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**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020  
6:00 PM  
REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY**

**CHAIR: GEORGE NAVA**

**VICE CHAIR: CHERYL VIEGAS-WALKER**

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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**

In compliance with the Governor's Order N-29-20, the meeting will be held telephonically and electronically. If members of the public wish to review the attachments or have any questions on any agenda item, please contact Cristi Lerma at 760-592-4494 or via email at [cristilerma@imperialctc.org](mailto:cristilerma@imperialctc.org). Agenda and minutes are also available at: <http://www.imperialctc.org/meetings-&-agendas/commission/>. If any member of the public wishes to address the Commission, please submit written comments by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Comments should not exceed three minutes on any item of interest not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Committee. The Committee 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. Receive and File:

1. ICTC Draft TAC Minutes
2. ICTC Draft SSTAC Minutes:

September 24, 2020 Page 4  
October 7, 2020

**CITIES OF BRAWLEY, CALEXICO, CALIPATRIA, EL CENTRO, HOLTVILLE, IMPERIAL, WESTMORLAND,  
IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

**V. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

- A. Special Recognition to the following Commissioners for their dedicated service to ICTC
- a) James Predmore
  - b) Bill Hodge
  - c) Lewis Pacheco

**VI. REPORTS (Up to 5 minutes per staff report)**

- A. ICTC Executive Director
- Executive Director Report Page 10
  - IVRMA Program Report Page 17
- B. Southern California Association of Governments
- See attached report Page 18
- C. California Department of Transportation – District 11
- See attached report Page 25
- D. Commission / Committee Member Reports (if any)

**VII. DISCUSSION / ACTION CALENDAR**

- A. Appointment of an ICTC Commission Member to the SCAG Regional Council Page 38

It is recommended that the ICTC Commission take the following actions after public comment, if any:

1. Appoint one ICTC Commission Member to the SCAG Regional Council

- B. Appointment to the SCAG Community, Economy and Housing Development Committee (CEHD) Page 45

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1. Appoint one ICTC Commission Member to the SCAG Community, Economy and Housing Development Committee (CEHD)

- C. Appointment to the California Vanpool Authority (CalVans) Board Page 47

1. Appoint a representative and an alternate from the Commission to the CalVans Board.

**VIII. MEETING DATE AND PLACE**

- A. The next meeting of the **Imperial County Transportation Commission** will be held on **Wednesday, January 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**, remotely via Zoom Meeting.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Motion to adjourn

## **IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of the ICTC Commission / Management  
Commission Joint Meeting Draft Minutes:  
November 18, 2020
- B. Receive and File:
  - 1. ICTC Draft TAC Minutes September 24, 2020
  - 2. ICTC Draft SSTAC Minutes: October 7, 2020



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## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE **DRAFT** MINUTES

September 24, 2020

### **Present:**

Guillermo Sillas	City of Brawley
Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Lily Falomir	City of Calexico
Miguel Figueroa	City of Calexico
Joel Hamby	City of Westmorland
Ismael Gomez	IID

### **Others:**

Virginia Mendoza	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
David Salgado	SCAG
Tyler Salcido	City of Brawley
Gordon Gaste	City of Brawley
Javier Luna	City of El Centro
Christian Rodriguez	City of El Centro
Angel Hernandez	City of El Centro
Othon Mora	City of Imperial
Robert Urena	County of Imperial
Rachel Fonseca	City of Westmorland
Ben Guerrero	Caltrans
Kevin Hovey	Caltrans
Nicky Falvey	Caltrans
George Galvan	Holt Group
Victor Garcia	Holt Group
Bobby Pulido	

*Due to the COVID-19 and Executive Order N-25-20, teleconferencing is recommended for the public, however measures will be taken to have access for those who wish to participate in person while still abiding by local, state and federal mandates. Following is teleconference information.*

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.



1. Introductions
2. A motion was made to adopt the minutes for August 27, 2020 (**Hamby/Falomir**) **Motion Carried.**
3. **ICTC Updates / Announcements**  
(Presented by ICTC Staff)
  - a. **Transit Planning Updates-** Virginia Mendoza provided a brief update on transit. Based on the current events surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic, ICTC is still operating under COVID-19 requirements.
  - b. **Transportation Planning Updates (by Virginia Mendoza and Marlene Flores):**
    - **FY 2020/2021 State and Federal Obligation- Project List**
    - Beginning October 1, 2020 agencies are allowed to move forward with request for authorization (RFA) for CMAQ, STBG and ATP programmed in FY20/2021. A project list was part of the agenda. Agencies provided status of their projects. The project list will be updated monthly and will be emailed with current project status.
4. **SCAG Updates / Announcements (by David Salgado)**
  - **2020 SCAG Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Grant Program:** SCAG has approved the 2020 SCP grant guidelines. The FY 2020/2021 program will fund projects in the following areas that support and implement the policies and initiatives of the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), Connect SoCal: Active Transportation & Safety; Housing and Sustainability; Smart Cities, Mobility Innovation & Transportation Demand Management; and Green Region.
  - **Connect SOCAL Approval:** The Regional Council of Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on Thursday September 3, 2020 formally adopted a 25-year plan to meet the mobility needs of one of the most robust population and economic centers in the United States.
  - **GO HUMAN CAMPAIGN RE-LAUNCHES In August!!** The advertising campaign is just one of many strategies to support safety across the region, which also include a Safe Driver Twitter chat that was held on August 27.
  - **2020 Local Early Action Planning Grant (LEAP) Program:** The Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grant program's deadline has been extended to January 31, 2021! You still have time to apply! Jurisdictions who did not apply.
  - **SCAG Aerial Imagery Project 2020 Update:** After numerous meetings to discuss the potential for SCAG to facilitate a new Aerial Imagery flyover project, the County of Imperial has agreed to facilitate a procurement process. This will allow for more funds to be applied to the project to support the procurement. SCAG has set aside \$250,000 for the project and will increase the support by \$50,000 for a total of \$300,000.
5. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:**
  - Local agencies gave an update on their local projects in progress.

**6. Caltrans Updates / Announcements (By: Ben Guerrero)**

**Local Assistance:** Ben Guerrero provided updates on local assistance.

**Inactive Projects-** As of September 10, 2020, the INACTIVE and FUTURE Inactive list was updated. November 20, 2020 is the deadline to submit Inactive invoices. District 11 must receive accurate and complete invoices to prevent de-obligation of federal funds! Verify on the “Inactive” link shown below for Inactive Project dates.

**October 19, 2020 – Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 10 Call for Projects (update)** Caltrans Division of Local Assistance announced the local HSIP Cycle 10 Call-for-Projects on May 5, 2020. The application deadline is October 19, 2020.

**Quality Assurance Program (QAP) – Documentation Expired in 2020-** A new list came out and local agencies that need to submit their QAP before the deadline.

**Temporary Exception for Requiring “Wet” signature on Invoices-** The current process of requiring wet signatures on invoice documents in order to process for payment is temporarily exempted. Until further notice, scanned copies of invoices will be accepted.

For questions, please contact either the Local Area Engineer, Mr. Guerrero, or Local Assistance Program Support Analyst, Alma Sanchez, via email at [Alma.Sanchez@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Alma.Sanchez@dot.ca.gov)

**Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 19/20 Requests for Authorization CLOSED! FFY 20/21 Obligations Due!** Funding Requests for Authorization (RFA) during this federal fiscal year were due by January 31, 2020. Please continue to transmit all RFA submittals, so that funding approval may continue in mid-October. Note the Obligation Authority (OA) funds for redistribution are dwindling faster than in prior years. Also, make sure that funds are programmed appropriately.

**7. General Discussion / New Business**

- A brief update for next TAC meeting. ICTC will have a presentation from SCAG on the Regional Climate Adaptation Framework.

- Ms. Mendoza provided a brief update on the first IVRMA TAC meeting that was held earlier in the morning. The meeting went well and it will be held on a monthly basis. Any questions in regards to IVRMA please email Mrs. Villasenor.

- Next TAC meeting will be on October 22, 2020 via Zoom.

**8. Meeting adjourned at 11:34 p.m.**



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## **SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

October 7, 2020

#### Present

#### Voting Attendees:

Ted Ceasar	Consumer
Mike Hack	Consumer
Dr. Kathleen Lang	California Health & Wellness (CH&W)
Mitzi Perez	ARC-IV
Raul Cordova	Work Training Center (WTC)
David Aguirre	CTSA-ICTC
Maricela Galarza	CTSA-ICTC
Gustavo Gomez	CTSA-ICTC
Victor Torres	Imperial Valley College (IVC)
James Dalske	Imperial Valley College (IVC)

#### Non-Voting Attendees:

Cesar Sanchez	IVT/IVTAccess/IVTRide/IVTMedtrans
Helio Sanchez	IVT
Jose Guillen	IVT MedTrans
Karla Pacheco	IVT Access
Karla Aguilar	IVT Ride

1. Dr. Lang called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. **A quorum was present.** Introductions were made.
  - Zoom attendance.
2. Minutes were adopted for September 2, 2020. (Ceasar, Hack), **Motion Carried.**
3. CTSA Reports:

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- The free fares program is boosting ridership for services.
- ICTC is working on a few projects, fare analysis, coordinated plan, etc.
- ICTC offices are open remotely for business as usual even though not open to the public. Although if potential passengers come to the office ask about the services or applications staff takes care there needs at the moment to save them a trip.

- Maintaince yard open to the public.

Ms. Galarza had the following updates:

- IVT Access ADA process continues to be conducted remotely. Although some of the passengers that were assigned temporary ID numbers at the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic are about ready to be expired as they were only given temporary service for 6 months. New extension letters will be sent to extend the temporary service since the ADA process still can't be completed.
- IVT Ride is also registration continues to be conducted remotely. The intakes that were received remotely are being placed in a stack so staff can backtrack at a later time to finish the process. This includes taking a photo and providing passengers with an ID card.

