.

There was a delay during the Summer 2018, and the estimated 35% design completion is behind schedule. The plans were received on October 12, 2018 for review.

SR-98/C.N. Perry Intersection Improvements

Caltrans Highway Operations has placed the order for two new speed feedback signs, and is waiting for a delivery date from the manufacturer. A new Traffic Investigative Report (TIR) was generated to update existing school zone signs, pavement markings and to provide two rectangular rapid flashing beacons at the C.N. Perry Avenue pedestrian crossing. It is expected that the installation will be complete in January 2019.

All American Canal Bridge/SR-186

The BOR has requested that Caltrans investigate constructing a separate structure over the All American Canal. Caltrans has agreed to do a Feasibility Study to look at options. On September 25, 2018 a meeting to review proposed alternatives was held with several of the agencies. A draft of the Feasibility Study should be available for review in November.
4. **Planning:**

**Calexico Traffic Management Plan**

Caltrans has been awarded a grant from the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) State Planning & Research funds, with an 80/20 in-kind match by the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) to fund a $100,000 Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for access to the Calexico West Port of Entry (POE). A Public Outreach Contract was also awarded which provided an additional $60,000 for public involvement, workshops and communication strategies.

This effort has a two-tier approach. Tier one has addressed access for opening day traffic conditions. Tier two will provide further analysis and recommendations for potential traffic shifts for the 60-90 day period beyond opening day conditions.

*The Calexico West POE Expansion (Phase 1) is complete.* The POE Expansion requires the City of Calexico to widen and improve Cesar Chavez Boulevard which will serve as future access to the POE. The City of Calexico recently held a groundbreaking ceremony, and construction has begun. It is anticipated that construction on Cesar Chavez Boulevard will be complete in Spring 2019.

*The next portion of the TMP will focus on analyzing the traffic circulation patterns resulting from the traffic shifts, and make recommendations for improvements in the 60-90 day period post opening day conditions. The consultant recently completed a second set of data collection at key intersections for this effort.*

**Grants Underway:**

**Imperial County Active Transportation Plan**

*The consultant performing work on the Imperial County Active Transportation Plan for Rural Communities has released the draft report which covers the areas of Salton City, Ocotillo, Seeley, Heber, Niland and Winterhaven/Bard.*

*The Plan prioritizes projects for improvements to pedestrians, bicyclists and access to transit for these six communities. A Public Hearing will be held on November 8, 2018 at the County Administration Center from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at which residents are encouraged to attend and provide their comments and feedback on the Plan. This is a Caltrans funded grant and will be complete in February 2019.*
5. **Senate Bill 1 Projects:**

Caltrans is currently working on three projects in Imperial County as a result of funding received through SB1. Those projects are as follows:

- **SR-86 Pavement Improvement Project** - Construction began July 9, and is expected to be complete by December 2018
- **SR-111 & SR-98 Pavement Overlay** - Construction began on September 17, 2018
- **I-8, SR-86, SR-98, SR-111, SR-186 Bridges Project** - Construction began in September 2018

6. **Local Assistance:**

Inactive Projects:

Inactive and future inactive invoices should be billed within the specified and agreed upon timeframe to avoid a unilateral deobligation of funds.

As of October 10, 2018, the Inactive and Future Inactive list was updated. Action is required by the following agencies: Calexico, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Imperial County, and Westmorland. The next deadline to submit both Inactive and Future inactive invoices will be October 20, 2018.

Note: An invoice is not cleared off the inactive or future inactive until it has been paid by the State Controller’s Office.

A complete list of inactive projects can be found at the link provided below.

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/Inactiveprojects.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/Inactiveprojects.htm)

**Mandatory Requirements**

**Federal Fiscal Year 18/19 Requests for Authorization/Obligation are due February 1, 2019:**

Please transmit funding Requests for Authorization (RFA) this federal fiscal year by February 1, 2019. Early RFA submittals will minimize delay to obtaining funding authorizations.

