

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, February 24, 2022

TIME: **10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting at ICTC Offices

Chairperson: City of Brawley

Vice-Chair: City of Calipatria

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Introductions

1.

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2.	Action Item Adopt resolution authorizing remote teleconference meeting in accordance with Assembly Bill 361	ACTION
3.	Adoption of Minutes for February 3, 2022 Requesting a motion to adopt	ACTION
4.	Regional Data Platform & Local Data Exchange Presentation Presented by SCAG: Tom Vo & Kevin Kane, PhD Program Managers	20 minutes
5.	Housing Issues Senate Bill 9 Housing Development: Approvals and Senate Bill 10 Planning and Zoning: Housing development: density Presented by Jeorge Galvan, The Holt Group	10 minutes

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

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6.		Response and Relief Stroject Submittal Inform	upplemental Appropriations mation	INFORMATION ITEM
7.	-	ates/ Announcements by Caltrans Staff		10 minutes
8.	-	es Announcements by SCAG Staff		10 minutes
9.	Cities and Co All	unty Planning / Public	Works Updates	10 minutes
10.	ICTC Update	es / Announcements		10 minutes
	-	by ICTC Staff		
	1.	Transit Planning Upd	ates	
		1. Tran	sit Fares	
	2.	Transportation Planni	ng Updates	
		1. Prim	ary and Alternate TAC Contact list	st
		2. FFY	21/22 CMAQ and STBG Obligat	ion Status
		3. Long	g Range Transportation Plan (RLT	P)
		4. Activ	ve Transportation Plan (ATP)	
		5. LTA	2018 Bond	
11.	General Disc	ussion / New Business		10 minutes

12. Adjournment

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 24, 2022. For questions you may call Marlene Flores at (760) 592-4494 or contact by email at <u>marleneflores@Imperialctc.org</u>



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February 18, 2022

Technical Advisory Committee 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 Chair and Committee 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 Technical Advisory Committee 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 Technical Advisory Committee 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



COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

JANETTE ANGULO, M.P.A. Director

STEPHEN W. MUNDAY, M.D., M.P.H., M.S. Health Officer

Recommendation Regarding Continued Remote Public Meetings of Governmental Entities in Imperial County.

Issued: September 29, 2021

In light of the continued state of emergency related to COVID-19, the Imperial County Health Officer continues to recommend that public bodies meet remotely to the extent possible, specifically including use of newly enacted Assembly Bill 361 to maintain remote meetings under the Ralph M. Brown Act and similar laws.

Among other reasons, this recommendation is made due to the continued threat of COVID-19 to the community, the unique characteristics of public governmental meetings (such as the increased mixing associated with bringing together people from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to fully participate in public governmental meetings, and the challenges with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination and other safety recommendations at such meetings), and the continued increased safety protection that social distancing provides as one means by which to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

The Imperial County Health Officer will continue to evaluate this recommendation on an ongoing basis, and will communicate when there is no longer such a recommendation with respect to meetings for public bodies.

DocuSigned by: 4C586F2DAE5F458

Stephen Munday, M.D., MPH Health Officer

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

RESOLUTION NO._____

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 Imperial County Transportation Commission, County of Imperial, State of California, this ______day of _____ 2021, by the following roll call vote:

Chair of the TAC

ATTEST:

CRISTI LERMA Clerk



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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES

February 3, 2022

Present:

Abraham Campos Adriana Anguis Veronica Atondo Jesus Villegas Lili Falomir Jeorge Galvan Ramiro Barajas

Others:

David Aguirre Virginia Mendoza Marlene Flores Angela Delgadillo Andres Miramontes Angel Hernandez Felix De Leon **Christian Rodriguez** Juan Manuel Cabrera Phillip Ramirez Guillermo Sillas Ana Gutierrez Marco Coronel Lisa Tylenda Ismael Garcia Ben Guerrero Alexander Araiza Daniel Hernandez Jacob Leon

City of El Centro City of Holtville County of Imperial City of Imperial City of Calexico City of Calipatria City of Westmorland

ICTC ICTC ICTC ICTC City of El Centro City of El Centro City of El Centro City of El Centro City of Brawley City of Brawley City of Brawley City of Brawley City of Imperial City of Calexico County of Imperial Caltrans Caltrans Caltrans **KTUA**

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present, and introductions were made. There were no public comments made.
- **2.** Adopted resolution authorizing remote teleconference meeting in accordance with Assembly Bill 361. ICTC requested a motion to adopt. (Campos/Anguis). **Motion Carried.**

3. Rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair Positions

- A *motion* was made by Abraham Campos and seconded by Jesus Villegas to nominate the City of Brawley as the Chair for 2022, **Motion Carried.**
- A *motion* was made by Marco Coronel and seconded by Veronica Atondo to nominate the City of Calipatria (Jeorge Galvan) as the Vise-Chair for 2022. **Motion Carried.**
- 4. A *motion* was made to adopt the minutes for December 16, 2021 (Atondo/Campos) Motion Carried.

5. Regional Active Transportation Plan

(Presented by: Jacob Leon, KTUA)

- Jacob Leon from KTUA provided a presentation on the Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The ATP will assess community needs through site visits and community workshops and it will identify and prioritize active transportation projects.
- Mr. Leon points out how important it is to first analyze the existing conditions such as access points, destination, and physical constraints. By understanding the context, the consultants were able to pinpoint which cities have and do not have.
- Jacob also provided a very detailed overview on the Community Engagement and how it has a significant impact on the process. For instance, there was a website and surveys provided for the public. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) informed the team of outreach opportunities, stakeholder meetings were conducted, and fifteen community workshops were conducted through the ATP planning process.
- Eleven data collection workshops were held between July 16 and August 26, 2021.
- Four Project recommendations workshops were held between October 28 and November 6, 2021.
- Some factors being considered on how the projects were identified are the popular destinations, demographics, reported collisions, future projects, and stakeholder input.
- Mr. Leon explained how the following cities and communities needed a special focus with the planning effort based on lack of plan or a dated plan, City of Brawley, City of Westmorland, City of Holtville, Bombay Shores, Desert Shores, Palo Verde, and Salton Sea Beach.
- The final layer of this process is that the projects should be prioritized. It is a data-driven process consisting of cumulative scored derived from various criteria.
- Jacob Leon gave a brief description of the Regional Projects that were drafted and included two distinct types of maps. The first one being the pedestrian improvements. The second map demonstrates the existing bikeways and proposed bikeways.
- A *motion* was made to approve the adoption of the Imperial County Regional Active Transportation Plan. (Anguis/Ramirez) **Motion Carried.**

6. Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Resolution for Federal Fiscal Year 2022/2023-2027/2028 Federal Transportation

(Presented by: Virginia Mendoza)

- Virginia Mendoza provided a brief overview of the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and projects submitted on the 2023 FTIP along with a resolution letter stating the commitment to implement all listed projects in the FTIP.
- 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:

- A motion was made to Authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution that certifies funding has been identified for the projects in the FFY 2022/2023 2027/2028 FTIP and affirms our commitment to implement all projects in the program. (Atondo/Campos) Motion Carried.
- 7. Housing Issues Senate Bill 9 Housing Development: Approvals and Senate Bill 10 Planning and Zoning: housing development: density

(Presented by: Jeorge Galvan, The Holt Group)

- Jeorge Galvan explains the Senate Bill 9 and 10 and how both Bills provide opportunities for affordable housing. The Senate Bill 9 has been called the duplex law, which allows duplexes in single family zones. This changes things such as requiring a one parking space per unit. It also allows for subdivision existing single family residential lot.
- This means in terms for transportation and public works issues is that there will be higher density developments in residential zones.
- Mr. Galvan also explains the Senate Bill 10 which is an up zoning and transit rich areas. This leads to potential higher densities.
- Phillip Ramirez from the City of Brawley commented on how he has seen up to four homes in one lot and notices the difficulty and the issues of the small driveways and how that would lead them to park in the streets.
- Mr. Galvan discusses how he would like to know if there are any other potential issues there can be regarding the passage of this new law and what could be done to address those items.
- Abraham Campos from the City of El Centro comments how it is a discussion item with Management. The biggest issue being affordability. He explains that what they are trying to do is densify what they already have. He also comments how he has seen other agencies updating and revising their zoning ordinances to create a procedure of when and how to develop an add residences.
- Mr. Campos suggested to bring back this item for discussion in the following.

8. Caltrans Updates / Announcements (Presented by: Ben Guerrero):

- As of January 27, 2022 the INACTIVE and Future Inactive list was updated. Action is required by the County of Imperial, as well as these cities: Brawley, Calexico, El Centro, and Imperial.
- Notify Caltrans with any anticipated submittal date for a forthcoming inactive project invoice. FHWA now requires status updated quarterly.
- Obligation Authority (OA) funds for redistribution are dwindling faster than in prior years.
- Transmit all RFA details on *LAPM* Exhibit 3-A and use the newest version from January 2022- <u>https://forms.dot.ca.gov/v2Forms/servlet/FormRenderer?frmid=LAPM3A</u>
- As of January 10, 2022, the list of active project end dates was updated. To avoid expiration, action is required by the County of Imperial, as well as these cities: Calexico, Holtville, and Imperial.
- The Active Transportation Program Branch workshops focus on Program education, regionspecific and questions relating to the upcoming 2023 ATP Cycle. These workshops are specific to a county/region; therefore, are not mandatory for all stakeholders to participate. It is held on Monday, February 28, 2022 from 12:30pm-2:30pm.
- To participate via GoToMeeting, use the following link: <u>https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/717772317</u>
- 2022 Local Assistance Publication Updates:Caltrans has released updates to the 2022 Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) and the Local Assistance Program Guideline (LAPG). All changes appear in Local Programs Procedures (LPP).
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Update:
- Exhibit 9-F must accompany every invoice that involves payment to a DBE subcontractor.

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- <u>http://www.localassistanceblog.com/2021/10/06/annual-disadvantaged-business-enterprise-goal</u>
- Quality Assurance Program (QAP) approval expires in January 2022 for the City of Imperial.
- Subsidized Classes for Local Agencies are available to apply. Both the Federal Aid Series and Resident Engineers Academy courses fill-up quickly.
- Title VI Nondiscrimination Program:
- On February 16, 2021 Caltrans Division of Local Assistance delivered training for Local Public Agencies (LPA) to implement the federally mandated Title VI Program. This training provides the LPA with FHWA requirements of Title VI to incorporate nondiscrimination principles in all locally administered federal-funded programs, plans, and activities.
- Subsidized Classes for Local Agencies-New Learning Opportunities in 2022!
- Both the Federal Aid Series and Resident Engineers Academy courses fill-up quickly.

9. SCAG Updates / Announcements:

- No SCAG Updates were presented.

10. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

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

11. ICTC Updates / Announcements

(Presented by David Aguirre, Virginia Mendoza, and Marlene Flores)

a. Transit Planning Updates

- ICTC is still operating under COVID-19 requirements those which include Free fares for Transit riders including Med Trans. However, the Free Fare Program for all IVT Services will end March 31, 2022. These services will begin charging regular fares beginning April 1, 2022. The Calexico ITC Project is nearly complete and has been reviewed by the City of Calexico.

b. Transportation Planning Updates

1. COVID Relief Funds FY 2021-2022 (CRRSAA)

The CRRSAA funds distribution amounts should be approved by our Commission by February 23, 2022. After approval, the cities and county will need to submit to ICTC a letter stating what they plan to use the CRRSAA funds on. (Sample Letters attached to agenda packet.)

- 2. 2022 CMAQ and STBG Call for Projects 2022 CMAQ and STBG Project Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022.
- **3. FY 21/22 Federal and State Project Obligation Status** Marlene Flores went through the different cities to get an update on the Federal and State Project Obligations Status.

12. General Discussion / New Business

No New Business

Next TAC meeting will be February 24, 2022, via Zoom

13. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.



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February 18, 2022

ICTC Technical Advisory Committee Imperial County Transportation Commission 1503 N. Imperial Ave Suite 104 El Centro, CA 92243

SUBJECT: Project Submittal Request for the COVID Relief Funds FY 2021-22- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)

Dear Committee Members:

The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) was made aware of funding available under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Program. The Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act of 2021 apportioned \$911.8 million to California (COVID Relief Funds). Under the Act, the COVID Relief Funds may be used for a broad range of surface transportation purposes listed in Section 113(b) of Title 23 of the U.S. Code and are meant to "prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus." Specifically, the Act allows states to cover revenue losses, which is important given that California's state-generated transportation revenues have declined by about \$1.5 billion due to the pandemic. Approximately <u>\$842,000</u> is available for the Imperial County Region.