#### 4. Transit 101 Presentation

- ICTC staff presented on Transit 101, all services.
  - Mr. Aguirre clarified that fleet capacity is based on a normal situation. COVID 19 pandemic has reduced at least half of what the normal capacity is.
  - Ms. Galarza encouraged SSTAC members to participate in providing information on their agencies as it is vital to know when referring clients to other resources.
  - Mr. Aguirre added that updates on agencies are essential to help the public with any adjustments made to certain services.
  - Dr. Lang asked if slide 34, upcoming meeting example questions for agencies, can be forwarded to all SSTAC members via email.

#### 5. General Discussion

- Mr. Hack asked if he can be provided with a hard copy of the agenda for the upcoming meetings.
  - Mr. Aguirre stated that staff will provide him with a hard copy whether it's hand-delivered, mailed out, or any other way that it may be convenient for Mr. Hack.
- Mr. Torres introduced Mr. Dalske who will be attending SSTAC representing IVC moving forward. Mr. Torres will no longer be attending SSTAC as he took a new role at IVC.
  - SSTAC members thanked Mr. Torres for his contribution to SSTAC over a couple of years.

#### 6. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. ([Torres](#), [Hack](#)), **Motion Carried.**
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at the Imperial County Transportation Commission Office, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243.

## **VI. REPORTS**

- A. ICTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
- B. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF  
GOVERNMENTS
- C. CALTRANS - DISTRICT 11
- D. COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS (IF ANY)



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## Memorandum

**Date:** December 10, 2020  
**To:** ICTC Commission Members  
**From:** Mark Baza, Executive Director  
**Re:** Executive Director's Report

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The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Commission Meeting on December 16, 2020

- 1) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance Meeting:** The most recent IMBA meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday, August 12, 2020. The meeting provided updates on the following border infrastructure projects - Calexico East Port of Entry/Mexicali II Bridge Widening Project and the Calexico West Port of Entry/Mexicali Mexico Roadway/Bridge Improvements. *A second strategic planning meeting between Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signee representatives was held on November 12, 2020 via zoom. Committee members reviewed action plans and priorities along with strategic objectives for 2021. Next IMBA meeting will be January 21, 2020.*
- 2) **SR-78/Glamis Multiuse Grade Separated Crossing Feasibility Study:** The study will analyze and develop feasible design alternatives and locations for a Grade Separated Crossing (GSC) for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use at or near SR-78 and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) in Imperial County. The successful consultant will provide conceptual GSC design alternatives, analysis of site alternatives, public/stakeholder outreach and cost estimates for construction, operations and maintenance. The consultant selection process was completed on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The consultant selected was Kleinfelder. A kick-off meeting was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. The first technical working group meeting was held on October 24, 2019. The second technical working group meeting was held on December 10, 2019 at the ICTC office in El Centro. *A project page has been created on the ICTC website at <http://www.imperialctc.org/sr-78-glamis-crossing/>. As part of the outreach plan, an online survey was open to the public from January 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>, where over 4,000 people completed the survey. A public outreach event was held in Glamis on January 18, 2020 from 9am to 3pm. The third technical working group (TWG) meeting was held on February 13, 2020 in San Diego at Caltrans District 11 offices. The fifth TWG meeting was held on July 19, 2020 where the consultant presented estimates for the short list alternatives. Two virtual public meeting were held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM and one on Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. There were near 50 participants at each meeting with many questions answered during each virtual meeting. Recordings of both meetings are posted on the project page of the ICTC website. Also, the public comment period ended on November 9, 2020. The draft final report will remain open for comments from the Technical Working Group until Thursday, December 10, 2020. A presentation of the Study will be presented to ICTC Management and Commission during the month of December. The draft study report can be found at <http://www.imperialctc.org/sr-78-glamis-crossing/>.*
- 3) **Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project:** The Project proposes to widen the bridge over the All-American Canal at the U.S./Mexico border approximately 0.7 miles south of State Route (SR) 7. The project proposes to widen the existing structure by adding four-lanes: Two New Northbound Auto Lanes and Two New

Northbound Commercial Vehicle Lanes. In May 2018, Caltrans and ICTC received \$3,000,000 from the California Transportation Commission and the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the project. In June 2018, Caltrans completed a Project Initiation Document (PID). In Fall of 2018, the PA/ED phase was initiated by Caltrans, technical studies for the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) document under Caltrans as the NEPA lead are in progress and is scheduled for completion in May 2020. In December 2018, was awarded \$20 million under the U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD discretionary grant program to complete the Design-Build construction phase. ICTC proposes to deliver the project under Design-Build process, with ICTC leading the Request for Qualifications in May 2020 and Request for Proposals in Summer 2020 for Design and Construction teams. Following the RFQ and RFP process, the Design-Build contract award is scheduled to begin in February 2021. The NEPA studies and final document were completed in April 2020. *ICTC successfully completed the authorization for the \$20 million BUILD funds. Currently the project is in the qualification phase of solicitation Request for Qualifications were due on September 11, 2020 to the ICTC offices. A short-list of bidders has been selected and are moving forward to the Design-Build Request for Proposals process that began Septemebr 21, 2020.*

- 4) **Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) FREE FARES PROGRAM:** On August 7, 2020, the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) announced the implementation of a **Free Fares Program** for various Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) services. Eligible services include IVT Fixed Route, IVT Circulators (Blue, Green and Gold Lines), IVT ACCESS and IVT RIDE (EL Centro, Imperial, Heber, Brawley, Calexico, Westshores). All passengers are eligible to benefit from the Free Fares Program. The fares are subsidized by a State of California grant and fare contributions to IVT RIDE passengers by the County of Imperial's Area Agency for the Aging (AAA). The Free Fares Program will remain in effect while the grant funds are available. All regular service eligibility requirements and restrictions remain in effect.
- 5) **Potential Bus Stop in Calipatria:** ICTC has evaluated all of its fixed route service routes to attempt to provide service to the east side of Calipatria. Staff conducted time trials as well utilized several types of buses to verify buses would not have issues with other existing stops within proposed routes. Potential stops for the area include a stop along Commercial Avenue and potentially another stop near Alexandria Street. Staff is proposing to utilize its IVC Express route to potentially service the area. Final location and infrastructure associated with the potential bus stop(s) is pending discussion with the city of Calipatria staff.
- 6) **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. A Consultant Agreement with AECOM for design and construction engineering was approved by the LTA on February 28, 2018. Currently design is underway. A draft of 35% plans were completed and submitted for review on October 12, 2018. *CBP Border Patrol has requested a design change and a draft MOU has been drafted to identify the the work to be completed by ICTC and Border Patrol. The draft MOU was approved by the Commission at the September 2020 meeting.*
- 7) **I-8 / Imperial Avenue Interchange Reconstruction:** Caltrans and construction team have been meeting with City of El Centro and ICTC to discuss details of construction phases and the public information campaign for both the Interchange Project and the Imperial Avenue Extension South Project. *Stage 1 of construction began on Monday, May 6, 2020. During the extended closure, motorists on eastbound I-8 will be detoured along 4th Street/State Route 86 (SR-86) located east of Imperial Avenue. On July 23<sup>rd</sup> closure of the I-8 was needed to demolish and remove the existing bridge. Crews have completed the demolition of the existing bridge at the I-8/Imperial Avenue Interchange. There were no reported incidents and detoured traffic was flowing with no major delays. Over the next month, the community will see crews performing general earthwork operations. There will be construction equipment, noise (including OSHA required backup alarms), dust and some minor traffic control. Stage 2 work on the northern portion of I-8 is anticipated to take four to six months to complete and could begin as early as December. During Stage 2, all I-8/Imperial Avenue on- and off- ramps will be fully closed. The interchange is expected to open to traffic by the end of 2022 with project completion by mid-2023.*

- 8) **State Route 98 from Ollie to Rockwood:** As part of the Calexico West POE Expansion project, SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Boulevard were 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, and the Cesar Chavez Blvd. Widening was completed in October 2019. Caltrans has completed the design and right of way phase for SR-98 Widening between Rockwood Avenue and Ollie Avenue. On June 24, 2020, CTC authorized construction funding. *The total project cost is estimated at \$6.33 million using a combination of 2016 Earmark Repurposing, Demonstration, and Traffic Congestion Relief funds. The project has a \$1.7 million funding shortfall for which Caltrans is requesting an ICTC contribution of \$200,000, the remaining \$1.5 million shortfall would be covered by various other State funds. At their meeting on September 23, 2020 the LTA Board approved the shortfall of \$200,000 from the 5% state set-aside fund.*
- 9) **FY 2019 Public Transit Fare Analysis:** The Request for Proposal for a consultant for the ICTC FY 2019 Public Transit Fare Analysis was released on March 1, 2019. The project is for professional services to develop a Public Transit Fare Pricing Analysis. This planning document is expected to provide recommendations for the current fares/fee structure and media for the four public transit services under the Imperial Valley Transit brand for the next three to five years. *The award recommendation was approved at the May 22, 2019 Commission meeting. AECOM was selected to complete the Analysis. A project kick-off meeting was held on June 20, 2019 and the study is underway. The first round of public outreach efforts was held on October 23-24, 2019. Outreach was held in various areas throughout the County including IVC. The fare analysis is in progress, when it is finalized, further outreach will be scheduled. Staff and the consultant team are currently review concepts for digital outreach platforms.*
- 10) **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. Phase 2A was awarded in the amount of \$191million and will include six additional northbound privately-owned vehicle (POV) inspection lanes, permanent southbound POV inspection, expanded secondary inspection and adding a pre-primary canopy, new administration building, and employee parking structure. *Funding for phase 2B is in the President's Budget Proposal in the amount of \$99.7million. Work for phase 2B will include demolition of the old port building and construction of the new pedestrian building. The total estimated cost for phases 2A plus 2B are \$276million. According to GSA Phase 2A is anticipated to be completed Spring 2023.*
- 11) **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. *Environmental phase is in progress with consultant team and agency partners, including the City of Calexico, Caltrans and ICTC. The environmental phase is in progress including studies. Next steps: Begin design and property (Right of Way) acquisition process.*
- 12) **LTA Bonds Refunding/Financing Effort:** Based on municipal market and sales tax revenue trends we will remain on pause until we have a better sense of phase 3 openings within the County. In addition to continued lifting of travel restrictions at the border as legal crossings are a significant part of Imperial County's economy. A positive tone in the municipal market continues. There is an increasing number of investors (i.e. cash available) and as they are facing a continuing light calendar we are seeing a compression (lowering) of both absolute yields and spreads. Our Underwriter team (Ramirez & Co., Inc.) will continue to keep an eye on the market and review the most opportune time to move forward with the bond rating and pricing of the bonds.
- 13) **Imperial County Regional Climate Action Plan:** Imperial County Regional Climate Action Plan: After the kick-off meeting on June 28, 2019, ICTC established Project Management Procedures and Communication Protocols with the Consultant as well as reviewing the Scope of Work and Schedule. *The consultant is working*