**Obligation Authority Plan (Cycle 20) is due to Local Assistance for Federal FY 18/19 by January 15, 2019:**

Agency’s Obligation Authority Plan must indicate the amount of federal dollars being obligated for each project by fund type, and planned date of obligation. A request for information will be forthcoming.
Local Assistance (continued):

Cooperative Work Agreements (CWA)-Cycle 16:

Government Code Section 16304.3 authorizes the Department of Finance (DOF) to extend state budget authority on all Local Assistance funding from six years to a maximum of eight years from the original year of appropriation upon DOF approval. Thus, for those agencies that are on the CWA Cycle 16 list, it is mandatory that the agency apply for an extension for your projects that an encumbrance will not be fully reimbursed or closed out by December 31, 2018.

The lapsing website shows those projects with unspent federal and/or state funding on June 30, 2019. A notification letter was sent to each agency.

All CWA extensions should have been submitted via an excel spreadsheet by October 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. via electronic and hard copy to District II CWA Liaison, Debora Ledesma-Ribera, indicating what course of action will be taken for each project on the Cycle 16 list. No late submittals will be accepted. An electronic copy of the list of projects is available at:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/CWA/cwa.htm

The excel spreadsheet may be signed by a project manager. If the agency opts out of submitting the CWA request, the agency must indicate “NO CWA” on the excel spreadsheet along with a signature. If you have questions, please contact Debora Ledesma-Ribera at (619) 278-3766 or via email at Debora.Ledesma-Ribera@dot.ca.gov

Please note: There is no appeal process for CWA requests denied by DOF. April 1, 2019 is the deadline for local agencies to submit all final invoices for funds that will lapse on June 30, 2019.

DBE Methodology Update

For all federal contracts (consultant and construction) that will be advertised or authorized on October 1, 2018 or thereafter, local agencies must use the updated Exhibit 9-D template to calculate Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals.

Download Updated Exhibit 9-D

Background: On July 31, 2018, Caltrans submitted the Proposed Overall DBE Goal and Methodology of 17.6 percent for 2018-19 through 2020-21 to the Federal Highway Administration, and California must make efforts to achieve this target on all DBE commitments effective October 1, 2018. Updates to the DBE contract goal methodology now require federal local assistance contracts to base goals on a seven DBEs available per sub-contractable task and factoring the total DBE work made available by 80
Local Assistance (continued):

percent. Supply and trucking component calculations remain unchanged at 12 percent and ten percent, respectively, for all tasks that are not determined to be sub-contractable. The latest Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) forms can be found on our LAPM Forms Page: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/laforms/lapmforms.htm

Division of Local Assistance Listserver Email Subscription

Sign up for a Division of Local Assistance “Listserver” to receive significant updates or additions to Local Assistance webpages, including changes to the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) and Local Assistance Program Guidelines (LAPG), new Office Bulletins and Local Programs Procedures, as well as Calls for Projects.

http://lists.dot.ca.gov/mailman/listinfo/dla-website-updates-announce

HBP October Survey backup list was completed on October 26, 2018. While MPOs program lump sum backup list is in the 2019 RTIP, the Local Agencies shall program their individual Line Item bridges. The HBP funding HOLD on PE, RW, and CON would not be removed for E-76 obligation if Caltrans does not have the updated LAPG 6-A/6-D reflecting/matching the project October 2018 survey to your assigned Area Engineer.

HBP Project Programming Prioritization Policy Update

Office Bulletin (OB) 18-02 announces new policy for the HBP regarding new project application processing. See the link below for more information:

Division of Local Assistance Blog (LAB)

The Caltrans Local Assistance Blog (LAB) provides clarity on issues and contributes to the successful delivery of transportation projects using federal resources. Categories covered by the LAB are: Subsidized Classes for Local Agencies, Policy/Procedures, Program Guidelines, Training, Environmental, and Right of Way.

http://www.localassistanceblog.com

Reminder: Local Assistance Customer Service Survey

This pilot program supports a Caltrans Strategic Management Plan Goal: Organizational Excellence. An external survey ranked Local Assistance as the Division of Caltrans that external agencies interact with most on a regular basis. HQ-Division of Local Assistance and District Offices will recognize employees who go “above and beyond,” document best practices and identify needed training.
Local Assistance (continued):

So, how did we do? Help us serve you better! The Caltrans Local Assistance Customer Service Survey can be found at the link provided below.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTLocalAssistanceFeedback

Training

For questions or to register for any training, you may contact Local Assistance Training Coordinator, Alma Sanchez at (619)278-3735 or via email at: Alma.Sanchez@dot.ca.gov.

