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#### TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

#### LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM 1503 N. IMPERIAL AVE., SUITE 104 EL CENTRO, CA 92243

# THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021 6:00 PM

#### CHAIR: CHERYL VIEGAS-WALKER

VICE CHAIR: ROSIE ARREOLA-FERNANDEZ

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

#### II. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Adopt resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 Page 4

With ICTC Counsel's direction, the Executive Director forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

- 1. Approve the resolution of the Imperial County Transportation Commission authorizing remote meetings in accordance with the provisions of the State Assembly Bill (AB) 361.
- 2. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the resolution.

#### III. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation (1 matter) (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4))
- C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code §54957)
  Title: ICTC Executive Director
- D. Announcement of Closed Session Action(s)

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

#### IV. EMERGENCY ITEMS

A. Discussion / Action of emergency items, if necessary.

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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#### VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

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A. Receive and File:

1. ICTC TAC Minutes: October 28, 2021

ICTC SSTAC Minutes: November 3, 2021

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

- A. ICTC / IVRMA Executive Director
  - Executive Director Report on page 16
- B. Southern California Association of Governments
  - See attached report on page 30
- C. California Department of Transportation District 11
  - See attached report on page 58
- D. Commission / Committee Member Reports (if any)

#### VIII. INFORMATION CALENDAR

A. Forrester Road Improvements Project Study Report (PSR) Page 70 Presentation by Roy Flores, Caltrans

#### IX. ACTION CALENDAR continuation

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Transportation
 Services 2022 ICTC grant application
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The ICTC Management Committee met on December 8, 2021, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval, after public comment, if any:

- Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to submit an FTA 5310 2022 Grant, execute all required documents and any amendments with the California Department of Transportation for the continued funding of the Regional Mobility Coordination Program.
- 2. Authorize the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution
- 3. Direct staff to forward the FT A 5310 Grant Application and associated documentation to the California Department of Transportation.

#### X. MEETING DATE AND PLACE

A. The next meeting of the **Imperial County Transportation Commission** will be held on **Wednesday, January 26, 2022,** at **6:00 p.m.**, at the ICTC Offices located at 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243 and remotely via Zoom Meeting.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion to adjourn

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December 13, 2021

Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chairperson Imperial County Transportation Commission 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104 El Centro, CA 92243

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings in accordance with Assembly

Bill (AB) 361

#### **Dear Commission Members:**

ICTC has been conducting remote public meetings since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in compliance with Governor's Orders N-29-20 and N-08-21. Governor's Orders N-29-20 and N-08-21 suspended the Ralph M. Brown Act's requirements for teleconferencing.

AB 361 will authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency. If the Commission wishes to continue to offer a remote meeting option and to comply with AB 361, ICTC will need to adopt a resolution authorizing ICTC to host teleconference meetings in accordance with AB 361, if the Governor's declaration of a statewide emergency continues.

With ICTC Counsel's direction, the Executive Director forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

- 1. Approve the resolution of the Imperial County Transportation Commission authorizing remote meetings in accordance with the provisions of the State Assembly Bill (AB) 361.
- 2. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the resolution.

Sincerely,

DAVID AGUIRRE Interim Executive Director

Attachments

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

# RESOLUTION OF THE IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AUTHORIZING REMOTE MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF STATE ASSEMBLY BILL 361.

RESOLUTION NO.	
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**WHEREAS**, the County of Imperial is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Imperial County Transportation Commission and other public meetings subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act ("Brown Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, with the adoption of State Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), section 54963(e) of the California Government Code was amended to make provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a local legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of 54953(b)(3) of the California Government Code, subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to section 8625 of the California Government Code, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in section 8558 of the California Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed pursuant to his authority under 8625 of the California Government Code, that a state of emergency exists with regard to the novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2021, the Governor clarified that the "reopening" of California on June 15, 2021 did not include any change to the proclaimed state of emergency or the powers exercised thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to section 8629 of the California Government Code to lift the state of emergency, either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the State Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Health Officer for the County of Imperial has recommended that the local legislative bodies that are subject to the Brown Act continue to meet remotely when possible, and that social distancing continues to provide a means by which to reduce the transmission of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Imperial County Transportation Commission believes that it is in the best interest of the public to continue holding remote meetings during the existing state of emergency in accordance with the requirements of AB 361.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Imperial County Transportation Commission resolves as follows:

- (1) The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
- (2) A proclaimed state of emergency exists as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (3) The Local Health Officer recommends that all local legislative bodies local legislative bodies that are subject to the Brown Act continue to meet remotely when possible, and that social distancing continues to provide a means by which to reduce the transmission of COVID-19
- (4) The staff of the Imperial County Transportation Commission are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution, including implementing social distancing measures at meetings, and conducting meetings in accordance with section 54953(e) of the California Government Code, and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.
- (5) This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of thirty (30) days from adoption of the Resolution or such time the Imperial County Transportation Commission takes action to extend the time during which it may continue to meet remotely without compliance with section 54953(b)(3) of the California Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the		
of Imperial, State of California, this	day of	2021, by the following roll cal
vote:		
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	Chair of	the Commission
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Clerk		

# VI. CONSENT CALENDAR A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Receive and File:

ICTC TAC Minutes: October 28, 2021

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#### SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

#### **DRAFT MINUTES** November 3, 2021

Present Voting Attendees:

Ted Ceasar Consumer

Karla Flores AAA-Ombudsman Program

Mitzi Perez ARC-IV

Karen Teran Access to Independence

Michelle Soto California Childrens' Services (CCS)
Sarah Enz Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

David Aguirre CTSA-ICTC
Maricela Galarza CTSA-ICTC
Gustavo Gomez CTSA-ICTC

Non-Voting Attendees:

Cesar Sanchez IVT/IVTAccess/IVTRide/IVTMedtrans

Helio Sanchez IVT

Jose Guillen IVT MedTrans
Karla Pacheco IVT Access
Karla Aguilar IVT Ride
Liz Santucci Caltrans

- 1. Mr. Ceasar called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.
  - Hybrid meeting.
- 2. SSTAC Remote Resolution.
  - Ms. Galarza explained the purpose of the implementation of the resolution. The resolution will be required for this meeting and future meetings until further notice.
  - SSTAC members reviewed the resolution, motioned to approve as is. (Perez, Teran), **Motion** Carried.
  - Required signatures will be collected after the meeting.
- 3. Minutes were adopted for October 6, 2021. (Perez, Teran), Motion Carried.
- 4. CTSA Reports:

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- ICTC offices are open to the public from Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. Remote activities are encouraged to continue remotely.
- Working on several projects
- Staff is also currently working on grant opportunities that can potentially fund the Calexico ITC project that is currently in the planning process.
- The free fares program is expected to run for a few more months.
  - Mr. Ceasar asked for a little more details on the free fares program.
  - ➤ Mr. Aguirre stated that starting November 15, 2021 MedTrans will be included in the Free fare programs, thus all IVT services will now be free to passengers. Funding for the free fares is received from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that ICTC successfully procured. Free fares will continue until the awarded funds diminish.

#### Ms. Galarza had the following updates:

- IVT Access and IVT Ride continue to be remotely conducted, but the public does have the option to come to the office to sign up for IVT Ride or pick up an application for IVT Access.
- Staff will attend a conduct a couple of presentations this month which include; Chamber of Commerce and AAA council meeting.
- Staff will also attend the Veteran's Fair later this month. The staff is excited as it is the first inperson fair since the pandemic began.
- Staff will also look at further outreach of the services throughout the variety of cities to inform individuals of the different public transportation options.
  - Mr. Ceasar asked where the fare study can be found.
  - ➤ Mr. Aguirre stated that the fare study is completed and available on ICTC's website. In terms of recommendations, it was elected not to implement the proposed increases due to the pandemic, until a foreseeable recovery.

#### 5. Review of Agencies' Missions and Clientele:

- Ms. Perez, ARC-IV, provided a review of the agency;
  Have been working for the agency for about 10 years. ARC-IV is a private non-profit formally established in 1973. The agency employs 220 individuals. The mission is to serve individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities. The agency is located at 298 E. Ross Rd., El Centro CA. ARC-IV provides a variety of programs; vocational training, employment, transportation (except medical), etc. Preventive measures for COVID are followed; social distancing, masks, barriers, cleaning protocols, etc.
- Ms. Teran, Access to Independence, provided a review of the agency; Providing services by appointment to provide an accessibility assessment. Available to any individual in the community who has a disability-related question, concern, or need. Some programs include; Skills training, transition services, youth services, assistive technology, etc.
- Ms. Flores, the AAA-Ombudsman program, advocates for residents that live in long-term care facilities, skilled nursing care facilities, and residential care facilities. Due to the pandemic visitations to the facilities and outings were put on a hold. Now that things have evolved and changed residents are going out to medical visits and family visits. The family also has the opportunity to visit residents of these facilities. Therefore, the need for transportation will be seen from different points of the community to these facilities where hopefully ICTC has a plan to assist these types of residents.
  - Mr. Aguirre stated that IVT services are available and service hours remain the same. If there is a certain type of transportation coordination need, the staff is here to assist. ICTC is willing and able to provide transportation to residents.
  - Ms. Flores stated that it was asked for residents to gather information on

- transportation needs and this can be forwarded to ICTC.
- ➤ Mr. Aguirre added that IVT service presentations can also be conducted in these facilities to inform residents of different options.
- ➤ Ms. Flores stated that there are more active facilities and family members have no means of transportation. More information will be forwarded to the ICTC team to coordinate transportation services for these individuals.

#### 6. Transit Operator FY 2021-22 Quarter 1 Reports:

#### Imperial Valley Transit

- Mr. H. Sanchez presented the Ouarter 1 report for the service.
- There is a slight increase in ridership.
- Operating at almost full capacity.
- IVT Blue and Green lines are running at a modified schedule.
- IVT Gold line doing better than other circulatory routes.
- A few events are coming up in the Brawley area so detours are planned and will be put in place to ensure no passenger gets left behind.

#### **IVT Access**

- Ms. Pacheco presented the Quarter 1 report for the service.
  - Mr. Aguirre added that services hours remain the same, it is based on demand. The buses that are available now are enough to cover the current demand. If the demand increases then buses can be added to ensure proper coverage.

#### IVT Ride

- Ms. Aguilar presented the Quarter 1 report for the service.
- An increase in ridership is observed.
- Several senior centers have opened and are served through the service.
  - Mr. Ceasar asked about the ridership in Coachella.
  - Ms. Aguilar stated that there have been 10 trips and it's considered to be good.
  - Mr. Aguirre added that there is an option of Brawley or Coachella and preference has been given to Coachella.

#### IVT MedTrans

- Mr. Guillen presented the Quarter 1 report for the service.
- Service hours are the same and both buses are available. It is in response to demand.
- Free fare for the service will begin next week and hopefully get individuals interested to use the service.
  - Mr. Ceasar asked what happens when it comes to meeting the farebox.
  - ➤ Mr. Aguirre stated that the grant covers the fare, thus passengers are still accounted for which counts toward the farebox. There is no impact.

#### 7. General Discussion

- None.

#### 8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. (Teran, Perez), Motion Carried.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at the Imperial County Transportation Commission Office, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243.



