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#### TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

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

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 6:00 PM

**CHAIR: ROBERT AMPARANO** 

VICE CHAIR: KARIN EUGENIO

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

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

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on any subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction, but not an item on the agenda. Any action taken because of public comments shall be limited to direction to staff. When addressing the Commission, state your name for the record prior to providing your comments. Please address the Commission as a whole, through the Chairperson. Individuals will be given three (3) minutes to address the Commission; groups or topics will be given a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes. Public comments will be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes. If additional time is required for public comments, they will be heard at the end of the meeting. Please remember to follow the Public Comment Code of Conduct: No profanity or obscenity, yelling or screaming, no slander or defamatory statements, no personal threats, or attacks, no hateful or demeaning language based on hate of a person's race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or disability, respect all people that are present or watching, obey the direction of the Chair and Secretary to the Commission.

#### IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. ICTC Commission Minutes: July 23, 2025 pages 4-17

B. Receive and file:

ICTC Management Committee Minutes: July 09, 2025
 ICTC TAC Minutes: June 26, 2025

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

- A. ICTC Executive Director page 19
  - Executive Director Report
- B. Southern California Association of Governments page 26
  - See attached report
- C. California Department of Transportation District 11 page 29
  - See attached report
- D. Commission / Committee Member Reports (if any)

#### VI. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Award of Contract for Consulting Services - Imperial County Region Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Feasibility Study page 43

The ICTC Management Committee met on September 10, 2025, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

- 1. Approve the award of the contract for the completion of the Imperial County EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study to C&S Engineers, Inc in the amount of \$166,388.00.
- 2. Authorize the executive director to sign the agreement.

#### VII. PRESENTATION CALENDAR

A. Calexico West Port of Entry Traffic Issues, Presentation by Caltrans Staff

#### VIII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. E-Bikes, Scooters and Street Racing Safety Discussion

#### IX. CLOSED SESSION CALENDAR

- A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session
- B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY, Government Code §54956.8
   Property: SW Lot of Menvielle Ct. Calexico, CA 92231, Assessor's Parcel Number: # 059-438-019
   Agency negotiator: David Aguirre, Negotiating parties: Joseph, Anthony, Edward and Linda Menvielle et al., Instructions to negotiators will concern price and terms of payment.
- C. Announcement of Closed Session Action(s)

#### X. MEETING DATE AND PLACE

A. The next meeting of the **Imperial County Transportation Commission** is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 22, 2025,** 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 for the public and non-voting members.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

# IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. ICTC Commission Minutes: July 23, 2025
- B. Receive and file:
  - 1. ICTC Management Committee Minutes: July 09, 2025
  - 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: June 26, 2025

## IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JULY 23, 2025 6:00 p.m.

#### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

City of Brawley
City of Calipatria
City of Calexico
City of El Centro
City of Imperial
City of Holtville
City of Westmorland
City of Westmorland
City of Brawley
City of Calexico
Lisa Tylanda
Absent
James Tucker
Mike Goodsell
Ana Beltran

County of Imperial Martha Cardenas-Singh

County of Imperial Absent
Imperial Irrigation District Karin Eugenio

STAFF PRESENT: David Aguirre, Cristi Lerma, Esperanza Avila, Gustavo Gomez, Michelle Bastidas,

Priscilla Baca

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Eric Havens: ICTC Counsel; Ann Fox (zoom), Melina Pereira, John Garcia: Caltrans

PUBLIC: Tim Jones: LTA Oversight Committee; Alexander Solorio; Lotus Living Community;

Lori Johnston

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Imperial County Transportation Commission and as listed on the agenda for the meeting held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

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

Karin Eugenio called the Commission meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

#### II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were none.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Tim Jones, LTA Oversight Committee member: Mr. Jones first comment included some items
  that the oversight committee has recommended in past meetings they'd like staff to consider
  and talk to the board about, such as publication of completed projects. The second comment
  was regarding the Forrester Road PSR and were geared towards Caltrans.
- Alexander Solorio, Lotus Living Community at Imperial Valley College: Mr. Solorio commented on the issues regarding the alignment of classes to the current transit schedule from the Lotus Living community.

#### IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing for IVT RIDE rebranding/restructuring and fare increase

In accordance with Federal Transit Administration guidelines, the public hearing notice was published in the Imperial Valley Press on June 20, 2025, and July 5, 2025, and online on their website. The notice is also published on the ICTC and IVT RIDE websites, and

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notices were posted inside service vehicles. Additionally, staff have been presenting at social service agencies and city council's/board of supervisor's meetings.

A presentation was provided by the Executive Director. The presentation included the following information: Current conditions and new conditions of service availability, service fares and service area. For a full presentation please contact ICTC or visit the ICTC website.

Following the presentation, staff opened the public comment portion, and we received the following comments.

Commissioner Mike Goodsell: Confirmation that IVT Ride does not travel to Holtville, but Holtville does have IVT and IVT Access available to their residents.

Commissioner Martha Cardenas-Singh: Thanked staff for presenting to the County BOS. Two questions/comments received by two board of Supervisors included one by Supervisor Price regarding the service to Seeley. Supervisor Price also requested a presentation from staff regarding transit services at their community meeting. The second was from Supervisor Kelley, he asked for more routes in the north end and Coachella Valley.

Lori Johnston: Ms. Johnson had some concerns regarding the expansion, in particular concerns with competing with the general public. Mr. Aguirre reassured Ms. Johnston that the reservation system will still pertain to seniors and people with disabilities. Members of the public will only have access to the on-demand app.

#### V. CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar was reviewed and forwarded by the ICTC Management Committee.

A. ICTC Commission Minutes: June 25, 2025

B. Receive and file:

ICTC Management Committee Minutes: June 11, 2025
 ICTC TAC Minutes: May 22, 2025
 ICTC SSTAC Minutes: May 7, 2025

- C. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Transportation Services FY24-25 ICTC grant application
  - Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to submit an FTA 5310 FY24-25
    Grant, execute all required documents and any amendments with the California
    Department of Transportation for the continued funding of the Regional Mobility
    Coordination Program.
  - 2. Authorize the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution
  - 3. Direct staff to forward the FTA 5310 Grant Application and associated documentation to the California Department of Transportation.
- D. State of Good Repair Grant Program, FY 2025-26
  - 1. Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to take any actions necessary on behalf of the ICTC for the purposes of

obtaining FY 2025-26 financial assistance, provided by the State of California Department of Transportation under the State of Good Repair Grant Program.

