

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, November 17, 2021

TIME: **10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

LOCATION : Zoom Meeting at ICTC Offices

Chairperson: City of El Centro

Vice-Chair: City of Brawley

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

1.	Introductions	
2.	Action Item Adopt resolution authorizing remote teleconference meeting in accordance with Assembly Bill 361	ACTION
3.	Adoption of Minutes for October 28, 2021 Requesting a motion to adopt	ACTION
4.	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Q&A Presented by: Caltrans HQ Staff	20 minutes
5.	Caltrans Updates/ Announcements Presented by Caltrans Staff	10 minutes

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6.	SCAG Updates Announcements Presented by SCAG Staff		10 minutes
7.	Cities and County Planning / Public Works All	Updates	10 minutes
8.	ICTC Updates / Announcements Presented by ICTC Staff a. Transit Planning Updates b. Transportation Planning Updates • FY 21/22 Federal and		10 minutes
9.	General Discussion / New Business		10 minutes
9.	Adjournment		

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 16, 2021. 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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November 12, 2021

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, Mark B

MARK BAZA 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._____

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

October 28, 2021

Present:

Guillermo Sillas	City of Brawley
Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Lili Falomir	City of Calexico
Joel Hamby	City of Westmorland
Jeorge Galvan	City of Calipatria
Frank Fiorenza	Imperial Irrigation District
<u>Others:</u>	ICTC
Virginia Mendoza	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Angela Delgadillo David Salgado Catherine Gutierrez	SCAG
Andres Miramontes	City of El Centro City of El Centro
Angel Hernandez	City of El Centro
Felix DeLeon	City of El Centro
Christian Rodriguez	City of El Centro
Andy Miramontes	City of El Centro
Andrea Montano	City of Brawley
Ana Gutierrez	City of Brawley
Marco Coronel	City of Imperial
Ismael Garcia	Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
Jose Castaneda	County of Imperial
Daniel Hernandez	Caltrans
Rafael Reyes Roberto Ruiz-Salas	Caltrans
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

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.

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA)

Available Funds for the Imperial Region: \$842,182

Guidance for the CRRSAA Program was issued by FHWA (HIP – CRRSAA) on February 24, 2021 and by the CTC under Resolution G-21-43 on May 12, 2021. The CRRSAA Program requires projects be programmed by the Commission via approval of a Project List, prior to obligation of funds. The Program allows for rural and small urbanized areas, with a population less than 200,000, to request State funds as an exchange. Projects from areas with a population of 200,000 or greater may request State Only Funds on a case-by-case basis. Projects funded with state-only funds are subject to Article 19 restrictions.

Eligible Project Types

- Projects that are eligible under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (new and existing)
- Routine maintenance/rehabilitation projects (new and existing)
- Projects funding operations
- Projects funding personnel including salaries of employees or contractors
- Debt service payments; availability payments and coverage for other revenue losses

Distribution Process?

- Formula based on population
- Convert to State Only Funds (SOF)- Can be use as a local match

Steps that have to occur to obtain CRRSAA funds:

- 1. Agencies need to submit a project listing to their District Local Assistance office. 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.
- 2. <u>Rural and small urban areas should identify all projects for which State funds are being</u> requested **no later than June 2022.** This allows the Department to develop an <u>expenditure plan for the swapped funds.</u>
- 3. Projects must appear on the FSTIP; process amendments as required. State Only Funds (SOF) projects do not have to be in the FSTIP.

Note: If CRRSAA funds are being utilized as matching funds, they must be converted to SOF.

COVID Relief Funds										
NON-S	TIP									
Region/County	CRRSAA Program									
MTC Region	s	34,593,076								
Alameda										
Contra Costa										
Marin										
Napa										
San Francisco										
San Mateo										
Santa Clara										
Solano										
Sonoma										
SACOG Region										
Sacramento	\$	6,873,287								
Placer	\$	1,632,588								
El Dorado	\$	729,695								
Sutter	\$	457,152								
Yolo	\$	972,557								
Yuba	\$	348,183								
TRPA (not inc in SACOG)	\$	702,869								
SCAG Region										
Los Angeles	\$	47,589,281								
San Bernardino	\$	9,960,528								
Riverside	\$	10,576,603								
Orange	\$	14,591,402								
Ventura	s	3,972,460								
Imperial	\$	842,182								

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA)

- 4. An electronic Project Programming Request (ePPR) will need to be submitted for each project regardless of funding i.e., Federal CRRSAA or State funds.
 - 1. For projects being augmented or having existing funds supplanted with CRRSAA funds, an updated ePPR will need to be submitted.
 - 2. All other projects will require a new ePPR be created.
- 5. For projects with CRRSAA SOF, the implementing agency needs to submit the allocation request.