March 26 – 29, 2019, San Diego, District 11 – Resident Engineer Academy – Class is Full

The R.E. Academy is the core training in the state and federal regulations for Local Agency Resident Engineers. The Academy, partially subsidized by Caltrans, is deal for both seasoned and newly-hired R.E.’s. The four-day course provides practical, hands-on training for Resident Engineers. The subject matter experts and instructors use a real-life approach to deliver information utilizing examples, problem-solving activities, and exercises. The Resident Engineers Academy also provides a unique learning environment designed to promote networking.

Specifically, participants will learn how to efficiently manage a project from beginning to completion in compliance with state and federal regulations. The Resident Engineers Academy is intended for resident engineers, structure representatives, construction inspectors, field office engineers, material and plant inspectors, or any others that have direct involvement in a construction project.

For State and Local Participants the fee is $360. The cost for all other parties is $560. The link to register is below:


Subsidized Classes for Local Agencies

The California Local Technical Assistance Program is a jointly funded effort between FHWA and Caltrans to provide local governments with training, information, technology and direct assistance to help improve transportation infrastructure. Upcoming courses are listed at this link:

registration.techtransfer.berkeley.edu/wconnect/ShowSchedule.awp?&Mode=GROUP&Group=FULL&Title=Complete+Listing
**STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

1. SR-185/I-8 Interchange Improvements
2. SR-7 All American Canal Bridge Widening

**DESIGN**

3. SR-86/Dogwood Road Intersection Improvements*
   Design Complete Fall 2018
4. SR-86/SR-111 Intersection Improvements*
   Design Complete Fall 2018
5. I-8/Imperial Ave Interchange Improvements
   Design Complete Summer 2019
6. SR-98 Widening Phase 1C
   Offie Ave to Rockwood Ave
   Design Complete Summer 2019
7. SR-86 Pavement Rehabilitation
   Design Complete Spring 2020

**CONSTRUCTION**

8. SR-86 Pavement Rehabilitation
   Construction Start Spring 2019
9. SR-86 Pavement Rehabilitation
   Construction Start Spring 2019
10. SR-111/SR-98 Pavement Rehabilitation
    Construction Start Summer 2018
11. SR-86*“Heber Ave” Sidewalk, Transit,
    & ADA Improvements Phase 3*
    Construction Start Fall 2018
12. Routes 8, 86, 98, 111, and 186 Bridges
    Construction Start Fall 2018
13. I-8 Pavement Rehabilitation at Various Locations
    Construction Complete Fall 2019
14. I-8 Pavement Rehabilitation at Ogilby Rd to SR-186
    Construction Complete Summer 2018
15. SR-111 Calexico West - GSA POE Reconfiguration*
    Construction Complete Summer 2018

**RELINQUISHMENT**

16. SR-86 Relinquishment From SR-78 to SR-111
    Senate Bill 788 Approved Fall 2013
17. SR-186 Relinquishment 500 Feet
    from Border to GSA*
    Complete Summer 2018

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* The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is a partner in this study/proj, although not the lead agency.
PLANNING

A. Forrester Road Project Study Report
   PSR Beginning Fall 2017 (K Phase)
B. Imperial County Active Transportation Plan
   Fall 2017 - Spring 2019
C. Calexico Traffic Management Plan
   Spring 2018 - Spring 2019
D. Fresh Look at Border Delays at Ports of Entry
   2016 - 2019
E. Proposed Railroad Corridor
   Multi-Use Bikeway Plan
F. City of El Centro Land Use, Mobility
   and Environmental Justice Elements
VI. ACTION CALENDAR

A. 2018 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines
November 16, 2018

Luis Plancarte, Chairman
Imperial County Transportation Commission
1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104
El Centro, CA 92243

SUBJECT: 2018 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines

Dear Commission Members:

Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) staff has been working with staff from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in the review of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) guidelines. The ATP is funded from various federal and state funds including the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), State Highway Account, and Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S).