A motion was made by Amezcua and seconded by Rebollar to approve the consent calendar as presented, roll call:

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

#### VI. REPORTS

- A. ICTC Executive Director

  Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:
  - ICTC has been working towards developing a bus stop maintenance program for a few years. Part of the program was to develop a bus stop inventory which noted the GPS locations of the bus stops in addition to a description of the assets (if any) at the bus stop. Under its existing structure, the cities/county (where the bus stops are located) are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the bus stops. In return, ICTC provides each of the cities/county funding to maintain and repair the bus stops. To provide a consolidated maintenance effort, ICTC is working with each of the cities/county to transition the maintenance and replacement of the bus stops to ICTC. ICTC will in turn utilize the funding it currently provides to the cities/county to complete the same effort. ICTC has begun the maintenance efforts associated with the bus stops for the cities of El Centro, Calexico, Calipatria, Holtville and the unincorporated communities of Seeley, Niland and Heber. ICTC is working with the cities of Imperial and Brawley to transition maintenance efforts soon.
  - Staff are working on developing a bus stop improvement project across multiple cities throughout the county. The project consists of installing various bus shelters and potentially other amenities. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. Most recently, the improvement plans have been finalized at the 100% completion level. Final preparation of the project specifications and contract document plan is being completed. ICTC is working towards procurement and hopes to start construction in the fall of 2025.
  - The contractor continues with construction activities on the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center project. Project demolition activities have been completed, and grading efforts are underway.
  - ICTC has completed a phase 1 and 2 site assessment for the proposed site of the ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility. ICTC has obtained NEPA

clearance from the FTA for the acquisition of the project. During the meeting on March 26, 2025, the Commission approved the acquisition of the property pending FTA concurrence. ICTC completed the acquisition of the project site in June 2025. Staff are currently developing the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Environmental and Design Services. Staff's goal is to release the RFP in August 2025. Staff were also able to submit multiple grant applications for the anticipated construction efforts under the FTA 5339 for Bus Facilities and Low No Emission Programs.

- Staff has issued the RFP for the Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study, and the procurement process is anticipated to close on July 7, 2025. ICTC is working towards a September 2025 award.
- ICTC received approval to proceed with Right of Way acquisition from the CTC in June 2025 for the Calexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center. ICTC is working on the next steps to have the proposed property appraised and to work towards acquisition.
- ICTC is currently pursuing the implementation of an electronic fare payment system to its fixed route transit services. The system would allow all of its fixed route buses to take card payments in addition to its existing cash payment system. ICTC has received approval to utilize grant funds and intends to proceed with the development of the project. ICTC recently received various bids from interested parties for consideration. ICTC is evaluating the responses and intends to work towards a potential contract award in September 2025.
- All ICTC Executive Directors' updates can be found on page 33
- C. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
  - SCAG will be dark in August and will return to their regular meeting schedule in September.
  - SCAG released two reports on expanding access to economic opportunity in Southern California. The links to the reports could be found at the following page: <a href="https://scag.ca.gov/news/scag-releases-two-reports-expanding-access-economic-opportunity-southern-california">https://scag.ca.gov/news/scag-releases-two-reports-expanding-access-economic-opportunity-southern-california</a>
  - Updates can be found on the SCAG report on page 41 of the agenda.
- C. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)- District 11 Ms. Fox had the following updates:
  - The Complete Streets Branch at Caltrans D11 is working on re-engaging with partner agencies to the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). This group meets quarterly with the purpose of providing space for open communication and collaboration with a focus on walking, biking and/or transit. The next meeting is scheduled for August 20th at 3:30 with the option to join virtually. Caltrans has been working with their congressional representatives to provide statewide priorities and projects for the upcoming Surface Transportation Reauthorization. Caltrans sent invitations to all local agencies to join the meeting and the County of Imperial, and the City of Calipatria have already responded.
  - On July 14, 2025, the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Ronald D. Johnson and his staffers visited the Otay Mesa East Port of Entry site as part of a tour of the region. The purpose of his visit was to learn more about the project and region generally, as he stepped into the role on April 9, 2025.

- Assembly Bill 665, Alvarez. California-Mexico Borders Relations Council. Bill has been approved by Governor as of July 14th. Existing law establishes the California Mexico Border Relations Council in state government and prescribes the membership, functions and duties of the council with respect to coordinating the activities of state agencies that are related to cross-border programs, initiatives, projects, and partnerships that exist within state agencies, to improve the effectiveness of state and local efforts that are of concern between California and Mexico. This bill would authorize the Speaker of the Assembly to appoint a Member of the Assembly and the President pro Tempore to appoint a Member of the Senate who each represent a district that shares a border with Mexico to the council to serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member, as specified.
- A letter of support was signed and delivered supporting ICTC in their application to the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Low or No Emissions Grant and Bus Facilities Competitive Programs for Fiscal Year 2025.
- Some projects underway that were mentioned are the following:
- District 11 Truck Parking and Medium/Heavy Duty ZEV Charging Station Site Assessment
  - a. Status: Caltrans is forming a Project Development team to initiate the Project Initiation Document (PID).
- Lithium Valley Project Initiation Document (PID)
  - a. Status: District 11 has been awarded funds for this effort. Coordination with local partners to be essential.
- FY 2025-2026 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Project: Caltrans has awarded four planning grants to local partners. One being County of Imperial: Gateway to las Americas – Mobility Improvements around the Calexico commercial Port of Entry.
- Calexico East Land Port of Entry Joint Operations Systems
  - a. Status: Caltrans District 11 is initiating the CMAS contract process to procure a consultant team.
- SR-86 at the intersection of Black Diamond Road
  - a. Status: The Project Initiation Document (PID) draft and fact sheets are being prepared.
- San Diego- Imperial County "Desert Line" Feasibility Study
  - a. Status: Final report was completed in June 2025 and will be shared in the coming weeks.
- California-Mexico Binational Rail Strategy
  - a. Status: Caltrans hired Cordoba Corporation as the consultant team. A stakeholder kickoff meeting will be scheduled soon. Stakeholder participation is encouraged and appreciated.
- Several pavement preservation projects are under construction in Imperial County.
- All other updates can be found on page 45
- D. Commission Member Reports
  - Updates were provided by various commissioners.

#### VII. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Adjustments to IVT RIDE Service – Implementation of Service Changes – Adjustments to Service Name and Logo, Fare Collection and Value Modifications, Accessibility to the General Public Adjustments and Service Hour Modifications

 Authorized Staff to implement the adjustments noted in the NEW CONDITIONS SECTION of TABLE 1 to the IVT Ride Service and transition the service to IVT Ride Now. Begin operation of the new IVT Ride Now service beginning September 2, 2025.