For CRRSAA funded projects augmenting State Program projects (i.e., ATP, LPP, TCEP, SCCP or STIP), individual allocations will still be required per their Policy and Guidelines.

For all other CRRSAA Program projects, the implementing agency needs to submit the allocation form and an authorization request.

For more information, please go to: <u>https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/crrsaa</u>



California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 11 DISTRICT LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER (DLAE) UPDATE Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) November 17, 2021

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 **November 12, 2021**, the INACTIVE and Future Inactive list was updated. Action is required by the City of Brawley.

September 3, 2021 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. Agencies that did not invoice prior to September 30, 2021, 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

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

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 are 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.

Please transmit all RFA details on LAPM Exhibit 3-A and use the newest version from May 2021 –

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

November 18, 2021 – "Clean California" Local Grant Program *Application* Workshop (online)

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. Local, regional, or tribal governments, as well as public transit agencies, are eligible to apply. Nonprofit organizations may be sub-applicants.

The third online grant workshop will be 10 to noon Thursday, November 18, 2021 (see page 2).

Recordings of the first two fall 2021 local grant guidelines workshops are online -

https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grants/workshops-milestones

A call for projects is anticipated in December 2021 with the application deadline expected in February 2022. Please refer to this link for details –

https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grants Questions? <u>CleanCA.LocalGrant@dot.ca.gov</u>



CLEAN CALIFORNIA LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP #3 NOVEMBER 18, 2021 10 AM - 12 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. 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>.

A Draft Application is accessible <u>HERE</u>.

Register at: <u>https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-</u> <u>grants/workshops-milestones</u>

> Join our mailing list <u>HERE</u> Questions? <u>CleanCA.LocalGrant@dot.ca.gov</u>

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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										
PSR Equivalent	Wednesday, December 1, 2021 1:00pm – 4:00pm										
Guidelines	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 <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>

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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
			Moved - Christmas	Moved - Christmas	Moved - Christmas

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

Moved - Christmas Moved - July 4

Moved - Christmas



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 January 26-27, 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.

Wednesday, November 24, 2021, is the final deadline (for that January 26-27, 2022 CTC meeting).

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 Local Area Engineer, Ben Guererro, or the Local Assistance Program Support Analyst, Alma Sanchez, via email at <u>Alma.Sanchez@dot.ca.gov</u> or phone 619-987-0766.

<mark>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Update</mark>

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

Quality Assurance Program (QAP) – Renewal Required 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, Ben Guerrero. Otherwise, no *Construction* funding authorization requests will be processed.

Safe Harbor Indirect Cost Rate for A&E Consultant Contracts: Office Bulletin (OB) 21-06

All eligible A&E consultant firms may choose to use the "Safe Harbor Rate" rate on new A&E contracts for federal-aid contracts in the State of California.

Caltrans Division of Local Assistance Office Bulletin 21-06, issued September 8, 2021, has details online -

https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/ob/2021/ob21-06.pdf

Local Roadway Safety Plan Requirement for Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 11 (around April 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>

Further information is in the following Caltrans Division of Local Assistance Office Bulletin (OB) 21-07 https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/ob/2021/ob21-07.pdf

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California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 11 DISTRICT LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER (DLAE) UPDATE Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) November 17, 2021

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 -

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

<u> Subsidized Classes for Local Agencies – Many Now Online</u>

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

Both the Federal Aid Series and Resident Engineers Academy courses fill-up quickly. Please enroll early!

Recordings of several trainings are online – <u>https://californialtap.org/index.cfm?pid=1579</u>

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

The Active Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) offers customized training at no cost. The following link has more information – <u>https://caatpresources.org/1502</u>. 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.





Expires – Upon Issuance of LPP

New Location Hydraulic Studies Policy

I. BACKGROUND

According to Chapter 17 of the Caltrans Standard Environmental Reference (SER) anytime a project is within a base floodplain, the district must prepare a Location Hydraulic Study (LHS) and Summary Floodplain Encroachment Report (SFER) form. These forms and guidance are derived from the Caltrans Highway Design Manual (HDM) Chapter 800 which is ultimately derived from the federal regulation **23 CFR 650A Location and Hydraulic Design of Encroachments of Flood Plains**. The LHS and SFER forms have been identified as cumbersome for many districts and Local Public Agencies (LPAs) when required for low risk projects such as paving, striping, sign or camera installation, curb/gutter/sidewalks, and bicycle paths. Because of this, there is variability on how Caltrans Districts within Local Assistance clear these types of projects that are in a base floodplain.