Upon CRRSAA fund distribution approval of ICTC Commission on February 23, 2022, all Technical Advisory Committee members eligible for the use of CRRSAA funds must submit a project using one of the sample letters attached and a copy of the application, also attached. Participating member agencies must submit a CRRSAA funds letter and application to Marlene Flores and Virginia Mendoza at <u>marleneflores@imperialctc.org</u> and <u>virginiamendoza@imperialctc.org</u> by 5:00pm Friday, March 11, 2022. The project funding amount shall not exceed the amount of the table below. If a TAC member agency does not intend to submit a project and chooses to forego the funding, the amount will be distributed to the remaining participating member agencies.

ICTC is responsible for submitting a list of eligible projects using CRRSAA funds to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). Upon receipt of all eligible projects, ICTC staff will submit a list of projects for CTC for approval by their May 2022.

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Upon CRRSAA fund distribution approval by the ICTC Commission on February 23, 2022, the following is the Distribution Plan for CRRSAA funds:

	2020 TOTAL	2020 MAINTAINED		FLAT		Dec-21		SUB TOTAL		TOTAL
JURISDICTION	POPULATION	MILEAGE	AL	LOCATION	ALI	LOCATION		ALLOCATION	A	LLOCATION
Brawley	27,175	87.47			\$	93,633	\$	93,633	\$	93,633
Calexico Calipatria	40,796	97.43	\$	50,000	\$	138,988	\$ \$	138,988 50,000	\$ \$	138,988 50,000
El Centro Holtville	44,841	136.51	\$	50,000	\$	154,138	\$ \$	154,138 50,000	\$ \$	154,138 50,000
Imperial	19,876	80.55			\$	69,255	\$	69,255	\$	69,255
Westmorland County of Imperial	35,331	2,572.15	\$	50,000	\$	236,168	\$ \$	50,000 236,168	\$ \$	50,000 236,168
Total	168,019	2,974.11	\$	150,000.00	\$	692,182	\$	842,182	\$	842,182

Flat Distribution for Jurisdictions with less than 10,000 population Plan Option #2

Option #2-Flat Distribution for Jurisdictions with less than 10,000 population Plan, with the caveat if any City or the County do not have projects to submit, their amount would be equally distributed to the other member agencies.

This is an information item and no action is required during the TAC meeting. However, project submittals must be submitted by TAC members to ICTC staff. Please submit a CRRSAA funds letter and application to Marlene Flores and Virginia Mendoza at <u>marleneflores@imperialctc.org</u> and <u>virginiamendoza@imperialctc.org</u> by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 11, 2022.

Sincerely,

Virginia Mendoza

VIRGINIA MENDOZA Program Manager

Letterhead

February 18, 2022

David Aguirre, Interim Executive Director Imperial County Transportation Commission 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite #104 El Centro CA 92243

SUBJECT: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSAA) Acts Funds

Dear Commission Members:

As agreed, the city of ______ portion of the CRRSAA Act Funds is \$50,000.

The city will use the 50,000 to fund personnel cost of our Public Works staff to maintain our public roads. We anticipate expending these funds in FY 22/23.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Signature

Letterhead

February 18, 2022

David Aguirre, Interim Executive Director Imperial County Transportation Commission 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite #104 El Centro CA 92243

SUBJECT: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSAA) Acts Funds

Dear Commission Members:

As agreed, the city of ______ portion of the CRRSAA Act Funds is \$50,000.

I am writing to identify the project and provide project details associated with the subject program requirements.

The Department of Public Works intends to utilize the \$50,000 in available funding to contribute toward our countywide paving program This program includes the resurfacing of County maintained roads throughout the County. This funding will allow us to pave miscellaneous road/contingency identified in the 2021-2024 paving schedule. Dependent upon when funds are available to local jurisdictions, we anticipate fully expending these funds in FY22/23.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Signature

Request for Funding Allocation (CRRSAA Projects)						
Date:		*PPNO: [
Agency:		*Federal Project Number:				
	Select from the drop-down list (a City or a County); Enter agency name if not a City or a County.	*Advantage Project ID:				
County:		*Leave blank if this is the first this project.	t allocation request for			
Caltrans District:	01					
Attention:						
Caltrans District 1 DL	<u>4E</u>					
1656 Union St. (955 P.O. Box 3700 Eureka, CA 95502-3						
Dear Caltrans Distri	t 1 DLAE:					

We request that Caltrans allocate funds for the local Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) project:

Project Name (as programmed by CTC - max 250 characters):

Project Description (be brief - max 250 characters):

1. Funding to be requested:

a. Allocation phase:

The funding allocation request is Phase specific, i.e. Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA&ED), Plans, Specifications & Estimate (PS&E), Right of Way (ROW), Construction (CON) or Other. Check the project phase(s) that have been allocated previously and those that this form is requesting.

Phase(s) previously allocated:	PA&ED	PS&E	ROW	CON	Other*
This request is for:	PA&ED	PS&E	ROW	CON	Other*

* Operations, personnel, debt service, payments for other revenue loss

b. Amount(s) to Be Requested - Enter the amount(s) of funds of this request and of the previous allocations:

Component	Previous	This Request	Total	
Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA&ED)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Plans, Specifications & Estimate (PS&E)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Right of Way (ROW)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Construction (CON)	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	

2. Type of funding requested:

Does the project have federal funds programmed or expended on any phase?

Yes - Project not eligible for state funds.

No - Project may be eligible for SOF.

Indicate type of funding being requested:

CRRSAA	CRRSAA - SOF*
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* See program requirements.

3. Requirements for Construction Allocation Request:

If this request is for Construction phase, the below requirements must be met.

a. Environmental Clearance:

The project must meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The local agency is the lead agency under CEQA for SOF projects.

CEQA Document Type:		Approval Date:	
The project must me	et the requirements for NEPA.		
NEPA Document:		Approval Date:	

b. Right of Way Clearance:

SOF projects: The local agency self-certifies the Right of Way clearance.

Date of R/W Clearance:	
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Caltrans approved R/W Certification required for CRRSAA funds. Attach R/W Certification to submittal.

c. PS&E Certification:

The local agency hereby certifies that the PS&E package is complete, accurate, unambiguous, and adequate for its purpose. Furthermore, the local agency certifies that the project scope of work for which this construction allocation is being requested is consistent with the scope of work identified in the original ePPR.

Date of the PS&E Certification:

Local Agency Certification:

This Request for Funding allocation has been prepared in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Local Assistance CRRSAA Guidelines. I certify that the information provided in the attached checklist is accurate and correct. I understand that if the required information has not been provided this form will be returned and the funding allocation may be delayed. Please advise us as soon as the fund allocation has been approved. You may direct any questions to:

Name:	Title:
Signature*:	Date:
Phone Number:	

* Please print and sign if the digital signature does not work for you.