*on the draft list of strategies; is finalizing the final pieces of inventory analysis; and, will begin the outreach plan, including stakeholder meetings by the end of October 2020.*

- 14) **State and Federal funding Obligations:** Projects programmed in programmed in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019/2020 were fully obligated according to Caltrans Local Assistance. Beginning October 1, 2020, agencies can move forward with request for authorization (RFA) for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) programmed in FFY 2020/2021. Other state funding also included in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) include the Active Transportation Program (ATP). *See complete project list attached.*
- 15) **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. *Caltrans has initiated the environmental phase and preliminary design of the project. TCEP funds will be used in collaboration with the BUILD grant award for the design and construction phases.*
- 16) **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 FY 20/21. 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/>

*Below are the projected annual revenues for FY 2020/2021. All Imperial County cities and the county are required to submit their list of projects in order to be eligible for funding distribution.*

<b>Agency</b>	<b>RMRA Amount FY 2020-2021</b>
Brawley	\$469,831
Calexico	\$725,242
Calipatria	\$132,423
El Centro	\$794,848
Holtville	\$116,508
Imperial	\$342,513
Westmorland	\$42,296
County of Imperial	\$8,185,798
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,809,459*</b>

*\*Estimate source is from the California League of Cities dated May 15, 2020*

<http://californiacityfinance.com/LSR2005.pdf>

- 17) **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. *A final report is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2020.*

- 18) **State Legislation for Transportation Funding – SB 1 2018 Local Partnership Program (LPP):** 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. The Imperial County received \$1,632 of Local Partnership Formulaic Program (LPFP) funds in Cycle 1 (\$1,076) and Cycle 2 (\$556) for a total of \$1,632.

List of projects for Imperial County:

Local Partnership Program (LPP) Programing for FY19/20						
Agency	Project Name	LPP Formulaic Funds	Local Match	Total Cost	Project Implementation Fiscal Year	Proposed CTC Programming Date
Brawley	2020 Legion Street Improvements	\$ 209,000	\$ 209,000	\$ 418,000	2019-2020	1/30/2020
Calexico	Scaroni Road Improvements	\$ 305,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 855,000	2019-2020	5/16/2019
Calipatria	Calipatria Date Street Sidewalk Improvement Project	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 82,000	2019-2020	5/16/2019
County	Overlay of Picacho Road from Winterhaven Road to Quechan Drive	\$ 523,000	\$ 523,000	\$ 1,046,000	2019-2020	5/16/2019
Imperial	Aten/Clark Road Improvements	\$ 154,000	\$ 327,000	\$ 481,000	2019-2020	5/16/2019

Local Partnership Program (LPP) Programing for FY20/21						
Agency	Project Name	LPP Formulaic Funds	Local Match	Total Cost	Project Implementation Fiscal Year	Proposed CTC Programming Date
Holtville	Orchard Road/Cedar Avenue	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 120,000	2020-2021	Jun-20
El Centro	Dogwood Road from Villa Road to Commercial Avenue	\$ 339,000	\$ 339,000	\$ 678,000	2020-2021	Jun-20

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

[http://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/lpp/docs/062719+Amended\\_LPP%20Guidelines.pdf](http://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/lpp/docs/062719+Amended_LPP%20Guidelines.pdf)

#### 19) Partnerships with IVEDC:

- a) **Southern Border Broadband Consortium (SBBC):** *For FY 2020/2021. SBBC continues to work with local stakeholders to identify, prioritize and advance broadband infrastructure and improvement projects; facilitate and promote broadband education community wide using survey data; work with the Boys and Girls Club of IV and the Workforce Development Board to create Digital Literacy Centers throughout Imperial County; and develop a preferred scenario for 98% deployment in Imperial County and present to the California Advanced Service Fund and the CPUC in 2020. Recent updates to SBBC's role in the region include a partnership with local healthcare organizations including ECRMC, Pioneers Hospital and Alliance Healthcare to identify telemedicine broadband needs and funding opportunities in Imperial County; working with the California Emerging Technology Fund and the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium as part of a SCAG project to identify transportation broadband strategies to reduce VMT and greenhouse*

*emissions; and working with local internet services providers including AT&T to assist successful applications for funding opportunities with the CPUC in locations such as north County, central Imperial and the Imperial Business Park by end of July 2020.*

- 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 have initiated early Tasks that include the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and project management plan as required by EPA.

- (1) **The Finnell Property** has 3 parcels. It received DTSC approval on March 8, 2019. Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports have been finalized and 3 underground storage tanks have been excavated and disposed of no further action is required.*
- (2) **The Chai Property** has 2 parcels. It received DTSC approval on March 28, 2019. Phase 1 report completion occurred on October 15, 2019 and no further action is required.*
- (3) **The Lesicka Property** has 2 parcels. It received DTSC approval on August 29, 2019 and Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports have been finalized and no further action is required.*
- (4) **The Dek Property** has 1 parcel. It received DTSC approval on April 22, 2020. Phase 1 was improperly completed by a previous engineering firm. 95% of the re-development was completed when the contractor discovered concerning amounts of underground contamination on site. We stepped in and completed a phase 2 and we are currently assessing the situation while collecting additional soil samples and pending laboratory results.*
- (5) **The Pioneers Property** has 3 parcels. It received DTSC approval on May 11, 2020. Phase 1's were completed on all parcels. 1 parcel which is the site of a former Chevron station closed on 1975 will require a phase 2. The Field Sampling Plan was approved and is underway.*

**20) Meetings attended on behalf of ICTC:**

- November 30, 2020 - Imperial Valley Transit 1st Quarter Review Meeting via Zoom Meeting (attended by staff)
- December 1, 2020 – SCAG Economic Virtual Summit
- December 2, 2020 – ICTC SSTAC Meeting via Zoom Meeting (attended by staff)
- December 3, 2020 – PERMA Board Meeting via Zoom Meeting (attended by staff)
- December 4, 2020 – Imperial Valley Regional Strategy Session via Zoom Meeting

# FY2020/2021 Project List

Updated on 11/13/2020

**State and Federal funding Obligations:** Beginning October 1, 2020, agencies are allowed to move forward with request for authorization (RFA) for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Active Transportation Program (ATP) programmed in FY 2020/2021

Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Funding Type	Phase	Federal Amount in FY 2020/21	Local Match	Total Phase Cost	Ben Guerrero's Comments	Status
Brawley	IMP190701	Pedestrian and street improvements (paving of dirt road) on Legion Street between State Route 86 and Western Avenue	CMAQ	CON	\$797,000	\$103,000	\$900,000	No submittal	E-76
Brawley	IMP190702	Construct street improvements (paving of dirt road) along Western Avenue from Legion Street to Wildcat Drive	CMAQ	Engineering/Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E)				No submittal	E-76
Brawley	IMP190708	Street improvements (repavement) along Legion Street from East of Kelley Ave. to West St. deflection point near West City limits	STBG	CON				No submittal	E-76
Brawley	IMP190709	Street improvement (repavement) along K Street from Highway 86 to 8th St.	STBG	Engineering/Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E)				No submittal	E-76
Calexico	IMP191001	Weakley Street between Scaroni Blvd. and Portico Blvd. (unpaved street)	CMAQ	CON	\$291,000	\$40,000	\$331,000	No submittal	
Calipatria	IMP190703	Date Street between HWY 111/Sorenson Ave. and Railroad Ave. pedestrian improvements	CMAQ & STBG	CON				No submittal	E-76 Pending
El Centro	IMP190704	Traffic Signal Synchronization Dogwood Avenue and 8th Street	CMAQ	CON	\$367,000	\$48,000	\$415,000	No submittal	E-76/Council approval
El Centro	IMP190710	Imperial Avenue Extension Phase II	STBG	CON	\$700,000	\$91,000	\$791,000	No submittal	
Holtville	IMP190705	Cedar Avenue Sidewalk Improvements	CMAQ	CON	\$193,000	\$25,000	\$218,000	Submitted to FHWA for approval 5174(030)	Ready to submit RFA on OCT 1st
Holtville	IMP190706	9th Street Sidewalk Improvements from Beale Avenue to Oak Avenue	CMAQ	CON				5174(031) - Remove from this list since it was a FFY 19/20 and E76 was completed	Turned in RFA CON in June 2020
Holtville	IMP190711	Orchard Road from Alamo River Bridge to 4th Street	STBG	CON				5174(032) - Remove from this list since it was a FFY 19/20 and E76 was completed	Turned in RFA CON in June 2020
Imperial	IMP190707	Class I & Class II Bike Facility along the North side of Aten Blvd. from Dogwood Road to Puerto Vallarta Avenue	CMAQ	CON				No submittal	E-76
Imperial	IMP190301	2nd Street Rehabilitation and Reconstruction from Old SR-86 to P Street	STBG	CON	\$1,841,000	\$1,181	\$3,022	No submittal	Design Phase
County	IMP190713	Improvements on Main Street Such as widening of existing road t add bike lane, sidewalks, shoulder, curb and gutter from Highway 111 to Clark Road	CMAQ	Engineering/Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E)	\$107,000	\$14,000	\$121,000	No submittal	
County	IMP190714	Road Improvements from Wahl Road to 0.5 miles north of SR-98	STBG	CON				No submittal	
						<b>Regional Total FY2020/21</b>	<b>\$2,779,022</b>		