As a part of Senate Bill (SB) 1, the 2018 ATP Cycle 4 Call for Projects at the state level is expected to include about $440M in funding made up of Federal funding and State SB1 and State Highway Account (SHA) funding. The funding programming years include FY2019/2020, FY2020/2021, FY2021/2022 and FY2022/2023 funding years.

Per the 2018 guidelines issued by the California Transportation Commission (CTC), the program is divided into state and regional shares. Project applications that are not selected for funding from the state’s share of the funds will be passed on to the other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) for consideration for regional share funding.

Program funding is segregated into three components and is distributed as follows:

- 50% to the state for a statewide competitive program
- 10% to small urban and rural regions with populations of 200,000 or less for the small urban and rural area competitive program
- 40% to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) in urban areas with populations greater than 200,000 for the larger urbanized area competitive program

In this fourth call for projects of ATP funds, SCAG does not intend to host a separate Call for Projects. Caltrans will instead forward grant proposals from the SCAG region that were not awarded funding at the statewide selection round for consideration in the Regional Program. Therefore, all project applications must meet the state’s criteria and be submitted to Caltrans first. Imperial County anticipates to receive $700,000 on ATP regional funds. To date, six applications have been submitted by member agencies for this current cycle. The following table includes the 2018 Cycle 4 ATP applications for Imperial County.

CITIES OF BRAWLEY, CALEXICO, CALIPATRIA, EL CENTRO, HOLTVILLE, IMPERIAL, WESTMORLAND, IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL
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ICTC is responsible for scoring from within Imperial County for their consistency with plans adopted by local and regional governments within the county. Assigning a methodology for assigning the ten (10) points needs to be completed by ICTC. During the programs first funding cycle in 2014, ICTC was required to establish the ten point scoring methodology. Previously, if a project was determined to be consistent with plans adopted by local and regional governments within the county, ICTC could add up to 10 points. In 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 ICTC adopted the following scoring methodology: 10 points for projects that have been identified in an adopted local and/or regional plan; zero points for projects that have not been identified in an adopted local and/or regional plan. ICTC staff is recommending the same methodology for cycle four (4) of ATP funding.

The Management Committee met on November 14, 2018 and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the following methodology for assigning points to the 2018 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines:

   a. 10 points for projects that have been identified in an adopted local and/or regional plan; and
   b. Zero points for projects that have not been identified in an adopted local and/or regional plan.

Sincerely,

MARK BAZA
Executive Director

MB/vm/mf
A. CMAQ AND STBG 2018 CALL FOR PROJECTS GUIDELINES
Fact Sheet

VII. INFORMATION CALENDAR

A. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) & Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) 2018 Call for Projects Guidelines: Below is a detailed description of programs, funding availability, and program milestones.

**Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ)**

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program is a federally-funded program that provides funding for transportation projects and programs to help meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA) (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.). Funding is available to reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone, carbon monoxide (CO), or particulate matter (i.e., nonattainment areas), and for areas that were out of compliance but have now met the standards (i.e., maintenance areas). The CMAQ program is designed to create a balanced program of transportation projects that improve air quality and the flow of traffic. Major emphasis is placed on projects that support alternative modes of transportation, reduce PM-10 emissions, and improve the flow of traffic.

The table below summarizes the CMAQ funds anticipated to be available for programming for the three-year period FY 2019/20 - 2021/22.

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**Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)**

The Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program is a federal funding program authorized under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. 114-94) signed by the President on December 4, 2015. The FAST Act changed the name of the program from “Surface Transportation Program (STP)” to STBG. The program will provide funds for transportation projects located on federal-aid roads system.
The table below summarizes the STBG funds anticipated to be available for programming for the three-year period FY 2019/20- 2021/22:

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ICTC staff is currently working on releasing the 2018 Call for Projects Guidelines for both STBG and CMAQ Programs. Program Guidelines highlight eligible and ineligible project types as well as an overview of each program and submittal instructions. Funding availability is projected for FY2019/2020 thru FY2021/2022. The Call for Projects is open to all cities and the County of Imperial. Below is the proposed Call for Projects implementation schedule for both CMAQ and STBG.

**Call for Projects Schedule:**

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