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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

**LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
1503 N. IMPERIAL AVE., SUITE 104
EL CENTRO, CA 92243
AND ZOOM MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022
6:00 PM**

CHAIR: ROSIE ARREOLA-FERNANDEZ

VICE CHAIR: MARIA NAVA-FROELICH

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. Adopt resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 Page 6

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

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

III. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session
- B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, Government Code (§ 54956.8)
Property: 225 Heffernan Avenue, Calexico, CA, Assessor's Parcel Number #058-482-003.
Agency negotiator: David Aguirre, ICTC. Negotiating parties: Deung Yong Jang, Property Owner.
Instructions to negotiator will concern price, terms of payment.
- C. Announcement of Closed Session Action(s)

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

IV. EMERGENCY ITEMS

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. ICTC Commission Minutes: March 23, 2022 Page 9-20
- B. Receive and File:
1. ICTC Management Committee Minutes: March 9, 2022
 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: March 24, 2022
 3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: March 2, 2022
- C. IMPERIAL VALLEY TRANSIT (IVT) – Fixed Route Transit Services Operating Agreement, Fiscal Year 2022-23 - Extension 1 Page 22
- The Management Committee met on April 13, 2022, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:
1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign extension #1 to the operating agreement with First Transit Inc. for the continued operation of Imperial Valley Transit, effective July 1, 2022:
 - a. IVT Fixed Route - For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the annual not to exceed subsidy is set at \$4,025,477.
 - b. IVT Blue and Green Lines - For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the annual not to exceed subsidy is set at \$646,136.
 - c. IVT Gold Line - For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the annual not to exceed subsidy is set at \$336,401.
- D. IVT ACCESS – ADA Paratransit Service Operating Agreement Fiscal Year 2022-23 – Extension 1 Page 27
- The Management Committee met on April 13, 2022, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:
1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign extension #1 to the operating agreement with First Transit Inc. for the continued operation of IVT ACCESS, effective July 1, 2022:
 - a. For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the annual not to exceed subsidy is set at \$1,555,164.
- E. IVT RIDE – Senior/Paratransit Dial-A-Ride Service Operating Agreement Fiscal Year 2022-23 – Extension 1 Page 32
- The Management Committee met on April 13, 2022, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:
1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign extension #1 to the operating agreement with First Transit Inc. for the continued operation of IVT RIDE, effective July 1, 2022:
 - a. For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the annual not to exceed subsidy is set at \$1,696,614.

- F. IVT MEDTRANS – Non-emergency Transportation to Medical Facilities in San Diego Service Operating Agreement Fiscal Year 2022-23 – Extension 1 Page 37

The Management Committee met on April 13, 2022, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign extension #1 to the operating agreement with First Transit Inc. for the continued operation of IVT METTRANS, effective July 1, 2022:
 - a. For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the annual not to exceed subsidy is set at \$550,076.

- G. Application for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Program Funds FY 2022 and FY 2023 Page 42

The Management Committee met on April 13, 2022, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution authorizing the Interim Executive Director to sign the FTA 5311 FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 grant application with all supporting documentation.
2. Direct staff to submit the application to Caltrans.

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

- A. ICTC Executive Director
 - Executive Director Report Page 45
- B. Southern California Association of Governments
 - See attached report Page 56
- C. California Department of Transportation – District 11
 - See attached report Page 59
- D. Commission / Committee Member Reports (if any)

VIII. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. 2022 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Programming Project List – FY 2022/2023 to FY 2024/2025 Page 68

The Management Committee met on April 13, 2022, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the 2022 CMAQ Programming Project List for FFY 2022/2023 to FFY 2024/2025; and
2. Direct staff to program projects in the next available Federal Transportation Improvement Program Formal Amendment.

- B. 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant Programming Project List – FY 2022/2023 to FY 2024/2025 Page 72

The Management Committee met on April 13, 2022, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the 2022 STBG Programming Project List for FFY 2022/2023 to FFY 2024/2025; and
2. Direct staff to program projects in the next available Federal Transportation Improvement Program Formal Amendment.

- C. ICTC Letters of support for Imperial County Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan Page 76

ICTC Staff forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign letters of support for the Imperial County Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan on behalf of ICTC

IX. MEETING DATE AND PLACE

- A. The next meeting of the **Imperial County Transportation Commission** will be held on **Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 2022**, at **6:00 p.m.**, at the ICTC Offices located at 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243 and remotely via Zoom Meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion to adjourn

II. ACTION CALENDAR

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 042722-2A

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 April 27, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

Agency	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Brawley				
Calexico				
Calipatria				
El Centro				
Holtville				
Imperial				
Westmorland				
County of Imperial				
County of Imperial				
Imperial Irrigation District				

ROSIE ARREOLA-FERNANDEZ
Chairperson

ATTEST:

CRISTI LERMA
Secretary to the Commission

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

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**IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2022
10:30 a.m.**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Brawley	Tyler Salcido
City of Calexico	Miguel Figueroa
City of Calipatria	Rom Medina
City of El Centro	Marcela Piedra
City of Holtville	Nick Wells
City of Imperial	Dennis Morita
County of Imperial	Absent
County of Imperial	Esperanza Colio-Warren
Imperial Irrigation District	Ismael Gomez
City of Westmorland	Absent
ICTC	David Aguirre

STAFF PRESENT: Virginia Mendoza, Cristi Lerma, Michelle Bastidas

OTHERS PRESENT: David Salgado: SCAG; Rafael Reyes, Hanh-Dung Khuu: Caltrans; Coley Delaney: The Pun Group

The following minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Imperial County Transportation Commission Management Committee and as listed on the agenda for the meeting held Wednesday, March 9, 2022, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Nick wells called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m., roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. ACTION CALENDAR

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

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

A motion was made by [Salcido](#) seconded by [Medina](#) to approve this item with a change to the resolution to include the City of Imperial; Roll call was taken:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Yes
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	Yes

County of Imperial Salorio	Absent
County of Imperial Warren	Yes
City of Westmorland	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

III. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were none.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by [Morita](#) seconded by [Colio-Warren](#) to approve the consent calendar as presented; Roll call was taken:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Yes
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Salorio	Absent
County of Imperial Warren	Yes
City of Westmorland	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. REPORTS

A. ICTC Executive Director

- Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:
 - o The State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint project will begin construction in the next few months with completion in late 2022.
 - o The Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center Project continues to be underway. Environmental phase has been completed. Design is expected to be completed in March 2022 and Right of Way Acquisition is underway. ICTC is exploring funding opportunities to complete the required construction efforts. The Calexico ITC site is located at 3rd Street between Rockwood and Heffernan.
 - o Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project is underway. The design portion of the project is ongoing. The project is estimated to begin construction in early 2022 and is scheduled for completion in 2023.
 - o Funding for Phase 2 of the Calexico West Port of Entry project was awarded in the amount of \$103.4 million. Work for phase 2B will include demolition of the old port building and construction of the new pedestrian building. The total estimated investment for the Calexico West POE improvements is \$416.2 million.
- Ms. Mendoza had the following updates:

- The STBG and CMAQ Call For applications were submitted on Friday, February 25th to ICTC staff. All agencies submitted except for the City of Westmorland and IID. A total of 10 STBG and 11 CMAQ applications were submitted. Funding requests exceeded the CMAQ and STBG amounts available for the three (3) fiscal years. Below is a summary of the program, total funding available, and the amount requested by all applicants.

Program	Total Amount Available	Amount Requested by All Applicants
CMAQ	\$5,222,306	\$9,136,697
STBG	\$7,706,117	\$16,640,508

- The next IMBA meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2022 via Zoom.
- The Imperial County Transportation Commission completed the Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) to improve access, mobility, and safety for non-motorized modes of travel, including walking, bicycling, and riding transit. The final plan was adopted by ICTC on February 23, 2022. The Plan and all supporting documents are available to all ICTC member agencies, and is also posted on the ICTC website at:
https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/documents/transportation-plans-and-studies/ICTC-ATP_Final-Document_2022.02.28_Reduced-Size.pdf
- ICTC staff completed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to prepare a full update of the Imperial County LRTP. Michael Baker International was the selected consultant. The goal of the LRTP is to provide the following:
 - Identify and promote the relationship between the transportation system to existing and future land use and community comprehensive plans and programs.
 - Provide guidance to promote the improvement of multi-modal transportation circulation of people and goods, using both motorized and non-motorized transportation modes, new technologies and infrastructure facilities.
 - Recommendations and guidance to provide a safe, efficient, accessible, socially equitable and cost-effective transportation system.
 - Ensure compliance with state and federal transportation planning regulations
 - Develop recommendations that ensure environmentally sustainable planning practices.
- ICTC Staff is working with the consultant team in finalizing the project implementation plan. The stakeholder list for the LRTP will be comprehensive and include local and regional partners with special attention to upcoming developments in Imperial County.

B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

- The 2022 SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly is scheduled for May 4-6, 2022. The Regional Conference and General Assembly will be held at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, CA. Agencies must appoint their delegates for them to be a voting member.
- 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 community college student, have at least a 3.0 GPA and be eligible to work in the United States. Applicants must complete an application form and submit an essay, two letters of recommendation, and a current transcript. All materials must be submitted by Friday, April 1. For more information visit www.scag.ca.gov/students.

- SCAG ToolBox Tuesday: Regional Data Platform & Local Data Exchange Process will take place on Tuesday, March 15th from 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- The SCAG Housing Policy Leadership Academy kickoff was in February.
- 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. One-on-one meetings will be set up with all agencies for the 2024 Connect SoCal.

C. Caltrans Department of Transportation – District 11

- Mr. Reyes had the following updates:
 - o The I-8/Imperial Avenue Interchange project was opened to traffic on December 21, 2021. The community identifier installation was completed on February 8th. The contractor will continue with plant establishment and close out activities through 2023.
 - o Progress has been made on Stage 1 of the SR-98 widening project, between Rockwood and Ollie Avenue. Stage 2 is expected to begin in April 2022. The project is estimated to be completed by late 2022.

D. Committee Member Reports

- There were no updates.

VII. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Transportation Development Act (TDA) and Program Fiscal Audits for FY 2020-21

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

1. Receive and file the Transportation Development Act and other program fiscal audits for the Imperial County Transportation Commission, for FY 2020-21.
2. Direct staff to transmit the fiscal audits to the State Controller's Office.

A motion was made by [Morita](#) seconded by [Colio-Warren](#) to approve Action A. Roll call was taken:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Yes
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Yes

City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Salorio	Absent
County of Imperial Warren	Yes
City of Westmorland	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Application for FY 2021-22 Funds

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

1. Authorize the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution.
2. Authorization for the Execution of the LCTOP Project application: Free Fare Program for eligible ICTC administered transit services.

A motion was made by [Salcido](#) seconded by [Figueroa](#). Roll call was taken:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Yes
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Salorio	Absent
County of Imperial Warren	Yes
City of Westmorland	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. The next meeting is scheduled for **April 13, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at the ICTC Offices and via Zoom Meeting.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.