Attachments:

1. Printout of the CTC approved project list (only the page that includes this project);

2. ePPR;

3. A detailed Engineer's Cost Estimate for construction items (for CON allocation request only).

Caltrans District Local Assistance Engineer Acceptance: I have reviewed the information submitted on the Request for Funding and agree it is complete and has been prepared in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Local Assistance CRRSAA Guidelines.								
Name:	Title:							
Signature:	Date:							
Phone Number:								



California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 11 DISTRICT LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER (DLAE) UPDATES Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) February 24, 2022

Contact: Ben Guerrero, Local Area Engineer Benjamin.Guerrero@dot.ca.gov or 619-985-1492 (cell)

Inactive Projects

Projects must be billed within the specified and agreed-upon timeframe to avoid de-obligation of funds.

As of **February 11, 2022**, the INACTIVE and Future Inactive list was updated. Action is required by the County of Imperial, as well as these cities: Brawley and Calexico.

February 7, 2022 was the deadline to submit Inactive invoices. District 11 must receive accurate and complete invoices to prevent de-obligation of federal funds! Verify on the "Inactive" link shown below for Inactive Project dates. Any agency that does not invoice before "Inactive" status must submit a justification on the spreadsheet available for download through this link –

https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/inact/justification-inactive-projects-blank-form-20210203-a11p.xlsx

Caltrans will communicate adverse actions, acceptance, or denial of project justifications by March 7, 2022.

A complete list of Inactive Projects - https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/inactive-projects

Note: An invoice is not cleared from either "Inactive" or "Future Inactive" lists until paid by the State Controller's Office. Provided local agencies adhere to the format described in Chapter 5 of the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM), invoices typically are paid by check within 60 days of receipt (or 50 days if paid through Electronic Funds Transfer).

Please notify Caltrans with any anticipated submittal date for a forthcoming inactive project invoice. FHWA now requires status updates quarterly. Email the Local Assistance Program Support Analyst, Alma Sanchez, at <u>Alma.Sanchez@dot.ca.gov</u>

January 31, 2022 – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 21/22 Requests for Authorization Obligations Due!

Funding Requests for Authorization (RFA) during this federal fiscal year were due by January 31, 2022.

Note the Obligation Authority (OA) funds for redistribution are dwindling faster than in prior years. Also, make sure that funds are programmed appropriately. Continue sending RFA packages as soon as possible.

Please transmit all RFA details on LAPM Exhibit 3-A and use the newest version from January 2022 –

https://forms.dot.ca.gov/v2Forms/servlet/FormRenderer?frmid=LAPM3A

Projects with Lapsing Project End Dates (PED)

Project phases must be complete or approved for time extensions during the specified and agreed-upon timeframe to avoid de-obligation of funds.

As of **February 1, 2022**, the list of active project end dates was updated. To avoid expiration, action is required by the County of Imperial, as well as these cities: Calexico, Holtville, and Imperial.

 $A \ complete \ PED \ list - \underline{https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/projects-with-expiring-end-dates}$

To initiate an extension or for further assistance, please contact the Local Area Engineer, Ben Guerrero.

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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 <u>ATP website</u>. 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 recording is online now at https://youtu.be/ZOL3FF1JF9c **Central Workshops** Topic Date Guidelines Wednesday, November 17, 2021 1:00pm 4:00pm recording online https://youtu.be/hnss0mzUNak PSR Equivalent Wednesday, December 1, 2021 1:00pm 4:00pm recording online https://youtu.be/DFzvj-mmRE8 Wednesday, December 15, 2021 Guidelines 9:30am – 12:30pm recording online https://youtu.be/tKYup-LKySg Tuesday, January 11, 2022 Guidelines 1:00pm 4:00pm recording online https://youtu.be/hIIPMX7k928 Wednesday, January 19, 2022 Applications 9:30am 12:30pm recording online https://youtu.be/HXfLGx8FYgY Tuesday, February 8, 2022 Scoring Rubrics 1:00pm 4:00pm recording online https://youtu.be/bgBK RgzWac Wednesday, February 23, 2022 **Optional Workshop** 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 <u>Laurie.Waters@catc.ca.gov</u> Beverley Newman-Burckhard at <u>Beverley.Newman-Burckhard@catc.ca.gov</u> Elika Changizi at <u>Elika.Changizi@catc.ca.gov</u>

Get the latest updates from the Commission on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

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

Moved - Christmas Moved - July 4

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California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 11 DISTRICT LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER (DLAE) UPDATES Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) February 24, 2022

Contact: Ben Guerrero, Local Area Engineer Benjamin.Guerrero@dot.ca.gov or 619-985-1492 (cell)

Preparation Schedule for California Transportation Commission (CTC) Allocation Requests

Please review the preceding schedule of deadlines to send allocation request packages for California Transportation Commission (CTC) approval during the May 18-19, 2022, CTC meeting.

When possible, do not wait to submit requests. Caltrans District 11 must receive all documents at least two months prior to the CTC meeting date.

Friday, March 18, 2022, is the final deadline (for that May 18-19, 2022 CTC meeting).

March 15, 2022 – Assembly Bill (AB) 1012 Cycle 22 Obligation Plan Due!

In Imperial County almost \$2 million from both the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) are subject to reprogramming on November 1, 2022.

Under provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 1012, Regions are required to obligate all federal funds within three years of receiving apportionments. Annual obligation plans are due to the District 11 Local Assistance Engineer by March 15, 2022. Please transmit at the earliest opportunity.

Details and other documents may be downloaded through this website -

https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/ab1012

For any questions, contact My (Amy) Chieng at my.chieng@dot.ca.gov

June 1, 2022 – Annual Deadline for *Local Assistance Procedures Manual* Exhibits 9-B & 9-C!

Reminder to submit a completed "Local Agency Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Annual Submittal Form" (Exhibit 9-B) and a "Local Agency Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Annual Certification Form" (Exhibit 9-C) *before June 1, 2022* for Federal Fiscal Year 22/23 (October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023) per *Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM)* Chapter 9, Sections 9.3 and 9.6.

Failure to submit the completed forms delays processing of Requests for Fund Authorization (E-76).

Link to the *Local Assistance Procedures Manual* – dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/guidelines-and-procedures/local-assistance-procedures-manual-lapm

Link to the *Local Assistance Procedures Manual* forms – <u>dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/forms/local-assistance-procedures-manual-forms</u>

Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) Requirement

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 11 (April or May 2022) will require a mandatory Local Roadway Safety Plan (or the equivalent) from any agency applying for HSIP project funds.