A motion was made by Goodsell and seconded by Tylenda to approve Action A as presented, roll call:

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

#### **Motion Carried.**

- B. 2025 Call for Projects Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface
   Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Programming Project List FFY 2026/27 to FFY 2027/28
  - Approved the 2025 Call for Projects Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant Recommended Programming Project List for FFY2026/27 to FFY2027/28
  - 2. Directed staff to program projects in the next available Federal Transportation Improvement Program Formal Amendment upon receipt of approval

A motion was made by Cardenas-Singh and seconded by Rebollar to approve Action B as presented, roll call:

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

#### **Motion Carried.**

- C. Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) Project Contract Change Order No. 3 and Contract Change Order No. 4
  - 1. Approved Change Order No. 3 and Change Order No. 4 to Hazard Construction Engr. LLC for the Calexico ITC Project in the amount of (\$15,643.44) and (\$9,792.00) respectively modifying the total contract value to \$12,785,203.65.
  - Authorized the Executive Director to sign Change Order No. 3 and Change Order No.
     4.

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A motion was made by Tylenda and seconded by Amezcua to approve Action C as presented, roll call:

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

#### **Motion Carried.**

- D. Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)/Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) Administration, Operations and Maintenance Center Grant Applications and Matching Funds Commitment
  - 1. Approved the resolution noting the contribution of the required local match funds for the Bus and Bus Facilities grant (\$10,977,000) and the Low or No Emission Program grant (\$11,575,499). Local Matching Funds will only be required should ICTC be successful in the grant award.
  - Authorized the Executive Director to sign any applicable grant documentation, certification and assurances and any other documents required to complete the acceptance of a grant award.

A motion was made by Tylenda and seconded by Goodsell to approve Action D as presented, roll call:

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

#### **Motion Carried.**

- E. Approval of Reimbursement Agreement between the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) and the County of Imperial Imperial County Transportation Model (ICTM) Updates Lithium Valley Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) Modification 1
  - 1. Authorized the Chairman to sign the Reimbursement Agreement Modification 1 between the County of Imperial and ICTC to reimburse ICTC for any cost associated with the completion of the required transportation modeling services. Said Modification will increase the funding capacity to a total value of \$150,000.00. Said services are to be completed by Caltrans.

A motion was made by Amezcua and seconded by Rebollar to approve Action E as presented, roll call:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Yes
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Absent
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Hawk	Yes
County of Imperial Singh	Absent
City of Westmorland	Zoom
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

#### **Motion Carried.**

- F. Approval of Contract- Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) IVT/IVT Access/IVT Ride/IVT MedTrans—Public Outreach and Marketing Services FY's 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28
  - 1. Authorized the Chairman to execute the IVT Public Outreach and Marketing Services Agreement with Conveyor Group, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$450,000 for a three-year term (\$150,000 per fiscal year) effective August 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

A motion was made by Beltran and seconded by Tylenda to approve Action F as presented, roll call:

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

#### **Motion Carried.**

#### VIII. MEETING DATE AND PLACE

C. The next meeting will be on September 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the ICTC Offices, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243, and via Zoom Meeting for the public.

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

## IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF July 09, 2025 10:30 a.m.

#### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

City of Brawley	Absent
City of Calexico	Armando Orozco
City of Calipatria	Laura Gutierrez
City of El Centro	Robert Sawyer
City of Holtville	Nick Wells
City of Imperial	Thomas Garcia
County of Imperial	Dr. Kathleen Lang
County of Imperial	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Manuel Ortiz
City of Westmorland	Absent
ICTC	David Aguirre

STAFF PRESENT: Esperanza Avila, Cristi Lerma, Marlene Flores

OTHERS PRESENT: David Salgado: SCAG; Alejandro Lopez-Rangel: Caltrans; Emmet Fried: City of Brawley

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, July 9, 2025, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

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

Ms. Laura Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m., roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

#### II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were none.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

#### IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of Management Committee Draft Minutes May 14, 2025 & June 11, 2025

B. Receive and File:

ICTC Commission Minutes: May 28, 2025
 ICTC TAC Minutes: May 22, 2025
 ICTC SSTAC Minutes: May 7, 2025

- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Transportation Services FY24-25 ICTC grant application
  - Authorized the Executive Director or his designee to submit an FTA 5310 FY24-25
    Grant, execute all required documents and any amendments with the California
    Department of Transportation for the continued funding of the Regional Mobility
    Coordination Program.

- 2. Authorized the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution
- 3. Directed staff to forward the FTA 5310 Grant Application and associated documentation to the California Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Wells seconded by Garcia to approve the consent calendar as presented; Motion carried unanimously.

#### V. REPORTS

#### A. ICTC Executive Director

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- o ICTC has been working towards developing a bus stop maintenance program for a few years. Part of the program was to develop a bus stop inventory which noted the gps locations of the bus stops in addition to a description of the assets (if any) at the bus stop. Under its existing structure, the cities/county (where the bus stops are located) are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the bus stops. In return, ICTC provides each of the cities/county funding to maintain and repair the bus stops. To provide a consolidated maintenance effort, ICTC is working with each of the cities/county to transition the maintenance and replacement of the bus stops to ICTC. ICTC will in turn utilize the funding it currently provides to the cities/county to complete the same effort. ICTC is anticipating beginning the maintenance efforts in July 2025.
- The Contractor continues with construction activities for the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) project. Project demolition activities have been completed, and grading efforts are underway.
- O ICTC is working on IVT Ride service modifications that include redeveloping the service logo and building a mobile software. The project is proposed to go live in September 2025. ICTC will be completing presentations about the service modifications to key stakeholders and the city councils of the affected communities and will also be conducting a public hearing to finalize the modifications to the service. The public hearing is scheduled to take place prior to the July 2025 commission meeting.
- The Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis is anticipated to take a year to complete. The project has kicked off and outreach efforts have taken place. The Analysis is currently being developed.
- O ICTC has completed a phase 1 and 2 site assessment for the proposed ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility site. ICTC has obtained NEPA clearance from the FTA for the acquisition of the project. During the meeting on March 26, 2025, the Commission approved the acquisition of the property pending FTA concurrence. Staff have obtained FTA concurrence and are now working towards finalizing the acquisition.
- Staff have issued the RFP for the Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study project, and the procurement process is anticipated to close in late June 2025. ICTC is working towards a July 2025 award.
- ICTC is proceeding with allocation of Right of Way Funding with the CTC in June
   2025 for the Calexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center.
- All ICTC Executive Directors' updates can be found on page 24.
- B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Mr. Salgado had the following updates:

- July 01, 2025: California State Budget Reduces Barriers to Housing Production and Extends Deadline for Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) Program: The trailer bills also include a six-month extension for expenditures under the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) program. This extension helps to make up for time lost during proposed cuts to the REAP program during the 2024 state budget process, which jeopardized SCAG's \$231 million in funding from this program, most of which had been granted to projects throughout Southern California. SCAG staff will work with California Department of Housing and Development (HCD) to determine how the time extension will be administered and how this affects SCAG's timeline for delivery of the program.
- SCAG has released two new reports that examine the region's economic landscape and propose strategies to expand access to quality jobs, career training, and long-term economic mobility—particularly for communities historically underrepresented in the workforce.
- SCAG updates can be found on page 32 of the agenda.
- C. Caltrans Department of Transportation District 11

Mr. Lopez-Rangel had the following updates:

- o Friday, August 15, 2025, is the final submittal deadline for allocations and time extensions for the October 16-17, 2025, CTC meeting.
- National Tribal Grant Writing Workshop (NTGWW): Deadline to apply is 7/27/2025.
- Survey: Identifying the Needs of Local Public Agencies and Tributes- Please help by taking the survey.
- Caltrans updates can be found on page 36 of the agenda.
- D. Committee Member Reports
  - There were no other reports.

#### VI. ACTION CALENDAR

A. 2025 Call for Projects – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Programming Project List – FFY 2026/27 to FFY 2027/28

The ICTC TAC met on June 26, 2025, and forwarded this item to the ICTC Management Committee and the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

- Approved the 2025 Call for Projects Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant Recommended Programming Project List for FFY2026/27 to FFY2027/28
- 2. Directed staff to program projects in the next available Federal Transportation Improvement Program Formal Amendment upon receipt of approval

A motion was made by Wells seconded by Garcia for approval as presented; Motion carried unanimously.

VII. The next meeting is scheduled for **September 10, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.** at the City of Calipatria.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.



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## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### June 26, 2025

#### Present:

Gloria Moreno City of Calexico Lili Falomir City of Calexico Francisco Barba City of Calipatria Melanie Amarillas City of Calipatria Hector Salcedo City of El Centro City of El Centro Felix de Leon City of Holtville Chandler Sinclair Jesus Villegas City of Imperial Fernando Williams City of Imperial Adolfo Garcia County of Imperial Veronica Atondo County of Imperial

Manuel Ortiz IID Bently C. Rothfleich IID

#### Others:

Michael Coyne City of Calexico
Abraham Campos City of El Centro
Liz Zarate City of El Centro
Ramiro Barajas City of Westmorland

David Aguirre ICTC
Marlene Flores ICTC
Cesar Beltran ICTC
Kiran Parmar Caltrans
Alejandro Lopez-Rangel Caltrans
Frank Safaie Caltrans
David Salgado SCAG

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.

1. A motion was made to adopt the minutes for May 22, 2025 (Falomir/Ortiz), Motion Carried.

#### 2. California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) 2027 Update

(Presented by Caltrans Staff)

Mrs. Parmar presented a brief update on the California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) 2027 Update. No comments were made.

3. 2025 Call for Projects – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Programming Project List – FFY 2026/27 to FFY 2027/28 (Presented by ICTC Staff)

ICTC staff forwarded this item to the Technical Advisory Committee for discussion and recommendation to submit to the ICTC Management Committee and Commission after public comments, if any:

- 1. Approved the 2025 Call for Projects Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant Recommended Programming Project List for FFY2026/27 to FFY2027/28:
- 2. Direct staff to program projects in the next available Federal Transportation Improvement Program Formal Amendment upon receipt of approval.

A motion was made to approve the Action Item. (Falomir/DeLeon) Motion Carried.

Ms. Flores provided the item's next steps.

#### 4. Caltrans Updates / Announcements

(Presented by Caltrans Staff)

- Mr. Lopez-Rangel requested a review of the inactive projects list for the agencies of Holtville, Brawley, Calexico, City of Imperial and the ICTC.
- Mr. Lopez-Rangel requested to review the list of Project End Date for the agencies of Holtville, Brawley and ICTC.
- Mr. Lopez-Rangel stated that City of Brawley's UEI expires July 22<sup>nd</sup> and Calipatria's expires August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- July 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for submitting the Title VI Program Assessment Online Form.

Mr. Aguirre asked if there were any comments issued from FHWA or Caltrans related to the Title VI plans that were submitted, Mr. Lopez-Rangel commented that he will asked the Program Manager if any.

#### 5. SCAG Updates / Announcements

No updates were given

#### 6. ICTC Updates / Announcements

(Presented by ICTC Staff)

Mr. Aguirre provided several project updates.

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

Updates were given by the agencies.

#### 8. General Discussion / New Business

No new business was discussed.

The TAC Members voted to go dark for July. The next meeting is scheduled for August.

The next TAC meeting will be on August 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.



- A. ICTC/LTA/IVRMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
- B. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS REPORT
- C. CALIFORNIA DEPATMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-DISTRICT 11
- D. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS



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#### Memorandum

Date: September 19, 2025

**To:** ICTC Commission Meeting

From: David Aguirre, Executive Director

**Re:** Executive Director's Report

The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Commission meeting on September 24, 2025.

- 1) SAVE THE DATE ICTC General Assembly on January 22, 2026: ICTC will be hosting its General Assembly on Thursday, January 22, 2026, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Old Eucalyptus Schoolhouse. Admission for elected officials and city/county managers and distinguished guests will be complimentary. Staff are actively working to secure sponsorship opportunities to support the event. For questions or to learn more about sponsorship options, please contact Cristi Lerma. A follow-up email with more details, including how to register, will be sent soon.
- 2) **Bus Stop Maintenance Program:** ICTC has been working towards developing a bus stop maintenance program for many years. Part of the program was to develop a bus stop inventory which noted the gps locations of the bus stops in addition to a description of the assets (if any) at the bus stop. Under its existing structure, the cities/county (where the bus stops are located) are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the bus stops. In return, ICTC provides each of the cities/county funding to maintain and repair the bus stops. To provide a consolidated maintenance effort, ICTC is working with each of the cities/county to transition the maintenance and replacement of the bus stops to ICTC. ICTC will in turn utilize the funding it currently provides to the cities/county to complete the same effort. ICTC has begun the maintenance efforts associated with the bus stops for the cities of El Centro, Calexico, Calipatria, Holtville and the unincorporated communities of Seeley, Niland and Heber. ICTC is working with the cities of Imperial and Brawley to transition maintenance efforts soon.
- 3) Bus Stop Improvement Project: Staff are working on developing a bus stop improvement project across multiple cities throughout the county. The project consists of installing various bus shelters and potentially other amenities. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. ICTC released the Request for Proposals for design services for the project. ICTC is looking to begin design services soon and have construction take place within FY23-24/FY24-25. The contract was awarded at the April Commission meeting. ICTC has already participated in a kickoff meeting with the consultant and all of the effected agencies. The project design is ongoing and is anticipated to be completed in the next few months. ICTC obtained additional funding to incorporate additional bus stop locations. The new location designs are being incorporated into the overall project design. The 65% percent improvement plans have been completed and were distributed to participating agencies. ICTC has received agency comments, and the comments have been forwarded to the consultant for incorporation into the project improvement plans. The improvement plans have been finalized at the 100% completion level. Final preparation of the project specifications and contract documents plans is being completed. ICTC is working towards procurement and hopes to start construction in the fall of 2025.