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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

March 24, 2022

Present:

Phillip Ramirez	City of Brawley
Lisa Tylenda	City of Calexico
George Galvan	City of Calipatria
Andres Miramontes	City of El Centro
Francisco Barba	City of Holtville
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Ramiro Barajas	City of Westmorland

Others:

David Aguirre	ICTC
Virginia Mendoza	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Angela Delgadillo	ICTC
Angel Hernandez	City of El Centro
Felix De Leon	City of El Centro
Christian Rodriguez	City of El Centro
Livier Lau	City of Calexico
Andrea Montano	City of Brawley
Juan Manuel Cabrera	City of Brawley
Marco Coronel	City of Imperial
Othon Mora	City of Imperial
Ben Guerrero	Caltrans
Daniel Hernandez	Caltrans
Ryan Fallica	Caltrans
Rafael Reyes	Caltrans
David Salgado	SCAG

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. (Atondo/Villegas). **Motion Carried.**
3. A *motion* was made to adopt the minutes for February 24, 2022 (Atondo/Galvan) **Motion Carried.**
4. **2022 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Programming Project List FY 2022/2023 to FY 2024/2025**
(Presented by Virginia Mendoza & Marlene Flores)
 - 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:
 - Approve the 2022 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Programming Project List for FFY 2022/2023 to FFY 2024/2025 and
 - Direct staff to program projects in the next available Federal Transportation Improvement Program Formal Amendment.
 - Marlene Flores went over the revisions that needed to be made by the cities and the county for the CMAQ applications.
 - Programming Sheet was shared and is needed to be turned in by April 14, 2022 as well as an updated resolution, and any adjustments made on the application.
 - A *motion* was made to adopt the CMAQ Programming Project List FY 2022/2023 to FY 2024/2025. (Atondo/Ramirez)
5. **2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Programming Project List FY 2022/2023 to FY 2024/ 2025**
(Presented by: Virginia Mendoza & Marlene Flores)
 - 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
 - Approve the 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Programming Project List for FFY 2022/2023 to FFY 2024/2025 and
 - Direct staff to program projects in the next available Federal Transportation Improvement Program Formal Amendment
 - A *motion* was made to adopt the STBG Programming Project List FY 2022/2023 to FY 2024/2025. (Galvan/Atondo)
 - Programming Sheet was shared and is needed to be turned in by April 14, 2022 as well as an updated resolution, and any adjustments made on the application.
6. **Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6**
(Presented by: ICTC staff)
 - The Fact Sheet on the Active Transportation Program Cycle 6 was presented.
 - State Deadline: June 15, 2022 and must be turned in to the California Transportation Commission.
 - Make sure to provide a copy of your State ATP application to the ICTC staff.
 - The California Transportation Commission is pleased to announce the call for projects Active Transportation Program Cycle 6.
 - Guidelines were adopted and posted on March 16, 2022.
 - <https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/atp/2022/adopted-2023-active-transportation-program-guidelines-all.pdf>

- The recently completed Imperial County Active Transportation Plan is a good resource for the ATP Cycle 6. <https://www.imperialctc.org/projects/regional-active-transportation-plan>
- As well as the Go Human Kit of Parts. This is a good resource for the application process ATP Cycle 6. The Kit of Parts can be rented out and used as a resource.
- For more information, please contact David Salgado, salgado@scagca.gov, or Virginia Mendoza, virginiamendoza@imperialctc.org.

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

- As of March 8, 2022 the INACTIVE and Future Inactive list was updated. Action is required by the County of Imperial and the City of Brawley.
- February 7, 2022 was the deadline to submit Inactive invoices.
- Notify Caltrans with any anticipated submittal date for a forthcoming inactive project invoice.
- 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- <https://forms.dot.ca.gov/v2Forms/servlet/FormRenderer?frmId=LAPM3A>
- As of March 2, 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.
- 2023 Active Transportation Program Call for Projects: All applications are due by electronic submission by June 15, 2022.
- The Active Transportation Program Branch workshops focus on Program education, region-specific 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
- Emergency Relief Program Statewide Webinar: Districts 7,11,12: April 26th from 8am-3pm
- Please register by district and correlating date on the [California LTAP Center: Register for Trainings](#)
- April 29 is the final deadline for the CTC Allocation Requests.
- June 1, 2022 – Annual Deadline for Local Assistance Procedures Manual Exhibits 9-B & 9-C!
- Failure to submit the completed forms delays processing of Requests for Fund Authorization (E-76).
- 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.
- 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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- <http://www.localassistanceblog.com/2021/10/06/annual-disadvantaged-business-enterprise-goal>
- 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.
- March 15,2022- Assembly Bill 1012 Cycle 22 Obligation Plan- Past Due!
- In Imperial County almost \$2 million from both the CMAQ and RSTP are subject to reprogramming on November 1,2022.
- Annual Obligation plans were due to the District 11 Local Assistance Engineer by March 15,2022.

8. SCAG Updates / Announcements:

(Presented by: David Salgado)

- 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
- Kit of Parts Fact Sheet was provided to all cities and the county.
- David Salgado mentioned if in the next meeting the Kit of Parts can be brought back as a discussion item.
- Go Human materials can be used. If interested please contact David Salgado, Salgado@scag.ca.gov

9. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

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

10. 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.
- Roadway Improvements that are being done in Brawley, causes some Transit delays.

b. Transportation Planning Updates

1. FY 21/22 Federal & State Project Obligation Status:

Each City and the County gave an update on their Obligation Status.

11. General Discussion / New Business

No New Business was discussed.

Next TAC meeting will be May 26, 2022, via Zoom at ICTC offices

12. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.



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SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

March 2, 2022

Present

Voting Attendees:

Ted Ceasar	Consumer
Sarah Enz	Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
Kathleen Lang	California Health & Wellness (CH&W)
Mitzi Perez	ARC-IV
Raul Cordova	Work Training Center (WTC)
Karen Teran	Access to Independence
James Dalske	Imperial Valley College (IVC)
David Aguirre	CTSA-ICTC
Maricela Galarza	CTSA-ICTC
Gustavo Gomez	CTSA-ICTC

Non-Voting Attendees:

Cesar Sanchez	IVT/IVTAccess/IVTRide/IVTMedtrans
Helio Sanchez	IVT
Jose Guillen	IVT MedTrans
Karla Pacheco	IVT Access
Liz Santucci	Caltrans

1. Dr. Lang called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. **A quorum was present.** Introductions were made.
 - Hybrid meeting.
2. SSTAC Remote Resolution.
 - Ms. Galarza explained the purpose of the implementation of the resolution. The resolution will be required for this meeting and future meetings until further notice.
 - SSTAC members reviewed the resolution and motioned to approve it as is. (Enz, Ceasar), **Motion Carried.**
 - Required signatures will be collected after the meeting.
3. Minutes were adopted for February 2, 2022. (Perez, Teran), **Motion Carried.**
4. CTSA Reports:

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- The free fares program is anticipated to end on March 31, 2022. Following the end of the free fare program, all services will charge the regular fare. ICTC is pursuing an additional grant to possibly cover additional free fares, but will not hear from the grant until the latest part of the year.
- In addition, ICTC is applying for other grants; 5310 for the Mobility Management Program and 5311 a formula grant for rural areas.
- The unmet transit needs survey is out and have time to get feedback. Ms. Galarza can provide more information on that. The UTN meeting will take place online. The hearing will be coordinated and members will be kept informed on the date and time.
- The proposed microtransit service is ongoing, and ICTC has signed the agreements to proceed with the new service in Calexico. The service is expected to be implemented by end of this year. This project is based on a zero-emission concept, therefore the vehicles used will be electric. The implementation of the service will require infrastructure improvements.
 - Ms. Enz stated that the AAA program will continue providing funding to offer free rides for seniors. Ms. Enz expressed her concern that seniors believe that free rides are ending for them. Ms. Enz shared that a new flyer should possibly be posted informing the seniors that free rides will continue through the AAA program.
 - Mr. Aguirre stated that informing all riders that free rides will end through the free fare program is the first step. Dispatch will still inform seniors that services to them will still be available. Staff will then post another flyer informing senior riders that they will receive free fares through the AAA program.

Mr. Gomez had the following updates:

- There were about 11 certifications for IVT Access.
- IVT Access and IVT Ride continue to be remotely conducted, but the public does have the option to come to the office to sign up for IVT Ride or pick up an application for IVT Access. There have been more walk-ins in our office.
- Staff is available to provide presentations, training, or provide any information to agencies.
- Staff presented to an agency that provides information to persons with disabilities, also in coordination with IVROP.

Ms. Galarza had the following updates:

- The presentation mentioned by Mr. Gomez was provided to a group of high school students with disabilities. These students are at a transitioning point of their senior year where they will need transportation to get where they need to be, to school, appointments, visiting, etc. Debbie Marshall, Council of Developmental Disabilities in San Diego, in collaboration with IVROP arranged this presentation to take place to provide available transportation in Imperial County.
- The UTN survey is still open until March 10th, currently have 32 surveys completed. The previous year there were a total of about 40 surveys completed. There are hopes that we can gather as much as last year or even surpass that total. More information on the UTN hearing will be provided to members as it becomes available.

5. Transit Operator Updates:

Imperial Valley Transit

Mr. H. Sanchez had the following updates;

- The service ridership is close to pre covid. It is expected to take a hit on ridership as the fares start to be charged again.

IVT Access

Ms. Pacheco had the following updates;

- Free fares will also end for this service, therefore will be charging its regular fare.
- IVC started this past month and a couple started to use the service to get to IVC.
 - Dr. Lang asked Mr. Dalske how many classes were back in session physically.
 - Mr. Dalske stated that 50 percent is back in person and that IVC purchased about 20 thousand bus tickets to continue a free ride to IVC students.

IVT Ride

Ms. Aguilar had the following updates;

- Not many changes from the previous month.
- In December, the Westshores nutrition center opened and the service began to transport individuals. There are currently 2 passengers using the service.

IVT MedTrans

Mr. Guillen had the following updates;

- There has not been a big increase in the service.
- Looking forward to going to San Diego with Mr. Gomez and seeing how things are going concerning medical facilities protocols. If waiting areas open up then it might help ridership.

6. General Discussion

- None.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m. ([Ceasar, Perez](#)), **Motion Carried.**
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at the Imperial County Transportation Commission Office, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

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- C. IMPERIAL VALLEY TRANSIT (IVT) – Fixed Route Transit Services Operating Agreement, Fiscal Year 2022-23 - Extension 1



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April 12, 2022

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SUBJECT: **IMPERIAL VALLEY TRANSIT (IVT)** – Fixed Route Transit Services
Operating Agreement, Fiscal Year 2022-23 - Extension 1

Dear Commission Members:

IVT is the public fixed route bus system operated by First Transit, Inc. The fixed route system includes 3 intracity circulators (Green Line, Blue Line and Gold Line) that are operated in the cities of El Centro and Brawley. The service operates in tandem with **IVT ACCESS** for persons with disabilities, with coordinated service schedules and services areas. There currently is an average of 60,000 passenger trips a month, Monday through Sunday. The services are provided by a fleet of 40 ft. and 22 ft. ramp or wheelchair lift equipped buses. The contract is for a three-year period with two additional one-year extensions for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24.

The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) would like to extend the agreement with First Transit, Inc. for the FY 2022-23. The fixed route service cost for FY 2022-23 is identified as \$4,849,972 with a maximum subsidy of \$4,025,477 and is outlined within the contents of the initial agreement dated July 24, 2019. The circulator's service cost for FY 2022-23 is identified as \$1,023,476 with a maximum subsidy of \$982,537 and is outlined within the contents of the initial agreement dated July 24, 2019. The service cost will include various offsets to the overall cost due to received fare revenues and other subsidies. All other elements of the existing agreement will remain in effect.

At the conclusion of the 5-year contract period, ICTC will be required to conduct a competitive bid for IVT for another multi year period.

First Transit, Inc. has been responsive to all the Commission's requests and continues to provide a high quality and valuable service to the community. This contract employs approximately 102 people who live and work in Imperial Valley with their families.

Funding for this service is derived from the State's Transportation Development ACT (TDA) Fund, the State Transit Assistance Fund, as well as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and will be included in the FY 2022-23 ICTC Overall Work Program and Budget.

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

The ICTC Management Committee met on April 13, 2022 and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign extension #1 to the operating agreement with First Transit Inc. for the continued operation of Imperial Valley Transit, effective July 1, 2022:
 - a. IVT Fixed Route - For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the annual not to exceed subsidy is set at \$4,025,477.
 - b. IVT Blue and Green Lines - For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the annual not to exceed subsidy is set at \$646,136.
 - c. IVT Gold Line - For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the annual not to exceed subsidy is set at \$336,401.

Sincerely,

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DAVID AGUIRRE
Interim Executive Director

FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

IVT FIXED ROUTE SERVICES

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES (“Amendment”), made and entered into effective _____, 2022, is by and between the **IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION** (“ICTC”) and **FIRST TRANSIT, INC.**, a Delaware corporation (“PROVIDER”) (individually, “Party;” collectively, “Parties”).

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, ICTC and PROVIDER entered into that certain Agreement for Services on July 24,, 2019 (“Agreement”), through Minute Order No. 6C, incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the performance of that Agreement the Parties became aware that additional services should be performed for the completion of said Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have identified the nature and cost of such additional work and wish to provide for the completion of the additional specialized work so identified; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.2 of the Agreement provides that ICTC may at its sole option and discretion, extend this Agreement up to two (2) times.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of their mutual covenants, ICTC and PROVIDER have and hereby agree to the following:

1. A paragraph 1.1 shall be supplemented to read as follows:
“1.1. This Agreement shall commence on August 1, 2019 and shall continue until June 30, 2023, and if the one (1) one (1) year extension option period is exercised pursuant to paragraph 1.2 herein, the Agreement shall continue until June 30, 2024.
2. A paragraph 1.2 shall be supplemented to read as follows:
“1.2 ICTC may, at its sole option and discretion, extend this Agreement up to one (1) time as follows:
1.2.1 From July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.”
4. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement are and will remain in full force and effect.