Details regarding this requirement are available through the following link – <u>dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/highway-safety-improvement-program/local-roadway-safety-plans</u>

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2022 Local Assistance Publication Updates

Caltrans has released updates to the 2022 *Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM)* and the *Local Assistance Program Guidelines (LAPG)*. All changes appear in Local Programs Procedures (LPP) 21-01 – <u>https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/lpp/lpp21-01.pdf</u>

The *LAPM* guides the scope, organization, design, construction, and maintenance of public transportation facilities when projects are funded with federal or State dollars. The *LAPM* describes the processes, procedures, documents, authorizations, approvals, and certifications required to receive federal-aid and/or State funds for many types of local transportation projects.

The *LAPG* provides local agencies with a complete description of the federal and State programs available for financing local public transportation-related facilities. Each program is discussed in detail by chapter and addresses such topics as: project eligibility, project selection process, funding levels, key decision makers, significant dates, relevant statutory references, and related publications.

Please email <u>DLAPublications@dot.ca.gov</u> with any questions.

Invoice Form Required (updated August 2020)

Please transmit all invoices on LAPM Exhibit 5-A (use the August 2020 version).

These following links have details and instructions -

https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/local-agency-invoice-process

https://forms.dot.ca.gov/v2Forms/servlet/FormRenderer?frmid=LAPM5A

With any questions, please contact either the assigned Local Area Engineer or the Local Assistance Program Support Analyst, Alma Sanchez, via email at <u>Alma.Sanchez@dot.ca.gov</u> or phone 619-987-0766.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Update

As a reminder, *Local Assistance Procedures Manual* (*LAPM*) Exhibit 9-F must accompany every invoice that involves payment to a DBE subcontractor.

Annual FFY Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal and Methodology Proposal information is online -

http://www.localassistanceblog.com/2021/10/06/annual-disadvantaged-business-enterprise-goal

<u>Subsidized Classes for Local Agencies – New Learning Opportunities in 2022! (mostly online)</u>

Schedule is available at the following link - <u>https://californialtap.org/index.cfm?pid=1077</u>

Both the Federal Aid Series and Resident Engineers Academy courses fill-up quickly. Please enroll early! Recordings of several trainings are online – https://californialtap.org/index.cfm?pid=1579

Send any questions to the California Local Technical Assistance Program Center: <u>californialtap@csus.edu</u>

The Active Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) offers customized training at no cost. The following link has more information $-\frac{\text{https://caatpresources.org/1502}}{\text{Cost.org/1502}}$. To request training, contact <u>ATRC@csus.edu</u>

For questions about additional training opportunities, please contact the District 11 Local Assistance Training Coordinator, Alma Sanchez, via email at <u>Alma.Sanchez@dot.ca.gov</u> or by phone 619-987-0766.



LOCAL ASSISTANCE TRAINING DAY

What is Training Day? Headquarters' Division of Local Assistance (DLA) in partnership with California Regional Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) will develop and provide policy, processes, and procedures to facilitate delivery of local assistance projects.

Who should attend? Engineers, planners, fund administrators, management analysts, and many others who focus on virtually every function involved in the local assistance process, from programming, monitoring, and accounting to project delivery, environmental clearance, construction oversight, and contracting.

Topics include: Overview of DLA, Invoicing, Forms Completion, Clean California Program, News & Training Resources, and much more!

Please reserve the date and time for this informative quarterly training event!

DATE: March 22, 2022 TIME: 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. LOCATION: Virtual

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

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Caltrans Division of Local Assistance Blog (LAB)

Caltrans Local Assistance Blog (LAB) clarifies and contributes to successful delivery of transportation projects using federal resources –

LocalAssistanceBlog.com

Title VI Nondiscrimination Program

On February 16, 2021, Caltrans Division of Local Assistance delivered training for Local Public Agencies (LPA) to implement the federally mandated Title VI program. This training provides the LPA with FHWA requirements of Title VI to incorporate nondiscrimination principles and provisions in all locally administered federal-funded programs, plans, and activities.

Additional Title VI resources and recordings of the training are available on this webpage –

https://californialtap.org/index.cfm?pid=1579

A reminder for local agencies to comply with all Title VI requirements. See *Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM)* Section 9.2, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and Related Statutes:

Title VI and the additional nondiscrimination requirements are applicable to all programs and activities administered by a recipient, in addition to programs receiving federal financial assistance, due to the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987. Nondiscrimination provisions apply to all programs and activities of federal-aid recipients, subrecipients, and contractors, regardless of tier (49 CFR part 21).

Effective September 17, 2020, all local agencies are required to insert the clause from Appendix E of the Title VI Assurance in each federal-aid contract. U.S. Department of Transportation Order No.1050.2 requires Appendix E, which is not included in Exhibit 4-C: Master Agreement – Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal-Aid Projects. All local agencies must include the provisions indicated in Appendices A – E of the Title VI Assurances in all federal-aid contracts between an agency and a contractor.

The requirements also include providing and maintaining the following, as detailed in *LAPM* Section 9.2: Title VI Nondiscrimination Statement, Assurances (as part of the Master Agreement and Program Supplement Agreement), Designation of a Title VI Coordinator, Complaint Procedures, Data Collection, Training, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) accessibility, Dissemination of Information, Contracts and Agreements, Environmental Justice, Public Hearings and Meetings, Right-of-Way activities, Construction Contract Compliance, Monitoring, and others.

Note that an agency is subject to Title VI program and compliance review at any time.

Link to guidance for Title VI complaints - dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/guidance-and-oversight/title-vi

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document linked below has further details related to the September 17, 2020, requirement to include Appendix E of the Title VI Assurances in federal-aid contracts and agreements -

 $\underline{local assistance blog. com/2020/10/29/frequently-asked-questions-faq-new-resource-for-appendix-e-of-the-title-vi-assurances}$



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SCAG HOSTS SECOND CONVENING OF REGIONAL ADVANCE MITIGATION PLANNING ADVISORY TASK GROUP

SCAG convened the second meeting of the Regional Advance Mitigation Planning Advisory Task Group (RAMP-ATG) on Friday, Jan. 28. The meeting covered research and a draft outline of the RAMP white paper, presentations on existing regional advance mitigation programs such as the Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program from the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan from the Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA), and a summary of feedback shared from interviews with county transportation commissions on SCAG's RAMP program.

The third meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 18, from 3 – 5 p.m. via Zoom with additional information on existing regional advance mitigation programs and initial recommendations on establishing a policy framework for advance mitigation. All meetings are open to the public and stakeholders are encouraged to submit public comment. Please visit <u>https://scag.</u> ca.gov/ramp-atg for more information.