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#### TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

October 28, 2021

#### **Present:**

Guillermo Sillas

Abraham Campos

Veronica Atondo

Jesus Villegas

Lili Falomir

Joel Hamby

Jeorge Galvan

City of Brawley

City of El Centro

County of Imperial

City of Calexico

City of Westmorland

City of Calipatria

Frank Fiorenza Imperial Irrigation District

#### Others:

Virginia Mendoza ICTC
Marlene Flores ICTC
Angela Delgadillo ICTC
David Salgado SCAG

Catherine Gutierrez City of El Centro Andres Miramontes City of El Centro Angel Hernandez City of El Centro Felix DeLeon City of El Centro City of El Centro Christian Rodriguez City of El Centro **Andy Miramontes** Andrea Montano City of Brawley City of Brawley Ana Gutierrez Marco Coronel City of Imperial

Ismael Garcia Imperial County Air Pollution Control District

Jose Castaneda County of Imperial

Daniel Hernandez Caltrans Rafael Reyes Caltrans

Roberto Ruiz-Salas

Michelle Baron Consultant

**1.** The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was present, and introductions were made. There were no public comments made.

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- **2.** Adopted resolution authorizing remote teleconference meeting in accordance with Assembly Bill 361. ICTC requested a motion to adopt. (Galvan/Falomir). **Motion Carried.**
- 3. A motion was made to adopt the minutes for September 23, 2021 (Hamby/Atondo) Motion Carried.
- 4. Presentation: Inland Southern California Climate Collaborative (ISC3)

(*Presented by: Bryn Lindblad, Deputy Director and Team*)
A presentation was made on the ISC3 regarding the Inland Southern California Climate
Collaborative. ISC3 members met with staff from the Office of Governor Newsom to share feedback on implementation of California 30x30 Natural and Working Lands EO, including resources and programs that could support their efforts. They also strategized on how to maximize co-benefits, like workforce development and economic diversification, into High-Speed Rail investments coming into

the region. ISC3 member also received guidance from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research on how SB 379 compliance can be met in a streamlined, yet community-serving way. For more information visit www.iscclimatecollaborative.org.

- 5. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) & Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) 2022 Call for Projects DRAFT Guidelines (Presented by: Marlene Flores and Virginia Mendoza) ICTC staff forwards this item to the Technical Advisory Committee for discussion and recommendation to submit to the ICTC Management Committee and Commission after public comments, if any:
  - 1. Approve and adopt the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) 2022 Call for Projects Guidelines.
  - 2. Direct staff to open a competitive call for projects for member agencies for estimated STBG and CMAQ funds, effective November 18, 2021, through February 25, 2022.
  - 3. Direct staff to convene an evaluation committee to score and rank the projects; and,
  - 4. Direct staff to return with a list of recommended projects for approval by the Commission.

	CMAQ Funding Estimates														
FFY 22/23	FFY 23/24	FFY 24/25	TOTAL												
\$1,740,810 \$1,740,248 \$1,740,248* \$5,221,306															

	STBG Funding Estimates													
FFY 22/23 FFY 23/24 FFY 24/25 TOTAL														
\$2,570,088	\$2,570,088	\$2,565,941*	\$7,706,117											

\*FFY 24/25 amounts shown for CMAQ and STBG are estimated apportionments. Updated estimates for FFY 2024-2025 for CMAQ and STBG are expected to come from Caltrans by winter of 2021.

Marlene Flores mentioned how the new guidelines have been combined into one set. A sample application has been added to the guidelines to guide local agencies with the application. A DRAFT copy of the Call for Project Guideline was provided to all TAC members.

A *motion* was made to approve both Call for Projects Guidelines by the TAC Committee, (Atondo/Fiorenza) **Motion Carried.** 

- **6.** Caltrans Updates / Announcements (Presented by: Rafael Reyes):
  - September 3, 2021 was the deadline to submit Inactive invoices. Agencies that did not invoice prior to September 30, 2021, must submit a justification on the Inactive Justification Form

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- spreadsheet.
- Exhibit 9-A This form was updated and needs to resign the agreement.
- CTC Schedule is updated. Please review and follow the deadlines.
- The Clean California Local Grant Program will provide approximately \$296 million in funds to communities to beautify and improve streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways and transit centers to restore pride in public spaces. Clean California Local Grant Program Guidelines Workshops available. Workshop will be on October 7, 2021.
- DBE Goal Methodology Mid- Year Adjustments- OCR issued the following temporary guidance to increase the DBE goal for the rest of the current year. When the Exhibit 9-D: Contract Goal Methodology is sent to OCR for review and approval, OCR may modify the reduction factor from 80 percent to 100 percent. This modification will be on a contract by contract, district by district basis. When local agencies set DBE goals for their contracts, they will still use the factor of 80 percent.
- Active Transportation Resource Center Webinar on October 19, 2021. During this webinar they will inform two State active transportation- related non-infrastructure funding programs, one focused on plans and another on education and encouragement. You will also learn how to leverage existing local funding sources and other technical assistance resources available to help your agency's non-infrastructure application be more competitive in the next ATP funding cycle.
- At-Risk Preliminary Engineering (PE)- local agencies may begin reimbursable Preliminary Engineering (PE) work prior to receiving federal authorization for such work, assuming the project and PE phase are included in a federally approved Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) document or an FSTIP amendment prior to incurring costs.
- QAP Updates- City of Imperial is about to expire. Please see the updated list provided by Ben Guerrero. Updated QAP packages must be submitted to the Local Area Engineer, Ben Guerrero. Otherwise, no Construction funding authorization requests will be processed.
- Virtual Training Updates available. Federal Aid Series is coming up as well as other trainings.
- Daniel Hernandez from Caltrans provided a brief update on the I-8 interchange project.

#### 7. SCAG Updates / Announcements (Presented by David Salgado):

- Fall 2021 Housing Policy Forum: A Rundown of Federal and State Funding and Legislation NOVEMBER 1, 2021, 12:00pm to 2:00pm: Federal housing legislation aligns with state and regional goals to meet housing needs. Discussed key themes and current trends in state housing policies and potential impacts. Engage with interactive tools to provide input on housing policy priorities.
- SCAG Broadband Action Plan at the February 4th SCAG Regional Council (RC) Meeting, the SCAG RC adopted a resolution which directs SCAG staff to develop a "Broadband Action Plan." The development of an action plan would provide a model resolution and policy paper for local jurisdictions, pursue funding opportunities and partnerships to assist local jurisdictions with broadband implementation, convene a working group, and further support broadband planning and data research. These efforts would also be developed to complement SCAG's ongoing efforts to support an Inclusive
- Economic Recovery and efforts supporting Racial Equity and Social Justice.
- **SCAG Regional Data Platform (RDP):** The Regional Data Platform will standardize regionally significant datasets, provide opportunities for local partners to update their data in real time, and draw insights from local trends. More specifically, it will be an online tool or SCAG and local jurisdictions to access data necessary for local general plan development trends, housing and economic growth, and sustainability conditions.

#### 8. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

- Local agencies gave an update on their local projects in progress.

#### 9. ICTC Updates / Announcements

Presented by Marlene Flores

#### a. Transit Planning Updates

- ICTC is still operating under COVID-19 requirements those which include Free fares for Transit riders apart from Med Trans.

#### b. Transportation Planning Updates

- **1. Active Transportation Plan Update-** ATP project had their Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on October 19, 2021. Upcoming events include public workshops during the month of October and November.
  - October 28, 2021, from 5:00pm 7:00pm Calexico Halloween Family Night
  - October 30, 2021, from 4:00pm 7:00pm Heber Fall Festival
  - November 6, 2021, from 10:00am 2:00pm Brawley Chili Cookoff
  - November 6, 2021, from 10:00am 2:00pm Holtville Veterans Parade

#### 2. FY 2020-21 Programmed Project Obligation Updates

- Federal and State project list was presented. The list is a list of projects that reflects projects that have funding in FFY 21/22.

#### 3. CRRSAA Covid Relief Funds

- The projects must appear on and be approved by the Commission prior to requesting allocation/authorization from the Department. The list may be for the region's full apportionment or reflect a portion of available funding.
- Rural and small urban areas should identify all projects for which State funds are being requested no later than June 2022. This allows the Department to develop an expenditure plan for the swapped funds.
- Marlene Flores mentioned how this will be elaborated more on the next TAC Meeting in the month of November.

#### 10. General Discussion / New Business

Next TAC meeting will be on December 16, 2021, via Zoom

11. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.



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 8, 2021

**To:** ICTC Commission Members

**From:** David Aguirre, Interim Executive Director

**Re:** Executive Director's Report

The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Commission on December 16, 2021.

1) Imperial County Long Range Transporation Plan (LRTP) Request for Proposals (RFP): ICTC is conducting an RFP process to prepare a full update of the Imperial County LRTP. Request for Proposals were due on November 19, 2021. On December 2, 2021, an LRTP evaluation committee reviewed the proposals. The evaluation committee consisted of technical staff from the IID, the Cities of Calexico and El Centro, and Caltrans. All firms were interviewed on December 9, 2021. Tentatviely, final selection and contract approval will be on the agenda for recommendation of approval at the January Commission meeting.

*The goal of the LRTP is to provide the following:* 

- Identify and promote the relationship between the transportation system to existing and future land use and community comprehensive plans and programs.
- Provide guidance to promote the improvement of multi-modal transportation circulation of people and goods, using both motorized and non-motorized transportation modes, new technologies and infrastructure facilities.
- Recommendations and guidance to provide a safe, efficient, accessible, socially equitable and cost-effective transportation system.
- Ensure compliance with state and federal transportation planning regulations
- Develop recommendations that ensure environmentally sustainable planning practices.
- 2) Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) 2022 Call for Projects FFY 2022/2023 to FFY 2024/2025: The STBG and CMAQ Call For Projects began on November 18, 2021. The approved 2022 CMAQ & STBG Guidelines are posted on the ICTC website at <a href="http://www.imperialctc.org/call-for-projects/">http://www.imperialctc.org/call-for-projects/</a>. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022 (or postmarked no later than February 25, 2022) to ICTC at 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243. For additional information, please contact Marlene Flores at (760) 592-4494 or at marleneflores@imperialctc.org.
- 3) Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA): The 2021-22 Strategic Planning meeting and last IMBA meeting of the year was held both by Zoom Meeting and at Cetys University in Mexicali on Thursday, November 18, 2021. At the strategic planning meeting the new Chair and Vice-Chair positions were elected. For 2022, Andres Daniel Ruelas from Grupo Educativo de 16 de Septiembre (Mexican Representative) was selected to serve as the Chair, and Tom DuBose from IVEDC (Imperial Representative) was selected as the Vice-Chair. The next IMBA meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2022 at SDSU-Imperial Valley Campus or Imperial Valley College Campus.

4) **Regional Active Transportation Plan**: Imperial County Transportation Commission is undertaking a Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) to improve access, mobility, and safety for non-motorized modes of travel, including walking, bicycling, and riding trans it. The Regional ATP is grant funded by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). ICTC staff kicked off this project in April 2021 and has conducted two (2) Technical Advisory Committee meetings with City, County, SCAG, and Caltrans staff to start data gathering and early outreach efforts. A dedicated project page has been developed for the project: <a href="https://ictcatp-ktuagis.hub.arcgis.com/">https://ictcatp-ktuagis.hub.arcgis.com/</a>

ICTC staff has coordinated with Caltrans planning staff leading the state's ATP effort. Participation and information sharing will continue between the two planning efforts. Additional public education and engagement has been conducted with help of the Go Human Program from SCAG. *Billboards and radio announcements promoting active transportat safety and awareness have been online starting the last week of November 2021*.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Project Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting was held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 to discuss a summary of the completed community engagement process and overview of the regional priorities with special attention to the City priorities and regional connections. The final TAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2022 via Zoom. The final plan and presentations are scheduled for ICTC TAC, Management Committee, and Commission in the months of January and February 2022.