## IMPERIAL VALLEY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

SERVING THE CITIES OF BRAWLEY, CALEXICO, CALIPATRIA, EL CENTRO,  
HOLTVILLE, IMPERIAL, WESTMORLAND AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL



### AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** IVRMA Board Members and City / County Managers  
**FROM:** Daveline Villaseñor, Project Manager  
**SUBJECT:** IVRMA Board Meeting  
**MEETING DATE:** December 16, 2020

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### STAFF REPORT

1. **TCU 18:** IVRMA received the Notice to Proceed to incur cost for the Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup Grant (TCU18) on November 03, 2020. The Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup Grant (TCU18), will cover expenditures for the collection of illegally dumped tires and associated activities for the term of two years (November 03, 2020 through September 29, 2022).
2. **City County Payment Program Grant FY 2020-2021:** The City/County Payment Program grant application submittal period has opened. The application will be submitted on the due date of January 19, 2021 for the tentative amount of \$59,305.00. Please note that the CalRecycle grant is two years behind and the grant fiscal year is not in correlation with IVRMA's fiscal year. IVRMA estimates to receive funding approval during calendar year 2021.
3. **Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE):** The NDFE establishes the County Wide Integrated Waste Management Plan. The NDFE contains a description of diversion facilities to be used by the local jurisdiction to support the diversion programs proposed. Burrtec Waste Industries has submitted an application for an EA Registration Permit to develop a 4-acre Vegetative Food Material and Green Material Composting Operation at the Salton City Landfill. The small compost area will provide residents and commercial organic waste generators in the area with the diversion compliance on CalRecycle's AB1826 Mandatory Commercial Organic Recycling (MORe). The Imperial County Public Health Department and CalRecycle are currently reviewing the proposed project.
4. **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Form 303:** The annual reporting of the HHW collection of events and facilities during fiscal year 2019-2020 will be submitted on the due date of December 31, 2020.

# Memorandum

**Date:** December 16, 2020  
**To:** ICTC Management Committee Meeting  
**From:** David Salgado, Regional Affairs Officer (RAO)  
**Re:** **Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Report**

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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's committee meeting for the month of December 2020.

- 1. The 11th Annual Southern California Economic Summit:** More than 400 leaders in business, public policy, housing and education participated in the 11th annual Southern California Economic Summit, held virtually this year by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). The summit featured forecasts from the region's top economists and a focus on "Charting an Inclusive Regional Recovery," which SCAG has prioritized as one of its key initiatives this year.

Keynote Speaker, Economist, three-time Pulitzer Prize winner and New York Times columnist Tom Friedman spoke about the future of an evolving economy and challenges in a post-pandemic recovery. In addition to the summit SCAG released the economic "Regional Briefing Book" which represents a first step toward a more comprehensive framework for an inclusive economic recovery. The Briefing Book is comprised of five parts: 1.) *State of the SCAG Region Economy & Outlook*; 2.) *Modeling the Economic Impacts of COVID-19 Through FY 2021*; 3.) *Centering Racial Equity as a Driver for Economic Recovery*; 4.) *Conclusions & Next Steps*; 5.) *Appendix: County Insights*

Link to SCAG Regional Briefing Book: <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/economic-briefing-book-2020.pdf?1606842052>

- 2. 2020 SCAG Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Grant Program:** SCAG has approved the 2020 SCP grant guidelines. The FY 2020/2021 program will fund projects in the following areas that support and implement the policies and initiatives of the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), Connect SoCal: Active Transportation & Safety; Housing and Sustainability; Smart Cities, Mobility Innovation & Transportation Demand Management; and Green Region. The first Call prioritizes Active Transportation & Safety projects,

and the second Call prioritizes efforts to increase housing production. **The open SCP Active Transportation Call for projects application deadline has been extended to Friday December 11, 2020.**

**Housing & Sustainable Development Call for Applications:** *SCAG is pleased to announce the 2020-2021 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) – Housing & Sustainable Development Call for Applications is now open to eligible applicants.* The SCP provides planning resources and technical assistance to local agencies to support the implementation of Connect SoCal, a long-range vision for transportation and land use planning for the region. The SCP Housing & Sustainable Development Call for Applications includes three specific project types, each with a unique application, to fund planning and implementation projects that result in the development of supportive housing policies and programs. Check out the SCP Housing & Sustainable Development fact sheet for more information.

**SCP Housing and Sustainable Development Application Webinar:** Learn more about the SCP Housing & Sustainable Development Call for Applications at our Application Webinar on Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. – noon. This webinar will assist agencies in preparing applications, provide a forum to answer questions, and provide additional information and examples for each project type.

### **Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations Call for Applications Listening Session**

**Monday, December 7, 2020 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.:** Join us to provide input and learn more about our upcoming SCP Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations call for applications. SCAG is looking to discuss funding opportunities for projects including, Parking Management and Economic Development Studies, Citywide Curb Studies, Last Mile Freight Plans, Street Vendor Equity Plans and more. The Listening Session aims to ensure guidelines and project types align with jurisdictions' needs and priorities.

### **3. THE DRAFT 2021 FTIP OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT/REVIEW**

The Draft 2021 FTIP is available for public review on the SCAG website at <http://ftip.scag.ca.gov/Pages/2021/draft.aspx>

SCAG will be holding two (2) virtual public hearings regarding the Draft 2021 FTIP on the following dates and time:

1) Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Zoom info: <https://scag.zoom.us/j/98210332117>

2) Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 3 p.m.  
Zoom info: <https://scag.zoom.us/j/96169275448>

COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor's recent Executive Order N29-20, the hearings will be held virtually via Zoom. One may participate in the public hearings via live-stream, and phone conferencing. If you will need a translator, a request can be submitted to [gutierre@scag.ca.gov](mailto:gutierre@scag.ca.gov) prior to the public hearing. Please visit our website for the public hearing instructions and video conference information [www.scag.ca.gov/FTIP](http://www.scag.ca.gov/FTIP).

The purpose of the hearings is to receive public input and comments regarding the Draft 2021 FTIP, which may be used to facilitate changes where appropriate. SCAG encourages the public and all interested parties to submit written comments and/or written information at the public hearings and no later than the close of the public comment period. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on December 7, 2020 and may be submitted electronically to [gutierre@scag.ca.gov](mailto:gutierre@scag.ca.gov), or by U.S. mail as follows:

Southern California Association of Governments  
Attention: Pablo Gutierrez  
900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

4. **2020 Local Early Action Planning Grant (LEAP) Program: The Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grant program's deadline has been extended to January 31, 2021!** You still have time to apply! **Jurisdictions who did not apply:** For cities and counties that were not able to meet the July 1, 2020 deadline, you still have more time! You now have until January 31, 2021, to apply for LEAP funding. Remember, LEAP funding is non-competitive, flexible funding to help cities and counties plan for housing in their communities. **Jurisdictions who did apply:** If you have already applied for the LEAP program, you can still make modifications and adjustments to your application. HCD can make adjustments to the application during the review process or even after awards. HCD has dedicated an individual to assist cities in Imperial County.

**Sample eligible projects include but are not limited to:**

- Rezoning and encouraging development through updating ordinances and plans
- Establishing Prohousing policies
- CEQA
- Updating housing elements
- Updating ordinances to comply with state housing laws (e.g. ADU ordinances)
- Developing specific plans and other plans focused on housing
- Implementing processes that streamline the application process for housing developments
- and much more!



For technical assistance such as help with brainstorming eligible activities, reviewing draft applications, adjusting existing applications, and answering questions, please contact me or [earlyactionplanning@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:earlyactionplanning@hcd.ca.gov).

- 5. Broadband and Closing the Digital Divide:** SCAG, the California Emerging Technology Fund and the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium are spearheading a study to facilitate broadband planning and deployment as part of transportation projects in the region. Improved broadband deployment, particularly in disadvantaged communities and unserved/underserved rural and urban areas, will support increased use of online learning, telehealth/telemedicine, telecommuting, e-commerce, and e-government, reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas emissions. This is in addition to other regional efforts to bridge the critical digital divide that has been further exasperated by the onset of teleworking and other localized emergencies which could benefit from increased access to connectivity on the ground and throughout the region.
- 6. SCAG Aerial Imagery Project 2020 Update:** After numerous meetings to discuss the potential for SCAG to facilitate a new Aerial Imagery Flyover Project, the County of Imperial has agreed to facilitate a public procurement process. This will allow for more funds to be applied to the project to support the procurement. SCAG has set aside \$250,000 for the project and will increase the support by \$50,000 for a total of \$300,000. The County of Imperial has received proposals and will be moving forward with recommendations to the Board of Supervisors this month.

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# News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 1, 2020

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## ***SoCal faces a slow, prolonged post-pandemic recovery, with lower-income segments of the population bearing the brunt***

*SCAG Summit highlights need for an inclusive economic development strategy*

**Los Angeles** – An inclusive economic development strategy is critical to Southern California’s long-term economic prospects as the region begins a slow and prolonged post-pandemic recovery, experts said Tuesday.

More than 400 leaders in business, public policy, housing and education participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Southern California Economic Summit, held virtually this year by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). The summit featured forecasts from the region’s top economists and a focus on “Charting an Inclusive Regional Recovery,” which SCAG has prioritized as one of its key initiatives this year.

“We face challenges on multiple fronts – a pandemic unlike anything we’ve experienced in our lifetimes, a resulting economic downturn worse than anything we’ve seen since the Great Depression and an equity gap that has reached historic levels. As we build our recovery strategy, creating an environment where everyone has the opportunity to succeed is essential to building a strong, resilient, sustainable economy,” said SCAG President Rex Richardson, a Long Beach City Councilmember.

That theme was echoed in the economic forecasts presented Tuesday, which showed that lower-income segments of the population have experienced dramatically more negative impacts, including deeper job losses and a projected longer recovery. Those challenges are exacerbated by Southern California’s higher cost of living, particularly in the area of housing.

Overall, the six-county SCAG region saw employment drop by more than 1.78 million jobs – or 19.7% – between February 2020 and April 2020. The hardest-hit industries were leisure and hospitality (down 45.4%), other services (down 27.3%), information (down 22.7%) and nondurable goods (down 17.4%).