There are no other modifications, express or implied except as herein provided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Amendment on the day and year first above written.

**IMPERIAL COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

FIRST TRANSIT, INC.

By: DAVID AGUIRRE, Interim Executive Director
Imperial County Transportation Commission

By: BRADLEY A. THOMAS
President

ATTEST:

By: CRISTI LERMA
Secretary to the Authority

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VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

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D. IVT ACCESS – ADA Paratransit Service Operating Agreement Fiscal Year 2022-23 – Extension 1



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SUBJECT: **IVT ACCESS** – ADA Paratransit Service Operating Agreement
Fiscal Year 2022-23 – Extension 1

Dear Commission Members:

IVT ACCESS is the complementary public paratransit service bus system operated by First Transit, Inc. The ICTC administers and manages the demand response contract per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The service operates in tandem with **Imperial Valley Transit (IVT)**, yet is designed for persons with disabilities, with coordinated service schedules and services areas. There currently is an average of 1,000 passenger trips a month, Monday through Sunday. The services are provided by a fleet of twelve (12) 22 ft. wheelchair lift equipped cutaway style buses. The contract is for a three-year period with two additional one-year extensions for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24.

The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) would like to extend the agreement with First Transit, Inc. for the FY 2022-23. The ADA paratransit service cost for FY 2022-23 is identified as \$1,727,960 with a maximum subsidy of \$1,555,164 and is outlined within the contents of the initial agreement dated July 24, 2019. The service cost will include various offsets to the overall cost due to received fare revenues and other subsidies. All other elements of the existing agreement will remain in effect.

At the conclusion of the 5-year contract period, ICTC will be required to conduct a competitive bid for IVT ACCESS for another multi year period.

First Transit, Inc. has been responsive to all the Commission's requests and continues to provide a high quality and valuable service to the community. This contract employs approximately 102 people who live and work in Imperial Valley with their families.

Funding for this service is derived from the State's Transportation Development ACT (TDA) Fund, the State Transit Assistance Fund, as well as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and will be included in the FY 2022-23 ICTC Overall Work Program and Budget.

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

The ICTC Management Committee met on April 13, 2022 and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign extension #1 to the operating agreement with First Transit Inc. for the continued operation of IVT ACCESS, effective July 1, 2022:
 - a. For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the annual not to exceed subsidy is set at \$1,555,164.

Sincerely,

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DAVID AGUIRRE
Interim Executive Director

FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

IVT ACCESS PARATRANSIT SERVICES

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W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, ICTC and PROVIDER entered into that certain Agreement for Services on July 24,, 2019 (“Agreement”), through Minute Order No. 6D, incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the performance of that Agreement the Parties became aware that additional services should be performed for the completion of said Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have identified the nature and cost of such additional work and wish to provide for the completion of the additional specialized work so identified; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.2 of the Agreement provides that ICTC may at its sole option and discretion, extend this Agreement up to two (2) times; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of their mutual covenants, ICTC and PROVIDER have and hereby agree to the following:

1. A paragraph 1.1 shall be supplemented to read as follows:
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**IMPERIAL COUNTY
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- E. IVT RIDE – Senior/Paratransit Dial-A-Ride Service Operating Agreement Fiscal Year 2022-23 – Extension 1



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SUBJECT: **IVT RIDE** – Senior/Paratransit Dial-A-Ride Service Operating Agreement
Fiscal Year 2022-23 – Extension 1

Dear Commission Members:

IVT RIDE is the public senior/paratransit dial-a-ride service operated by First Transit, Inc. The ICTC administers and manages the demand response dial-a-ride contract. The service operates exclusively in the cities of Calexico, Heber, El Centro, Imperial, Brawley and Westshores. The service also operates in tandem with **Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) and IVT ACCESS**, yet is designed for seniors and persons with disabilities, with coordinated service schedules and services areas. There currently is an average of 2,100 passenger trips a month, Monday through Sunday. The services are provided by a fleet of sixteen (16) 22 ft. wheelchair lift and ramp equipped cutaway style buses. The contract is for a three-year period with two additional one-year extensions for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24.

The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) would like to extend the agreement with First Transit, Inc. for the FY 2022-23. The dial-a-ride/paratransit service cost for FY 2022-23 is identified as \$1,881,426 with a maximum subsidy of \$1,696,614 and is outlined within the contents of the initial agreement dated July 24, 2019. The service cost will include various offsets to the overall cost due to received fare revenues and other subsidies. All other elements of the existing agreement will remain in effect.

At the conclusion of the 5-year contract period, ICTC will be required to conduct a competitive bid for IVT RIDE for another multi year period.

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The ICTC Management Committee met on April 13, 2022 and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign extension #1 to the operating agreement with First Transit Inc. for the continued operation of IVT RIDE, effective July 1, 2022:
 - a. For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the annual not to exceed subsidy is set at \$1,696,614.

Sincerely,



DAVID AGUIRRE
Interim Executive Director

FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

IVT RIDE PARATRANSIT SERVICES

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ATTEST:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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- F. IVT MEDTRANS – Non-emergency Transportation to Medical Facilities in San Diego Service Operating Agreement Fiscal Year 2022-23 – Extension 1



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**SUBJECT: IVT MEDTRANS – Non-emergency Transportation to Medical Facilities in San Diego
Service Operating Agreement Fiscal Year 2022-23 – Extension 1**

Dear Commission Members:

IVT MEDTRANS is the non-emergency public transportation service that provides transportation to medical facilities along the Interstate 8 corridor in San Diego. The service is currently operated by First Transit, Inc. ICTC administers and manages the demand response contract. The service is designed for all members of the public but primarily focuses on the low income, disabled and senior communities. There currently is an average of 150 passenger trips a month, Monday through Friday. The services are provided by a fleet of four (4) 22 ft. wheelchair lift equipped cutaway style buses. The contract is for a three-year period with two additional one-year extensions for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24.

The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) would like to extend the agreement with First Transit, Inc. for the FY 2022-23. The service cost for FY 2022-23 is identified as \$611,195 with a maximum subsidy of \$550,076 and is outlined within the contents of the initial agreement dated July 24, 2019. The service cost will include various offsets to the overall cost due to received fare revenues and other subsidies. All other elements of the existing agreement will remain in effect.

At the conclusion of the 5-year contract period, ICTC will be required to conduct a competitive bid for IVT MEDTRANS for another multi year period.

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IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

The ICTC Management Committee met on April 13, 2022 and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign extension #1 to the operating agreement with First Transit Inc. for the continued operation of IVT METRANS, effective July 1, 2022:
 - a. For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the annual not to exceed subsidy is set at \$550,076.

Sincerely,



DAVID AGUIRRE
Interim Executive Director

FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

IVT MEDTRANS PARATRANSIT SERVICES

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**IMPERIAL COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

PROVIDER

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Imperial County Transportation Commission

By: BRADLEY A. THOMAS
President

ATTEST:

By: CRISTI LERMA
Secretary to the Commission

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- G. Application for Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
Section 5311 Program Funds FY 2022 and FY 2023



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SUBJECT: Application for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Program Funds
FY 2022 and FY 2023

Dear Commission Members:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 program provides an annual source of rural grant funding to offset operational costs within an identified rural area for mass transit purposes as specified by the Legislature. The rural grant program is administered by Caltrans, who has issued a two-year call for projects, for grants that are due by April 29, 2022.

FTA 5311 Rural Transit Grant Funds in the amount of approximately \$1,086,837 for FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 are available for IMPERIAL VALLEY TRANSIT, the countywide transit system and IVT ACCESS, the regional ADA complimentary paratransit service and the IVT GOLD LINE – Brawley Circulator Route.

The Management Committee met on April 13, 2022, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution authorizing the Interim Executive Director to sign the FTA 5311 FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 grant application with all supporting documentation.
2. Direct staff to submit the application to Caltrans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Aguirre', written over a horizontal line.

David Aguirre
Interim Executive Director

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

RESOLUTION _____ OF

THE IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (ICTC)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION 5311 (49 U.S.C. SECTION 5311) AND /OR WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital/operating assistance projects for non-urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 9040.1G**), and Section 5339 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 5100.1**); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5311 and 5339 grants for transportation projects for the general public for the rural transit and intercity bus; and

WHEREAS, *the Imperial County Transportation Commission* desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit operation of service/purchase of capital equipment in *the Imperial County*; and

WHEREAS, *the Imperial County Transportation Commission* has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region (including social service agencies).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the *Imperial County Transportation Commission* does hereby Authorize the *Interim Executive Director or his designee*, to file and execute applications on behalf of with the Department to aid in the financing of capital/operating assistance projects pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 9040.1G**), as amended, and pursuant to Section 5339 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 5100.1**), as amended.

That *Interim Executive Director or his designee* is authorized to execute and file all certification of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other document required by the Department.

That *Executive Director or his designee* is authorized to provide additional information as the Department may require in connection with the application for the Section 5311 and/or 5339 projects.

That *Executive Director or his designee* is authorized to submit and approve request for reimbursement of funds from the Department for the Section 5311 and/or 5339 project(s).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Imperial County Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of said Commission on _____.

By: _____
Chairman

ATTEST:

By:

CRISTI LERMA
Secretary to the Commission

VII. REPORTS **ΛΙΙ' ΒΕΒΟΒΛ2**

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



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Memorandum

Date: April 13, 2022
To: ICTC Committee Members
From: David Aguirre, Interim Executive Director
Re: Executive Director's Report

The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Commission meeting on April 27, 2022

- 1) **State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint:** State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint: In August 2017 following a year of coordination, Caltrans, the County of Imperial and ICTC met with CBP management and operations staff achieved consensus for a new conceptual alternative prepared by Caltrans. The LTA Board met on September 27, 2017, staff presented the Board with a fund request for \$1.3 million from the 5% Regional Highway Set-Aside from the Measure D allocations. A Consultant Agreement with AECOM for design and construction engineering was approved by the LTA on February 28, 2018. Following our ICTC Board meeting in late September 2020, ICTC has initiated a traffic study as required by Caltrans. Design work has been delayed due to Border Patrol's concern related to their ability to provide additional funding necessary to meet their operational requirements. Discussions have been on-going through to this week of March 15, 2021. On Wednesday, March 17, 2021 ICTC received confirmation from Border Patrol Headquarters in Washington D.C. that they wish to proceed with the original Canopy Design that is similar to Interstate 8 Pine Valley Checkpoint.

As discussed and confirmed with Border Patrol, ICTC will only provide the remaining funds we had available (February 2021) of approximately \$1 million to complete the traffic study, 100% design plans, and construction of the canopy, lighting related to the canopy, and traffic related improvements required by Caltrans. Border Patrol has committed to paying for all other construction related costs and Border Patrol will lead the construction contract. Border Patrol, Caltrans and ICTC are having bi-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.

- 2) **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 was awarded in the amount of \$103.4 million. Work for phase 2B will include demolition of the old port building and construction of the new pedestrian building. The total estimated investment for the Calexico West POE improvements are \$416.2 million.*
- 3) **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 <http://www.imperialctc.org/call-for-projects/>. Applications were submitted on Friday, February 25, 2022 to ICTC office. All agencies submitted with the exception of the City of Westomrland and IID. A total of 10 STBG and 11 CMAQ applications were received by ICTC. Funding requests exceed the CMAQ and STBG amounts available for the three (3) fiscal years.

Program	Total Amount Available	Amount Requested by All Applicants
CMAQ	\$5,222,306	\$9,136,697
STBG	\$7,706,117	\$16,640,508

Technical staff representing all the cities and county participated in a scoring and ranking meeting on March 17, 2022, at the ICTC offices. TAC and Management Committee and has forwarded the item to the Commission in April.

- 4) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** The next IMBA meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022, starting at 9:30am. The meeting will be available via Zoom and in-person, meeting location will be at Imperial Valley College.
- 5) **Regional Active Transportation Plan:** The Imperial County Transportation Commission completed the 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 final plan was adopted by ICTC on February 23, 2022. The Plan and all supporting documents are available to all ICTC member agencies. ICTC staff plans to incorporate the ATP to the upcoming Long Range Transportation Project. *In an effort to support Active Transportation funding in Imperial County, ICTC staff developed a factsheet on upcoming state and regional ATP funding opportunities. Please refere to the attached fact sheet in this report.*
- 6) **2022 Long Range Transportation Plan:** The ICTC in its capacity as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency is responsible to lead the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in Imperial County. The last update to the LRTP was conducted in 2013. ICTC staff completed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to prepare a full update of the Imperial County LRTP. Michael Baker International was the selected consultant.