- 5) 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 has been completed. Design and Right of Way Acquisition is underway and is expected to be completed in January 2022. ICTC is exploring funding opportunities for the \$12.5 million needed for construction.
- 6) 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, ICTC was awarded \$20 million under the U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD discretionary grant program to complete the Design-Build construction phase. The design portion of the project is ongoing. The project is estimated to begin construction in early 2022, and is scheduled for completion in 2023.
- 7) **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. ICTC and City staff have begun coordination to implement final location and infrastructure associated with the potential bus stop(s). *ICTC has begun utilizing the IVC Express route to service both bus stops along the east side (intersection of Bonita Place and Commerial Avenue) and (intersection of Alexandria Street and Brown Avenue) of Calipatria.*
- 8) **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 received an additional grant that will allow for the continuation of free fares until grant funds are are fully expended. The program now includes the IVT Medtrans service. All regular service eligibility requirements and restrictions remain in effect.

- 9) Organic waste: reduction regulations: local jurisdiction compliance: Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to complete, approve, and implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in the state to achieve, among other things, a reduction in the statewide emissions of methane by 40%. Current law requires the methane emissions reduction goals to include specified targets to reduce the landfill disposal of organics. Current law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the state board, to adopt regulations to achieve those targets for reducing organic waste in landfills, and authorizes those regulations to require local jurisdictions to impose requirements on generators or other relevant entities within their jurisdiction, to authorize local jurisdictions to impose penalties on generators for noncompliance, and to include penalties to be imposed by the department for noncompliance. This bill would authorize a local jurisdiction facing continuing violations that commence during the 2022 calendar year of those regulations to submit to the department no later than March 1, 2022, a notification of intent to comply, as prescribed. For a copy of the senate bill go to: Senate Bill (SB) 619 (Laird D)
- 10) **\$60 million for SB 1383 Implementation SB 170:** The Legislature recently released language for a new budget bill jr., SB 170, that includes \$60 million for grants to local jurisdictions to assist in implementation of SB 1383 (Lara, 2016). Should SB 170 be passed by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Newsom, CalRecycle would be in charge of creating the grant application and timeline for submittal. Cities would need to apply for the funding and CalRecycle would determine that amount of the grant award. The specific details, however, are forthcoming.

Additionally, there is approximately \$110 million in SB 170 for organic waste infrastructure, such as anaerobic digesters and compost facilities. For a full breakdown of the funds in SB 170, please see the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review's analysis here: September\_7\_2021\_Hearing\_Agenda\_Final.pdf (ca.gov)

11) State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint: 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. Following our ICTC Board meeting in late September 2020, ICTC has initiated a traffic study as required by Caltrans. Design work has been delayed due to Border Patrol's concern related to their ability to provide additional funding necessary to meet their operational requirements. Discussions have been on-going through to this week of March 15, 2021. On Wednesday, March 17, 2021 ICTC received confirmation from Border Patrol Headquarters in Washington D.C. that they wish to proceed with the original Canopy Design that is similar to Interstate 8 Pine Valley Checkpoint.

As discussed and confirmed with Border Patrol, ICTC will only provide the remaining funds we had available (February 2021) of approximately \$1 million to complete the traffic study, 100% design plans, and construction of the canopy, lighting related to the canopy, and traffic related improvements required by Caltrans. Border Patrol has committed paying for all other construction related costs and Border Patrol will lead the construction contract. Border Patrol, Caltrans and ICTC are having weekly meetings toward completing design plans and Caltrans Permits with a goal to begin construction in early 2022 with construction completed in approximately six months after construction begins.

12) 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, nose (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 bridge deck pour was completed the night of August 25, 2021. The interchange is partially open to traffic with the remaining project completion anticipated to take place in 2022.* 

- 13) **State Route 98 Widening 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 \$7 million using a combination of 2016 Earmark Repurposing, Demonstration, Traffic Congestion Relief, ICTC and local funds. The construction start date was delayed to due to environmental impacts and other utility projects in progress within the project area. Construction of the project began on August 6, 2021.
- 14) **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.
- 15) **State and Federal Local 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.
- 16) **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. ICTC made a request for allocation from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the \$7.5 million for design and construction at their June 23, 2021 meeting.
- 17) 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: <a href="http://www.imperialctc.org/senate-bill-1/">http://www.imperialctc.org/senate-bill-1/</a>

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.

	RMRA Amount
Agency	FY 2020-2021
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
TOTAL	\$10,809,459*

<sup>\*</sup>Estimate source is from the California League of Cities dated May 15, 2020 <a href="http://californiacityfinance.com/LSR2005.pdf">http://californiacityfinance.com/LSR2005.pdf</a>

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 F	Partnership Progr	am (LPP) Pro	gr	aming for F	19/20	
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	\$	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
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Imperial	Improvements	\$ 154,000	\$ 327,000	\$	481,000	2019-2020	5/16/2019

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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

#### 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. 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. SBBC completed the objectives of the 2017-2020 CPUC CASF Consortia Grant cycle, which ended in June 2020. SBBC applied for a second grant cycle in summer of 2020 and was approved in the Fall for a start date of December 1, 2020. This cycle will have bi-annual reporting, every 6 months, starting this upcoming May 31, 2021 through the end of the cycle, November 31, 2023. The 2020-2023 grant cycle is currently underway. We are getting ready for the first report of the cycle, due at the end of May. SBBC is also working on the final reporting for the previous cycle and subsequent payment from CPUC with the help of CPA, Roger Tubach and our contacts at CASF.

As of September 02, 2021 a total of \$109,369.48 have been submitted and approved for reimbursement. The remaining grant balance is \$340,630.52 out of the original \$450,000 grant award.

- 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 is 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 is the fiscal agent and has developed an MOU which will define roles and responsibilities (Audits, Administration and Project Management) of ICTC and IVEDC. SCS Engineers Tasks include the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and project management plan as required by EPA.
  - (1) The Finnell Property has 3 parcels. Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports have been finalized and 3 underground storage tanks have been excavated and disposed of. Currently assisting the property owner in identifying grant dollars to apply to the site cleanup that is being required after uncovering significant contamination.

- (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. Completed and closed out.
- (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. Completed and closed out.
- (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. With our guidance on where to relocate the project's retention basin they were able to complete construction and open the business in early 2021. Completed and closed out.
- (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 is currently under review for approval with the EPA staff. Approvals of this nature have been significantly stalled due to COVID. We expect resolution by mid May.
- (6) The Gibson property received DTSC approval on April 28, 2021. This is a former fueling station and will likely have a recommended Phase 2 site assessment.
- (7) We are working on a new potential site being considered for redevelopment by a company who wishes to develop a manufacturing facility on the north end of the City of Brawley. We are currently negotiating with the land owner and the developer for inclusion into the brownfield program.

As of September 02, 2021, there is a remaining grant balance of \$112,339. Of the \$112,339, \$106,074 is the remaining contract balance for SCS Engineers.

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Brawley	IMP190709	Street Improvement (repavement) along K street from Highway 86 to 8th street.	2019/20	STBG	\$ 52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52		0	0	0	2020/21	CMAQ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
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County	IMP190716	Sidewalk improvements on Heffernan Avenue from 14th street to 11th street.	2019/20	ATP	\$ 87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87		County	IMP190715	Aten Road Bicycle Path Improvements from Dogwood Road to Imperial Valley College in Imperial County.		ATP	\$ 71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71	
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## Memorandum

**Date:** December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

To: ICTC Management Committee Meeting

From: David Salgado, Regional Affairs Officer (RAO)

Re: Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Report

The following is a summary of the SCAG Executive Director's Report and/or Federal and State Legislature Staff Report for the Imperial County Transportation Commission's regular meeting for the month of December 2021.

- 1. 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern California Economic Summit: From Inclusive Recovery to Inclusive Growth! On Thursday, Dec. 2, SCAG hosted the 12th annual Southern California Economic Summit virtually. The summit came at a time when the regional economy is still recovering from a time of unprecedented crisis. Civic and business leaders from across Southern California joined the discussion on how we can further our economic recovery and build strength and resilience in a post-COVID world. Speakers included DeeDee Myers, director of the Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development, U.C. Riverside professor Karthick Ramakrishnan, who is also executive director of the "California 100" initiative and Keynote Speaker Rana Foroohar, who's a Global Columnist for the Financial Times and a Global Economic Analyst for CNN.
- 2. SCAG 2021 Regional Briefing Book: Released in conjunction with the 12th Annual Southern California Economic Summit, held virtually on Dec. 2, 2021, this year's Regional Briefing Book provides an overview of the SCAG region economy today, as well as an outlook for the counties. There is also an assessment and discussion on incorporating equity in SCAG's long-term planning, as well as preliminary research into what drives good jobs in U.S. regions to help develop measures and strategies to promote good jobs in Southern California. <a href="https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/regional-briefing-book-2021\_final.pdf?1638320255">https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/regional-briefing-book-2021\_final.pdf?1638320255</a>
- 3. SCAG Housing Policy Leadership Academy: With support from the State's Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant program and to support the region's efforts in response to recent state investments in planning to accelerate housing production and meet the goals of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), SCAG has developed a series of trainings that will support elected officials, advocates, and interested stakeholders in moving forward a pro-housing development agenda.



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The SCAG Housing Policy Leadership Academy (SCAG-HPLA) offers a 10-session online training for emerging and established community leaders who want to better understand how to advance policy solutions to increase the supply and availability of affordable housing. The course brings together people from different backgrounds and disciplines in monthly sessions to examine issues and solutions from multiple perspectives and apply their learning to current housing policy challenges. Sessions explore the relationship between policy, planning, and housing development with a focus on how different policy solutions shape both the physical and social landscape and capacity to produce housing for all.

The course is grounded in the HPLA 5Ps framework, which provides a foundation for examining the physical and social aspects of a healthy housing ecosystem.

# Applications can be completed online and are due by January 10, 2022. Notifications of acceptance will be issued no later than Jan. 18, 2022.

**4. SCAG Regional Data Platform (RDP):** The Regional Data Platform will standardize regionally significant datasets, provide opportunities for local partners to update their data in real-time, and draw insights from local trends. More specifically, it will be an online tool for SCAG and local jurisdictions to access data necessary for local general plan development and general decision making by monitoring transportation, land development trends, housing and economic growth, and sustainability conditions. The platform will also feature a data-driven collaboration hub for local jurisdictions to engage with stakeholders for individual projects, such as local and regional land use planning, active transportation planning, greenhouse gas reduction strategies and development impact assessments.

Moving beyond just technology, this platform will help government engage with data in a simpler way, allowing the interpretation of information into actionable insights and knowledge, and provide a digital venue for local agencies to engage with their residents using data as a medium.

Process wise, SCAG will enable users to improve the platform through data revision and insight sharing, empower local partners to use the platform for their own initiatives (thereby spotlighting best practices), and ultimately foster continuous experimentation at the local level by helping jurisdictions understand how their plans could impact the region's most significant challenges – transportation, jobs, housing, and sustainability.

• Housing Element Parcel Tool (HELPR): The HELPR tool is a readily available mapping and data tool available to SCAG member agencies and partners. The tool drills down on parcel specific data and demographics which will support the development of housing plans and general plan updates.



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- Local Information Services Team (LIST): SCAG has created the "Local Information Services Team" to support the roll out of the Regional Data Platform (RDP) and other housing and data support needs.
- 5. SCAG Aerial Imagery Project 2020-21 Update: The flyovers have been completed and an introductory meeting was held with the vendor, EagleView. The meeting was offered to member jurisdictions and stakeholders to introduce some of the new products provided as a part of the project, which includes high resolution imagery, ortho imagery and other products. SCAG is working with the county to finalize an MOU prior to requesting local contributions for supporting the program.