Despite that, housing costs have continued to increase, with home prices alone jumping 2.6% from August 2020 to September 2020.

The disproportionate loss of low-wage and entry-level jobs “places additional pressure on affordability concerns which were impacting the region long before the pandemic took hold,” said Wallace Walrod, Chief Economic Advisor for SCAG.

Every county in the region faces a slow, prolonged recovery, the economists said.

In Los Angeles County, the tourism sector “will likely take years before it reaches post-pandemic highs as global travel recovers and people feel more comfortable,” according to Shannon Sedgwick, Director of the Institute for Applied Economics and Tyler Laferriere, Associate Economist for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation.

Similarly, in the Inland Empire, tourism-related sectors were the hardest hit and “will still be lagging pre-pandemic highs well after 2021,” said John Husing, of Economics & Politics Inc.

In Orange County, the hardest hit sector was Leisure and Hospitality, which saw considerable losses as restaurants, hotels, and of important note – Disneyland – shut their doors for the first extended period since opening in 1955. Despite these losses, Orange County’s diversified industry base has already made progress in rebuilding its labor market and business and consumer sentiment in the region is already improving.

Ventura County, which had experienced sluggish growth leading up to the pandemic, “is likely to see a slow and prolonged recovery period with growth rates likely to lag those at the state level over the next few years,” according to Matthew Fienup and Dan Hamilton, from the Center for Economic Research & Forecasting at California Lutheran University.

In Imperial County, as with the region as a whole, a lack of additional federal stimulus along with rising COVID case counts “will likely result in a much more prolonged recovery, if not additional job losses,” said Michael Bracken, of the Development Management Group.

All of that said, the economists believe Southern California has some fundamental advantages over many other parts of the country.

“While the recovery may take time, Southern California’s strong economy, robust healthcare infrastructure, and strong education system will all serve as valuable drivers in the process of recovery and resilience,” Walrod said. “The region also faced significant hurdles recovering from the Great Recession, but stepped up and helped fuel the state’s economic recovery. To build resilience in the long run, leaders in government and across sectors are using this opportunity to not just recover but to reimagine the future.”

“The opportunity before our region is that COVID-19 has provided clarity on the weaknesses and inequities in our economic structure, and we must now embark on the changes needed to assure a resilient and inclusive recovery,” said Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director.

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#### **About SCAG**

SCAG is the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 191 cities and nearly 19 million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to plan for a livable and sustainable Southern California now and in the future. For more information about SCAG, please visit: [www.scag.ca.gov](http://www.scag.ca.gov).





**Date:** December 11, 2020  
**To:** ICTC Commissioner's  
**From:** Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans District 11, District Director  
**Re:** **District Director's Report**

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The following is the California Department of Transportation, District II report for the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Commissioner's meeting of December 16, 2020:

1. **Project Updates:**

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

2. **Construction:**

I-8/Imperial Avenue Interchange

The project includes installing two ramps that will provide direct access to southbound Imperial Avenue which will provide connectivity to the south portion of El Centro. These improvements will complement the City of El Centro's plans for future development.

Construction crews successfully demolished and removed the existing bridge at the I-8/Imperial Avenue interchange overnight on July 23, 2020. Since then, crews continue importing soil to build the ramps and new bridge abutments. The abutments are being left to settle for the required time, until December 8, 2020.

### Construction (continued):

Soil excavation resumed in mid-September, with the installation of drainage systems throughout the southern portion of the project beginning on October 5, 2020. Bridge work (pile-driving) began on November 12, 2020 and will continue for three months.

*Stage 2 detours began on December 3, 2020 when westbound ramps were closed. Eastbound I-8 /Imperial Avenue ramps will continue to be closed; fully closing access to/from Imperial Avenue for six to eight months. Caltrans issued a news release and stakeholder update ahead of the Stage 2 closure.*

Work will take place weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the time being. Eastbound I-8/ Imperial Avenue ramps will continue to be closed through spring 2021.

Informational materials are available at:

<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-11/current-projects/i8-imp-interchange>

The project schedule has been advanced. The project is expected to open to traffic in late 2021 or early 2022, with plant establishment and close out work continuing through 2023.

### SR-98 Widening Project

As part of the Calexico West POE Expansion project, SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Boulevard were widened and improved to serve the expansion to the west. SR-98 work between VV Williams and Ollie Avenue was completed in March 2018, and the Cesar Chavez Blvd. widening was completed in October 2019 by the City of Calexico.

Caltrans has completed the design and right of way phase for SR-98 widening between Rockwood Avenue and Ollie Avenue. On June 24, 2020, CTC authorized construction funding. The total project cost is estimated at \$8.2 million using a combination of 2016 Earmark Repurposing, Demonstration, and Traffic Congestion Relief funds. The project has a \$1.7 million funding shortfall for which Caltrans requested an ICTC contribution of \$200,000; this was approved by the ICTC LTA board in September. The remaining \$1.5 million shortfall will be covered by other State funds, which was approved by the CTC in October. The tentative construction start date is April 2021 including 120-day delay for signal poles needed for Stage 1 work.

### SR-111 Niland Geyser/Mudpot

The SR-111 Niland Geyser/Mud Pot is active. A second caldera developed and is holding steady at approximately 45 feet away from SR-111. Crews tied in the temporary detour road that was previously constructed and opened it to traffic on August 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The temporary detour will remain in place as the mud pot moves beyond the original freeway.

### 3. Traffic Operations:

#### SR-111/I-8 Collision Reduction, Roadside Safety and Pedestrian Infrastructure Asset Management

*The Traffic Operations Division is currently in the process of developing a Draft Project Report (DPR) which is expected to be completed in mid - 2021. The DPR is considering various improvements along SR-111 and at the SR-111 and Interstate 8 interchange area to improve safety, reduce the potential for collisions, and improve conditions for pedestrians. The DPR will outline improvements under consideration which include:*

- Roadway Shoulder Rumble Strips
- Install/Replace Guardrail
- Roadside Sign Panel Replacement
- Weigh in Motion System (WIMS) Replacement
- Curb Ramp Replacement
- Enhanced Crosswalk Visibility
- LED Lighting

#### SR-86/Customs & Border Protection Checkpoint Expansion

ICTC informed Caltrans that the scope of the project has changed to add a second detour lane into the existing canopy to perform inspection. ICTC will work with their consultant and will provide Caltrans with a traffic study to identify necessary SR-78/SR-86 intersection operation improvements to accommodate the change in inspection operation. A location for secondary inspection is still being analyzed. Once Caltrans agrees with the operational improvements, ICTC/AECOM will submit design plans for review and approval of their project.

An environmental document as well all other appropriate studies will be needed to finalize the project. A series of permits will be required for their existing traffic control at the checkpoint, for the inspection operations and equipment within the facility, and for a temporary checkpoint while the project is in construction. A new Freeway Maintenance Agreement will be required for the portion of the existing canopy that is within Caltrans ROW.

### 4. Planning:

#### SR78/Glamis OHV Crossing Feasibility Study

Caltrans was successful in obtaining State Planning and Research funds for a feasibility study to develop alternatives for an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) grade separated crossing over the Union Pacific rail line in Glamis. ICTC is the project manager for this study with Caltrans providing funding, contract oversight and participation on the Technical Working Group (TWG). This study began in late 2019 and will conclude in early 2021.

### Planning (continued):

The Feasibility Study objectives and outcomes include developing a problem statement, identifying feasible alternatives for a grade separated crossing along with the constraints, costs and risks of each alternative, and establishing a path forward for a preferred alternative including identification of agency responsibility, funding mechanisms, anticipated costs and risks throughout the project life.

After considerable dialogue with the TWG and stakeholders, four potential alternatives have been developed. Five TWG meetings have been held, one on-site public outreach event was held in Glamis in January 2020, and the second Public Outreach process began on October 8, 2020.

The second Public Outreach process included an on-line input portal for review of the draft documents which was open for comments until November 6, 2020.

A virtual public outreach event was held on October 21, 2020 via Zoom. There were over 60 attendees participating in the project update, with an opportunity provided for “chat” questions/answers. A second virtual event was held on Saturday, October 24, 2020. For additional information please go to the following weblink:

<http://www.imperialctc.org/sr-78-glamis-crossing>

Following the review period and any comments received at the two virtual public outreach events, the draft documents will be revised and presented to ICTC Management, Technical Advisory Committee and Commission for their information and comment. Following incorporation of comments, the Final Report will be presented for approval. This process is expected to be complete by February 2021.

### El Centro General Plan, Land Use, Mobility Element and Environmental Justice Update:

The City of El Centro was successful in obtaining a Sustainable Communities Planning Grant from Caltrans which will address such topics as reducing suburban sprawl and vehicle dependency, and encouraging multimodal activity. The updated Plan will embrace key planning principles and goals such as GHG emission reduction targets, provide consistency with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), provide improvements to public health, reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and seek improvements to transportation technology as well as to incorporate Active Transportation Planning goals.

This contract was awarded to Chen Ryan and City Place Planning. The kick-off meeting was held on August 20, 2019 and the contract is expected to be complete in early 2021.

*The latest Community Advisory Committee meeting was held on December 2, 2020.*



## Planning (continued):

### District 11 Active Transportation Plan:

Caltrans District 11 is developing an Active Transportation Plan for San Diego and Imperial Counties. This plan will include an existing conditions analysis and a prioritized list of identified bicycle and pedestrian needs on and around the State Highway System.

Input from regional and local partner agencies and local advocates is essential to the development of this plan. Caltrans encourages our partner agencies to participate in the Active Transportation Plan Working Group (ATPWG). Further outreach will occur at future TAC meetings and through non-traditional methods such as social media and virtual meetings.

### Border Master Plan (BMP):

The BMP is a comprehensive, binational approach to coordinate the planning and delivery of international land Ports of Entry (POEs) and their transportation infrastructure projects.