SAVE THE DATE! 57TH REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

For the first time in three years, we will be convening in person for the <u>57th Regional Conference & General Assembly</u> on May 5–6 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, Calif. Mark your calendars to join Southern California's most influential leaders, innovators and policymakers for collaborative, solution-oriented discussions on fostering change and addressing challenges in our communities.

Registration, which will be free for elected officials and city managers in the region, will be opening soon — stay tuned! You can find the latest details on the event webpage at <u>scag.ca.gov/ga2022</u>. To learn more about opportunities for sponsorship of the event, contact Houston Laney at <u>laney@scag.ca.gov</u>.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS IN THE SCAG REGION

2022 STUDENT SHOWCASE

The <u>2022 Student Showcase</u> is a storymapping competition that challenges students to think innovatively and compete for cash prizes in two award categories: "Best in Show" and "Audience Awards." Student participants are invited to conceptualize, create, and submit planning themed ArcGIS StoryMaps using SCAG's open data. This is a meaningful way to tell a story or provide insight, showcase plans and projects, engage supporters and stakeholders, illustrate the possibilities of data, and highlight the usefulness of open data at the regional level.

Students are instructed to <u>submit abstracts of their projects</u> by Tuesday, Feb. 22, and if selected, SCAG will request an ArcGIS StoryMap to be submitted. In all, there will be a total of \$6,000 awarded.

2022 SCAG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now available for the 2022 SCAG Scholarship Program! The SCAG Scholarship Program offers a \$4,000 scholarship award for seven high school seniors or community college students from the SCAG region (and potentially two additional scholarship awards that are not tied to a specific county but may be awarded at the Regional Council's discretion) and the opportunity to meet with elected officials and practicing planners to learn more about careers in public service.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be a resident within the SCAG region, enrolled as a high school senior or



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community college student, have at least a 3.0 GPA and be eligible to work in the United States. Applicants must <u>complete</u> an <u>application form</u> and submit an essay, two letters of recommendation, and a current transcript. All materials must be submitted by Friday, April 1.

For more information on both opportunities, please visit scag.ca.gov/students.

LAST MILE FREIGHT PROGRAM UPDATE

The Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee approved \$6.75 million in Last Mile Freight Program Phase 1 contingency projects at their meeting on Jan. 20. These projects will be considered for approval at the SCAG Regional Council meeting on Feb. 4. With these actions, SCAG will now be implementing a total of \$16.75 million in near-zero and zero emissions medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and supporting infrastructure projects over the next few years throughout the six-county region. SCAG remains committed to working with key public and private partners to improve air quality benefits for local communities through the advancement of innovative technologies.

SUBREGIONAL PARTNERS LISTENING SESSIONS

SCAG hosted two listening sessions with subregional executive directors that allowed SCAG to learn more about subregional priorities and begin identifying potential opportunities for partnership, including those that would fall under the Regional Early Action Planning Grant of 2021 (REAP 2.0). The sessions also provided an opportunity for the subregions to learn from each other and to share best practices and ideas for new initiatives to implement Connect SoCal. SCAG is currently compiling feedback from the discussions to share during the February Subregional Executive Directors meeting.

JOINT MEETING WITH KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

SCAG elected and staff leadership joined members of the Kern Council of Governments for a meeting to discuss topics of mutual interest, areas of cooperation, transportation planning efforts, legislative advocacy, and other activities that impact both sides of their shared county lines. This meeting is part of SCAG's ongoing commitment to collaboration with neighboring regions.

GO HUMAN UPDATE

SCAG'S GO HUMAN CAMPAIGN RECEIVES CALTRANS EXCELLENCE IN TRANSPORTATION AWARD

SCAG's *Go Human* campaign was recognized by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) with an Excellence in Transportation award for the project "From Pop Up to Permanent: A Model for Community-Centered Public Engagement." The award recognizes SCAG's *Go Human* efforts across the region to foster champions for active transportation safety at the local level through a variety of strategies. One key strategy is the <u>Kit of Parts</u>, an engagement tool to temporarily demonstrate potential and planned street design treatments and safety infrastructure that encourage the use of streets as public space. A full list of winning projects, summaries, and photos can be accessed here: https://dot.ca.gov/programs/public-affairs/eit-awards.

SCAG'S GO HUMAN CAMPAIGN TEAMED UP WITH SUNLINE TRANSIT TO SHOWCASE SAFETY MESSAGING ACROSS COACHELLA VALLEY

Recognizing that every commuter is a pedestrian first, SCAG's *Go Human* campaign teamed up with SunLine Transit to showcase safety messaging in the Coachella Valley, running through May 2022. Displayed on three buses that are part of the hydrogen fuel cell fleet, the "SunLine x *Go Human*" bus wraps represent a collaboration between years-long efforts to promote zero-emission transportation and traffic safety messaging. Co-branded safety messaging materials are one of *Go Human*'s no-cost resources. Learn more about the collaboration in this <u>news article</u> and request safety advertisements on the <u>SCAG website</u>.

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LADOT DEMONSTRATION AT MAGNOLIA AVENUE ELEMENTARY SECURES FUNDING, INSTALLATION PLANNED

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), with support from SCAG's Go Human campaign, hosted a Safe Routes to School pop-up demonstration event on Walk to School Day/Clean Air Day on Oct. 6, 2021, at Magnolia Avenue Elementary School. The demonstration included temporary safety design improvements, including "School Streets" (closing the street adjacent to the school to vehicle traffic, creating a pedestrian plaza), improved safety valet, bulb outs, and other features alongside engaging programming activities, feedback opportunities, and air quality monitoring. The goal of the event was to serve as a trial and to solicit community input on street improvements. The Office of Council District 1 has directed CRA/LA bond proceeds to the implementation of this project, scheduled for installation in June 2022. A video of the project can be accessed here.

WTS-IE NAMES MUSCOY MOTHER & DAUGHTER DUO AND GO HUMAN CHAMPIONS RECIPIENTS OF THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

For the first time, a mother and daughter duo were awarded the Woman of the Year Award by the WTS-Inland Empire Chapter. Rosa and Angela Loera were recognized for their tremendous commitment to advancing transportation in the region. Their leadership was integral in securing a \$1.88 million infrastructure grant through the state's Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 for the Muscoy Area Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Improvements Project. In partnership with Majority Leader Eloise Gomez Reyes, the Sidewalks for Muscoy Coalition, Safe Routes Partnership, community members and numerous other partners, Rosa and Angela led essential community engagement efforts, rallying their community as they built temporary crosswalks, bus shelters, and curb extensions (in part with mini-grant funding from SCAG's Go Human campaign). Their efforts to conduct engagement and secure funding have and will continue to be transformative for the Inland Empire. As alumni of Go Human's Community Safety Ambassador Program, SCAG congratulates these champions.