The goal of the LRTP is to provide the following:

- Identify and promote the relationship between the transportation system to existing and future land use and community comprehensive plans and programs.
- Provide guidance to promote the improvement of multi-modal transportation circulation of people and goods, using both motorized and non-motorized transportation modes, new technologies and infrastructure facilities.
- Recommendations and guidance to provide a safe, efficient, accessible, socially equitable and cost-effective transportation system.
- Ensure compliance with state and federal transportation planning regulations
- Develop recommendations that ensure environmentally sustainable planning practices.

The consultant team continues to work on the existing conditions technical memorandum. The first TAC meeting was held on March 30, 2022, that was attended by a diverse stakeholder group comprised of local, regional, environmental justice groups and economic development organizations. In addition, an all-day event with six (6) subgroup meetings was held on April 6, 2022, that encompassed subgroups for:

- Highways and Local Roadways
- Border and Goods Movement
- Pedestrian, Bicycles and Microbility
- Transit and Paratransit / Senior and Disabled Service
- Environmental and Environmental Justice
- Developers / Economic Development / Small Business Liaison

- 7) **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 was recently completed in the month of March 2022 and Right of Way Acquisition is underway. ICTC is exploring funding opportunities to complete the required construction efforts.*

- 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, 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 construction has already begun, and construction is anticipated to be completed in 2023.*
- 9) **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 infrastructure associated with the 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 Commercial Avenue) and (intersection of Alexandria Street and Brown Avenue) of Calipatria.*
- 10) **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.*
- 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 began on August 6, 2021.*
- 12) **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.*

- 13) **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.*
- 14) **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 <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>

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 https://sco.ca.gov/aud_road_maintenance_sb1.html

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

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

- 15) **State Legislation for Transportation Funding – SB 1 2018 Local Partnership Program (LPP):** Local Partnership Program is comprised of formulaic program and competitive programs. In FY2017/2018 total amount available statewide is \$200M and distribution is 50/50 for both formulaic and competitive programs. The formulaic program share distributions for the Local Partnership Program were presented at the CTC meeting in December 6-7, 2017. The Imperial County received \$1,632 of Local Partnership Formulaic Program (LPFP) funds in Cycle 1 (\$1,076) and Cycle 2 (\$556) for a total of \$1,632.

List of projects for Imperial County:

Local Partnership Program (LPP) Programing for FY 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	\$ 41,000	\$ 82,000	2019-2020	5/16/2019
County	Overlay of Picacho Road from Winterhaven Road to Quechan Drive	\$ 523,000	\$ 523,000	\$ 1,046,000	2019-2020	5/16/2019
Imperial	Aten/Clark Road Improvements	\$ 154,000	\$ 327,000	\$ 481,000	2019-2020	5/16/2019

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

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

http://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/lpp/docs/062719+Amended_LPP%20Guidelines.pdf

16) Partnerships with IVEDC:

- Southern Border Broadband Consortium (SBBC):** 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.*
- 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. *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.

17) Meetings attended on behalf of ICTC:

- Various Weekly Reoccurring Calexico East POE Bridge Widening Project Meetings
- Various Weekly Project Specific Meetings
- March 18, 2022 – CTC CEO's Meeting via zoom meeting
- March 22, 2022 – Working Group Meeting with Mexican Officials - Calexico Bridge Widening via zoom meeting
- March 23, 2022 – ICTC Commission Meeting at the ICTC Offices and via zoom meeting
- March 24, 2022 – ICTC Technical Advisory Committee Meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- March 25, 2022 – Calexico East/Mexicali II Meeting with Mexican Officials via zoom meeting
- April 5, 2022 – FY22-23 Governor's Supply Chain Budget Proposal Southern California Listening Session via zoom meeting
- April 5, 2022 – SANDAG Committee on Binational Regional Opportunities (Cobro) via zoom meeting
- April 6, 2022 – Long Range Transportation Plan Sub Group meetings at the ICTC Offices
- April 6, 2022 – ICTC Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- April 7, 2022 – SCAG Regional Council via zoom meeting
- April 12, 2022 – ICTC Unment Transit Needs Hearing via zoom meeting
- April 13, 2022 – ICTC Management Committee Meeting at the ICTC offices
- April 15, 2022 – CTC CEOS SCAG Meeting via zoom meeting
- April 15, 2022 – Mobility 21 Board Meeting - Joint with Advisory Board via zoom meeting

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

CYCLE 6

FACT SHEET

March 2022

STATE ATP CYCLE 6

- \$1.1 Billion Funding Available over a four year period
- Funding Available for Fiscal Years 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27
- State Deadline : June 15, 2022
- Must be turned in to California Transportation Commission
- Make sure to provide a copy of your State ATP application to ICTC Staff.*

Active Transportation Program Guidelines

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES WORK PHASES

- Infrastructure Projects:
This typically includes the environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction phases of a capital (facilities) project. Development of new bikeways and walkways that improve mobility, access, or safety for non-motorized users.
- Plans:
The development of a community wide bicycle, pedestrian, safe routes to school, or active transportation plan in a disadvantaged community.
- Non-infrastructure Projects:
Education, encouragement, and enforcement activities that further the goals of this program.
- Quick built Projects:
These projects require minor construction activities and are typically built with durable, low to moderate cost materials, and last from one year to five years. These projects have moderate design flexibility to anticipate adjustments that may occur based on community feedback.



Projects NOT funded in the state call will be eligible for ATP Regional funds

ATP REGIONAL FUNDING

Projects considered for ATP Regional Funds will be evaluated by using the 2023 ATP Regional Guidelines adopted by SCAG on March 2022

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Imperial County's Anticipated ATP Cycle 6 Regional Funds Available:

\$1.2 Million

QUESTIONS ON ATP REGIONAL FUNDS?

For more information, please contact, Virginia Mendoza or Marlene Flores at:
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Federal Funded Project Obligation List

Federal funding Obligations: The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Authorization to Caltrans Local Assistance. Projects must obligate (E-76) federal funds in FFY 2021/2022. (Starting October 1, 2021 thru September 30, 2022)

Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Fiscal Year	Funding Type	PE	ROW	CON	Total	Obligation Status
Brawley	IMP190701	Pedestrian and street improvements (paving of dirt road) on Legion Street between State Route 86 and Western Avenue	2019/20	CMAQ	\$ 177	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 177	
5167(044)		Comments: EPSP. Need to obligate on FFY21/22 Status: end of Jan. the design 95% complete. ROW has been approved. Working on RFA.	2019/20	Agency	\$ 23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23	
			2021/22	CMAQ	\$ -		\$ 797	\$ 797	
			2021/22	Agency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103	\$ 103	
								Total	\$ 1,100
Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Fiscal Year	Funding Type	PE	ROW	CON	Total	Obligation Status
Brawley	IMP190702	Construct street improvements (paving of dirt road) along Western Avenue between Legion street and Wildcat Drive.	2019/20	CMAQ	\$ 177	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 177	
5167(045)		Comments: Status of Design and ROW: Underground canal design still pending. Still have the April date in mind for RFA.	2019/20	Agency	\$ 23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23	
			2021/22	CMAQ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 784	\$ 784	
			2021/22	Agency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102	\$ 102	
								Total	\$ 1,086
Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Fiscal Year	Funding Type	PE	ROW	CON	Total	Obligation Status
Brawley	IMP190709	Street Improvement (repavement) along K street from Highway 86 to 8th street.	2019/20	STBG	\$ 52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52	
5167(043)		Comments: Design has been completed as of week of 12/3/21. Will move with the adv.	2019/20	Agency	\$ 8	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8	
			2021/22	STBG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370	\$ 370	
			2021/22	Agency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48	\$ 48	
								Total	\$ 478

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Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Fiscal Year	Funding Type	PE	ROW	CON	Total	Obligation Status
Calexio	IMP191001	Weakley Street Improvements between Scaroni Blvd. and Portico Blvd. (paving of dirt road).	2019/20	CMAQ	\$ 18	\$ 155	\$ -	\$ 173	
		Comments: EPSP- Need to obligate in FFY 21/22. Engineering and Right-of-way Phase.	2019/20	Agency	\$ 2	\$ 18	\$ -	\$ 20	
			2021/22	CMAQ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 291	\$ 291	
			2021/22	Agency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ 40	
							Total	\$ 524	
Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Fiscal Year	Funding Type	PE	ROW	CON	Total	Obligation Status
			2019/20	CMAQ		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
		Comments:	2019/20	Agency		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
			2020/21	CMAQ	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
			2020/21	Agency	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
							Total	\$ -	
Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Fiscal Year	Funding Type	PE	ROW	CON	Total	Obligation Status
El Centro			2020/21	STBG	\$ -	\$ -			
		Comments:	2020/21	Agency	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
			2021/22	STBG	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
			2021/22	Agency	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
							Total	\$ -	

Federal Funded Project Obligation List

Federal funding Obligations: The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Authorization to Caltrans Local Assistance. Projects must obligate (E-76) federal funds in FFY 2021/2022. (Starting October 1, 2021 thru September 30, 2022)

Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Fiscal Year	Funding Type	PE	ROW	CON	Total	Obligation Status
Imperial	IMP190301	2nd Street Rehabilitation & Reconstruction from Old SR-86 to P Street.	2020/21	STBG	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,841	\$ 1,841	60% Design
		Comments: Construction phase is on on going.	2020/21	Agency	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,181	\$ 1,181	
					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
							Total	\$ 3,022	

Federal and State Funded Project Obligation List

Federal funding Obligations: The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Authorization to Caltrans Local Assistance. Projects must obligate (E-76) federal funds in FFY 2021/2022. (Starting October 1, 2021 thru September 30, 2022)
State Funded Allocations: The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Allocation to Caltrans Local Assistance for State approval during FY 2021/2022(Starting July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022)

Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Fiscal Year	Funding Type	PE	ROW	CON	Total	Obligation Status
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	
		Comments: Pending approval of contract Change order. RFA status:	Prior	Agency	\$ 26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26	
			2021/22	CMAQ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 792	\$ 792	
			2021/22	Agency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103	\$ 103	
							Total	\$ 1,119	
Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Fiscal Year	Funding Type	PE	ROW	CON	Total	Obligation Status
County	IMP190716	Sidewalk improvements on Heffernan Avenue from 14th street to 11th street.	2019/20	ATP	\$ 87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87	
		Comments: They are on the Design Phase. RFA status:	2019/20	Agency	\$ 13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13	
			2020/21	ATP	\$ -	\$ 44	\$ -	\$ 44	
			2020/21	Agency	\$ -	\$ 6	\$ -	\$ 6	
			2021/22	ATP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 511	\$ 511	
			2021/22	Agency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66	\$ 66	
							Total	\$ 727	

Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Fiscal Year	Funding Type	PE	ROW	CON	Total	Obligation Status
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	
		Comments: PE received E-76, 30% design complete. Pending CON RFA in FFY21/22.	2020/21	Agency	\$ 14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14	
			2021/22	CMAQ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165	\$ 165	
			2021/22	Agency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 916	\$ 916	
							Total	\$ 1,202	
Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Fiscal Year	Funding Type	PE	ROW	CON	Total	Obligation Status
County	IMP190715	Aten Road Bicycle Path Improvements from Dogwood Road to Imperial Valley College in Imperial County.	2019/20	ATP	\$ 71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71	
		Comments: Extension was requested. Requesting a 12-month extension. Allocation Request must be approved by CTC no later than 12/31/2021.	2019/20	Agency	\$ 24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24	
			2020/21	ATP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 215	\$ 215	
			2020/21	Agency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133	\$ 133	
							\$ -	\$ -	
							Total	\$ 443	

Memorandum

Date: April 27, 2022
To: ICTC Committee Meeting
From: David Salgado, Regional Affairs Officer (RAO)
Re: Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Report

The following is a summary of the SCAG Executive Director's Report and/or Federal and State Legislature Staff Report for the Imperial County Transportation Committee meeting for the month of April 2022.