The most recent meeting was held on October 20, 2020. This provided for grouping of innovative border improvement strategies including the movement of people, such as Smart Pathways and Pedestrian Enhancements Opportunities; goods movement – including Unified Cargo Processing, Non-Intrusive Inspections and Appointment systems with staging areas; as well as collaboration and coordination in a Binational Regional Border Network Management System.

Meetings will be held in December, January and February as this project moves to completion.

### Project Study Report: Forrester Road Improvements

As drivers on SR-86 between I-8 and the City of Westmorland are experiencing greater delays, a growing number of vehicles are using the segment of Forrester Road between I-8 and Westmorland as an alternative route. This increase in traffic (including higher truck use and the movement of farm equipment) has led to longer travel times and limited passing opportunities.

This project proposes short-term, mid-term, and long-term improvements to the segment of Forrester Road from I-8 to Westmorland. The project includes the development of a temporary Westmorland Bypass, various intersection improvements, the installation of passing lanes, shoulder widening, a long-term Westmorland Bypass, and an ultimate four-lane facility. Conceptual drawings and planning level cost estimates are currently being developed.

This PSR is a partnership between Caltrans and ICTC with a Technical Working Group providing input, which includes stakeholders from the County of Imperial, the cities of El Centro, Westmorland, Imperial, and Brawley. Representatives from the Imperial Irrigation District (IID)

### Planning (continued):

also attend the TWG meetings. They provide guidance on issues related to irrigation canals, drains, and the electrical infrastructure. This PSR process began in 2016, with TWG meetings beginning in 2018 and being held as needed. The next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2020.

### Intergovernmental Review/Land Use Development

Caltrans District 11 reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Polaris Glamis Specific Plan Amendment. Caltrans recently submitted a comment letter to the County of Imperial Planning and Development Services. The EIR will analyze potential impacts associated with, but not limited to, the following: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Goods Movement, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Safety, Multi-modal Transportation, and Traffic Operations.

### **5. Maintenance:**

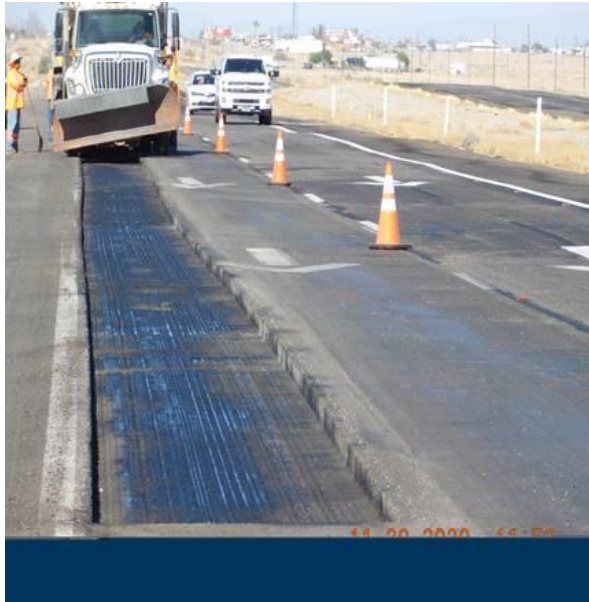
*Caltrans District 11 and District 3 Striping Crews worked together to install thermoplastic pavement markings on SR-111 between Ross Avenue and the junction of SR-86. Thermoplastic is a plastic polymer that is highly durable, resistant to high heat/freezing temperatures, has superior color/retro-reflectivity retention, stands up to daily use from all types of motor vehicles and has a long service life.*

*Striping operations are performed using a 'moving lane closure' which involves using Advanced Warning Vehicles with Changeable Message Signs, multiple trucks with Truck Mounted Crash Cushions and a CHP unit following the striping truck to alert motorists of the operation and wet paint.*



### Maintenance (continued):

The Brawley Travelway Crew removed and replaced paving on SR-86 south of Salton City. A stationary lane closure closing the Number 2 southbound lane was required for this operation. Distressed/deteriorated pavement was removed from the 'wheel tracks' with a pavement grinder. The area was then swept, prepared and repaved with new hot mix asphalt.



### El Centro Travelway Crew

The El Centro Travelway Crew repaired one of three damaged guardrail portions, with the other two being repaired by the Brawley Travelway Crew. This damage is located on northbound SR-111 south of the Rockwood Canal. This operation involved stationary lane closure, removing damaged rails/posts/blocks and installing a new end treatment.



## 6. Local Assistance

### December 18, 2020 – Applications Due for Safe Routes to Parks Activating Communities Program

*Applications for the 2021 Safe Routes to Parks Activating Communities program are open until December 18, 2020.*

*Seven nonprofit organizations will receive tailored technical assistance, along with a \$12,500 award, to develop and initiate action plans to increase safe and equitable access to parks and green space in their communities. Developed through a collaboration between Safe Routes Partnership and the National Recreation and Parks Association in 2017, the Safe Routes to Parks Action Framework provides a structured process for communities to approach this work. The grantee communities will work closely with Safe Routes Partnership staff from February through September 2021 to proactively engage community members in the process of assessing park access and produce an action plan to address barriers, as well as begin implementing that plan.*

Please visit the following link for details.

<https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/healthy-communities/saferoutestoparks/2021-application>

### New Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Call for Projects – due May 27, 2021)

FHWA posted an announcement calling for new Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) projects on December 9, 2020. *The “FLAPplication” deadline will be May 27, 2021.* The outreach plan includes webinars to assist tribal and local agencies, as well as Caltrans with this process.

FLAP funds projects providing access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal Lands on facilities maintained or owned by a state, county, local or tribal government. Projects near high-use Federal recreation sites or Federal economic generators will receive priority. FLAP often supplements State, local and tribal resources for public roads, trails, transit systems and other transportation facilities.

Please visit the following link for details.

<https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-access/ca>

### FHWA Virtual Tradeshow Resources

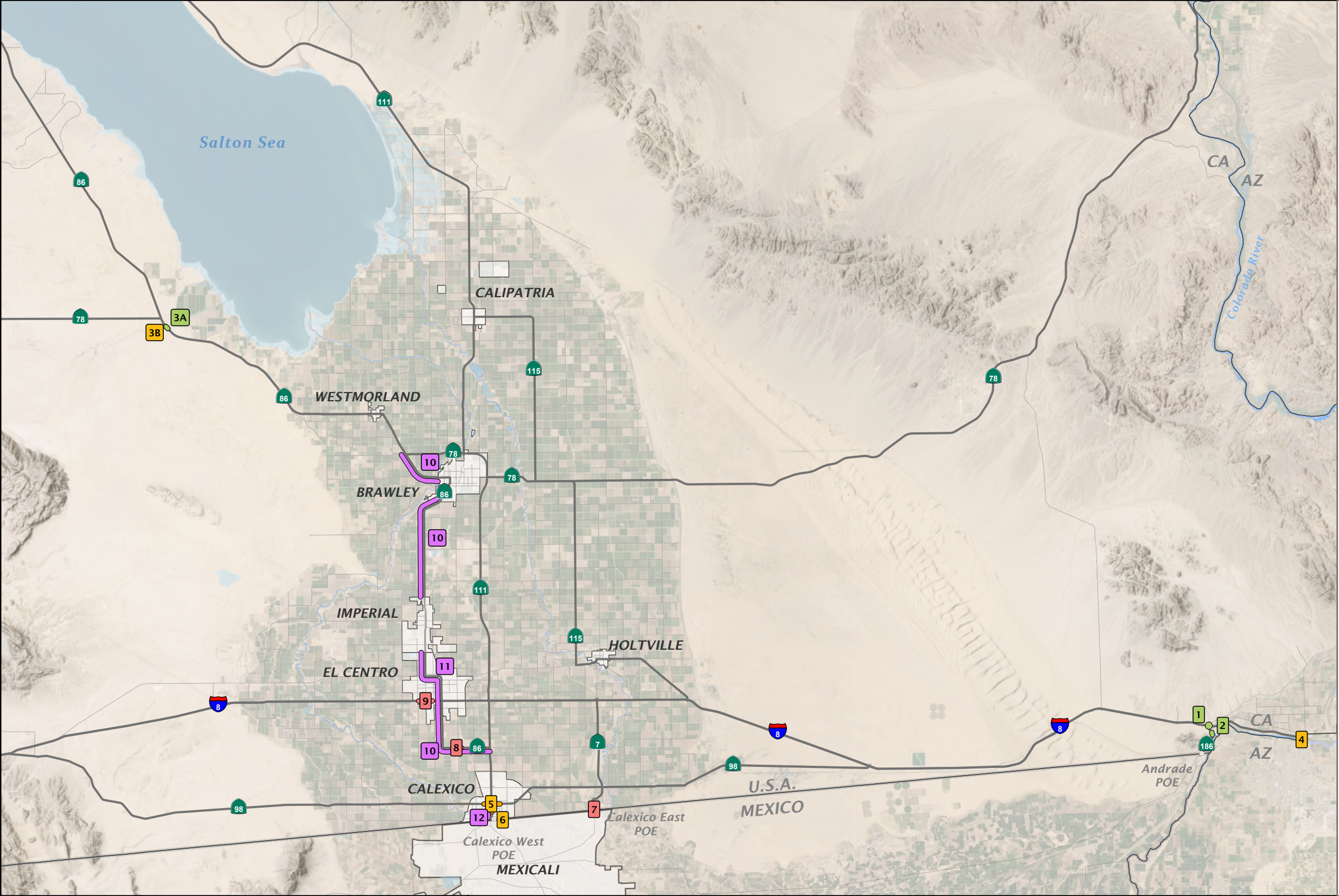
The Tribal, Rural and Local Road Safety Virtual Tradeshow is available via this FHWA website:

[https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local\\_rural/tribal/Local\\_Rural\\_Local\\_Road\\_Virtual\\_Trade\\_Show.pdf](https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/tribal/Local_Rural_Local_Road_Virtual_Trade_Show.pdf)

This Virtual Booth has many safety resources (reports, brochures, videos, etc.) linked to the FHWA Safety website.