SCAG HOSTS 'TOOLBOX TUESDAY' TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON EQUITY TOOL DEVELOPMENT

SCAG's Toolbox Tuesday trainings provide a range of practical skills and knowledge for local planners, including training in the use of computer-based tools and education in practical approaches to timely planning issues. On Jan. 25, more than 100 participants joined SCAG for a session on the process of how to use and develop equity tools for local jurisdictions. Speakers from SCAG and Metro discussed how equity tools are designed to integrate the explicit consideration of equity in decisions, including policies, practices, programs, and budgets. For more information, please access the recording of the training session and presentation materials on the SCAG website. Please register here for the next Toolbox Tuesday training on "SB 379 Compliance: Resources for Local Jurisdictions," which will take place on Feb. 15.

SUNLINE TRANSIT HYDROGEN FUEL CELL BUS WORKSHOP

On Jan. 20, I participated in a fuel cell bus workshop hosted by Sunline Transit, which highlighted their hydrogen fuel cell transit fleet and fueling facilities to elected officials, regional and state decision makers, and transit agency board members. The facilities tour and afternoon workshop will educate participants about the benefits of fuel cell electric buses as California and the region continues to collaborate on meeting the state's mandated greenhouse gas reduction targets through clean fleet deployment strategies. Sunline Transit took the opportunity to highlight the SCAG Go Humanwrapped "zero-emission" hydrogen fuel cell bus at their satellite liquid hydrogen fueling station in Indio as a part of the morning Tour. As part of the workshop, I provided opening remarks to kick of the workshop portion of the program and highlighted the partnership and ongoing efforts the region is making to meet the California Air Resources Board's clean fleet requirements.





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Memorandum

Re:	Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Report
From:	David Salgado, Regional Affairs Officer (RAO)
To:	ICTC Committee Meeting
Date:	February 23 rd , 2022

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 Committee meeting for the month of February 2022.

- 1. 2022 SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly May 4-6, 2022: On May 4-6, local leaders from throughout Southern California will convene for SCAG's 57th annual Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, CA. This three-day conference will bring together state and local elected officials, CEOs, business and civic leaders, transportation and environmental stakeholders, local government staff, and others.
- 2. SCAG President Imperial County Tour: SCAG President Clint Lorimore joined Regional Council members Cheryl Viegas-Walker and Luis Plancarte for a tour of several regionally significant projects underway in Imperial County. The tour began with an up-close look at the Calexico, U.S./Mexico land Ports of Entry border improvement projects that will improve the flow of goods and people, further supporting the region's ongoing economic recovery. The tour also allowed for an opportunity to see Imperial County's vital role as an agricultural leader in the state and nation, highlighting the county's vast agricultural area. The afternoon concluded with a visit to the Salton Sea area Geothermal Fields where investments in lithium extraction and further geothermal energy development will help the state continue to meet the future needs for clean, reliable energy.
- **3. 2022** SCAG Scholarship Program: Applications are now available for the 2022 SCAG Scholarship Program! The SCAG Scholarship Program offers a \$4,000 scholarship award for seven high school seniors or community college students from the SCAG region (and potentially two additional scholarship awards that are not tied to a specific county but may be awarded at the Regional Council's discretion) and the opportunity to meet with elected officials and practicing planners to learn more about careers in public service.



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4. SCAG Regional Council and Joint Policy Committee Meeting: SCAG held a Joint Policy Committee meeting to provide members with an update on the development of Connect SoCal 2024. The meeting included presentations by staff followed by a panel discussion with regional partners.

PRELIMINARY REGIONAL AND COUNTY GROWTH PROJECTIONS

Among the first steps in Connect SoCal 2024 is the development of growth projections for households, employment, and population in the region and six counties to the year 2050. With the help of an expert panel and consultants, staff developed a technical approach and high, medium and low growth scenarios for discussion. Fewer births, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and new data from Census 2020 all suggest that the region's future population growth will be much slower than previously expected. However, the strength of the region's economic base, innovation hubs, welcoming culture and encouraging signs about housing production indicate that growth to 2050 will be only slightly below the middle growth scenario titled "Slower Growth, Steady Improvement."

EMERGING ISSUES UPDATE

With the approval of Connect SoCal 2020, the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, SCAG outlined several data and trends that were impacted by COVID-19 including transportation funding, congestion and travel behavior, goods movement and supply chain demand, and housing production. In addition to the pandemic-influenced changes occurring within the region, SCAG also identified multiple emerging issues that would need to be more fully addressed in the next plan, Connect SoCal 2024, including equity, regional resilience and economic opportunity. Throughout 2022, staff will continue to work with partners and policymakers to address these trends and issues facing the region.

Continuing the discussion, Executive Director Kome Ajise moderated a panel discussion with Anne Mayer, Riverside County Transportation Commission; Darrell Johnson, Orange County Transportation Authority; Lynn von Koch-Liebert, California Strategic Growth Council; and Seleta Reynolds, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, to hear their perspectives on the recent trends and priorities for the upcoming plan. For more information on Connect SoCal, visit scag.ca.gov/connect-socal.



SCAG's Regional Council approved a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of the advance funding for the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program for 2021 (REAP 2021). SCAG staff will now apply for funding of up to 10 percent of the \$246 million available to SCAG to support outreach and engagement, early studies and partnerships for program development, expansion of existing Connect SoCal implementation programs, and development of a full program application.

5. 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.

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.

6. 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.
- 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.
- 7. 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.

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Brawley	IMP190702	Construct street improvements (paving of dirt road) along Western Avenue between Legion street and Wildcat Drive.	2019/20	CMAQ	\$ 177	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 177		0	0	0	2020/21	STBG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	s -	
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El Centro	IMP190704	Interconnect and synchronize existing interconnected signal lights along Dogwood Avenue and along 8th street to the City of El Centro's master computer.	2019/20	CMAQ	\$ 48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48	E-76 Obligated				2020/21	CMAQ		\$ -	\$ -	s -	
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Memorandum

Date:February18, 2022To:ICTC Committee MembersFrom:David Aguirre, Interim Executive DirectorRe:Executive Director's Report

The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Commission meeting on February 23, 2022

- 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 <u>http://www.imperialctc.org/call-for-projects/</u>. 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 <u>marleneflores@imperialctc.org</u>.
- 2) Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):. On January 20, 2022 the IMBA meeting was held via Zoom. The meeting discussions included updates of the New River rehabilitation project led by the City of Calexico, presentation was made by City Manager Miguel Figueroa. Other updates included border infrastructure and economic development updates. The next IMBA meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2022 via Zoom.
- 3) 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: https://ictcatp-ktuagis.hub.arcgis.com/

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 transportation safety and awareness have been online starting the last week of November 2021*.