November 2021

# SCAG HOSTS FIRST HOUSING POLICY FORUM AND LAUNCHES APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE HOUSING POLICY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

On Nov. 1, SCAG hosted its first Housing Policy Forum, which was the first in a planned four-part series that will culminate in the fall of 2022. Funded in part by the state's Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant program, the forum offered a comprehensive overview on recent federal and state housing policy, legislation, and funding. Nearly 300 people participated, including SCAG President Clint Lorimore, members of the Regional Council and Policy Committees, and other elected officials from throughout the six-county SCAG region. At the close of the Forum, SCAG announced the launch of the application for the Housing Policy Leadership Academy (HPLA), which will be a 10-month intensive training – for eight subregional cohorts of up to 40 participants each – on housing policy and development. Applications are due Jan. 10, 2022 and the first training session will follow in February 2022. Please visit the Housing Policy Forum webpage for materials from the event and the HPLA webpage for more information about the academy and the application.

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Assembly Housing Working Group hosted a series of regional meetings across the state to examine barriers and explore solutions to the state's housing production and affordability crisis. Three separate roundtables were held around Southern California. SCAG was invited to all the roundtables and presented at two of them. Each of the roundtables was attended by representatives from local government, labor, affordable housing developers, and business and each roundtable offered a forum for attendees to share their perspectives on how to solve the state's housing crisis.

- On Oct. 11, Assemblymember Laura Friedman (D-Burbank) hosted a roundtable in Los Angeles County, which was attended by President Clint Lorimore and Second Vice President Carmen Ramirez. As part of the panel of experts that opened the program, SCAG staff provided remarks that described the region's housing need and housing development trends.
- Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Gómez Reyes (D-San Bernardino) hosted another roundtable in San Bernardino County on Oct. 12, and First Vice President Jan Harnik participated in the event.
- On Oct. 13, Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Fullerton) hosted a housing roundtable in Orange County. President Clint Lorimore and SCAG staff had the opportunity to present for a second time. Policy ideas gathered from the listening sessions may be introduced as legislation in the next legislative session beginning in January 2022.

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRANSFORMATION WORKSHOP ON CONNECTING PUBLICLY SUBSIDIZED HOUSING COMPLEXES TO HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

On Oct. 21, SCAG, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), and California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) hosted the Southern California Workshop on Connecting Publicly Subsidized Housing Complexes to High-Speed Internet. The goal of the workshop was to explore the needs and opportunities to: A) Connect all residents in publicly subsidized housing complexes to high-speed internet service; B) Help residents acquire affordable computing devices; and C) Provide digital literacy training to ensure that residents can utilize the internet to improve their lives. Panelists included affordable housing developers, internet service providers, and staff from various state agencies. Each panelist presented opportunities, challenges, and potential solutions to bring broadband to affordable housing developments. A video recording of the workshop is available at <a href="https://youtu.be/Zkalhg-UhCO">https://youtu.be/Zkalhg-UhCO</a>.



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#### SCAG PARTICIPATES IN REGIONAL BROADBAND WORKSHOP

On Oct. 8, I participated in the BizFed Institute and Los Angeles/Orange County Regional Broadband Consortia's Regional Broadband Workshop as the moderator of the "Municipal Success Stories" panel, which included a dynamic panel of municipal leaders, including Immediate Past President Rex Richardson (Long Beach), Councilmember Bob Blumenfield (Los Angeles), and Councilmember Dan Kalmick (Huntington Beach). The discussion focused on the innovative and creative ways these regional leaders are working to address the many challenges constituents and businesses face in closing the digital divide. The program included opening remarks from Supervisor Hilda Solis, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, as well as Andrew Do, Chair of both the Orange County Board of Supervisors and Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

#### **GO HUMAN UPDATES**

#### SCAG RECEIVES GRANT FOR GO HUMAN SAFETY CAMPAIGN

SCAG was recently awarded a \$1.25 million grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to fund continued work on *Go Human*, the agency's regional active transportation safety and encouragement campaign. SCAG launched the *Go Human* campaign in 2015 in an effort to reduce collisions, improve safety for people walking and biking and raise awareness of the importance of traffic safety. The new OTS grant will fund continued *Go Human* activities through Sept. 30, 2022, which include:

- Local and regional communication campaigns and storytelling strategies, centering community narratives.
- Safe and Resilient Streets Strategies to implement street activations and demonstrations utilizing *Go Human's* Kit of Parts Lending Library of resources.
- Community Streets Mini-Grants to fund local engagement projects led by community-based organizations.
- Co-Branded Safety Advertisements, print and digital graphics provided at no cost to jurisdictions who have committed to the *Go Human* Safety Pledge.

SCAG will continue to focus engagement efforts in collaboration with local elected officials, city staff, and community-based organizations that serve communities disproportionately impacted by collisions. With this funding from OTS, SCAG's *Go Human* campaign continues to play a role in recovery and resiliency efforts amid the pandemic. Since the pandemic began in 2020, SCAG has distributed more than \$490,000 directly to community-based organizations to implement safety projects and distributed thousands of co-branded safety advertisements to local jurisdictions. Through the programs supported by this funding, SCAG will continue to build partnerships to implement projects across the region, guided by a holistic, equity-centered approach to safety.

Funding for the *Go Human* campaign is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Please visit the <u>Go Human webpage</u> for more information about the campaign.

#### FROM DEMONSTRATION TO IMPLEMENTATION: GO HUMAN PROJECTS MOVE FORWARD

In 2019, *Go Human* collaborated with the City of Palm Desert to host "Vision San Pablo," a large temporary demonstration project to create opportunities for community feedback on proposed improvements to San Pablo Avenue. The vision of this project was to create a city center that invites people to bike, walk, or use their golf carts to shop and dine at locally owned businesses, attend classes at College of the Desert, or connect with CV Link. Last month, the City celebrated the completed improvements at the <u>San Pablo Avenue Grand Opening & Street Party</u>. The event drew hundreds of attendees and included music, food trucks, vendors, games, and a kids' zone. The event also featured the unveiling of a *Go Human* bus wrap ad with custom messaging, which was created in collaboration with the SunLine Transit Marketing team.



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# GO HUMAN SUPPORTS LADOT SCHOOL STREETS SAFETY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT ON WALK TO SCHOOL DAY/CLEAN AIR DAY

With support from SCAG's *Go Human* campaign, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), in partnership with Magnolia Avenue Elementary School, demonstrated temporary street improvements alongside Walk to School Day and Clean Air Day on Wednesday, Oct. 6. The demonstration included "School Streets," creating a student plaza adjacent to the school that was closed to vehicle traffic and open to students and families with opportunities to play in the street, provide feedback, and more. The street was reconfigured as a one-way school pick-up and drop-off zone with safety improvements like bulb-outs and wave delineators to improve safety and streamline access. Air quality monitors were placed to assess impacts. SCAG was thrilled to partner with LADOT to showcase and test out these temporary improvements to improve the safety of students and families traveling to school on Walk to School Day, Clean Air Day, and every day.

### SCAG'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (SCP) – FY 2022 Q1 PROGRESS & PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Since 2005, SCAG's various sustainability planning grant programs (i.e., Compass Blueprint, Sustainability Planning Grants, and Sustainable Communities Program) have provided resources and technical assistance to jurisdictions to complete important local planning efforts and enable implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), now known as "Connect SoCal." Of the 241 projects funded since 2013 through SCAG's Local Implementation efforts, 138 projects have been completed as of fiscal year (FY) 2021, totaling approximately \$19.8 million in funding. Additionally, by the end of FY 2023, it is estimated that an additional 58 projects will be completed, totaling an additional \$10.3 million in funding. To date, the 2020-2021 Sustainable Communities Program has added an additional 45 projects, totaling approximately \$12.2 million in funding with projects anticipated to be completed in FY 2024. Two projects completed as of the first quarter of FY 2022 are highlighted below, reflecting innovative and creative approaches and outcomes:

- City of San Fernando Parking Management Plan: The City of San Fernando launched a Citywide Parking Management Master Plan study in fall 2020 and completed the study in summer 2021. A parking management plan helps jurisdictions comprehensively address both the location and amount of parking in specified locations, providing a road map to maximize the efficiency of existing parking and support future parking needs. The plan will allow the City of San Fernando to: 1) Make parking more convenient for community members, visitors, and local businesses by engaging community members in identifying parking solutions; 2) Promote more efficient use of existing parking; 3) Support future parking needs; 4) Explore options to stimulate the local economy by making commercial districts more inviting for people who walk, bike, and use public transportation; 5) Position the city to capture the full benefit of potential transit-oriented development; and 6) Support the San Fernando Corridors Specific Plan.
- Cities of Long Beach and Pasadena Urban Heat Island Study: This project studied impacts of extreme heat from climate change on Long Beach's Washington Neighborhood and Pasadena's Lincoln and Holly/Ramona Neighborhoods. The studies also included toolkits on mitigation strategies for extreme heat, identifying sustainable design strategies to cool temperatures; improve walking, biking, connections to transit, and key community destinations; and increase the climate resiliency and well-being of the communities surrounding the project areas. These toolkits will serve as resources for both the respective neighborhoods and cities. Outreach was conducted in partnership with community-based organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Washington Neighborhood Association, Day One, and Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition.



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#### **TOOLBOX TUESDAY: EQUITABLE ENGAGEMENT**

On Oct. 19, staff hosted a SCAG Toolbox Tuesday training on Equitable Engagement in which a dynamic set of speakers discussed effective strategies through case studies in the SCAG region and beyond. This training was a thought-provoking and practical discussion on effective strategies involving inland, rural, and underserved communities, relationship building, supporting trust, and building a personal story that aligns with equitable community engagement. The panel included Christine Corrales from the San Joaquin Council of Governments, Jenny Yu from KOA Corp, Yoliviviana Sanchez from Imperial County Public Health, and Brenda Buzane from the Imperial County Office of Education. Presentation materials and recordings of this Toolbox Training, as well as past trainings, can be found on the SCAG website.

#### AIA LA DISCUSSION SERIES: REINVENTING LOS ANGELES' BOULEVARDS

On Oct. 26, SCAG staff served on a panel for the American Institute of Architects Los Angeles chapter's Government Outreach Committee webinar on Reinventing Los Angeles' Boulevards. Staff was joined by former SCAG President and Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, architects Angela Brooks and John Kaliski, and Max Podemsky, Planning and Transportation Director for Los Angeles City Council President Nury Martinez to discuss mixed-use zoning, affordable housing, transit, and pedestrian-friendly streets. A recording of the panel can be found here.

#### CALIFORNIA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

On Oct. 26-27, staff presented at the California Active Transportation Symposium, a virtual event hosted by the Active Transportation Resource Center. The goals of the symposium were to bring together active transportation stakeholders, share information on relevant active transportation topics, and provide attendees with implementable solutions. Staff shared information and case studies on SCAG's Go Human efforts to support demonstration projects that allow communities to envision future roadway improvements. Staff also presented highlights from the "Recommendations for Statewide Guidance on High Injury Networks" and explained that the work is especially impactful in light of the recent signature of Assembly Bill 43 (2021), which would allow local jurisdictions to have more flexibility in establishing traffic speeds.



Join local leaders and community members in advancing policies to create more inclusive, vibrant communities with housing affordable to all.

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## SCAG Housing Policy Leadership Academy: Accelerating Inclusive Housing Solutions





## ABOUT THE HOUSING POLICY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

There are many factors contributing to the housing crisis. The market is failing to produce housing at prices most people can afford. Increasing land and construction costs, exclusionary zoning and land use regulations, and tight lending standards have stifled the development of middle-income housing. Social, technological, political, and economic trends have resulted in housing costs rising faster than incomes, intensifying concerns that building new housing will displace people from their communities and increase homelessness. Many communities are also grappling with how to address racial inequities and the impacts of climate change. These market and socioeconomic conditions require deeper community interventions to ensure a healthy housing market.