- 1. 2022 SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly May 5-6, 2022:** On May 5-6, 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 two-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. 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 community college student, have at least a 3.0 GPA and be eligible to work in the United States. Applicants must complete an application form and submit an essay, two letters of recommendation, and a current transcript. **Approximately 100 applicants were received from throughout the 6 county SCAG region.**

3. GO HUMAN UPDATE

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS RELEASED FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MINI-GRANTS

On March 28, with support from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), SCAG released its Call for Applications for the Go Human Community Engagement Mini-Grants Program to support creative, community-driven traffic safety and engagement projects. SCAG will award up to \$15,000 to 25

selected projects. To access the application or to learn more about the upcoming information sessions and eligibility, please visit the Go Human webpage. **Applications are due Friday, April 29.**

4. REAP UPDATE

REAP 1.0 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

With program implementation well underway for the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP) 2019 program, SCAG has seen some notable successes in the recent months, with almost 60 projects having kicked off by March 2022. These projects include housing element technical assistance, accessory dwelling unit (ADU) analysis, model ordinance templates, affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH) analysis, surplus land inventories, housing-supportive infrastructure inventories, and outreach and education across various projects.

The Call for Collaboration, which funds community-based organizations' (CBO) local planning and housing initiatives by promoting community-driven, equitable growth strategies, has kicked off all projects and has thus far increased involvement of CBOs and advocacy groups in housing element development.

The Sustainable Communities Program's (SCP) Housing and Sustainable Development call for projects included 12 project "bundles" for 24 jurisdictions, with eight projects kicked off and four additional projects in the procurement process. This month, SCAG released a request for proposals to seek grant writing technical assistance to support our member jurisdictions applying for affordable housing funding.

REAP 2.0 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH UPDATE

The Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Draft Program Guidelines were released on March 24, 2022. Comments on the draft are due by April 15, 2022. While the program guidelines are still being finalized, SCAG hosted one-on-one meetings with subregional councils of government (COG) to identify partnership opportunities for REAP 2.0 stakeholder outreach and program development. SCAG staff will summarize feedback received and share back with the COGs at the April Subregional Directors meeting, along with recommended next steps. SCAG staff also convened the County Transportation Commission (CTC) Partnership Working Group meeting on March 31, 2022, initiating the first in a series of meetings intended to identify partnership initiatives for REAP 2.0.

SCAG will host two virtual information sessions on April 25 and April 27 to share a REAP 2.0 program overview and the program development timeline. During the information sessions SCAG

staff will present the draft framework that SCAG has developed to guide its program development activities. The public comment period will open April 25, 2022 and be open until 3:00 p.m. on May 25, 2022. All comments should be sent to james@scag.ca.gov.

In the coming months SCAG will host virtual focus groups and listening sessions, by sector and geographic area, to seek feedback on core objectives driving the development of the housing supportive infrastructure program and prioritization of projects.

5. **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.

6. **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.

California Department of Transportation



To: ICTC Commission

Date: April 2022

From: GUSTAVO DALLARDA
Caltrans District 11 Director

Subject: **DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

CONSTRUCTION

1. **I-8/Imperial Avenue Interchange:** The project includes installing two ramps that will provide direct access to southbound Imperial Avenue which will provide connectivity to southern El Centro. The interchange was opened to traffic on December 21st. The community identifier installation was completed on February 8.



The contractor will continue with plant establishment and close out activities through early 2023.

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

2. **SR-98 Widening Project:** As part of the Calexico West POE Expansion project, SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Boulevard were widened and improved to serve the expansion to the west. SR-98 work between VV Williams and Ollie Avenue was completed in March 2018, and the Cesar Chavez Blvd. widening was completed in October 2019 by the City of Calexico. Construction for stage 1 of the SR-98 widening between Rockwood Avenue and Ollie Avenue is underway. Stage 2 is expected to start in summer 2022. The project is expected to be substantially completed and open to traffic in late 2022. The total project cost is estimated at \$8.2 million.

3. **SR-111 Niland Geyser/Mud Pot:** The SR-111 Niland Geyser/Mud Pot continues to be active. The caldera is approximately 9 feet from the SR-111 edge of traveled way, another smaller caldera recently appeared a few feet to the north-east of the original and is active. Water from the Mud Pot continues free-flowing through the subsurface drainage installed in 2019. The original temporary detour road was opened to traffic in August of 2020. Due to the Mud Pot's unpredictable change in direction, a revised detour was required. The revised detour was completed on April 30, 2021. The detour will remain in place as the mud pot moves beyond the original freeway.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ek1buV2HA68>
4. **I-8 Colorado River Bridge Rehab:** This project is located near the Arizona border on I-8. The scope includes replacement of bearing pads, portions of the concrete pavement on the bridge deck and approach slabs. Part of work footprint straddles the California/Arizona border. Detours are expected and will be announced prior to commencement of work. Construction is expected to start in September 2022 and estimated completion is late 2023. The total project cost is estimated at \$11.1 million.

PROJECT DELIVERY

1. **Clean California Projects:** District 11 will be delivering projects funded by the Clean California Grant Program. They include bus shelter improvements in Niland(SR111), and bus shelter installations in Calipatria(SR111), Brawley(SR86) and Holtville(SR115). Additionally, median island improvements in El Centro(SR86) and a gateway beautification project at SR-7/Nina Lee Rd just north of the Calexico Port of Entry are also included as part of this effort. The projects are expected to be completed by July 2023.
2. **I-8, SR-78 Bridge Rehab at Various Locations:** The project scope includes 4 bridge locations on I-8 at Brock Research Center Rd, All American Canal (left/right) Bridges and at Winterhaven Dr/4th Ave. The 2 locations on SR-78 are at Palo Verde Drain and Palo Verde Outfall bridges near Palo Verde. The project is currently in design and is expected to go out to bid in fall 2022. Total estimated cost is \$13.2 million.
3. **SR-186 All-American Canal Bridge:** This project proposes to construct a new bridge over the All-American Canal (AAC). The new bridge will improve safety and better facilitate international and interregional movement of people, goods and services. A 2019 feasibility study proposed 8 alternatives including a no-build option. The following stakeholders have been identified, Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe, US BIA, US BOR, IID, International Boundary and Water Commission, County of Imperial, Union Pacific Railroad and US

GSA. Project Milestones: Project Approval/Environmental Clearance 6/2024.
The Anticipated funding fiscal year for construction is 2025/26.

MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

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

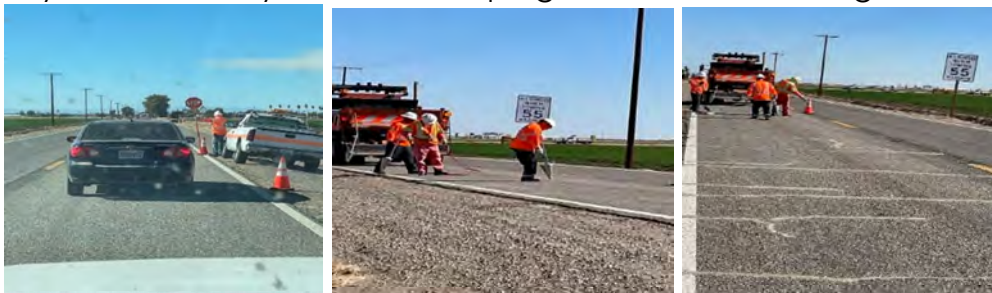
1. El Centro Traveled Way Crew – Sweeping I-8/SR111, crack sealing SR86, oleander trimming I-8, dig outs/paving SR115



2. El Centro Functional/Landscape – Sign/landscape maintenance, chemical control SR86, Install thermoplastic and refresh markings on SR111/Evan Hewes



3. Midway Traveled Way Crew – Sweeping on I-8, crack sealing SR115



4. Brawley Traveled Way Crew – Sweeping/crack sealing SR86, Micro surfacing SR86 from Wildcat to Legion Rd



5. El Centro Clean CA Crew – Litter control SR86



6. **SR-86/Customs & Border Protection Checkpoint Expansion:** ICTC has submitted a separate alternative that includes an acceleration lane from the secondary inspection facility. Caltrans reviewed the submittal and provided comments to ICTC/AECOM at the end of March. The environmental studies are being prepared by AECOM and will soon be sent for review. Caltrans will assist ICTC in coordinating upcoming meetings.

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

PLANNING AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE

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

3. **Local Assistance:**

2023 Active Transportation Program Call For Projects

The California Transportation Commission announced the call for projects for the 2023 Active Transportation Program on March 16, 2022, following the adoption of the 2023 ATP Guidelines. All applications are due by electronic submission by June 15, 2022. Please use the following link to access additional information. <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program>

California Transportation Commission (CTC) Allocation Requests

Please review the attached schedule of deadlines to send requests for California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocation at the *June 29-30, 2022 CTC meeting*. Caltrans District 11 must receive all documents at least two months prior to the preferred CTC meeting date. *Friday, April 29, 2022 is the deadline for the June 29-30, 2022 CTC meeting. Any CTC action required before the State Fiscal Year ends must be presented for vote at this meeting (e.g., time extension requests).*

RELINQUISHMENTS

1. **SR-86** from *SR-111 to Countryside Dr, West Ralph Rd to Calle Estrella*, and east of *Brandt Rd to SR-78*. Relinquishment to County of Imperial, estimated completion 2026. (#11 on Status Map)
2. **SR-86** from *Countryside Dr to Treshill Rd*. Relinquishment to City of El Centro, estimated completion 2026. (#12 on Status Map)
3. **SR-111** from *2nd St to SR-98*. Relinquishment to City of Calexico, estimated completion 2024. (#13 on Status Map)

2023 Active Transportation Program Call for Projects

California Transportation Commission <atp@catc.ca.gov>

Fri 3/18/2022 11:28 AM

To: Owen, Robin@DOT <robin.owen@dot.ca.gov>



California Transportation
Commission

2023 Active Transportation Program Call for Projects

Dear Active Transportation Program Stakeholders,

The California Transportation Commission is pleased to announce the call for 2023 Active Transportation Program projects was released on March 16, 2022, following the adoption of the 2023 ATP Guidelines. All applications are due by electronic submission by June 15, 2022. Below are links to important Cycle 6 documents.

The following items can be found on the [Caltrans Local Assistance ATP website](#):

- [2023 ATP Cycle 6 Application](#)
- [Application Instructions](#)
- [Quick-Build Application - Part A](#)
- [Quick-Build Application - Part B](#)
- [Quick-Build Application - Part C](#)
- [Quick-Build Application Instructions](#)

The following items can be found on the [California Transportation Commission's ATP website](#):

- [Adopted 2023 Active Transportation Program Guidelines](#)
- [Large Application Scoring Rubric](#)
- [Medium Application Scoring Rubric](#)
- [Small Application Scoring Rubric](#)
- [Non-Infrastructure Application Scoring Rubric](#)
- [Plan Application Scoring Rubric](#)