II. POLICY

According to 23 CFR 650A "Action" shall mean any highway construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, or improvement undertaken with federal-aid highway funds or FHWA approval." Therefore, according to the CFR this law applies to all projects that fit under the definition of "Action" that are within a base flood plain. The regulations do not define an exception for FEMA's floodplains.

Under location hydraulic studies CFR 650.111: "Location studies shall include discussion of the following items, **commensurate with the significance of the risk** or environmental impact, for all alternatives containing encroachments and for those actions which would support base floodplain development" and under content of design studies CFR 650.117 "the detail of studies shall be **commensurate with the risk associated with the encroachment** and with other economic, engineering, social or environmental concerns."

The language in CFR 650.111 and 650.117 highlight where there is flexibility with what type of review is performed. Caltrans SER and HDM guidance is correct that this law applies to all projects regardless of size; however, the CFR does not require the level of detail for every project that the LHS and SFER forms provide. The HDM also recognizes this and mentions flexibility that can be applied when filling out the LHS form:

"Any reasonable adaptation of the technical information for 'Location Hydraulic Study' form, Figure 804.7A, may be utilized to document and summarize the findings of the 'Location Hydraulic Study' when the project is expected to be processed with a categorical exclusion ... Figure 804.7A is considered the suggested minimum hydraulic and engineering documentation for floodplain encroachments (bridge, culvert, channel change, slope protection, embankment, etc.). It is intended as a guide tool to help address the items listed in 23 CFR 650.111 and should be prepared jointly by the Project Engineer and Hydraulics Engineer. Since every location is unique, **some of the questions may not apply,** or additional considerations may need to be added."





III. PROCEDURE

The LPA should use the *Floodplain Encroachment Location Hydraulic Study (LHS) Memo-No Significant Encroachment* for low risk project types located within the floodplain: <u>https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/env/kelly-hobb-floodplains-clearance-memo.pdf</u>.

These are typically NEPA CE projects. The new guidance will not change/revise the existing LHS form but will allow low risk project types (i.e. installation or replacement of pavement, striping, signs, cameras, traffic signals, roundabouts, curb, gutter, bicycle facilities, pedestrian facilities, in-kind maintenance activities and other related project types) within the floodplain to be processed without the use of the LHS or SFER. If the federal-aid project falls under one of these project types, and clearly meets the definitions stated in the memo, no additional analysis pursuant to 23 CFR 650 Subpart A is necessary, and the memo will suffice for floodplain encroachment documentation under Subpart A to file. In addition, the signed PES will serve as documentation for the project file with reference to the LHS Memo.

District Planners should work closely with LPA staff when determining the commensurate level of floodplain encroachment documentation required for these project types. If projects <u>can not</u> meet the conditions of the memo, the standard Caltrans local assistance floodplain encroachment process must be followed.

IV. APPLICABILITY/IMPACTS

This Office Bulletin applies to all local assistance federal-aid projects 'off' the State Highway System. This policy is subject to annual review and recommendation of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) NEPA Delegation Audit Teams and Department NEPA Delegation Self-Assessment Review Teams.

Per the March 2, 2021 <u>NEPA PROCESS IMPROVEMENT TEAM: CATEGORICAL</u> <u>EXCLUSION CHECKLIST NOT REQUIRED Memo</u>, **Exhibit 6-E: Categorical Exclusion Checklist** is no longer required.

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Guadalupe (Lupe) V. Jiménez, Senior Environmental Planner November 1, 2021

Date

Approved:

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Kelly Hobbs, Chief Office of Environmental Compliance and Outreach November 1, 2021

Date

Attachments: Revised Exhibit 6B: Instructions for Completing the PES Form (dated 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 https://youtu.be/Zkalhg-UhCO.



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 communitybased 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.



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 <u>Citywide Parking</u> <u>Management Master Plan</u> 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;
 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.



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.





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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:	November 17 th , 2021

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 November 2021.