Developing effective solutions requires both a deeper understanding of these issues and robust cross-sector collaboration. HPLA convenes people with different perspectives to develop a shared understanding of root causes and best practices and provides ongoing support to alumni as they work to eliminate barriers and forge lasting solutions to local and regional housing needs. Since launching the program in 2017, HPLA has facilitated cohorts in Fresno, Los Angeles and San Diego Counties, as well as Silicon Valley. Many of our more than 225 alumni hold leadership positions in government and public administration, private and nonprofit real estate development, social and human services, and advocacy. In addition, numerous alumni have used the knowledge, skills and relationships developed through HPLA to take on new roles in their careers and civic engagement, including as elected officials.

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HPLA was a transformative experience, providing me the historical, quantitative, and economic foundation to understand housing and homelessness policy. Since graduating, I have regularly referred back to my HPLA lessons in deliberating policy at city council, SCAG, and Tricity Mental Health. This course is an absolute must for anyone serious about the housing space.

Jed Leano Mayor Pro Tem City of Claremont

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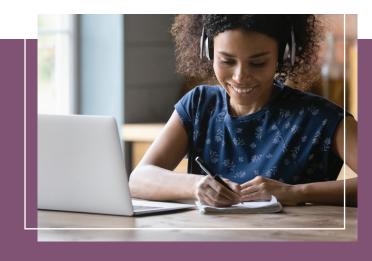


### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

The Housing Policy Leadership Academy (HPLA) provides diverse leaders and community members with an in-depth forum to explore and develop equitable, inclusive policy solutions to influence housing production and affordability in their communities and region. Participants in the course meet once a month for 10 months to explore the root causes of the housing crisis and discuss best practice policy solutions that address both the physical and social factors that underpin a healthy housing ecosystem using the **5Ps framework**.



Offered in a dynamic, virtual learning environment, each session combines in class lectures and panels with opportunities for individual reflection, small and large group discussions, and other leadership and learning activities that equip participants to craft appropriate and scalable responses to the need for housing. Participants will also work with a small group to develop one or more outcome-based policy proposals to address the unique housing challenges in their communities and region.





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### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- Learn the fundamentals and nuances of housing policy and development.
- Develop a common set of facts and language for discussing your region's housing supply and affordability crisis.
- Analyze the structural and socioeconomic complexities of local and regional housing markets.
- Build local networks and shared understanding across sectors.
- Collaborate with peers on a policy proposal to address one or more housing challenges in your local community or region.



### **CURRICULUM**

SESSION 1: Overview of the Housing Crisis in California

**SESSION 2**: Mapping the Housing Ecosystem

**SESSION 3:** How Housing Policy Shapes Our Communities:

A Historical Perspective

SESSION 4: Planning and Zoning

SESSION 5: Housing Development and Finance

SESSION 6: Promoting Community Stability and Equitable
Access to Resources

SESSION 7: State and Local Housing Laws and Ordinances

SESSION 8: Advocacy and Coalition Building

SESSION 9: Group Presentation Workshop Session

**SESSION 10:** Group Presentations



## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Individual and group course work requires approximately 6-8 hours per month for 10 months.

- Three-and-a-half hours of classroom time each month.
- Two hours reading, watching, or listening to assigned pre-work, exploring online data tools, and writing or recording personal reflections between sessions.
- One to three hours between sessions to work with other course participants to develop a policy proposal that supports housing affordable to all community members. Participants will be invited to a monthly forum to share progress on their policy proposals and seek feedback from faculty and their peers.

Participants must attend a minimum of 8 of the 10 Academy sessions to earn a certificate of completion

Participants will also be invited to join the broader community for several virtual convenings covering federal and state policy, housing finance, and the legislative and funding landscape.



#### SOLUTIONS DESIGNED FOR SCALE



#### **People**

Leaders and community members from different sectors, roles, and perspectives come together to learn and work collaboratively to ensure housing for all. Each cohort will be comprised of working groups of 4-6 individuals from a jurisdiction who are encouraged to apply jointly to participate in HPLA, forming a core coalition to guide policy change in their communities.

#### Process



The HPLA team and its partners provide an inclusive, structured learning environment that fosters a shared understanding of issues and solutions, as well as opportunities to apply that knowledge to real world situations.

#### Results



Local leaders and community members are equipped with the tools and resources to successfully explain and influence the adoption of equitable, sustainable housing policies at the local, regional, state, and national levels.



### WHO SHOULD APPLY

Each cohort of 40 people will be comprised of working groups of 4-6 people from a jurisdiction who represent diverse stakeholder perspectives and are committed to working together to build local support for prohousing policies. Participants will be recruited from, but not limited to, the following stakeholders:

- Elected officials
- City and county housing, planning, and community and economic development staff
- Housing developers (building market rate, workforce, and affordable products for both rental and homeownership)
- Planning commissioners
- Housing and tenant rights advocates
- Education, healthcare, and social services professionals
- Transit, climate and environment, and parks advocates
- Labor organizations
- Employers and anchor institutions

Individuals who apply to the Academy are encouraged to refer other community members in their personal or professional networks to apply and form a working group to develop a housing policy proposal for their community.

Working groups anchored by an elected official committed to prohousing policies will be given preference in the application process. Organizers will review all applications received by the deadline to ensure a diversity of perspectives and compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.





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### **HOW TO APPLY**

The HPLA team, in partnership with SCAG, are offering eight cohorts to cover each of the SCAG regions. Participation in each cohort is limited to 40 local leaders and community members representing different sectors of the housing ecosystem.

Applicants who jointly apply from a jurisdiction will be given preference in the selection process.

Applications can be completed online and are due by **January 10, 2022**.

#### Click here to apply.

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Notifications of acceptance will be issued no later than January 18, 2022.

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HPLA offers a unique opportunity to learn about the building blocks of housing policy while simultaneously hearing on-the-ground perspectives of how policies get implemented, how communities respond, and what changes we can make to improve the housing ecosystem.

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## **QUESTIONS**

For questions about the Housing Policy Leadership Academy, contact Jessica Ripper, HPLA Cohort Manager, at info@gpla.co.





## **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Go Human**

Active Transportation Safety & Encouragement Campaign and Kit of Parts



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## Southern California Association of Governments





### Go Human: Active Transportation Safety & Encouragement Campaign





Regional Advertising Campaign & Co-Branding

Temporary Safety
Demonstrations &
Programming

Safety Workshops, Webinars & Technical Assistance

### Go Human Kit of Parts: Purpose & Overview



- Provide a "Library" of pop-up demonstration materials
- To be used in conjunction with an existing event, such as a street fair, open streets, or engagement event
- Kit of Parts is intended only for a few days max and not intended to be installed without staff oversight during the entire duration of the demonstration
- Go Human is currently exploring how the Kit of Parts is to be used, within public health guidance.



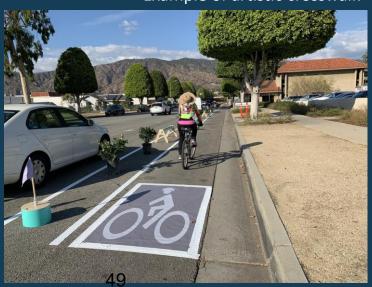
### **Kit of Parts**



- Current Kits (2) Available now
  - 1) Parklet
  - 2) Curb Extension
  - 3) Separated Bike Lane
  - 4) Artistic Crosswalk
  - 5) Median Refuge Island
- Goal to create 2 more kits ultimate goal is 1 Kit available per county for a SCAG-region wide lending library.



Example of artistic crosswalk



Example of separated bike lane



Example of curb extension



Example of parklet

### Go Human Kit of Parts - Signage



## The Kit of Parts also includes:

- Traffic markings, like sharrows and sharks teeth that can be affixed to the street alongside infrastructure
- Educational and directional signage materials
- Feedback survey tools to collect stakeholder input

#### I'M A PEDESTRIAN ISLAND

Some people also call me a PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISLAND. I reduce the amount of time that a pedestrian experiences walking in the intersection of a street. By being present, I can help pedestrians feel less exposed and unsafe in the intersection. Oftentimes, pedestrian islands have a crosswalk that 'cuts through' the middle of the island.









## Temporary Demonstration Resources – Kit of Parts: Protected Bike Lane





## Temporary Demonstration Resources – Kit of Parts: Artistic Crosswalk





## Temporary Demonstration Resources – Kit of Parts: Parklet





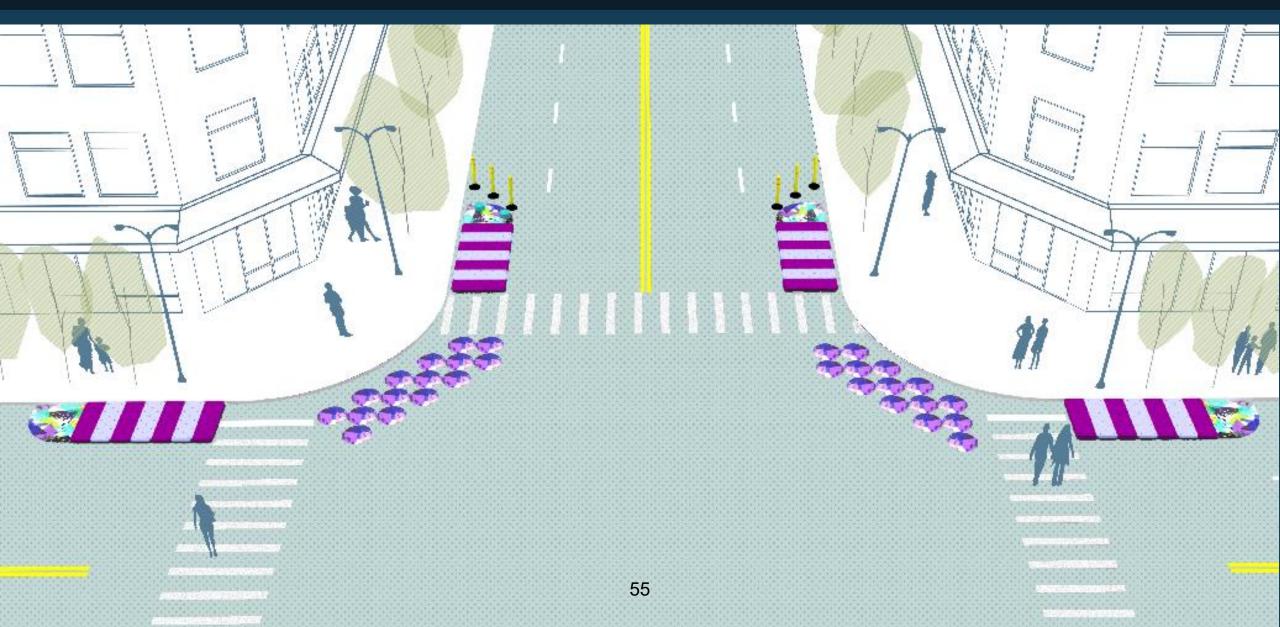
## Temporary Demonstration Resources – Kit of Parts: Median Refuge Island





## Safety Resources: Go Human Kit of Parts: Curb Extensions





### Go Human Co-Branding: Purpose & Overview



The co-branded materials are community informed, message tested and data informed safety messages, available in English and Spanish.

#### Ad types include:

- Lawn Signs
- Social Media / Digital
- Bus Ads
- Billboards
- Posters











### Thank you for being champions for safety in your city and region!







Materials developed with funding provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety.