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

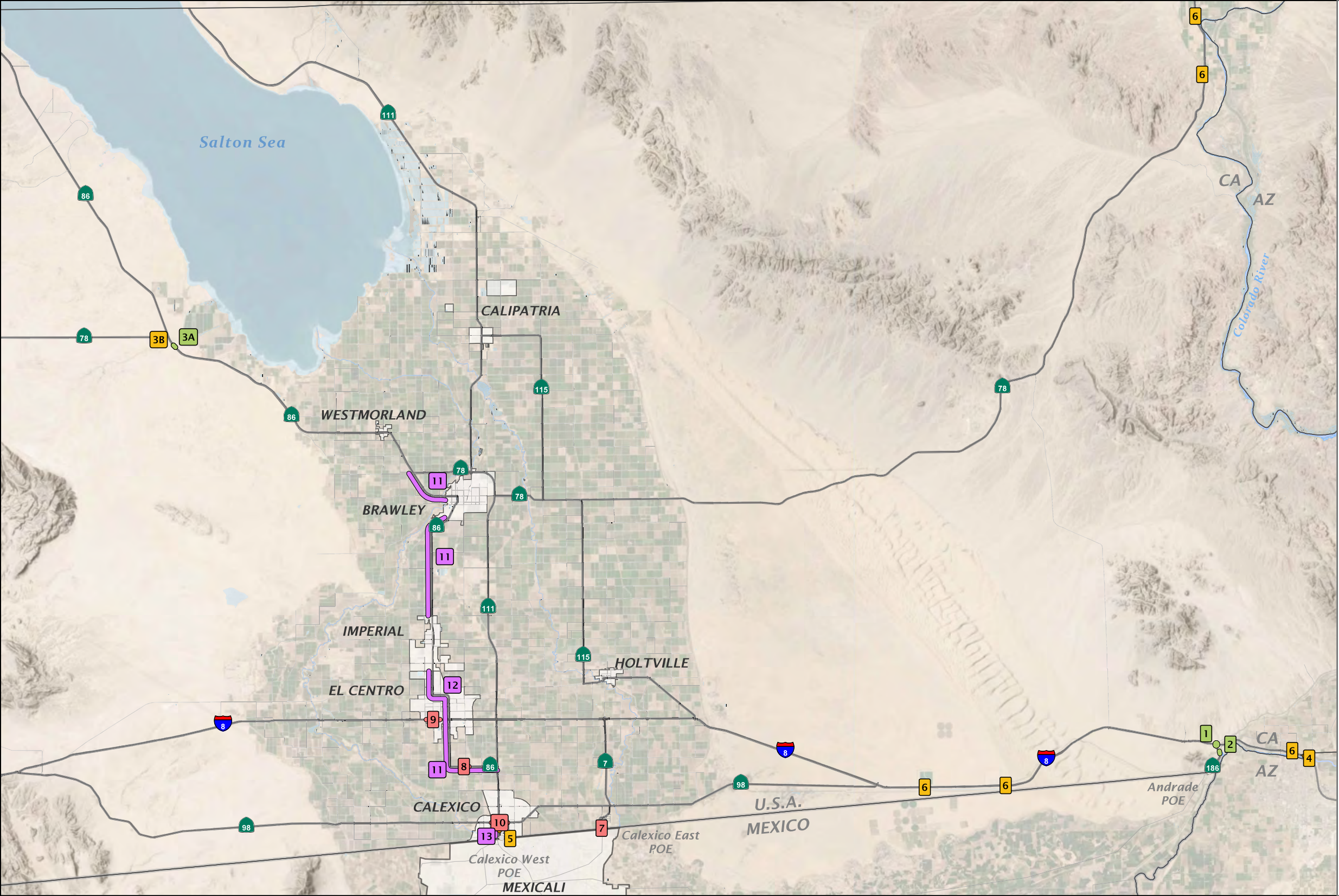
* No Scheduled Meeting in: February, April, July, September and November

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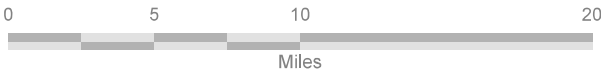
IMPERIAL COUNTY STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS



ENVIRONMENTAL	
1. SR-186/I-8 Quechan Interchange Improvements*	Complete Dec 2022
2. SR-186 All-American Canal Bridge	Complete Mar 2023
3A. SR-86 USBP Checkpoint Canopy*	Complete July 2022
DESIGN	
3B. SR-86 USBP Checkpoint Canopy*	Complete July 2022
4. I-8 Colorado River Viaduct	Complete April 2021; Begin Construction September 2022
5. SR-111 Pavement Rehabilitation, Border to SR-98	Complete Nov 2020. Begin Construction April 2022
6. Bridge Rehab Projects on I-8 and SR-78	Ready to List Spring 2022
CONSTRUCTION	
7. Calexico East POE Bridge Widening	Design/Build Begin Mar 2021; Complete June 2023
8. SR-86/Dogwood Road Intersection Improvements County Permit*	Complete Oct 2022
9. I-8/Imperial Ave Interchange Improvements	Open to Traffic Dec 2021; Complete May 2023
10. SR-98 Widening Phase 1C Ollie Ave to Rockwood Ave	Complete Dec 2022
RELINQUISHMENT	
11. SR-86 Relinquishment to County of Imperial	Date Estimate 2026
12. SR-86 Relinquishment to City of El Centro	Date Estimate 2026
13. SR-111 Relinquishment from 2nd St to SR-98 to City of Calexico	Date Estimate 2024

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

- Environmental
- Design
- Construction
- Relinquishment



:Project funded by Senate Bill 1

Abbreviations:

GSA: General Services Administration

66: Port of Entry

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

Date: 01/19/2022



VIII. ACTION CALENDAR

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A. 2022 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Programming Project List – FY 2022/2023 to FY 2024/2025



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April 12, 2022

Rosie Arreola-Fernandez, Chairperson
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SUBJECT: 2022 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Programming Project List – FY 2022/2023 to FY 2024/2025

Dear Commission Members:

The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) directed staff to conduct a competitive call for projects for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) that began November 18, 2021, with application due to ICTC on February 25, 2022. Approximately \$5.2 million may be available over a three-year period beginning in federal fiscal year 2022/2023 and ending in federal fiscal year 2024/2025.

On March 17, 2022, members of the ICTC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met to review, score, and rank 11 projects totaling a fund request of \$9.5 million. With the use of the CMAQ Guidelines and scoring results of all projects, TAC members were able to agree upon a recommended list of projects. Exhibit A is a list of the original request amounts and the recommended projects by agency, project title, and priority. The action requested in this staff report would approve the 2022 CMAQ Programming Project List for FFY 2022/2023 to FFY 2024/2025 presented in Exhibit B.

The Technical Advisory Committee met on March 24, 2022 and forwards this item to the Management Committee for review and consideration. The ICTC Management Committee met on April 13, 2022 and forwards this item to the ICTC Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the 2022 CMAQ Programming Project List for FFY 2022/2023 to FFY 2024/2025; and
2. Direct staff to program projects in the next available Federal Transportation Improvement Program Formal Amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Virginia Mendoza'.

VIRGINIA MENDOZA
Program Manager

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Attachment

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

Exhibit A

DRAFT 2022 CMAQ FUNDING APPORTIONMENTS			Original Distribution Funding 2022 Call for Projects				Proposed Funding Adjustments 2022 Call for Projects			
Agency	Priority	Project	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	TOTAL	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	TOTAL
Brawley	1	Traffic Signal Synchronization & Intelligent Transportation Systems	\$750,336			\$ 750,336	\$700,000			\$ 700,000
	2	Traffic Signal Synchronization & Intelligent Transportation Systems Phase I	\$483,214			\$ 483,214				\$ -
	3	Traffic Signal Synchronization & Intelligent Transportation Systems Phase II		267,122		\$ 267,122				\$ -
						\$ 1,500,672				\$ 700,000
Calexico	1	Sidewalk Improvements Project	\$234,604			\$ 234,604	\$230,000			\$ 230,000
						\$ 234,604				\$ 230,000
Calipatria	1	S. Brown Avenue Roadway and Pedestrian Facilities Improvement Project	\$228,166	\$2,509,825		\$2,737,991		\$1,649,000		\$ 1,649,000
						\$ 2,737,991				\$ 1,649,000
El Centro	1	Imperial Ave. Traffic Signal Synchronization Project		\$85,000	\$570,000	\$ 655,000		\$85,000	\$570,000	\$ 655,000
	2	S. Imperial Ave. Extension Phase III			\$1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000				\$ -
						\$ 2,355,000				\$ 655,000
Holtville	1	East 9th Street Sidewalk Improvement Project from Ash Avenue to Oak Avenue	\$415,038			\$ 415,038	\$400,000			\$ 400,000
						\$ 415,038				\$ 400,000
Imperial	1	Aten Boulevard Class II Bike Lane from Vilore Way to Austin Road	\$433,947			\$ 433,947	\$404,000			\$ 404,000
						\$ 433,947				\$ 404,000
County	1	Main Street From Hwy. 111 to Memphis Ave. (South Side) Project		\$1,004,392		\$ 1,004,392			\$ 1,164,000	\$ 1,164,000
	2	Isis Avenue from First Street to Sixth Street Improvements (East Side) Project		\$775,400		\$ 775,400				\$ -
						\$ 1,779,792				\$ 1,164,000
						\$ -				\$ -
						\$ -				\$ -
Westmorland	0					\$ -				\$ -
						\$ -				\$ -
Programmed			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Proposed			\$2,545,305	\$4,641,739	\$2,270,000	\$9,457,043	\$1,734,000	\$1,734,000	\$1,734,000	\$ 5,202,000
Available			\$1,734,000	\$1,734,000	\$1,734,000	\$5,202,000	\$1,734,000	\$1,734,000	\$1,734,000	\$ 5,202,000
Over/Under programmed			-\$811,305	-\$2,907,739	-\$536,000		\$0	\$0	\$0	

Exhibit B

Final 2022 CMAQ Programming Project List for FFY 2022/2023 to FFY 2024/2025			Proposed Funding Adjustments 2022 Call for Projects			
Agency	Priority	Project	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	TOTAL
Brawley	1	Traffic Signal Synchronization & Intelligent Transportation Systems	\$700,000			\$ 700,000
						\$ 700,000
Calexico	1	Sidewalk Improvements Project	\$230,000			\$ 230,000
						\$ 230,000
Calipatria	1	S. Brown Avenue Roadway and Pedestrian Facilities Improvement Project		\$1,649,000		\$ 1,649,000
						\$ 1,649,000
El Centro	1	Imperial Ave. Traffic Signal Synchronization Project		\$85,000	\$570,000	\$ 655,000
						\$ 655,000
Holtville	1	East 9th Street Sidewalk Improvement Project from Ash Avenue to Oak Avenue	\$400,000			\$ 400,000
						\$ 400,000
Imperial	1	Aten Boulevard Class II Bike Lane from Vilore Way to Austin Road	\$404,000			\$ 404,000
						\$ 404,000
County	1	Main Street From Hwy. 111 to Memphis Ave. (South Side) Project			\$ 1,164,000	\$ 1,164,000
						\$ 1,164,000
Westmorland	0					\$ -
						\$ -
Programmed			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Proposed			\$1,734,000	\$1,734,000	\$1,734,000	\$ 5,202,000
Available			\$1,734,000	\$1,734,000	\$1,734,000	\$ 5,202,000
Over/Under programmed			\$0	\$0	\$0	

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B. 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant Programming Project List – FY 2022/2023 to FY 2024/2025



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April 12, 2022

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SUBJECT: 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant Programming Project List – FY 2022/2023 to FY 2024/2025

Dear Commission Members:

The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) directed staff to conduct a competitive call for projects for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) that began November 18, 2021, with application due to ICTC on February 25, 2022. Approximately \$7.8 million may be available over a three-year period beginning in federal fiscal year 2022/2023 and ending in federal fiscal year 2024/2025.

On March 17, 2022, members of the ICTC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met to review the scoring and ranking of the ten (10) projects totaling a fund request of \$16.9 million. With the use of the STBG Guidelines and scoring results of all projects, TAC members were able to agree upon a recommended list of projects. Exhibit A is a list of the original request amounts and the recommended projects by agency, project title, and priority. The action requested in this staff report would approve the 2022 STBG Programming Project List for FFY 2022/2023 to FFY 2024/2025 presented in Exhibit B.

The Technical Advisory Committee met on March 24, 2022 and forwarded this item to the Management Committee for review and consideration. The ICTC Management Committee met on April 13, 2022 and forwards this item to the ICTC Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the 2022 STBG Programming Project List for FFY 2022/2023 to FFY 2024/2025; and
2. Direct staff to program projects in the next available Federal Transportation Improvement Program Formal Amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Virginia Mendoza'.