- 4) 2024 Local Partnership Program, Cycle 5: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Senate Bill 1) created the Local Partnership Program (LPP) as a program to reward and incentivize local or regional transportation agencies that have sought and received voter approval of taxes or that have imposed fees, which taxes or fees are dedicated solely for transportation improvements. The program is implemented by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The CTC adopted the 2024 LPP Program Cycle 5 Guidelines on August 15-16, 2024. As a result of the adoption of the Cycle 5 Guidelines the Call for Projects has opened. The LPP Grant funds require a one-to-one match. The Imperial County Region's estimated allocation amount for FY 2025/26 is \$524million and \$520 million for FY2026/27 for a total of \$1,044 million. ICTC received news of an increase in Cycle 5 LPP funds following CTC's redistribution of unused Incentive Funds. This action resulted in a small increase of funds for FY 2025/26, available through June 2028. To access these funds, local agencies will work with ICTC and CTC staff in submitting Nomination Packet to the CTC for approval. There is also a competitive program that is administered by the CTC. Guidelines for the program can be found at <a href="https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/local-partnership-program/2024-lpp-competitive-guidelines-adopted-resolution.pdf">https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/local-partnership-program/2024-lpp-competitive-guidelines-adopted-resolution.pdf</a>
- 5) Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC): A new Intermodal Transportation Center in the City of Calexico has been part of ICTC's long range transit planning. The new Calexico ITC will serve as a regional mobility hub that will accommodate bus bays for Imperial Valley Transit in addition to private bus companies, taxis and farm labor buses. ICTC previously received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal program fund to complete the environmental and design plans of the new Calexico ITC. The environmental and design phase has been completed. Right of Way Acquisition for the project has been completed. ICTC was awarded multiple grants to complete the required construction efforts for the project. ICTC received grant awards from the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0, Active Transportation Program (ATP) and Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant and Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Programs. ICTC recently completed the construction procurement efforts, and a contract award was issued to Hazard Construction. The project is anticipated to take a year to complete. We had a successful groundbreaking ceremony on February 28, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the project site. The Contractor continues with construction activities for the project. Demolition activities have been completed and construction efforts associated with the development of building infrastructure is ongoing. The project remains on schedule and is anticipated to be completed in early 2026.
- IVT Ride Service Modifications: IVT Ride is a dial-a-ride service that is available to seniors (55 years of age or older) and persons with disabilities in the communities of Calexico, Heber, El Centro, Imperial and Brawley. The service primarily operates in an intracity capacity with the exception of the communities of El Centro, Imperial and Heber and the Westshores service which travels to the city of Brawley or the Coachella Valley. The Westshores service is also available to the general public. Due to continuing declining ridership on all IVT Ride services, staff are exploring the possibility of modifying the service to provide trips to the general public but still provide priority to the senior population. The possible modification would enable the service to capture additional passengers and implement a microtransit-like service in various communities. The possible modification would also require financial investment in technology and the development of a passenger web and mobile application. Staff anticipate bringing the further evaluated concept to the Management Committee and Commission in the coming months. Staff are also pursuing funding opportunities to facilitate the possible transition of the service. Staff provided the Commission with a presentation on August 28, 2024, with further details. There was consensus to proceed with the software development and hardware acquisition. This item received approval to proceed to further development by the commission. ICTC has received state funding to complete the software and hardware upgrades for the project. ICTC Staff developed a plan to conduct outreach (including in-person presentations and surveys) to the public about the proposed service modifications. ICTC redeveloped the service logo and finalized mobile software for anticipated use. ICTC also provided presentations about the service modifications to key stakeholders and the city councils of the affected communities. A public hearing was held on July 23, 2025 as required by law. The service began operating in its new capacity on September 2, 2025 and offered free rides to all. Ridership information will be shared to the Commission at the September 2025 meeting.
- 7) **Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis:** Staff was able to secure grant funding to complete a Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). The COA is a comprehensive evaluation of ICTC's existing transit

services while also presenting evaluation findings and recommendations to further improvement of ICTC's existing public transit system. ICTC intends to evaluate all ICTC operated services in addition to incorporating an assessment of the feasibility of intercity passenger rail. Staff recently released the Request for Proposals to the public and issued a contract award in October 2024. The analysis is anticipated to take a year to complete. The project has kicked off and outreach efforts have taken place. The Analysis is currently being developed. The consultant is anticipating conducting presentations highlighting proposed recommendations to the commission in November 2025.