#### California Department of Transportation





ICTC Commission December 2021 Date: To:

**GUSTAVO DALLARDA** From:

Caltrans District 11 Director

Subject: DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

#### **CONSTRUCTION**

1. **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 southern El Centro. Work will take place weekdays over regular and extended day shifts for the next two months. Westbound I-8/ Imperial Avenue ramps were reopened on November 4th. The bridge fence and El Centro City community identifier have been installed.







The contractor is continuing with the remaining work, the project is expected to open to traffic in late 2021/early 2022, with plant establishment/close out work continuing through 2023. https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-11/currentprojects/i8-imp-interchange

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. Construction for stage 1 of the SR-98 widening between Rockwood Avenue and Ollie Avenue is underway. Stage 2 is expected to start in March 2022. The project is expected

- to be substantially completed and open to traffic in late 2022. The total project cost is estimated at \$8.2 million.
- 3. **SR-111 Niland Geyser/Mud Pot**: The SR-111 Niland Geyser/Mud Pot is active. The caldera has moved and is now 15 feet from the SR-111 edge of travel way, another smaller caldera recently appeared a few feet to the east of the original and is being investigated. Water from the Mud Pot continues free-flowing through the subsurface drainage installed in 2019. The original temporary detour road was opened to traffic in August of 2020. Due to the Mud Pot's unpredictable change in direction, a revised detour was required. The revised detour was completed on April 30, 2021. The detour will remain in place as the mud pot moves beyond the original freeway. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ek1buV2HA68">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ek1buV2HA68</a>

#### PROJECT DELIVERY

 SR-186 All-American Canal Bridge: This project proposes to construct a new bridge over the All-American Canal (AAC). The new bridge will improve safety and better facilitate international and interregional movement of people, goods and services. A 2019 feasibility study proposed 8 alternatives including a no-build option. The following stakeholders have been identified, Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe, US BIA, US BOR, IID, International Boundary and Water Commission, County of Imperial, Union Pacific Railroad and US GSA. Project Milestones: Project Approval/Environmental Clearance 9/2023. The Anticipated funding fiscal year for construction is 2025/26.

#### MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

All Imperial County Crews – Litter control 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

1. El Centro Travelway Crew – Sweeping-I-8/SR111, mowing-SR115, lateral support SR111, brush control SR98/Calexico







2. Midway Travelway Crew – Sweeping/brush control/mowing on I-8

3. El Centro Functional/Landscape – Sign/landscape maintenance, chemical control SR86, striping installation orders for SR78/Orita Curve.







- 4. Brawley Travelway Crew SR86 brush control/crack sealing, SR78 brush control
- 5. SR-86/Customs & Border Protection Checkpoint Expansion: ICTC received confirmation from Customs & Border Protection (CBP) HQ that they will move forward with the original canopy design similar to the I-8 Pine Valley checkpoint. Caltrans has received the 65% plans for circulation from ICTC and their consultant, AECOM. The environmental studies are being prepared by AECOM and will soon be sent for review. Caltrans will assist ICTC in coordinating upcoming meetings.

An environmental document as well all other appropriate studies will be needed to finalize the project. A series of permits will be required for 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.

#### PLANNING AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE

- 1. District 11 Active Transportation Plan: The D11 CAT Plan survey period has ended. Caltrans will begin determining the location-based needs and compile a needs list over the next months. The District 11 CAT Plan is scheduled for completion in summer 2022. For more information please visit: https://www.catplan.org/district-11
- 2. Project Study Report: Forrester Road Improvements: This study will propose improvements to Forrester Road from I-8 to the SR 78 intersection in the City of Westmorland. This is a critical goods movement corridor that handles a high volume of interregional and local agricultural trucks and it's anticipated volumes will continue to increase. Caltrans and ICTC are preparing a PSR spearheaded by a Technical Working Group (TWG) that includes the County of Imperial, the Imperial Irrigation District (IID), and the cities of El Centro, Westmorland, Imperial, and Brawley. To address the needs of this corridor, likely improvements will include shoulder widening, passing lanes, intersection

improvements, multimodal elements, and a bypass to the city of Westmorland. Caltrans will provide an update at the December Commission meeting.

#### 3. Grant Opportunities:

<u>Caltrans Internal Project Nominations of SB1 Competitive Programs</u> for the Solutions for Congested Corridor Program (SCCP) and Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) Cycle 3 kicked off in September. Caltrans is working with our transportation partners to properly identify competitive projects for nomination and to develop high-quality applications. Each District may submit up to five (5) projects for nomination consideration for each Programs, respectively, by December 15, 2021.

Program dates (internal) to consider:

- September 2021 December 2021: Call for projects
- February 1: Project nominations due
- July 2022: Final project approval
- August 2022: Draft applications due from districts subject to change based on final program schedules
- October 2022: Final applications due to HQ (for signature) subject to change based on final program schedules

https://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1

#### Clean California Local Grant Program Workshop (online)

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will administer approximately \$296 million as part of a two-year program to improve and beautify rights-of-way, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to restore pride in public spaces. Applicants must be local, regional or tribal governments or public transit agencies. Nonprofit organizations may be subapplicants.

Call for projects has been announced with the application deadline of February 1, 2022.

#### https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grants

An online workshop is scheduled for Wed, 12/15/21 from 1:30-3:30. Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_iFvKLPOaTiypkalUJFnOqw

Recordings of prior workshops are available through links below.

Workshop #1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0sdjkfXza8c

Workshop #2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eP2Kv6R058c

Workshop #3 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cl5wKljKlCs

#### 4. Local Assistance:

Active Transportation Program Guidelines Virtual Workshop Series

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is hosting a series of Active Transportation Program (ATP) Guideline Development Workshops in preparation for projects to be awarded by 2023 (ATP Cycle 6).

Attached is a tentative schedule for these workshops

Updates appear on this webpage –

https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program

CTC Active Transportation Program Virtual Site Visits

The CTC's Active Transportation Program will be holding virtual site visits for all interested agencies across the state. The site visits will allow Cycle 6 applicants the opportunity to discuss upcoming projects with Commission staff. Commission staff will be available on Tuesday's (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm) and Friday's (9:00 am - 3:00 pm) each week beginning November 2021 through February 2022. To schedule a site visit with Commission staff, please use the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSeauLoijllB2cNM-Q0U6R7I6tui2IfURcTTNqxRhZ-\_g1JapQ/viewform

See attached flyer for more information.

Quality Assurance Program (QAP) – Renewal for 2022

As a reminder, Quality Assurance Program (QAP) approval expires in January 2022 for the City of Imperial. Updated QAP packages must be submitted to the Local Area Engineer, Benjamin Guerrero. Otherwise, no Construction funding authorization requests will be processed.

California Transportation Commission (CTC) Allocation Requests

Please review the attached schedule of deadlines to send requests for California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocation at the March 16-17 CTC meeting. Caltrans District 11 must receive all documents at least two months prior to the preferred CTC meeting date. Friday, January 15, 2022 is the deadline for the March 16-17, 2021 CTC meeting.

#### **RELINQUISHMENTS**

- 1. **SR-86** from SR-111 to Countryside Dr, West Ralph Rd to Calle Estrella, and east of Brandt Rd to SR-78. Relinquishment to County of Imperial, estimated completion 2026. (#11 on Status Map)
- 2. SR-86 from Countryside Rd to Treshill Rd. Relinquishment to City of El Centro, estimated completion 2026. (#12 on Status Map)





## CLEAN

LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP #4
DECEMBER 15, 2021
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

#### **REGISTER HERE**

Stakeholders are invited to participate in an online workshop on how to complete the application for the Clean California Local Grant Program.

Final guidelines and application documents are accessible <u>HERE</u>.

The Clean California Local Grant Program will provide communities approximately \$296 million to beautify and improve streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways and transit centers to restore pride in public spaces.

For more information on this program, click <u>HERE</u>.

Join our mailing list <u>HERE</u>

Questions? <u>CleanCA.LocalGrant@dot.ca.gov</u>



#### **California Transportation Commission**

## SAVE THE DATE

## 2023 Active Transportation Program Guideline Development Workshops

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming California Transportation Commission guideline development workshops for the Active Transportation Program (ATP). Registration information and workshop agenda/details will be posted in advance of each workshop on the <a href="ATP website">ATP website</a>. Until further notice, all workshops will be held via virtual meeting format. All workshop dates are subject to change. Additional workshops may be scheduled in 2022.

#### **Kick-Off Workshop**

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:30am - 12:30pm

Central Workshops				
Topic	Date			
<u>Guidelines</u>	Wednesday, November 17, 2021			
PSR Equivalent	1:00pm 4:00pm Wednesday, December 1, 2021			
Guidelines	1:00pm — 4:00pm Wednesday, December 15, 2021 9:30am — 12:30pm			
Guidelines	Tuesday, January 11, 2022 1:00pm – 4:00pm			
Applications	Wednesday, January 19, 2022 9:30am – 12:30pm			
Scoring Rubrics	Tuesday, February 8, 2022 1:00pm – 4:00pm			
Optional Workshop	Wednesday, February 23, 2022 9:30am – 12:30pm			

To schedule a virtual Branch Workshop or site visit, please contact Elika Changizi.

#### For more information, please contact:

Laurie Waters at <a href="mailto:Laurie.Waters@catc.ca.gov">Laurie Waters@catc.ca.gov</a>

Beverley Newman-Burckhard at <a href="mailto:Beverley.Newman-Burckhard@catc.ca.gov">Beverley.Newman-Burckhard@catc.ca.gov</a>

Elika Changizi at Elika.Changizi@catc.ca.gov

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#### **California Transportation Commission**

## Active Transportation Program Site Visit Registration

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When scheduling your site visit, please be sure to select 2-3 dates that work well for you and your team. If you have multiple projects you would like to discuss with Commission staff, please be sure to select ample time for your virtual site visit by selecting back-to-back slots **OR** separate time slots across multiple days. All dates listed in the online scheduling form reflect Commission staff's updated availability.

For any questions regarding the Cycle 6 site visits or the online scheduling form, please contact Elika Changizi at **Elika.Changizi@catc.ca.gov** or (916) 653-3159.