VIRGINIA MENDOZA
Program Manager

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Exhibit A

DRAFT 2022 STBG FUNDING APPORTIONMENTS			Original Distribution STBG Funding by FFY				Proposed Funding Adjustments STBG Funding by FFY			
Agency	Priority	Project	FY2022-23	FY2023-24	FY2024-25	Total	FY2022-23	FY2023-24	FY2024-25	Total
Brawley	1	B Street from Eastern Avenue to Palm Avenue	\$ 53,118	\$ 407,238		\$ 460,356		\$ 53,118	\$ 407,238	\$ 460,356
						\$ 460,356				\$ 460,356
Calexico	1	Cole Boulevard Rehabilitation Project	\$ 1,416,480			\$ 1,416,480	\$ 1,416,480			\$ 1,416,480
						\$ 1,416,480				\$ 1,416,480
Calipatria	1	Main Street Roadway Improvements Project	\$ 233,409	\$ 2,567,503		\$ 2,800,912		\$ 298,150		\$ 298,150
						\$ 2,800,912				\$ 298,150
El Centro	1	S. Imperial Ave. Extension Phase III			\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,400,000			\$ 2,198,762	\$ 2,198,762
						\$ 2,400,000				\$ 2,198,762
Holtville	1	West 9th Street Improvement Project	\$ 640,864			\$ 640,864	\$ 53,000	\$ 587,000		\$ 640,000
						\$ 640,864				\$ 640,000
Imperial	1	Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project from Vilore Way to Cross Avenue	\$ 2,944,808			\$ 2,944,808	\$ 1,136,520			\$ 1,136,520
	2	"P" Street Rehabilitation Project between Barioni Blvd and Aten Boulevard		\$ 1,334,333		\$ 1,334,333				
						\$ 4,279,141				\$ 1,136,520
County	1	Bowker Road Rehabilitation From McCabe Rd. to Interstate 8 to Ross Rd. Project	\$ 1,667,732			\$ 1,667,732		\$ 1,667,732		\$ 1,667,732
	2	Heber Road Rehabilitation from Hwy. 111 to 0.5 mi. East of Bowker Rd. Project	\$ 1,641,601			\$ 1,641,601				\$ -
	3	Ogilby Road Rehabilitation From Interstate 8 to 2.3 mi. North of Interstate 8 Project	\$ 1,631,829			\$ 1,631,829				\$ -
						\$ 4,941,162				\$ 1,667,732
Westmorland	None					\$ -				\$ -
										\$ -
Programmed						\$ -				\$ -
Proposed			\$10,229,841	\$4,309,074	\$2,400,000	\$16,938,915	\$2,606,000	\$2,606,000	\$2,606,000	\$7,818,000
Available			\$2,606,000	\$2,606,000	\$2,606,000	\$7,818,000	\$2,606,000	\$2,606,000	\$2,606,000	\$ 7,818,000
Over/Under programmed			-\$7,623,841	-\$1,703,074	\$206,000		\$0	\$0	\$0	

Exhibit B

Final 2022 STBG Programming Project List for FFY 2022/2023 to FFY 2024/2025			Proposed Funding Adjustments STBG Funding by FFY			
Agency	Priority	Project	FY2022-23	FY2023-24	FY2024-25	Total
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Proposed			\$2,606,000	\$2,606,000	\$2,606,000	\$7,818,000
Available			\$2,606,000	\$2,606,000	\$2,606,000	\$ 7,818,000
Over/Under programmed			\$0	\$0	\$0	

VIII. ACTION CALENDAR

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C. ICTC Letters of support for Imperial County Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan



LITHIUM VALLEY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN

Summary

Lithium/rare-mineral mining/processing/manufacturing and renewable energy generation/storage possess the opportunity to propel the economic future of Imperial County residents for generations.

Introduction

The County of Imperial desires to increase the overall wealth of its residents through private economic investment into the Imperial Valley Region in the form of lithium and rare mineral extraction, processing and manufacturing/packaging for end-user applications and renewable energy generation/storage in the form of geothermal, solar, wind and energy storage. The Imperial County Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan will be accomplished through specific actions of the County of Imperial, State of California and the United States Federal Government.

Lithium is a vital mineral in the rechargeable batteries used by consumers in portable computing devices, electric vehicles and battery storage. More than 80% of the world's raw lithium is mined in Australia, Chile, and China. Currently, China controls more than half of the world's lithium processing and refining and has three-fourths of the lithium-ion battery mega factories in the world, according to the International Energy Agency.

Today, the United States has only 1% of global lithium being mined and processed, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Imperial County, California is blessed with an abundance of Geothermal Brine at the Salton Sea. The earth heated brine is rich in critical minerals needed for the production of batteries and alloys, including lithium, manganese and zinc.

Industry professionals estimate there may be as much as fifteen (15) million tons of lithium in Imperial County that would take 50-100 years to extract. Additionally, there is an estimated 1,000-1,500 MW of additional geothermal energy generation available. The mining of lithium (and other rare-earth minerals) in addition to geothermal power generation provide the opportunity for the United States to have greater control over needed material in the supply chain for electric vehicles and consumer/commercial electronics while providing greater stability to our energy supply.

Benefits of Economic Investment

County (Local)

Employment opportunities (construction and operation).

Education/training opportunities for persons desiring a career in lithium/rare mineral extraction, processing and manufacturing/processing or renewable energy generation/storage from geothermal, wind and energy storage.

Tax Revenue improved and consistent tax base for which the County can provide appropriate government level services to its residents (in the form of public safety, infrastructure, judicial, social services and quality of life including recreational and cultural/arts).

State of California

Employment opportunities which reduce individual reliance on social services.

Education/training providing for an enhanced workforce to propel a variety of industries (primary and secondary).

Tax Revenue providing financial resources to the State of California to fund education (K-16+), infrastructure, public safety, social services and quality of life activities.

Environmental improvements by providing necessary products to propel rechargeable zero-emission transportation.

Digital connectivity and productivity by providing necessary resources used for consumer and commercial application communication.

Vertical production capability to increase assembly/manufacturing in California, creating products exported domestically and internationally.

Energy Supply stability is enhanced by additional base-load renewable energy generation from geothermal facilities providing needed power when solar/wind is unable to produce.

Renewable Energy compliant with Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) in the form of geothermal energy generation produced in California for Californian's.

United States Federal Government

National Security: lithium/rare-minerals and renewable energy generation are key to the National Security interests of the United States. The case for renewable energy is simple – its cleaner and safer for the environment and it is domestically produced. For lithium and rare-minerals, high value communication products (both consumer and commercial scale) depend on these elements. Reliance on foreign nations for these products places our communication systems at risk of geopolitical instability.

Environmental transformation: as the United States continues marching toward rechargeable vehicles, lithium is an essential element for batteries. In order to achieve its climate change goals, the country needs a long-term, stable and preferably domestic source of lithium, otherwise the United States is at the mercy of other nations which again exposes our interests to geopolitical instability.

Supply Chain Certainty: historically, United States consumer demand for passenger vehicles and light trucks exceeds fifteen million vehicles per annum. This is exclusive of commercial and mass-transit vehicles. The ability to deliver vehicles to consumers at a “affordable” price is dependent on mass production in order to maximize efficiency. Supply chain certainly is at the heart of scaled efficiency. As with many other raw and semi-finished materials, it is incumbent on the United States to have capacity within our nation.

Self-Determination

In its purest form, self-determination is defined as the process by which a person controls their own life. For purposes of the Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan this shall be defined as the process by which the **County of Imperial** controls its economic future as it relates to lithium/rare mineral extraction, processing, manufacturing and renewable energy generation and storage through specific actions that will be taken with intention and transparency.

Specific Actions of the County of Imperial

1. Board of Supervisors adopting a Resolution in support of the Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan.
2. Board of Supervisors creating a subcommittee known as the Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan Subcommittee comprised of two (2) members of the Board of Supervisors.
3. Creation of an internal working group to the County Board of Supervisors to include:
 - Lithium Valley Subcommittee (2 persons of the Board of Supervisors)
 - County Executive Officer
 - County Counsel
 - County Director of Planning and Development Services
 - County Director of Intergovernmental Relations
 - Contract Economist/Economic Development Consultant to the County.
4. County of Imperial seeking voter approval to establish appropriate remuneration for lithium/rare mineral mining and power generation/storage to provide appropriate financial benefits to the County (as a municipal corporation) and community organizations that further the economic interests of the region. Said remuneration shall be used to address environmental impacts of industry and infrastructure improvements. The remuneration vehicle shall provide tax credits for lithium/rare mineral extraction used within Imperial County for mid-stream processes (may include but not be limited to processing and manufacturing).
5. County of Imperial establishing a Lithium Valley Project Ombudsperson to work directly with economic investors seeking to engage in lithium/rare-mineral mining and renewable energy generation to provide enhanced communication by and between internal departments to the County as well as assistance in communication with State and Federal Agencies.
6. County of Imperial exploring economic viability of an Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District (EIFD) to finance infrastructure improvements.
7. County of Imperial providing leadership (Subcommittee of the Board of Supervisors) and professional staff resources for which to locally implement the specific actions requested of the State of California and the United States Federal Government, including the following:
 - a. Effectuate rule changes giving local jurisdictions authority to entitle and permit up to 99.9 MW of energy generation and changes to definition of “net-to-grid”.
 - b. Create a Specific Plan (SP) for Lithium Valley within Imperial County.
 - c. Create a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Lithium Valley within Imperial County
 - d. Create and implement the Lithium Valley Development Office to assist with the development of lithium/rare-mineral mining, ancillary processing, assembly and manufacturing and renewable energy generation projects.

- e. Assist State and local agencies in the development, construction and operation of a California Polytechnic University or similar institution to provide education and training in support of lithium/rare-mineral mining and renewable energy generation.

Specific Actions Requested of the State of California

Governor Newsom identified Lithium Valley in remarks on his fiscal year 2022-23 proposed budget, The California Blueprint which was released on January 10, 2022. “We have what someone described as the Saudi Arabia of lithium right here in the state of California down in Imperial County near the Salton Sea,” Newsom remarked.

Imperial County agrees with the Governor’s assessment and Lithium Valley can produce these valuable resources in an environmentally-conscious way. Each proposed lithium extraction plant would be a closed-loop system, without the creation of open pits or solar evaporation ponds. California and the United States can secure a strategic mineral resource and promoted environmentally-friendly business practices.

Delegating planning and permitting authority of Geothermal Development up to 99.9 Megawatts generation, to the County of Imperial. (Currently limited to 49.9 Megawatts)

Currently, Imperial County is authorized to permit Geothermal Power Plants that generate up to 49.9 MWs, and a developer wishing to construct a Geothermal Power Plant 50MWs or larger is required to follow the California Energy Commission’s (“CEC”) Application for Certification Process (“AFC”). However, the CEC’s Small Power Plant Exemption Program (“SPPE”) allows for a proposed Thermal Power Plant project to be exempted from the AFC when: 1) the project will generate between 50 and 100 MWs; and 2) the CEC has made a determination that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment or energy resources. Imperial County is respectfully requesting that the (“CEC”) grant our County the ability to permit Geothermal Power Plants up to the maximum 99.9 MWs in accordance with the SPPE.

Further, formally change the definition of “net-to-grid” to provide opportunity for energy generation facilities in Imperial County to deliver power to themselves (parasitic load), adjacent users (affiliated and non-affiliated) and micro-grid users (affiliated and non-affiliated) within five (5) miles of the boundaries of the host site. Host site shall be defined as the parcel at which the power generation facility is located (or all parcels if facility is located on multiple parcels). When said changes are granted by the State of California, it will kick start both the development of mineral recovery and increase the State baseload renewable power portfolio.

Provide Direct Funding to Imperial County for the Lithium Valley Specific Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (\$5,000,000) to be available within 30 days of adoption of the FY 2022-23 State Budget

The Lithium Valley Specific Plan and Program EIR seeks to help meet the State of California’s renewable energy production goals, while providing Industry with a clear timeline for project delivery. The Specific Plan’s goal is built upon this effort, expanding the development opportunities, both in additional geothermal energy production along with mineral recovery, hydrogen, biofuels, and renewable (cathode, battery, electric vehicle) manufacturing facilities. The Program EIR ensures consideration of CEQA requirements and environmental impacts on a large project area plus avoids duplication of individual project CEQA reviews.

There are a number of other sectors of the renewability that the Salton Sea Resource has the potential to develop. This includes: 1) creating environmentally safe and renewable mineral recovery through geothermal brine, 2) developing other sustainable fuels such as green hydrogen and bio-based fuels, and 3) recycling and reusing

organic (plant based) and inorganic mineral waste (battery recovery), both diverting from landfills and reducing the depletion of raw materials.

Imperial County released a Specific Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Request for Proposals on January 13, 2022. The responses will be brought to the Imperial County Board of Supervisors in March 2022, with a recommendation to award. We are seeking support and funding of the Lithium Valley Specific Plan and Program EIR, with an estimated cost of \$5 million to be made directly available to the County of Imperial within 30 days of adoption of the FY 2022-23 State of California Budget.

Direct Funding to the County of Imperial for the Lithium Valley Development Office (\$500,000 annually, increasing by 5% per annum) for a period of ten (10 years) beginning with the FY 2022-23 State Budget

Imperial County is seeking support and funding of a Lithium Valley Development Office, located in Imperial County. The office function will be to provide direct feedback to the development on project status and shepherd projects through the County of Imperial permitting and planning offices. In addition, the office will follow the Lithium Valley Specific Plan and Program EIR, answer Industry inquiries, and encourage ancillary business development in Lithium Valley.

The Lithium Valley Development Office will include an economic development officer, civil engineer, planner and analyst. Each position would be limited term and compensated at 30% greater than the current corresponding County pay structure. The team will report to the Imperial County Board of Supervisors and provide collaboration reports to the California Energy Commission, Lithium Valley Commission and Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOBIZ). The estimated cost is \$500,000 annually (increasing by 5% per annum) and would be for a term of ten (10) years, between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2031.