- 8) ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility: ICTC staff has engaged with the proposed property owner's representative about ICTC's interest in the property. ICTC has also communicated with the city of El Centro regarding action items that would need to take place to facilitate the goal of the project. ICTC has also communicated with grant agencies and our Zero Emission Bus Plan engineering consultant to develop a preliminary site plan of the proposed improvements. Next steps include executing a Letter of Intent with the property owner, continuing coordination with the city of El Centro, and to begin conducting the required environmental studies like a Phase 1 Site Assessment. ICTC will also continue to work on grant opportunities to fund the acquisition of the property. A preliminary site plan has been prepared and was shared with the commission. ICTC was recently informed that it had received a funding commitment for the completion of the design/environmental phases of the project. ICTC has completed a phase 1 and 2 site assessment for the proposed site. ICTC has obtained NEPA clearance from the FTA for the acquisition of the project. During the meeting on March 26, 2025, the Commission approved the acquisition of the property pending Federal Transit Administration (FTA) concurrence. ICTC completed the acquisition of the project site in June 2025. Staff are currently finalizing the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Environmental and Design Services. Staff's goal is to release the RFP in September 2025. Staff was also able to submit multiple grant applications for the anticipated construction efforts under the FTA 5339 for Bus Facilities and Low No Emission Programs.
- 9) CMAQ and STBG Call for Projects: SCAG implemented a call for projects for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG). The funding years associated with this call for projects are FFY 2026-27 and FFY 2027-28. SCAG adopted the CMAQ/STBG Guidelines at its March 6, 2025, Regional Council Meeting. This item was taken to the ICTC TAC in February and was presented to the Management Committee and Commission respectively in March 2025. ICTC adopted its scoring framework at the March 2025 Commission Meeting. The Call for Projects opened on March 31, 2025, and closed on May 16, 2025, at 5 p.m. Applications were due to SCAG via its online application portal. The Imperial County region submitted a total of 15 applications from the cities of Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial and the County of Imperial. The scoring and ranking of projects was completed by members of the ICTC TAC in June 2025. The recommendations were presented to the Management Committee in July 2025 and to the commission in July 2025. Staff forwarded the final list of recommendations to SCAG for further evaluation in July 2025. SCAG is currently evaluating project submittals across the SCAG region.
- 10) 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Anza Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project: ICTC is working with Caltrans to develop an approach towards proceeding with the development of the required environmental and engineering phases for the rehabilitation 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Anza Road Bridge Project. ICTC met with Caltrans to discuss the next steps and will begin development of the required actions to proceed with the project. ICTC will be working closely with Caltrans and the city of Calexico on further actions. ICTC is anticipating proceeding environmental analysis and design in early 2026.
- 11) Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study: ICTC recently submitted a grant application under the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) to prepare a Countywide EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study. The project will aim to identify strategic locations within the county for EV Charging Infrastructure. Caltrans is currently developing a similar project for locations along State facilities. ICTC is now in the process of finalizing the contract agreement with one of the proposers. The agreement will be presented to the Commission for approval consideration in September 2025.
- 12) EV Charger Acquisition Project: Staff are working on developing an EV charger acquisition project across multiple cities throughout the county. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. Once the charger stations are acquired, ICTC will proceed with the next steps associated with the

installation. ICTC released the RFP for the project on August 29, 2025. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in FY 2025–26. Responses to the RFP are due early October 2025.

- 13) **Potential HHW Site in Calipatria:** Staff are currently exploring the potential development of a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection site within the City of Calipatria. This initiative is part of our ongoing efforts to enhance environmental stewardship and promote public safety by providing residents with a dedicated and accessible location for the proper disposal of household hazardous materials. The implementation of this project is contingent upon securing appropriate grant funding, which will support the necessary infrastructure, operational costs, and community outreach efforts. Should the grant be awarded, this facility would significantly improve local access to safe and environmentally responsible HHW disposal options, thereby reducing the risk of improper waste management and its associated environmental and health impacts. Staff will continue to seek opportunities and will keep the Commission informed of any developments as they arise.
- 14) New Border Express Route starting February 10, 2025: Staff have coordinated the implementation of a demonstration route that will operate Monday through Friday at select times between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Paulin Bus Stop to the Calexico East POE. This is being demonstrated in anticipation of a larger scale route associated with the upcoming transit facility that is anticipated to begin when the new East POE facility is completed. There is also an additional IVC Express Trip embedded in the new service which will help alleviate some of the congestion we see on some of our IVC Express trips. Staff will be providing updates as it pertains to the development of the service.
- 15) Calexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center: ICTC was recently awarded \$12.6 million by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) through its Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) to acquire, design and construct a transit facility at the Calexico East Port of Entry (POE). The goal of the Calexico East POE Intermodal Transportation Center is to create a transformative transportation hub that integrates various modes of transportation including public transit buses. The facility is anticipated to offer amenities such as shade, seating, bicycle parking, signage, and travel guidance, addressing the current lack of amenities and transportation options for pedestrians crossing the border at the Calexico East POE. Additionally, this project will bring four new zero emission vehicles to provide public transit services to the area. The project will have several phases with an estimated completion date in 2030. The Master Agreement between ICTC and Caltrans was approved at the April 2025 Commission Meeting. ICTC received approval to proceed with Right of Way acquisition from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in June 2025. ICTC is working on next steps to proceed with the property acquisition.
- 16) Electronic Fare Payments: ICTC is currently pursuing the implementation of an electronic fare payment system to its fixed route transit services. The system would allow all of its fixed route buses to take card payments in addition to its existing cash payment system. ICTC has received approval to utilize grant funds and intends to proceed with the development of the project. ICTC recently received various bids from interested parties for consideration. ICTC is evaluating the responses and intends to work towards a potential contract award in October 2025.
- 17) Forrester Road Project Study Report (PSR): Caltrans District 11 has been working on a project report on behalf of ICTC. The PSR will analyze safety and operation improvements along Forrester Road between I-8 and SR86/SR78. Other improvements include the Westmorland bypass. A meeting to discuss the draft PSR took place at the ICTC offices on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 9 a.m. Further updates to the PSR are anticipated along with additional meetings to discuss the updated PSR. The updated PSR was recently completed, and the PSR was presented to the management committee and commission in September 2024. ICTC will proceed with further aspects of project development. Staff is currently working with Caltrans Staff to move the project into the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase.
- 18) Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA): IMBA's 2025 Chair is Abel Graciano representing the Mexicali Region and Vice-Chair is David Aguirre from ICTC representing the Imperial County Region. The next IMBA and Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled to be held on November 13, 2025, in Imperial County.

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19) 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. 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 \$1.3 million to complete the traffic study, 100% design plans, construction of the canopy, lighting related to the canopy, and traffic related improvements required by Caltrans. Border Patrol is committed to paying for all other construction-related costs and Border Patrol will lead the construction contract. Border Patrol, Caltrans and ICTC are having weekly meetings toward completing design plans. CBP will be working with Caltrans to obtain environmental clearance once funding for construction is obtained. The improvement plans have been prepared in the final draft form and have been submitted to Caltrans for review. Caltrans has provided review comments on the improvement plans. ICTC will work with the design engineer to complete the required updates. Environmental studies and Caltrans submittal are pending submittal by CBP. ICTC's consultant has finalized the project improvement plans and CBP will proceed with developing environmental documents and pursue funding for the construction of the facility. ICTC continues to engage in discussions with the CBP team on the next steps for the project. The project requires the finalization of the environmental documents prior to proceeding with the construction phase.

- 20) Reap 2.0 Subregional Partnership Program: ICTC was awarded a total of \$274,133 in funding from the Reap 2.0 Subregional Partnership Program to provide technical support to our local agencies with housing planning and to facilitate housing production. ICTC has notified each of our member agencies about the funding availability. Several cities have expressed interest in the funding and staff is working with each of the agencies to further evaluate their proposed projects. Final projects have been identified and awarded by the commission. A project kickoff meeting was held with SCAG and the funding awardees. SCAG is working with the awardees to proceed with the project. The City of Calexico and City of Westmorland were able to secure additional funding from SCAG to further develop their projects.
- 21) Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) 2024 Call for Projects FFY 2023-2024 to FFY 2025/2026: The STBG, CRP and CMAQ Call for Projects began on November 9, 2023. Applications were due on Friday, January 26, 2024, at the ICTC office. All agencies were provided with guideline documentation and were encouraged to submit potential projects.