The Active Transportation Program	Team

Thank you,

## 2022 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 2021

2022 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 & CTC	10:00 AM HQ Divisions	5:00 PM Email to HQ Budgets	10:00AM Email to CTC Liaison	10:00 AM Email to CTC Liaison OCTCL Email: CTCLiaison@dot.ca.gov
Jan 26-27 - Sacramento	Mon, Nov 29, 21	Mon, Dec 6, 21	Fri, Dec 10, '21	Fri, Dec 17, '21	Fri, Dec 17, '21
Mar 16-17 - San Diego	Tue, Jan 18, 22	Mon, Jan 24, 22	Mon, Jan 31, '22	Wed, Feb 9, '22	Thu, Feb 10, '22
May 18-19 -Central Valley	Mon, Mar 21, 22	Mon, Mar 28, 22	Mon, Apr 4, '22	Wed, Apr 13, '22	Thu, Apr 14, '22
June 29-30 - Sacramento	Mon, May 2, 22	Mon, May 9, 22	Mon, May 16, '22	Wed, May 25, '22	Thu, May 26, '22
Aug 17-18 - Bay Area	Mon, Jun 20, 22	Mon, Jun 27, 22	Tue, Jul 5, '22	Wed, Jul 13, '22	Thu, Jul 14, '22
Oct 12-13 - Santa Barbara	Mon, Aug 15, 22	Mon, Aug 22, 22	Mon, Aug 29, '22	Wed, Sep 7, '22	Thu, Sep 8, '22
Dec 7-8 - Riverside	Mon, Oct 10, 22	Mon, Oct 17, 22	Mon, Oct 24, '22	Wed, Nov 2, '22	Thu, Nov 3, '22

<sup>\*</sup> No Scheduled Meeting in: February, April, July, September and November

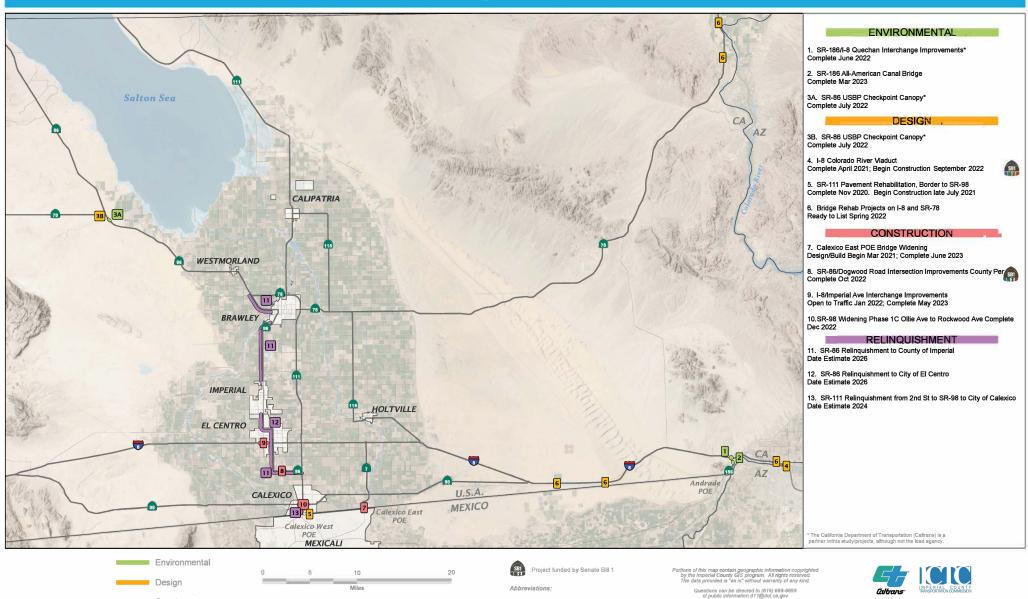
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#### IMPERIAL COUNTY STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Construction

Relinquishment



POE: Port of Entry

GSA: General Services Administration

Date:09/21/2021

## VIII. INFORMATION CALENDAR

## A. FORRESTER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT STUDY REPORT (PSR)

PRESENTATION BY CALTRANS STAFF

## Forrester Rd Improvements

December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Items Discussed in This Presentation

Project Partners and Caltrans Involvement

**Project History** 

Need and Purpose

Traffic Data

**Proposed Improvements** 

**Project Costs** 



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### **Forrester Road**

**Project Limits**: I-8 to SR 86

Length: 19 miles

**Funding:** Up to \$610K for Planning Phase

**Initial Project :** Consider installing a 4-Lane Expressway and a Westmorland Bypass.

**Project Partners:** ICTC, Co of Imperial, Cities of El Centro, Imperial, Brawley, and Westmorland, IID



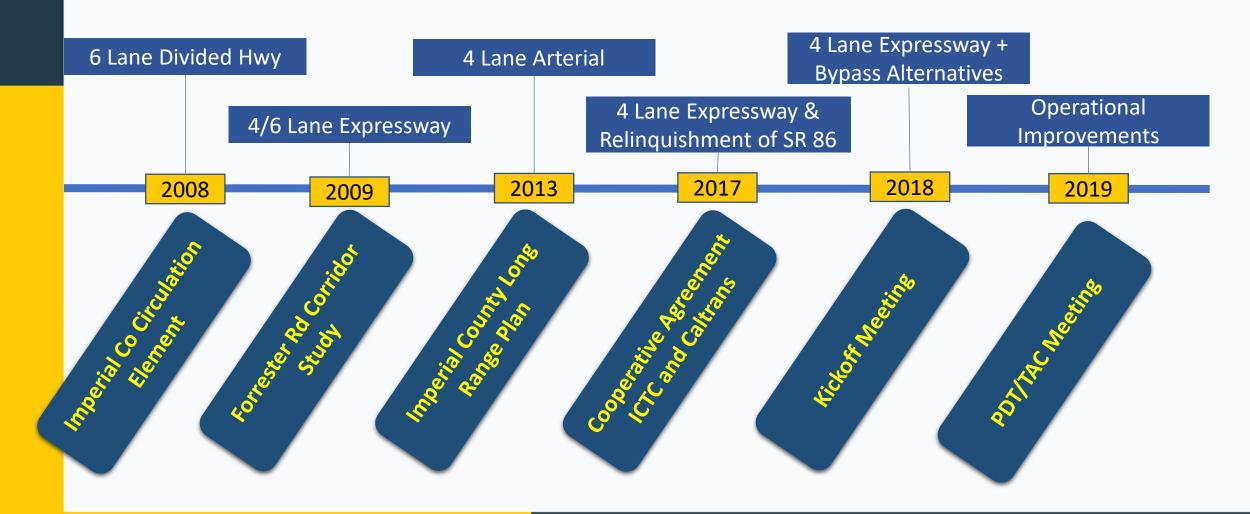






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## **Project History**



#### Project Need

Increased Traffic on SR 86 Impacting Communities

- SR 86 Serves as City Main Street
- Increases in Travel Times
- Pedestrian Comfort Intersections and Routes to School
- Noise and air pollution

#### Forrester Rd

- Road already used as a Bypass
- Some Operational Constraints Intersections & Passing Opportunities
- Need to accommodate agricultural equipment using roadway

#### Project Purpose

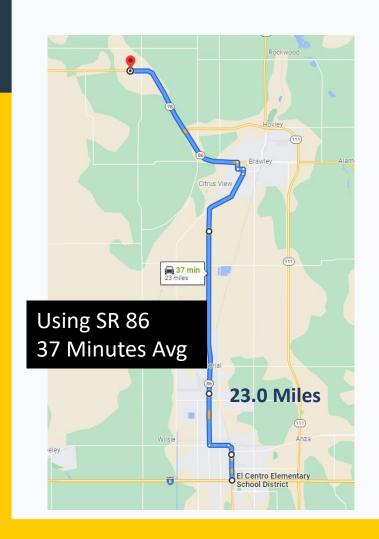
Entice SR 86 traffic to use Forrester Rd

- Create a safe and familiar type of facility
- Maximize existing facility by identifying and resolving bottlenecks
- Improvements should have a positive impact and enhance economic opportunities
- Ensure roadway investments are sustainable and anticipate climate change
- Work should be incorporated in an Equitable manner

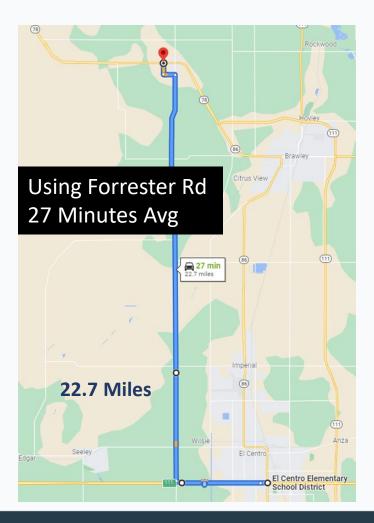
## Average Daily Traffic

Segment	ADT NB 2018	ADT SB 2018	ADT NB 2050-2%	ADT SB 2050-2%	Free Flow (ADT) Roadway Capacity Single Lane
1) I-8 to Worthington	5,000	5,500	9,200	9,400	7,000 to 15,000
2) Worthington to Keystone	4,400	4,500	8,400	8,800	< 15,000
3) Keystone to Cady	4,500	4,500	8,500	9,200	<15,000
4) Cady to SR 86	4,200	4,200	8,300	8,900	7,000 to 15,000
					Based on Highway Capacity Manual