State of California Support and Assistance in creation of an Imperial County Severance Tax or Resource Levy for critical minerals (delegated authority to Imperial County)

In November 2022, the County of Imperial shall seek voter approval to establish appropriate remuneration for lithium/rare mineral mining and power generation/storage to provide appropriate financial benefits to the County (as a municipal corporation) and community organizations that further the economic interests of the region.

The State of California shall support this self-determination effort so that the County of Imperial and its residents will directly benefit from the production of lithium/rare minerals and renewable energy resources being exported elsewhere in California, the nation and internationally. A mineral tax/levy/fee would be directed to infrastructure, environmental mitigation, and community enhancement, all within Imperial County.

Infrastructure needs are being identified by Imperial County Public Works and the Lithium Valley Specific Plan. Already, Imperial County has invested in the repair and reopening of two (2) critical bridges that serve the Lithium Valley Area. As the Salton Sea recedes, additional Geothermal resources and mineral extraction sites will need road and utility connection. A guaranteed revenue allows Imperial County to make the improvements, as industry demands grow.

Environmental mitigation needs are found at the South Salton Sea. Air pollution dust control projects, wetlands, remediation, land reclamation, and tree planting are some of the measures available. These projects would be on land around or near the Lithium Valley area.

Community enhancement needs are items that make our neighborhoods alive. Imperial County, in partnership with the Cities and Special Districts within the County would begin investment in cultural projects, music, art, parks and education endowment. Celebrating the contributions of our diverse community and encouraging some of the new workforce to locate in our communities.

The State of California will work cooperatively with the County of Imperial relative to any fee/taxation being discussed by State officials in an effort to ensure that such fees/taxes combined with local fees/taxes (for the benefit of the host community/region) do not place an undue burden on the industry, thus making lithium/rare-mineral extraction and geothermal energy generation unfeasible.

Support and Funding of a Cal-Poly campus in Imperial County (\$100 million) or Expansion of Current/Past Efforts (including cooperatives with UC Riverside and UC Davis to include educational opportunities in engineering, geology and chemistry for which to train/support the lithium industry in Imperial County)

Imperial County requests the support and funding of a California Polytechnical University in Lithium Valley. A Cal-Poly campus would provide the engineers and chemists needed to work in the geothermal and lithium development sector; as well as any co-locating cathode or battery company workforce needs. The polytechnical college provides opportunities for the vocational and technical development of the workforce as well, plus it would complement the need for supporting our continuing agricultural business.

As an immediate action, the State of California would establish a Cal-Poly extension at the three hundred (300) acres site in Brawley, California. The property was previously donated by a local businessperson with the hopes that a full four-year university would be established. The site has some superstructures, though is currently vacant. The on-site buildings could be remodeled and re-opened to immediately establish a Cal-Poly extension on this land with temporary classrooms/laboratories while a full campus is designed and constructed. The need is immediate.

Support and Provide Seed-Funding a Reference Lab for Lithium Purity Testing

The value and use applicability of metals, minerals and other elements rely on their laboratory-tested purity. Laboratory facilities must be located at or near actual mining facilities for quality control purposes. As the host community for lithium extraction, the Imperial Valley must have appropriate testing facilities to ultimately benefit commercial and consumer applications of lithium and other rare-earth minerals. Such a facility could be run as a cooperative serving many different extraction operations and (ultimately) be paid for out of a remuneration tax or fee.

Go-Biz Tax Credit Carve-Out for Lithium, Geothermal

The County of Imperial requests that the State of California dedicate \$5,000,000 annually for new Employment Tax Credits for employers within appropriate NAICS codes making new investments of lithium/rare-mineral mining in Imperial County for a period of five (5) years (time period of FY 2024 through FY 2028). This carve-out would provide the impetus for lithium/rare-mineral mining/processing/manufacturing and geothermal energy generation to begin immediately to meet the market demands and thus providing for supply-chain and environmental benefits to the State of California sooner.

Executive Order or Legislative Action exempting lithium/rare-mineral and geothermal producers from additional compliance from CEQA after PEIR and SP

The County of Imperial requests that the State of California take an executive or legislative action that results in the exclusion of current and future projects that are within the County's (to be created) Specific Plan and

Programmatic Environmental Impact Report from further environmental review, such as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Specific Actions Requested of the United States Federal Government

The United States Department of Energy (U.S. energy Secretary Granholm) produced the National Blueprint for Lithium Batteries (released in June 2021). It outlined the need for lithium production as a means of propelling the United States economy and providing for environmental improvements. It quotes President Biden's Executive Order 14008 "Tackling the Climate Crisis Home and Abroad" (1/27/21). Lithium/rare-mineral mining and renewable energy generation domestically helps reduce American reliance on foreign sources for needed manufacturing inputs and energy production.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 provides \$1.2 trillion of future spending from the United States Federal Government on various programs and projects. Included in this is about \$550 billion of direct spending on infrastructure projects. Imperial County's Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan needs the direct involvement and investment from the Federal Government.

The Infrastructure Bill included future spending in the following categories that can be used to propel the Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan:

Roads & Bridges: \$157 billion

Railways: \$66 billion

Electrical Grid: \$65 billion

Environmental Remediation: \$21 billion

Portions of the Infrastructure Bill can be utilized to help propel investment in lithium/rare-mineral mining and renewable energy generation in Imperial County:

Roads & Bridges (\$157 billion): Imperial County needs an allocation of \$50 million to provide for road and bridge infrastructure to portions of the region where lithium/rare-mineral mining and renewable power generation occur. This will provide the opportunity for increased access in a safe manner for production equipment and construction/operational personnel.

Railways (\$66 billion): An estimated 15,000,000 tons of lithium will be extracted over a 50+ year period (Upstream). Some of this material will be used directly in midstream (material processing, and cell manufacturing). Ultimately almost all either upstream or midstream material/products will be exported out of Imperial County to end-users. Rail is an efficient and effective means to move these materials and goods. Imperial County needs \$1 billion of railway upgrades in the form of additional tracks, loading and siding/spur infrastructure.

Electrical Grid (\$65 billion): The process of lithium and rare-mineral extraction (in the case of Imperial County) also generates significant geothermal (baseload) power. Energy production is reliant on transmission and distribution. Expanded capacity is needed to move energy from Imperial Valley to more populous areas throughout California and the Western United States. Imperial County requests \$500 million in funding offsets for grid upgrades and wheeling charges from energy producers.

Environmental Remediation (\$21 billion): Lithium battery production will (ultimately) generate an issue at the back end, “End-of-life recycling and reuse”. Without significant advanced planning and investment, this will become an immense environmental issue for generations to come. The Federal Government has the opportunity to utilize funds from the Infrastructure Bill to invest in appropriate facilities for “End of Life Recycling and Reuse.” Imperial County believes such activities should occur where (or near) the lithium was originally mined and processed. The Federal Government should allocate up to \$500 million in direct funding and/or loan guarantees for companies that desire to build/operate End of Life Recycling and Reuse facilities in Imperial County to support the lithium battery and technology industry.

Call to Action

The Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan will create billions of dollars of private economic investment in Imperial County producing lithium/rare-minerals and renewable energy helping propel the United States economy for generations. This will result in employment opportunities for residents of the region and tax revenue at the local, state and federal government.

The success of the Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan relies on the adoption and funding of the Plan at all levels of government (County, State and Federal). The actions needed by each level of government are outlined quantitatively within the plan. It is incumbent on each participant to take immediate action on their portion of the plan in order to achieve the desired outcome for economic investment.



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- County Unemployment 15-20%
- Median Household Income 3/4 of National Average
- Poverty Rate 2x National Average
- Current Gross Domestic Product (GDP):
\$9 billion
- Lithium/Rare Mineral Extraction & Geothermal Energy could DOUBLE Imperial County GDP in next 5-10 years

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Lithium IS the Gamechanger

- County of Imperial sees Lithium/Rare-Mineral Extraction and Geothermal Power Generation as an economic engine for the region
- Largest Concentration in United States
- Estimates at 15 million metric tons
- 30-Day Average Price of Lithium: \$60,000 a metric ton
- Value of Lithium between \$500 billion and \$1 trillion

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Plan Purpose & Self Determination

- The County of Imperial shall control its economic future as it relates to lithium/rare mineral extraction, processing, manufacturing and renewable energy generation and storage

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Actions of The County of Imperial

- Creation Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan Subcommittee of Board of Supervisors (Completed 11/21)
- Creation of an internal working group to the Subcommittee (Completed 1/22)
- Plan Adoption (2/15/22)
- Encourage Vertical Integrated (Manufacturing/Assembly) of products from lithium (Ongoing)
- Establish a Lithium Valley Project Ombudsperson (Pending)
- Explore economic viability of an Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District (EIFD) (Ongoing)
- Develop a Salton Sea Renewable Resource Specific Plan, accompanying Programmatic EIR, and the Lithium Development Infrastructure Assessment planning documents (Ongoing)
- Seek voter approval to establish appropriate remuneration for lithium/rare mineral mining and power generation/storage (Pending)

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Requested Actions of: The State of California

- Increase delegated authority for Geothermal from 49.9 to 99.9
- Provide \$5,000,000 to County of Imperial for a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and a Lithium Valley Specific Plan
- Funding for a Lithium Valley Development Office for 10-Years
- State of California Support and Assistance in creation of an Imperial County Severance Tax or Resource Levy for critical minerals.
- Funding of \$100 million for a Cal-Poly campus in Imperial County (or similar higher education campus)
- Seed-Funding a reference lab for lithium purity testing
- Go-Biz Tax Credit Carve-Out for Lithium, Geothermal (\$25 million over 5 Years)
- Executive Order or Legislative Action excluding projects within the County's SP and PEIR from further environmental review.

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Requested Actions of: The Federal Government

- *Roads & Bridges*: \$50 million to provide for road and bridge infrastructure
- *Railways*: \$1 billion of railway upgrades in the form of additional tracks, loading and siding/spur infrastructure.
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Follow-up

Additional Information Regarding the Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan (LVIP) is Available at:

Lithiumvalley.imperialcounty.org

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April 21, 2022

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
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RE: Support for Imperial County's Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan

Dear Assemblymember Garcia:

On behalf of the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)], I am writing to share with you our support of Imperial County's Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan.

Imperial County includes several disadvantaged communities and is one of the poorest counties in the state. We believe this proposal, among other efforts, enables an efficient, secure, and fair development of an industry that has the potential to propel and improve the economic and environmental future of Imperial County residents for generations to come.

To ensure we create the environment necessary to realize the massive potential for the County, California, and the nation, we need to be both thoughtful and aggressive in our development of this opportunity. That is why the Imperial County Board of Supervisors has adopted the Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan ("Plan"). This Plan articulates the local, statewide, and national benefits of this endeavor. It also prescribes the specific activities we believe are necessary for the County, the State, and the Federal governments to undertake to best capitalize on those benefits.

Specially, the Plan outlines specific requests of the State, such as:

- the increase of the County's delegated authority to permit geothermal power plants from 49.9 to 99.9 MWs.
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- support and assistance in the creation of an Imperial County Severance Tax or Resource Levy for critical minerals where the fees would be directed to infrastructure, environmental mitigation, and community enhancements;
- funding for a Cal-Poly campus in Imperial County, or similar higher education campus, or expand current or past efforts to provide the engineers and chemists needed to work in the lithium development sector;

- seed-funding for a reference lab for lithium purity testing at or near mining facilities for quality control purposes;
- annual funding for the period of 5 years for a new Go-Biz Tax Credit for lithium/rare-mineral mining at Lithium Valley; and
- an executive or legislative action that results in the exclusion of current and future projects that are within the County's Specific Plan and Programmatic EIR from further environmental review.

Given the critical nature of this endeavor, we strongly urge you to do everything you can to help Imperial County make this plan a reality. We greatly appreciate your time and attention.

Sincerely,

ROSIE ARREOLA-FERNANDEZ
ICTC Chairperson

cc: Jesus Eduardo Escobar, Chair, Imperial County Board of Supervisors



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Governor Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
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RE: Support for Imperial County's Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan

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To ensure we create the environment necessary to realize the massive potential for the County, California, and the nation, we need to be both thoughtful and aggressive in our development of this opportunity. That is why the Imperial County Board of Supervisors has adopted the Lithium Valley Economic Opportunity Investment Plan ("Plan"). This Plan articulates the local, statewide, and national benefits of this endeavor. It also prescribes the specific activities we believe are necessary for the County, the State, and the Federal governments to undertake to best capitalize on those benefits.

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