Program	Applicants	Total Value Requested by All
		Applicants
CMAQ	City of Imperial	\$388,000
STBG	City of Imperial, City of Brawley and City of El	\$2,416,000
	Centro	
CRP	ICTC – City of Imperial	\$1,083,000

Due to the number of projects submitted, ICTC was able to evaluate all projects internally without utilizing the normal process which involves all cities participating in the scoring and ranking process. ICTC recommended projects to SCAG as part of the final submittal process. SCAG recently approved the list of projects anticipated to receiving funding. The project list is as follows:

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Program	Applicants	Total Value

		Requested by All Applicants
CMAQ	City of Imperial – Aten Blvd Sidewalk	\$388,000
	Installation Phases 1 through 3	
STBG	City of Imperial – P Street Rehab	\$519,000
STBG	City of El Centro – S. Imperial Avenue Utility	\$520,000
	Relocations	
STBG	City of Brawley – Western Avenue	\$599,000
	Improvements	
CRP	ICTC – EV Charger Study	\$150,000
CRP	City of Imperial – EV Charger Installation	\$622,000
	Phases 1 and 2	

ICTC staff will be working with local agency staff and programming all approved projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Several projects have already started development for use of the grant funds.

- 22) **Orchard Road & SR115 Traffic Concept Report:** During the Commission meeting of September 2022, the Commission asked ICTC staff to follow up on the SR 115 Transportation Concept Report (TCR). ICTC staff has conducted meetings with Caltrans and County Public Works staff during the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>. ICTC staff, in partnership with County and Caltrans staff, are continuing discussions for short term options to deter trucks from using Orchard Road. The parties are also expected to discuss long-term options as well. More information will be shared as discussions continue.
- 23) San Diego & Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Strategy: The study is posted to the ICTC website at: <a href="https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/san-diego-imperial-counties-sustainable-freight-implementation-strategy-final-report-2024-02-01.pdf">https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/san-diego-imperial-counties-sustainable-freight-implementation-strategy-final-report-2024-02-01.pdf</a>

#### 24) Funding Opportunities:

- Local Partnership Program (LPP)- Schedule and major milestones can be found at: https://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/local-partnership-program/local-partnership-program-formulaic
- For a complete list of California specific grant opportunities go to https://www.grants.ca.gov/
- For a complete list of federal transportation grant opportunities go to https://www.transportation.gov/infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act

#### 25) Meetings/trainings attended on behalf of ICTC Executive Director and staff:

Various project specific meetings are held throughout the month.

Various community presentations are held throughout the month by the Regional Mobility Coordinator Various transit community services provided throughout the month by ICTC/Imperial Valley Transit

- August 4, 2025 Meet and Greet with new City of Brawley City Manager Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter in Brawley
- August 5, 2025 IVT RIDE modifications presentation to the El Centro Adult Center (Priscilla Baca)
- August 6, 2025 Meet and Greet with the new County of Imperial CEO Dr. Kathleen Lang at the County CEO offices
- August 6, 2025 Meet and Greet with the new City of Calexcio City Manager Benjamin Martinez at the ICTC offices
- August 6, 2025 Quechan EV Electrification Feasibility Study Advisory Committee Initial Meeting via Microsoft Teams
- August 6, 2026 IVRMA management meeting at the ICTC offices
- August 6, 2025 IVT RIDE modifications presentation to the City of Imperial City Council
- August 8, 2025 Water distribution to IVT Riders at the Calexico, El Centro and Brawley Transit stations
- August 8, 2025 Imperial Valley Job Fair at the IV Mall
- August 11, 2025 Water distribution to IVT Riders at the Calexico transit station
- August 12, 2025 ICTC/IVRMA FY 2025 Audit Planning Meeting via Microsoft Teams

- August 13, 2025 IVT Ride Now Training | Dispatch and Driver App Training via Google Meet
- August 14, 2025 Calexico-Heber Bus Stop Inventory (Cesar Beltran)
- August 14, 2025 California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting in San Diego
- August 14, 2025 CTC Welcome Dinner in downtown San Diego
- August 15, 2025 Mobility 21 Board Meeting (Joint with Advisory Board) and CTC CEO's/SCAG Meeting at the Metro offices in Los Angeles
- August 18, 2025 Brawley IVT Gold Line Ride-Along (Priscilla Baca)
- August 19, 2025 Caltrans Local Assistance Day Webinar (Marlene Flores)
- August 19, 2025 IVT/SDSU Imperial Valley, Brawley Communications Meeting via Zoom Meeting (Gustavo Gomez)
- August 20, 2025 Q3 Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) via Microsoft Teams
- August 20, 2025 Passenger Rail Feasibility Kickoff with Huitt Zollars via Zoom Meeting
- August 21, 2025 ICTC Staff Teambuilding Day in San Diego
- August 22, 2025 Ride-Along on 4East and 4West (Priscilla Baca)
- August 25-26, 2025 Advanced Paratransit Management and Operations Training in Oakland (Priscilla Baca)
- August 28, 2025 Pass out IVT Ride Now Flyers at 7<sup>th</sup> and State (Priscilla Baca)
- August 28, 2025 ICTC TAC Meeting at the ICTC office (attended by Marlene Flores and Cesar Beltran)
- August 28, 2025 IVT Ride Now Overview (ICTC Admin staff)
- August 29, 2025 Quarterly Meeting Ops, Safety, Dispatch, and Maintenance (Gustavo Gomez and Priscilla Baca)
- September 2, 2025 Passing out IVT RIDENOW Flyers-Calexico (Priscila Baca)
- September 2, 2025 ADA Coordinator Training (Cristi Lerma and Priscilla Baca)
- September 2, 2025 Drop off Riders Guide (Priscilla Baca)
- September 3, 2025 Pass out IVT Ride Now flyers (Priscilla Baca)
- September 3, 2025 Sunflower Elementary Back to school night (Priscilla Baca)
- September 4, 2025 Pass out flyers Heber and Brawley (Priscilla Baca)
- September 5, 2025 Community Senior Center Presentation (Priscilla Baca)
- September 8, 2025 Cambria Meeting (Cristi Lerma and Priscilla Baca)
- September 10, 2025 ICTC Management Meeting at the Calipatria City Hall (Cristi Lerma, David Aguirre, Michelle Bastidas, Marlene Flores, Espy Avila)
- September 11, 2025 IMBA (Marlene Flores and Cesar Beltran)
- September 11, 2025 Meeting with Healthnet Senior Director (Priscilla Baca)
- September 15-16, 2025 State and Metropolitan Transportation Programming (Marlene Flores)
- September 15, 2025 IVRMA Presentation (Priscilla Baca)
- September 16, 2025 Drop off Brochures for Day Out- El Centro (Priscilla Baca)
- September 17, 2025 Health and Wellness Fair (Priscilla Baca and Maria Gamez)
- September 18, 2025 ICTC Staff Meeting