- 1. 12th Annual Southern California Economic Summit: From Inclusive Recovery to Inclusive Growth! Save the Date December 2nd, 2021. On Thursday, Dec. 2, SCAG will be hosting the 12th annual Southern California Economic Summit. Unfortunately, due to health and safety concerns regarding COVID-19 the summit will be held virtually again this year. This summit will come at a time when the regional economy is still recovering from a time of unprecedented crisis. Save the date to join civic and business leaders from across Southern California for this vital conversation on how we can further our economic recovery and build strength and resilience in a post-COVID world. The event will be free for elected officials and city managers in the region. Registration is now open!!
- 2. SCAG GO-Human: SCAG was awarded a \$1.25 million grant from the California State Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to fund ongoing work around regional active transportation safety. The Go Human program provides marketing and promotional materials which can be tailored to meet the needs of participating agencies. The *Go Human* campaign launched 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 September 30, 2022 which include:

- Local and regional communication campaigns and storytelling strategies, centering community narratives;
- Safe & 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; and
- Co-Branded Safety Advertisements, print and digital graphics provided at no cost to jurisdictions who have committed to the Go Human Safety Pledge.



3. 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.

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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.

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Imperial	IMP190301	2nd Street Rehabilitation & Reconstruction from Old SR- 86 to P Street.	2020/21	STBG	s -	\$ -	\$1,841	\$ 1,841	60% Design Plans- RFA will				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		\$-	\$ -	\$-	
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El Centro	IMP190710	Imperial Avenue Extension South - new roadway from I-8 to McCabe Road, Phase 2 includes 2 lanes on Imperial Avenue from Wake Avenue to Danenberg Drive; and 2 new lanes on Danenberg Drive from the westerly extension of Danenberg Drive towards Imperial Avenue.	2020/21	STBG	s -	\$ -	\$ 715	\$ 715	E-76 Obligated				2020/21	Agency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	
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Holtiville	IMP190705	Cedar Avenue sidewalk improvements from 4th street to 5th street.	2019/20	CMAQ	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17					2019/20	CMAQ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	s -	
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County	IMP170101	The project consist in providing improvements such as sidewalks, driveways, in-fill paving to accommodate a bike lane along Rio Vista Street from San Diego Avenue to Holt Avenue in the community of Seeley.	Prior	CMAQ	\$ 198	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 198		County	IMP190713	The project consist in providing improvements on Main Street such as widening of existing road to add bike lane, sidewalks, shoulder, curb and gutter from Highway 111 to Memphis Avenue in Niland	2020/21	CMAQ	\$ 107	\$ -	\$-	\$ 107	
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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.	2019/20	ATP	\$ 71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71	
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Memorandum

Date:November 4, 2021To:ICTC Committee MembersFrom:Mark Baza, Executive DirectorRe:Executive Director's Report

The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Management Committee on November 10, 2021.

- 1) **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 December 2021. ICTC is exploring funding opportunities for the \$12.5 million needed for construction.*
- 2) **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.*
- 3) **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. All regular service eligibility requirements and restrictions remain in effect.*
- 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: <u>https://ictcatp-ktuagis.hub.arcgis.com/</u>

The KTUA consultant team and ICTC staff recently completed a total of 10 Community Outreach Events during the month of July and August to receive input from the community:

- July: Brawley Public Library, El Centro Aquatic Center, and Sunbeam Lake
- August: Salton Sea Public Library, Calipatria Public Library, Holtville Public Library, City of Imperial Library and Movie Pool Event, Westmorland Pool Day, Calexico Public Library, Imperial Valley College Student Welcome Event.

To date we have received over 200 surveys, primarily from the outreach events. We are also encouraging the community to participate in the online survey that will be available until November 2021:

Survey link in English: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ictcatp</u> Survey link in Spanish: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ictcatp?lang=es</u>

The 5th Project Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021 to discuss the preliminary draft recommendations and promote upcoming public workshops. The ICTC and Consultant team have completed four (4) public workshops at:

- 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

ICTC staff has also 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.