## Typical Travel Times – Thursday PM







#### **Implementation Strategy**

Phased Approach

Temporary Bypass – City of Westmorland

Passing Lanes at New River

Intersection Improvements

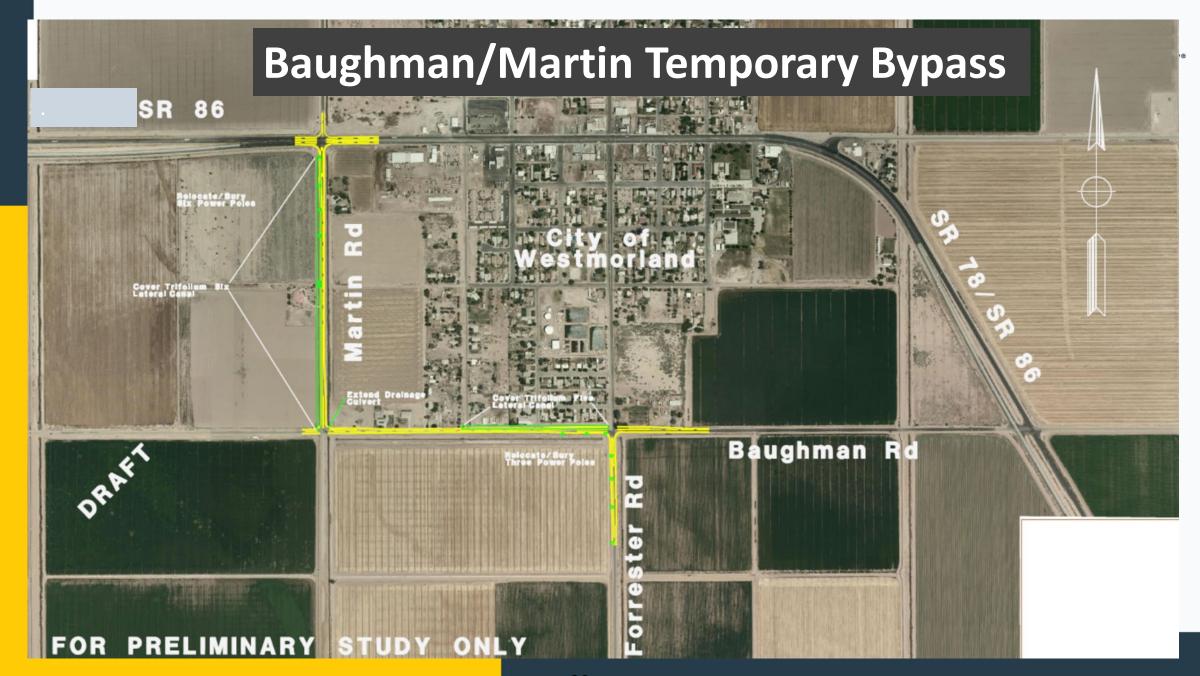
Widen Shoulders and Clear Recovery Zone

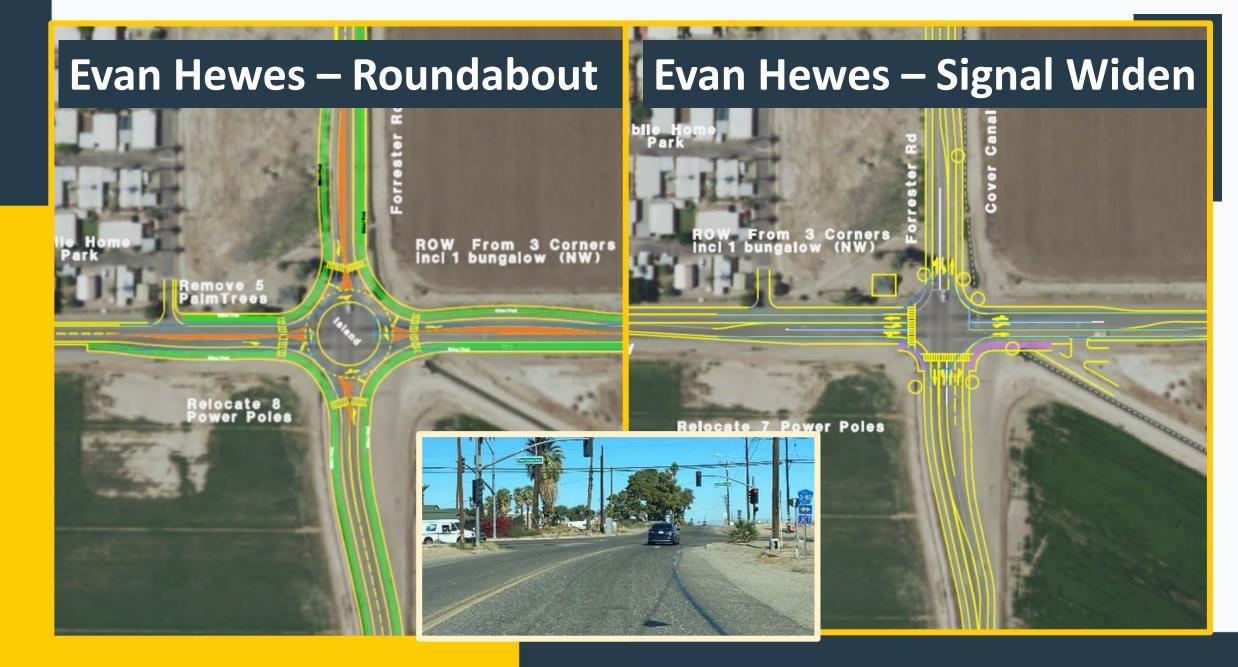
Permanent Bypass – City of Westmorland

Relinquishment of SR 86 to Local Agencies

## **Forrester Road Overview**

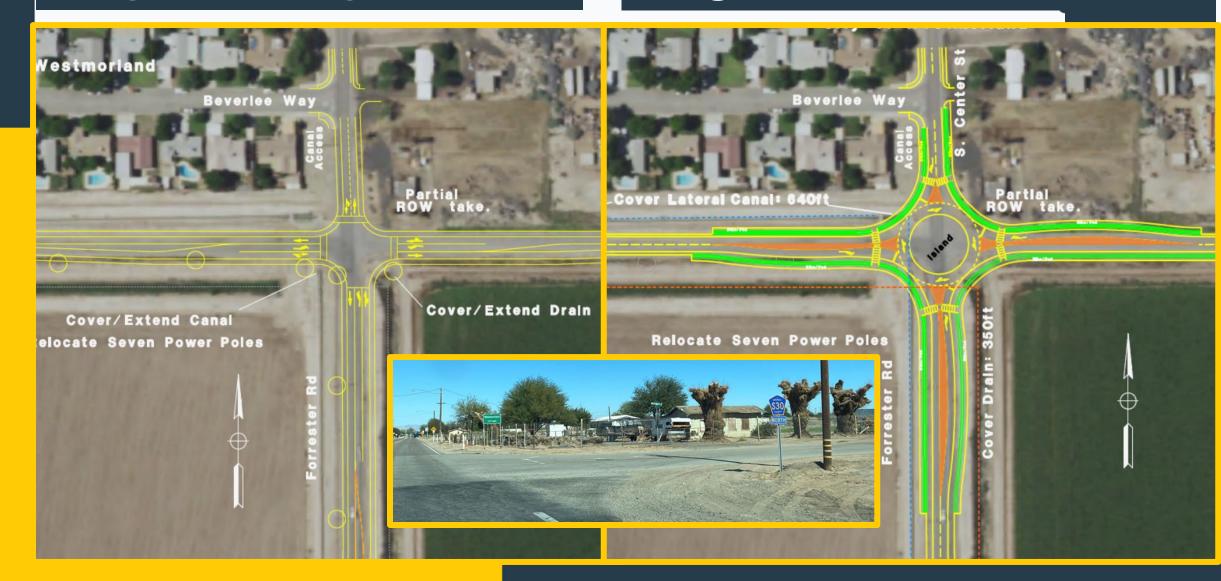






## Baughman – Signalization

## Baughman – Roundabout



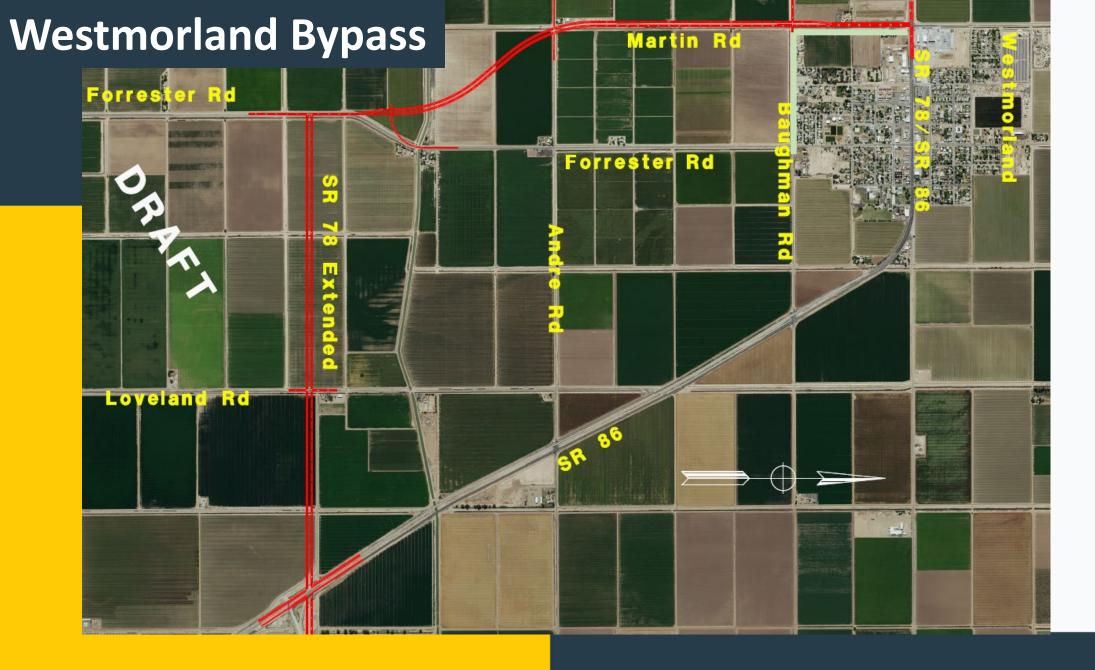
## **Shoulder Widening Issues**











### **Preliminary Cost Estimates**

Project	Total Project Cost (\$ millions)
Temp Westmorland Bypass	\$ 5 million to \$ 10 million
Passing Lanes (New River) NB & SB	\$ 13 m to \$ 20 m
Evan Hewes Improvements	\$ 5 m to \$ 10 m
Baughman Improvements	\$ 3 m to \$ 7 m
Shoulder Widening/CRZ (I-8 to Worthington)	\$ 20 m to \$ 25 m
Shoulder Widening/CRZ (Worthington to Keystone)	\$ 25 m to \$ 30 m
Shoulder Widening/CRZ (Keystone to Cady)	\$ 25 m to \$ 30 m
Shoulder Widening/CRZ (Cady to Baughman)	\$ 20 m to \$ 25 m
Westmorland Bypass (Extend SR 78)	\$ 40 m to \$ 60 m





# **Q&A**

**Roy Flores** 

Caltrans D11,

**System Planning** 

(619) 985-1953

Email: roy.flores@dot.ca.gov



# IX. ACTION CALENDAR - CONTINUED X YCLION CYTEMPYS - CONLINE

A. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5310 GRANT PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES 2022 ICTC GRANT APPLICATION



1503 N. IMPERIAL AVE., SUITE 104 EL CENTRO, CA 92243 PHONE: (760) 592-4494 FAX: (760) 592-4410

December 10, 2021

Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chairperson Imperial County Transportation Commission 1503 N. Imperial Avenue, Suite 104 El Centro, CA 92243

SUBJECT: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program for Elderly and

Disabled Transportation Services 2022 ICTC grant application

#### **Dear Commission Members:**

Caltrans administers a federal grant program primarily designed for non-profit agencies to acquire vehicles and other related equipment in support of social service and transit services. The program is designed for non-profit agencies that provide, or are capable of providing social services transportation. It is first competitive locally and then again on a statewide basis.

Caltrans has announced a call for projects for the 2022 FTA 5310 Grant program. Historically, the FTA 5310 program was limited to rolling stock bus purchases and replacements, however, the program is continuing to include funding for operation expenses and mobility management program functions.

It is staff's recommendation to continue our Regional Mobility Coordination program and submit a funding request for a third time, one (1) application for FTA 5310 funding. The applications are due to Caltrans approximately March 2022. The grant approval process is expected to be completed by Caltrans in the fall of 2022.

The funding is anticipated to cover the loaded cost of staff and activities to maintain the Regional Mobility Coordination Program.

The Regional Mobility Coordinator position and administrative staff proposed will be responsible to assist the implementation in the following programs:

1. Continue the implementation of the consultant prepared 2021 Human Services – Public Transit Coordinated Plan, which included to using a bilingual Mobility Coordinator to bridge the gap between current public transit service providers, human service agencies, social service agencies and the senior citizen and disabled communities of Imperial County.

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

- 2. Continue the implementation of the recommendations that the consultant prepared, 2014 ADA Certification and Eligibility Process, Demand Management Project. This includes the eligibility and certification process for the Americans with disabilities paratransit service known as IVT Access.
- 3. Continue to promote, facilitate, educate, and help streamline transition between transportation services particularly for seniors and people with disabilities including scheduling mobility training.

The ICTC Management Committee met on December 8, 2021 and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

- 1. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to submit an FTA 5310 2022 Grant, execute all required documents and any amendments with the California Department of Transportation for the continued funding of the Regional Mobility Coordination Program.
- 2. Authorize the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution
- 3. Direct staff to forward the FTA 5310 Grant Application and associated documentation to the California Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

David Aguirre

Interim Executive Director

DA/mg

#### RESOLUTION #\_\_\_\_OF THE IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (ICTC)

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ASSISTANCE AS AUTHORIZED BY 49 U.S.C. CHAPTER 53, TITLE 23 UNITED STATES CODE; UNDER FTA SECTION 5310, FOR USE WITHIN THE REGIONAL COUNTY-WIDE TRANSIT SYSTEM

**WHEREAS,** the U. S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital projects for non-urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 9070.1G**); and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5310 grants for transportation projects that enhance mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, ICTC desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit "mobility management" programs to integrate and coordinate existing public transportation services with other transportation providers in order to increase the availability of transportation services; and

**WHEREAS**, ICTC will ensure the programming of the FTA 5310 funds in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); and

WHEREAS, ICTC has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region (including social service agencies); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the ICTC does hereby authorize Executive Director or his designee, to file and execute applications on behalf of ICTC with the Department to aid in the financing of capital projects pursuant to Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9070.1G), as amended.

- 1. That Executive Director or his designee, is authorized to execute and file all certification of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other document required by the Department.
- 2. That Executive Director or his designee, is authorized to provide additional information as the Department may require in connection with the application for the Section 5310 projects.
- 3. That the Executive Director or his designee, is authorized to submit and approve request for reimbursement of funds from the Department for the Section 5310 project(s).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Imperial County Transportation Commission held on **December 16, 2021.** 

		By:	
		Chair	
	ATTEST:		
By:	CRISTI LERMA		
	Secretary to the Commission		