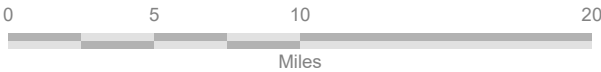
# IMPERIAL COUNTY STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS



ENVIRONMENTAL	
1. SR-186/I-8 Quechan Interchange Improvements*	Complete Nov 2021
2. SR-186 All-American Canal Bridge	Complete Mar 2023
3A. SR-86 USBP Checkpoint Canopy*	Complete Nov 2021
DESIGN	
3B. SR-86 USBP Checkpoint Canopy*	Complete June 2022
4. I-8 Colorado River Viaduct	Complete April 2021
5. SR-98 Widening Phase 1C Ollie Ave to Rockwood Ave	Complete Feb 2020; Begin Construction Spring 2021
6. SR-111 Pavement Rehabilitation, Border to SR-98	Complete Dec 2020
CONSTRUCTION	
7. Calexico East POE Bridge Widening	Design/Build Begin Mar 2021; Complete June 2023
8. SR-86/Dogwood Road Intersection Improvements County Permit*	Complete Oct 2022
9. I-8/Imperial Ave Interchange Improvements	Open to Traffic May 2022; Complete May 2023
RELINQUISHMENT	
10. SR-86 Relinquishment to County of Imperial	Date Estimate 2026
11. SR-86 Relinquishment to City of El Centro	Date Estimate 2026
12. SR-111 Relinquishment from 2nd St to SR-98 to City of Calexico	Date Estimate 2022

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

- Environmental
- Design
- Construction
- Relinquishment



:Project funded by Senate Bill 1

Abbreviations:

GSA: General Services Administration

33: Port of Entry

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Questions can be directed to (619) 688-6699  
ct.public.information.d11@dot.ca.gov

Date:12/01/2020





# 2021 PREPARATION SCHEDULE

## CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (CTC) MEETINGS

### AGENDA ITEM(S) DUE DATES

Prepared by:

OFFICE OF CTC LIAISON

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL PROGRAMMING

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

As of:

August 2020

2021 California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting Schedule	Local Agency Submits Off System Funds Requests, Program Amendments, and Time Extensions to Caltrans Districts	District Submits Off System and On System Requests to HQ Divisions	HQ Divisions Submit Final Off System and On System Requests to Budgets	Final Agenda Language Due From HQ Divisions to Office of CTC Liaison	Final Book Items Due from HQ Divisions to Office of CTC Liaison
Date and Location:	10:00 AM District and CTC	10:00 AM HQ Divisions	5:00 PM Email to Budgets	10:00 AM Email to CTC Liaison OCTCL Email: CTCLiaison@dot.ca.gov	10:00 AM Email to CTC Liaison OCTCL Email: CTCLiaison@dot.ca.gov
<del>Jan 27-28 - Stockton</del>	<del>Mon, Nov 30, 20</del>	<del>Mon, Dec 7, 20</del>	<del>Mon, Dec 14, '20</del>	<del>Fri, Dec 18, '20</del>	<del>Mon, Dec 21, '20</del>
Mar 24-25 - San Diego	Mon, Jan 25, 21	Mon, Feb 1, 21	Mon, Feb 8, '21	Wed, Feb 17, '21	Thu, Feb 18, '21
May 12-13 - San Francisco	Mon, Mar 15, 21	Mon, Mar 22, 21	Mon, Mar 29, '21	Wed, Apr 7, '21	Thu, Apr 8, '21
June 23-24 - Sacramento	Mon, Apr 26, 21	Mon, May 3, 21	Mon, May 10, '21	Wed, May 19, '21	Thu, May 20, '21
Aug 18-19 - Los Angeles	Mon, Jun 21, 21	Mon, Jun 28, 21	Tue, Jul 6, '21	Wed, Jul 14, '21	Thu, Jul 15, '21
Oct 13-14 - Baskerfield	Mon, Aug 16, 21	Mon, Aug 23, 21	Mon, Aug 30, '21	Wed, Sep 8, '21	Thu, Sep 9, '21
Dec 8-9 - Riverside	Mon, Oct 11, 21	Mon, Oct 18, 21	Mon, Oct 25, '21	Wed, Nov 3, '21	Thu, Nov 4, '21

\* No Scheduled Meeting in: February, April, July, September and November

Moved - July 4 (Observed)

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U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration  
Office of Federal Lands Highway



## Our Mission

Improving transportation to and within Federal and Tribal Lands by providing technical services to the highway transportation community, as well as building accessible and scenic roads that ensure the many national treasures, within our Federal Lands, can be enjoyed by all.

## Have any questions about FLAP?

Call or email Central Federal Lands Highway Division's (CFLHD) FLAP Program Points of Contact below:

**James Herlyck**, Access Program Manager  
720-963-3698, [James.Herlyck@dot.gov](mailto:James.Herlyck@dot.gov)

**Laurie Miskimins**, FLAP Planner  
720-963-3455, [Laurie.Miskimins@dot.gov](mailto:Laurie.Miskimins@dot.gov)

## California's PDC Members

The Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) determines FLAP programming decisions in each state. PDC members' contact information can be found [here](#).

# Federal Lands Access Program

*Improving access to and within federal lands*

# California

**The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)** was established under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and continued under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST). The program funds projects that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal Lands that are owned or maintained by a State, County, Local Government, or tribe. Priority will be given to projects accessing high-use Federal recreation sites or Federal economic generators. The program intends to supplement State and local resources for public roads, trails, transit systems, and other transportation facilities.

### Next Call for Projects:

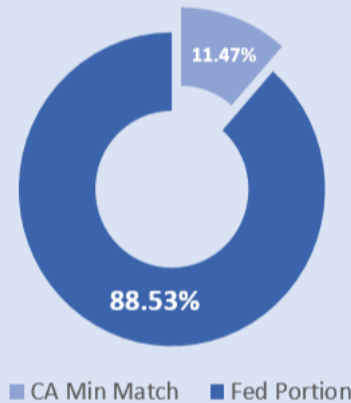
**December 8, 2020 -  
May 2021**

### Advertised Amount

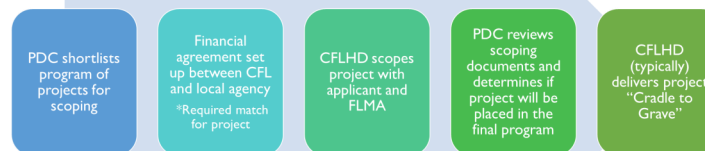
\$50-\$90 Million

### Fiscal Years to Program

FY26-FY28



## What if your Project is Selected?



## Eligibility

### Your project must:

- Be a public highway, road, bridge, trail or transit system;
- Be located on, is adjacent to, or provides access to Federal lands; typically near the vicinity of the boundary;
- Have title or maintenance responsibility vested with State, County, Local Government, or Tribe;
- Meet the minimum non-federal match requirement of 11.47% of project eligible costs, over-match is encouraged;
- Be endorsed and supported by Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA).

### Type of Projects include:

- Rehabilitation/ Restoration/ Construction/ Reconstruction;
- Engineering;
- Operation and maintenance of transit facilities;
- Planning & research;
- Any transportation project eligible for assistance under Title 23.

## Project Delivery

CFLHD delivers the majority of projects in the FLAP program in the 14 western states in which the division administers the program. Applicants may request delivery by another agency. CFLHD makes the final delivery decisions.

## Ready to Apply? Mark the Calendar!

Application materials available  
**November 2020.**

Visit the [CA FLAP website](#) for more details.

# California Federal Lands Access Program 2020 Call for Projects

## Project Submittal Requirements

### ✓ Checklist

Review program guidance, eligibility and match requirements.

### ✓ Project Scope

Develop projects with reasonable scope and cost estimate to meet federal requirements (standards, NEPA, contracting, etc.)

### ✓ Data

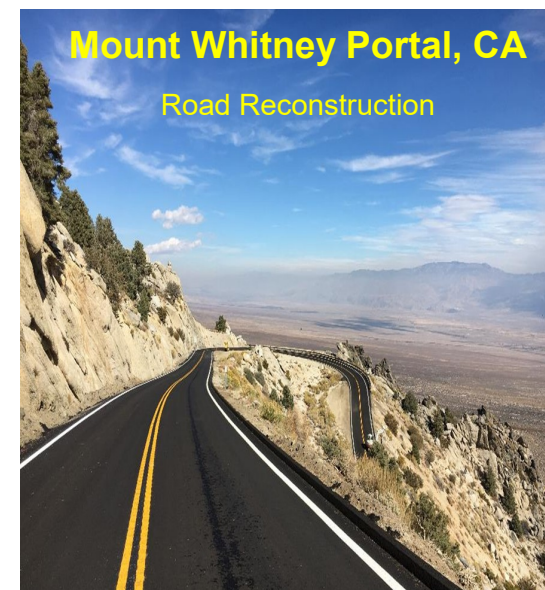
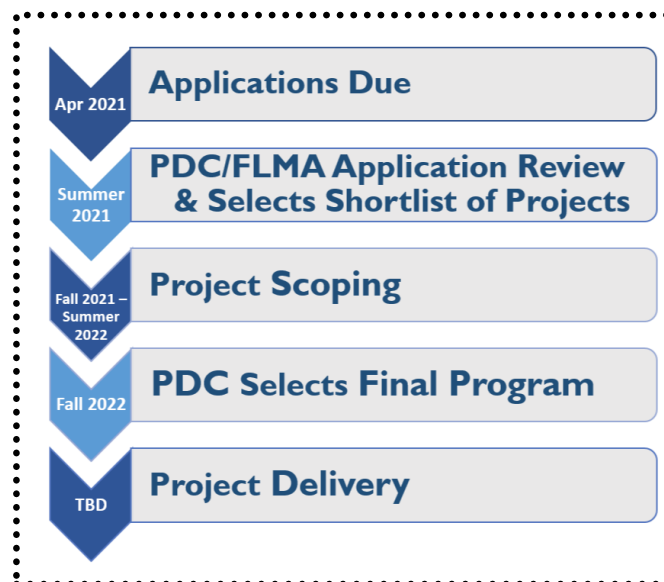
Provide best available traffic and safety data in application.