The 6th 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 was held on Thursday, January 13, 2022 via Zoom. The final plan and presentations have been presented and recommended for approval to the ICTC TAC on February 3, 2022. The final plan is scheduled for approval to the ICTC Management Committee, and Commission in February 2022.

- 4) **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 is expected to be completed February 2022 and Right of Way Acquisition is underway. ICTC is exploring funding opportunities for the \$12.5 million needed for construction.*
- 5) 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 near completion. The project is estimated to begin construction in early 2022, and is scheduled for completion in 2023.*
- 6) **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.*
- 7) 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). Unfortunately, The Free Fares Program has nearly expended all grant funds. The Free Fares Program will end March 31, 2022. ICTC will begin charging fares for all services beginning April 1, 2022. ICTC will continue to pursue grant opportunities to provide free fares at a later time.
- 8) 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 Septermber 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 2022 with construction completed in approximately six months after construction begins.*

- 9) 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.*
- 10) **Funding for Phase II of the Calexico West Port of Entry**: As previously noted, Congress authorized \$98 million for Phase 1. The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) began construction for Phase 1 in December 2015 with completion now scheduled for July 2018. Phase 2A was awarded in the amount of \$191million and will include six additional northbound privately-owned vehicle (POV) inspection lanes, permanent southbound POV inspection, expanded secondary inspection and adding a pre-primary canopy, new administration building, and employee parking structure. *Funding for phase 2B is in the President's Budget Proposal in the amount of \$99.7million. Work for phase 2B will include demolition of the old port building and construction of the new pedestrian building. The total estimated cost for phases 2A plus 2B are \$276million. According to GSA Phase 2A is anticipated to be completed Spring 2023.*
- 11) **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.*
- 12) **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.*
- 13) State Legislation for Transportation Funding SB 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA): The following are projected annual revenues of RMRA for the FY 21/22. In addition to the funding estimates of RMRA funds listed below, the League of California Cities website and the State Controllers office

provides additional resources on the various transportation funding and reporting requirements associated with transportation funds.

The League of California Cities website provides an overview update of available city and county estimated allocations of roadway funding such as RMRA and Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA). The following is a link to the League of California Cities website <u>https://www.calcities.org/detail-pages/news/2021/01/27/cal-cities-and-csac-release-huta-and-rmra-estimates-for-proposed-fy-2021-22-state-budget-29447</u>

The following is the projected annual revenues for FY 2021/2022. All funding recipients are required to submit their list of projects in order to be eligible for funding distribution. The following link is the frequently asked questions resource for (SB1) RMRA <u>https://sco.ca.gov/aud_road_maintenance_sb1.html</u>

Agency	<i>RMRA Estimated Amount</i> <i>FY 2021-2022</i>
Brawley	\$525,382
Calexico	\$785,624
Calipatria	\$148,015
El Centro	\$877,084
Holtville	\$122,158
Imperial	\$382,419
Westmorland	\$45,067
County of Imperial	\$9,324,428
TOTAL	\$12,210,177*

*Estimate source is from California City Finance website dated May 14, 2021 http://www.californiacityfinance.com/LSR2105.pdf

14) 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	gra	ming for F	(19/20	
Agency	Project Name	LPP Formulaic Funds	Local Match	т	lotal 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	Ś	1,046,000	2019-2020	5/16/2019
Imperial	Aten/Clark Road Improvements	\$ 154,000		\$	481,000	2019-2020	5/16/2019

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

The following is the link to the 2019 Local Partnership Program guidelines: <u>http://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/lpp/docs/062719+Amended_LPP%20Guidelines.pdf</u>

15) **Partnerships with IVEDC:**

- <u>Southern Border Broadband Consortium (SBBC)</u>: 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. As of February 17, 2022 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.
- <u>The Brawley Transit Corridor Brownfield Assessment:</u> 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. *As of February 17, 2022, there is a remaining grant balance of \$67,922. Of the \$67,922, \$63,717 is the remaining contract balance for SCS Engineers*.

16) Meetings attended on behalf of ICTC:

- January 26, 2022 Paratransit Coordination Committee Meeting (PCC) via zoom (attended by staff)
- January 26, 2022 Calexico East Port of Entry Meeting with Mexican Port Officials in Mexicali, MX
- January 26, 2022 ICTC Commission Meeting via zoom and in person
- January 27-28, 2022 CALCOG California Academy for Regional Leaders (CARL) Program via zoom attended by staff
- January 31, 2022 SCAG Regional Transit TAC
- February 2, 2022 ICTC Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Meeting (via zoom)
- February 3, 2022 ICTC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting via zoom
- February 3, 2022 Local Transportation Authority (LTA) Measure D Local Taxpayer Supervising Committee (LTSC) via zoom and in person
- February 8, 2022 Long Range Transportation Plan kick-off meeting via zoom (attended by staff)
- February 8, 2022 Imperial County Local Transportation Authority Series 2022 Working Group Call
- February 9, 2022 ICTC Management Committee Meeting via zoom
- February 9, 2022 California Intercity Bus Study Workshop
- February 9, 2022 AB 617 Community Air Protection Program Steering Committee Meeting via zoom (attended by staff)
- February 10, 2022 Long Range Transportation Plan Debrief Meetings via zoom (attended by staff)

- February 10-11, 2022 CALCOG California Academy for Regional Leaders (CARL) Program (via zoom) attended by staff
- February 11, 2022 Active Transportation Plan Debrief Meeting via zoom (attended by staff)
- February 11, 2022 Glamis/UPRR Crossing Feasibility Study follow up meeting via zoom
- February 15, 2022 SCAG: Legislative/Communications & Memberships Committee (LCMC) via zoom
- February 15, 2022 Self Help Counties Coalition CALSTA Secretary Konove meeting via zoom
- February 15, 2022 SR 78/Glamis Working Group Meeting via zoom
- February 15, 2022 SCAG & CTC Planning Directors Briefing via zoom
- February 15-16, 2022 FTA Region 9 Real Estate Workshop
- February 18, 2022 CTC / SCAG CEO's Meeting via zoom
- Various Weekly Reoccuring Calexico East POE Bridge Widening Project Meetings