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## **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**October 22, 2020**

**Present:**

Guillermo Sillas	City of Brawley
Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Isabel Garcia	City of Imperial
Lily Falomir	City of Calexico
George Galvan	City of Calipatria
Frank Fiorenza	IID

**Others:**

Marlene Flores	ICTC
David Salgado	SCAG
Gordon Gaste	City of Brawley
Manuel Cabrera	City of Brawley
Andres Miramontes	City of Brawley
Ana Gutierrez	City of Brawley
Javier Luna	City of El Centro
Christian Rodriguez	City of El Centro
Angel Hernandez	City of El Centro
Felix DeLeon	City of El Centro
Catherine Gutierrez	City of El Centro
Rachel Fonseca	City of Westmorland
Kariza Preciado	City of Holtville
Ben Guerrero	Caltrans
Kevin Hovey	Caltrans
Victor Garcia	Holt Group
Lorianne Esturas	SCAG
Kimberly Clark	SCAG
David Von Stroh	Cambridge Systematics
Reema Shakra	
Greig Asher	
Adriana Amezcua	

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was present, and introductions were made. There were no public comments made.

1. Introductions
2. A *motion* was made to adopt the minutes for September 24, 2020 (**Galvan/Falomir**) **Motion Carried.**
3. **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Presentation:** SCAG Climate Adaptation Framework (*Presented by: Lorianne Esturas, Assistant Regional Planner*)  
SCAG and Consultant team provided an overview of the SoCal Climate Adaptation Framework to TAC members. SCAG shared new tools for local jurisdictions on communication and outreach strategies that can help local agencies and community-based organizations engage with residents to understand better how climate related hazards are affecting community members. As part of the overall Framework, SCAG will be working with local municipalities to assess the unique issues affecting the SCAG region, available planning tools and resources, scientific data, and messaging strategies. After the presentation, Q&A time was open for TAC members. Angel Hernandez from the City of El Centro requested an example of the General Plan Model Policies and other local agencies as well were interested.

SCAG will host a “Southern California Regional Climate Adaptation Framework” Toolbox on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00a.m. The training will give a more in-depth walk-through of the Adaptation Framework tools and resources.

#### 4. ICTC Updates / Announcements

(Presented by ICTC Staff)

- a. **Transit Planning Updates-** Marlene Flores provided a brief update on transit. Based on the current events surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic, ICTC is still operating under COVID-19 requirements.
- b. **Transportation Planning Updates (by Marlene Flores):**
  - **Regional Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update**  
Marlene Flores provided a quick update on the Regional CAP. ICTC is in the process of conducting Stakeholder meetings to gain insights from local agencies and hear their ideas on how the greenhouse (GHG) reduction measures ICTC is considering can be most effective for the community.  
The stakeholder meetings are scheduled for October 27th through November 5th for a one-hour meeting on one of those days. A Doodle Poll was created for stakeholders to provide their availability. ICTC encourages stakeholders to provide their available times no later than October 23, 2020.
- c. **FFY 2019-20 Programmed Project Updates**
  - Beginning October 1, 2020 agencies are allowed to move forward with request for authorization (RFA) for CMAQ, STBG and ATP programmed in FY2020/2021. A list of projects is part of the agenda. Agencies provided a quick update on their projects. Ben Guerrero asked if we can provide the list of projects and he will add comments to each project.
- d. **LTA Bond Updates: 2012 and 2018**
  - Brawley provided an update on their LTA Bond for 2012. Brawley completed the process to submit.

#### 5. SCAG Updates / Announcements (by David Salgado)

- **The 11th Annual Southern California Economic Summit:** On Tuesday, Dec. 1, SCAG will host the Southern California Economic Summit virtually for the first time in its 11-year history. This annual conversation about the state of the region's economy comes at a time of unprecedented crisis. General admission tickets are \$50. The ticket fee may be waived for elected officials and city managers of SCAG's member jurisdictions. There will be no general admission refunds after Nov. 9. Online registration closes Nov. 30.
- **2020 SCAG Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Grant Program:** SCAG has approved the 2020 SCP grant guidelines. The FY 2020/2021 program will fund projects in the following areas that support and implement the policies and initiatives of the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), Connect SoCal: Active Transportation & Safety; Housing and Sustainability; Smart Cities, Mobility Innovation & Transportation Demand Management; and Green Region.

**6. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:**

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

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

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

**Inactive Projects-** As of October 9, 2020, the INACTIVE and Future Inactive list was updated. Action is required by the Imperial County Transportation Commission, as well as these cities: Brawley and El Centro. November 20, 2020 is the deadline to submit Inactive invoices. District 11 must receive accurate and complete invoices to prevent de-obligation of federal funds! Verify on the "Inactive" link shown below for Inactive Project dates.

**November 2, 2020 – Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 10 Call for Projects (update)** Caltrans Division of Local Assistance announced the local HSIP Cycle 10 Call-for-Projects on May 5, 2020. The application deadline is November 2, 2020.

**November 2020 – New Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Call for Projects (due in April 2021)** An announcement calling for new Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) projects is anticipated in November 2020. The deadline for "FLAPplications" is expected to be in April 2021. The outreach plan is to schedule webinars that assist tribal and local agencies, as well as Caltrans, with this process.

**At-Risk Preliminary Engineering (PE) – Office Bulletin (OB) 20-03**

Caltrans Division of Local Assistance released OB 20-03 on August 11, 2020, with these policy changes:

Except for projects with federal funds that require California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocation (Active Transportation Program, Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, State Transportation Improvement Program, etc.), local agencies may begin reimbursable Preliminary Engineering (PE) work prior to receiving federal authorization for such work, assuming the project and PE phase are included in a federally-approved Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) document or an FSTIP amendment prior to incurring costs. Programming projects in the FSTIP or starting reimbursed work prior to authorization does not necessarily ensure a project is eligible for federal aid reimbursement. National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) approval will not occur until subsequent Right of Way and Construction phases are identified as fully funded and programmed in the FTIP.

**FHWA Virtual Tradeshow Resources-** The Tribal, Rural and Local Road Safety Virtual Tradeshow is available via this FHWA website.

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

**New Caltrans Architectural & Engineering (A&E) Oversight Videos Online-** Now available are short videos about key topics on the A&E Resources.

**Federal Aid Series Recordings Now Available for Project Contract Administration-** Recording of a recently delivered class is now available online. Training focuses on both State and federal aid highway projects.

**8. General Discussion / New Business**

- A brief update for next TAC meeting. ICTC will have a presentation for the Regional Climate Action Plan.
- Next TAC meeting will be on November 19, 2020 via Zoom.

**9. Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.**