### ✓ Illustrate

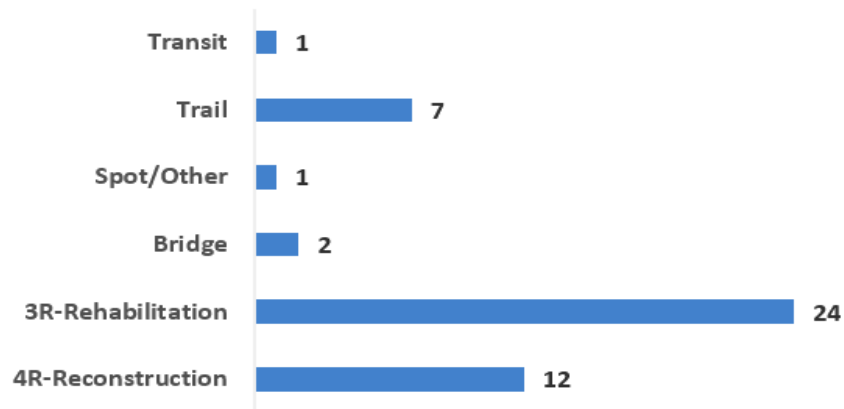
Provide photos, maps, brochures and any other information that helps the PDC understand the significance of the project and the access to federal lands.

### ✓ Coordinate

Coordinate/communicate with Federal Land Management Agency during application development.



## Project Types Selected in Previous Cycles



## CA Previous Call for Projects Cycles

	Applications Received	Projects Selected	FLAP Funds Requested	Total FLAP Funds Programmed
Cycle 1 (2013)	63	21	\$285 Million	\$350 Million
Cycle 2 (2014)	56	13	\$270 Million	
Cycle 3 (2017)	64	13	\$417 Million	

## Attend a Prospective Applicants Webinar to Know More!

Dates TBD. See the CA FLAP website in December 2020 for additional attendance details. No registration is required.



## VII. DISCUSSION / ACTION CALENDAR

### A. Appointment of an ICTC Commission Member to the SCAG Regional Council

#### Requested Action:

1. Appoint one ICTC Commission Member to the SCAG Regional Council



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December 11, 2020

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

SUBJECT: Appointment of an ICTC Commission Member to the SCAG Regional Council

Dear Commission Members:

ICTC has an opportunity to appoint an ICTC Commission Member to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council as a voting member representing ICTC. Since June 28, 2017, Commissioner James Predmore has represented ICTC in this capacity. We greatly appreciate Mr. Predmore's commitment during these past three plus years.

The meetings are currently held virtual on the first Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m. At this time, staff is requesting an appointment for one of the Commissioners to serve as an ICTC representative on the SCAG Regional Council. The appointment requires attendance to the monthly meetings in Los Angeles and the annual General Assembly. Commissioners currently serving on one of SCAG's policy advisory committees are encouraged to consider this opportunity. The Chair and Commissioners will make the appointment amongst those that have expressed their interest at this meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

It is recommended that the ICTC Commission take the following actions:

1. Appoint one ICTC Commission Member to the SCAG Regional Council

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mark Baza'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

MARK BAZA  
Executive Director

# SCAG Regional Council and Sub-Committee Appointments

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David Salgado  
Regional Affairs Officer

Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)  
and Management Committee  
November 18, 2020



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## SCAG Regional Council

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- 6 Counties and 191 Cities (19 Million +)
- 6 County Transportation Commissions
- Numerous Stakeholders (FHWA, Caltrans, Air Districts, etc.)
- 86 Member Board
- 67 Districts (Elected RC Members)



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# SCAG Policy Committees

- Executive Administrative Committee (EAC)
  - Compliment to the Regional Council
- Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD)
- Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)
- Transportation Committee (TC)



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## Transportation Committee (TC)

- The role of the Transportation Committee is to study problems, programs and other matters which pertain to the regional issues of mobility, air quality, transportation control measures and communications, and make recommendations on such matters to the Regional Council.
- Major programs that are under the purview of Transportation Committee are Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), Aviation, Highway, Transportation Finance and Transportation Conformity.
- Current Members Cheryl Viegas-Walker (TC Chair)
  - Vice Chair Steve Hoffbauer, Palmdale



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## Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)



- The Energy & Environment Committee considers environmental and energy issues of regional significance, including but not limited to air quality, water quality, solid and hazardous waste, habitat preservation, environmental justice, and environmental impact analysis.
- Members Imperial County Supervisor Luis Plancarte (RC Member) and Ana Beltran, Westmorland



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## Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD)

- The role of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee is to study problems, programs and other matters which pertain to the regional issues of community, economic and human development and growth.
- This committee reviews projects, plans and programs of regional significance for consistency and conformity with applicable regional plans.
- The CEHD Committee has oversight of the Growth Visioning and Growth Forecasting processes, as well as the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), the Intergovernmental Review effort and the monitoring and analysis of the Regional Economy.
- Current Members Jim Predmore (RC Member) and Bill Hodge
  - Chair Jorge Marquez, Covina/Vice Chair Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos



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## SCAG Technical Advisory Working Groups

- **Aviation Technical Advisory Committee**
  - The Aviation Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC) is a group of aviation professionals who meet monthly to provide SCAG with technical and professional expertise on regional aviation issues.
- **Regional Planning Working Group**
  - The Regional Planning Working Groups (RPWG) function as a forum for SCAG staff to engage stakeholders in the development and implementation of plans and policies to advance region's mobility, economy, and sustainability.
- **Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee Working Group**
  - The Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee (RTTAC), made up of representatives from the Region's transit operators, provides a forum for coordination of input in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.
- **Technical Working Group**
  - The primary purpose of the Technical Working Group (TWG) is to provide SCAG staff with a venue to vet technical matters as they relate to SCAG's development of its regional plans, including the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)
- **Transportation Conformity Working Group**
  - Modeling and interagency transportation conformity (Air Quality)



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## SCAG Subcommittees

### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee provides guidance regarding internal and external audit issues and implementing Best Practices.

### Bylaws & Resolutions Committee

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviews proposed changes to SCAG's Bylaws and any proposed resolutions submitted for consideration by the General Assembly.

### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee reviews candidates for SCAG officer positions and provides nominations to Regional Council.

### RHNA Subcommittee

The RHNA Subcommittee is tasked with making recommendations on RHNA policy and methodology.



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## District Elections 2021

- Even district elections occur in even years, odd in odd years.....
- Imperial County's SCAG Regional Council District is #1
- ALL Elected officials can vote for nominated officials, and MUST BE PRESENT to cast said vote
- Ample notice is provided through City Clerks and a uniform notification process
- California League of Cities – Imperial County Division assists in the facilitation of the election. THANKS Catherine!!!



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## Thank you!

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## VII. DISCUSSION / ACTION CALENDAR

### B. Appointment to the SCAG Community, Economy and Housing Development Committee (CEHD)

#### Requested Action:

1. Appoint one ICTC Commission Member to the SCAG Community, Economy and Housing Development Committee (CEHD)





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December 11, 2020

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SUBJECT: Appointment to the SCAG Community, Economy and Housing Development Committee (CEHD)

Dear Commission Members:

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has a vacancy from the Imperial County region to serve as a voting member on their Community, Economy and Housing Development Committee (CEHD).

The CEHD Committee has oversight of the Growth Visioning and Growth Forecasting processes, as well as the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, the Intergovernmental Review effort and the monitoring and analysis of the Regional Economy. This committee reviews projects, plans and programs of regional significance for consistency and conformity with applicable regional plans. This committee has one vacancy. The CEHD Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. This is the same day that the SCAG Regional Council meeting is held later that day at 12:30 p.m.

At this time, staff is requesting an appointment for one of the Commissioners to serve as an ICTC representative on the CEHD. The appointment requires attendance to the monthly meetings in Los Angeles and the annual General Assembly. The Chair and Commissioners will make the appointment amongst those that have expressed their interest at this meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

It is recommended that the ICTC Commission take the following actions:

1. Appoint one ICTC Commission Member to the SCAG Community, Economy and Housing Development Committee (CEHD)

Sincerely,

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MARK BAZA  
Executive Director

**CITIES OF BRAWLEY, CALEXICO, CALIPATRIA, EL CENTRO, HOLTVILLE, IMPERIAL, WESTMORLAND,  
IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

## VII. DISCUSSION / ACTION CALENDAR

### C. Appointment to the California Vanpool Authority (CalVans) Board

#### Requested Action:

1. Appoint a representative and an alternate from the Commission to the CalVans Board.



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December 11, 2020

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Imperial County Transportation Commission  
1405 N. Imperial Ave Suite 1  
El Centro, CA 92243

SUBJECT: Appointment to the California Vanpool Authority (CalVans) Board

Dear Commission Members:

The California Vanpool Authority (CalVans) Joint Powers Agency was formally established in January 2012 as a statewide public transit agency with Board Members representing 14 agencies. The CalVans Board is made up of a Board member from each of the member agencies, ICTC is one of 14 members. CalVans does not require contributions from member agencies, other than the Board Member and Staff time devoted to the monthly meetings. As a public transit agency, CalVans is simply an addition to the public transit options provided to the residents and businesses in the Board Member's jurisdiction. Guidance and input from each Board member guides CalVans staff in providing vanpool services that benefit each member agencies community or County. For Imperial, the vanpools provide low-cost transportation primarily for farm workers at this time. The vanpools also add a monetary value to the transit funding that ICTC receives annually for transit operations.

Meetings are held monthly at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Members call into the meeting from a location of their choice that is open to the public, meetings normally last 30 to 45 minutes. Some meetings are skipped for lack of necessary agenda items. CalVans staff has an office in El Centro to oversee local projects. Currently, there are 47 vanpools that operate in Imperial and another 60 in Yuma.

Since 2015 Commissioner James Predmore has been representing ICTC on the CalVans Board. We greatly appreciate Mr. Predmore's commitment during the past five years.

ICTC Staff is requesting the following action after public comment, if any:

1. Appoint a representative and an alternate from the Commission to the CalVans Board.

Sincerely,

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MARK BAZA  
Executive Director

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