- 5) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance Meeting:** The strategic planning meeting and last IMBA meeting of the year will be hybrid in-person and via Zoom at Cetys University in Mexicali on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 9:30 am.
- 6) **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 shortlived 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: <u>Senate Bill (SB) 619 (Laird D)</u>*
- 7) **\$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: <u>September 7 2021 Hearing Agenda Final.pdf (ca.gov)</u>

- 8) Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project: The Project proposes to widen the bridge over the All-American Canal at the U.S./Mexico border approximately 0.7 miles south of State Route (SR) 7. The project proposes to widen the existing structure by adding four-lanes: Two New Northbound Auto Lanes and Two New Northbound Commercial Vehicle Lanes. In May 2018, Caltrans and ICTC received \$3,000,000 from the California Transportation Commission and the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the project. In June 2018, Caltrans completed a Project Initiation Document (PID). In Fall of 2018, the PA/ED phase was initiated by Caltrans, technical studies for the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) document under Caltrans as the NEPA lead are in progress and is scheduled for completion in May 2020. In December 2018, was awarded \$20 million under the U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD discretionary grant program to complete the Design-Build construction phase. *ICTC staff completed the procurement process and award action was taken on March 24, 2021. Design phase is underway. ICTC has recently advertised a Request for Proposals for Construction Management services to provide engineering support on behalf of ICTC through design and construction. Proposals were due on May 21, 2021. After review and selection process, the ICTC Board approved the award to Jacobs company.*
- 9) 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 17th 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 Fall 2021 with construction completed in approximately six months after construction begins.*

10) 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 23rd 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 expected to open to traffic by the end of 2021 with project completion in 2022.*

- 11) **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 has begun on August 6, 2021.*
- 12) US Census 2020: The Imperial County Transportation Commission received a presentation from the U.S. Census Bureau regarding the <u>U.S. Census Bureau 2021 Imperial County Data Summit & Community data on July 14</u>, 2021 at the Management Committee meeting. It was announced that many cities had a double digit increase in response for Imperial Valley cities, with more than a 4% increase compared to 2010.

The Census Bureau held their first kickoff workshop on July 14, 2021, hosted by the Census Legacies table, the U.S. Census Bureau, and the center for Social Innovation at UC Riverside. The purpose of the workshop was to empower community members through a series of live demonstrations and training on how to easily access the U.S Census data and tools directly on their official websites. The event was also an opportunity to establish a partnership with local U.S Census Bureau representatives that can answer questions, provide resources, as well as hear community feedback and ideas. The next event with a total of five workshops is set to be on held on July 30, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. The goal is to promote Regional Equity, targeting the input of the youth department.

For more information, please contact Guadalupe Camacho at <u>Guadalupe.n.camacho@2020census.gov</u> or Karla Lopez del Rio at <u>KarlaLo@ucr.edu</u>. Further information of the reports that have been produced in partnership with local community partners and funders can be found on <u>https://socialinnovation.ucr.edu/state-inland-empire-series</u>. Copies of the Self Response rates comparison and Population Estimates are on our ICTC website at: <u>http://www.imperialctc.org/ictc-news-and-announcements/&/view/event/id/224/</u>

- 13) Imperial County Regional Climate Action Plan: After the kick-off meeting on June 28, 2019, ICTC established Project Management Procedures and Communication Protocols with the Consultant as well as reviewing the Scope of Work and Schedule. The consultant is working on the draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) and finalizing the inventory, forecasts, and targets; anticipating a Final Draft of the CAP by Mid-March, 2021. ICTC member agencies' will have the opportunity to review the Final Draft CAP with a goal of having comments back by March 31, 2021. As we move forward with public comments, ICTC will post the CAP on their website with the intent to get feedback and comments from the public. The Draft Regional CAP is posted in the ICTC website at http://www.imperialctc.org/regional-climate-action-plan/. The public review period took place April 6, 2021 to May 10, 2021. A final draft CAP has been presented to some city councils as an information item during the month of June 2021. The final draft Regional CAP was presented to the ICTC Technical Advisory Committee on May 27, 2021 and ICTC Management Committee on June 9, 2021; the Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association (IVVGA) on June 16, 2021; and the Imperial County Farm Bureau on June 17, 2021. The Regional CAP was presented to the ICTC Commission on June 23, 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 is making 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: <u>http://www.imperialctc.org/senate-bill-1/</u>

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.

Agency	RMRA Amount 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*

*Estimate source is from the California League of Cities dated May 15, 2020 http://californiacityfinance.com/LSR2005.pdf

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

A final report was completed in the fall of 2020. The report can be found at: <u>https://sandag.org/index.asp?classid=19&projectid=535&fuseaction=projects.detail</u>

19) 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	artnership 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
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									
Holtville	Orchard Road/Cedar 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>

20) Partnerships with IVEDC:

a) <u>Southern Border Broadband Consortium (SBBC)</u>: 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.