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### Memorandum

Date: September 10, 2025

**To:** ICTC Committee and Management Meeting

From: David Salgado, Government Affairs Officer (GAO)

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

The following is a summary of the SCAG Executive Director's Report and/or Federal and State Legislature Staff Report for the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Management Committee and Regular Commission meeting for the month of SEPTEMBER 2025.

### 1. 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop: Revisiting the Intergenerational Contract OCTOBER 1, 9:00 a.m. In Person & Online

Registration is now open for the 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop, presented by SCAG and the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California. This is the 36th annual Demographic Workshop and will be held at SCAG's main office in Downtown Los Angeles, with an online attendance option, on Oct. 1. 2025. This is the 36th annual edition of the Demographic Workshop.

Moving into the second quarter of the century, dramatic demographic changes are reshaping age groups and their origins—with implications for the future of Southern California. Economic partnership among different segments of the population builds the social and economic strength of our Southern California communities. Workers with immigrant roots fortify businesses, health care services, and critical housing construction, but are becoming a less reliable source of growth. As the region's population ages, Southern California will have fewer children to take on key adult roles. Looking to the future, the fundamental interdependence among all segments of the regional community is becoming more apparent.

This year's workshop, "Revisiting the Intergenerational Contract," aims to create a deeper understanding of how groups in our society rely on one another across generations and between lifecycle stages. From immigrant workers' contributions in key jobs to evolving roles at different life stages, the workshop will explore the networks of care, labor, and shared responsibility essential to long-term prosperity. Panels will address the new demographic outlook, growing workforce needs and the contributions of both immigrants and young Californians, and the fundamental lifecycle-sharing that creates mutual support across groups in different life stages.

Register today for SCAG's 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop to gather with local leaders, elected officials, and regional demographic experts to discuss how changing population growth affects regional planning—from accommodating development to improving quality of life and cultivating the economy. Expert insights at the 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop will include region-



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specific details from American Community Survey data and other demographic signals crucial to informed, and effective planning decisions.

#### 2. SCAG Releases '2025 Transportation Safety Regional Existing Conditions' Report

The September Transportation Committee and Regional Council meetings included an overview of the "2025 Transportation Safety Regional Existing Conditions Report," scheduled for release in October to align with Walktober and to support local jurisdictions in developing targeted, data-informed transportation safety policies and improvements.

The report analyzes traffic safety trends from across the region between 2014 to 2024 by identifying patterns and trends in historical roadway collision data, including pedestrian- and bicyclist-involved collisions and fatalities. To learn more about existing and upcoming transportation safety resources, visit SCAG's Transportation Safety website.

#### 3. Economic Roundtable Releases Quarterly Economic Update

The SCAG Economic Roundtable met for its third 2025 quarterly discussion on Aug. 21. Highlights of the resulting report of the group's findings include:

- Job growth in the region continued to be modest and narrow. There appear to be no major layoffs or job losses region-wide, though only the Healthcare and Social Assistance sector is growing significantly.
- While effective tariff rates currently sit at 18.6 percent, a majority of the burden is being absorbed by corporations and has not hit consumers. Impacts of tariffs—as well as federal funding cuts to Medicaid and research—do remain major longer-term concerns.
- In the SCAG region, 28 percent of the construction labor force is made up of undocumented immigrants—this (and other) sectors are being disrupted by increased enforcement action.
- Expansive California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions show promise for reducing some of the procedural roadblocks for urban infill projects statewide. While housing production has been sluggish in 2025 and 12,971 residential units were lost in L.A. County's January wildfires, these exemptions provide a meaningful policy lever for boosting supply.

Read the entire Economic Roundtable Update the third quarter of 2025 on SCAG News.

#### 4. Region Facing New Transportation Conformity Challenges

At the September Executive/Administrative Committee and Regional Council meetings, SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise provided an update on an emerging air quality issue. On June 12, three Clean Air Act waivers that allowed California to adopt and enforce stricter vehicle emissions standards than the federal government, subject to approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), were revoked.



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Due to this change, California and the entire SCAG region are currently under a transportation conformity lockdown—meaning no new regional transportation conformity determinations can be made until the lockdown is lifted. Since then, 10 states joined California in filing a lawsuit to reinstate the waivers.

This lockdown could significantly impact transportation investments throughout the SCAG region because SCAG cannot add new projects or make certain changes to existing projects under the lockdown. If a solution is not in place by spring 2026, the lockdown will impact timing of SCAG's 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2, including projects associated with the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games needing new conformity analyses.

At a recent Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting, attended by U.S. EPA and California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff, SCAG learned that CARB is working on a solution, but there is no clear timeline on when that solution will be complete. SCAG will continue to report any updates on the situation.

## 5. SCAG Hosts Regional Transportation Demand Management and Freight Industry Forums to Prepare for the LA28 Games: September 02, 2025

In August, SCAG convened its second Regional Passenger Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Forum to share updates on planning efforts for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. The forum featured partner agency updates, a presentation on TDM best practices for large-scale events, and an open discussion on next steps for developing a cohesive regional strategy. The inaugural forum in May introduced LA28's mobility planning framework, the Games Mobility Executives (GME), and SCAG's coordinating role in shaping the regionwide TDM approach.

SCAG also hosted its third Regional Freight TDM Industry Forum, bringing together industry stakeholders, GME members, and regional partners to inform freight-specific TDM planning for the LA28 Games. The forum featured work plan and partner agency updates, lessons learned from the Paris 2024 Games, and key venue requirements and considerations from LA28. The first forum in November featured an industry panel and open discussion highlighting operational challenges and strategies during megaevents and expanded on SCAG's coordinating role in preparing for the LA28 Games while maintaining supply chain fluidity across the region.

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To: ICTC Commission Date: September 2025

From: ANN FOX

Caltrans District 11 Director

Subject: DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

#### Informational:

Imperial County has had two major storms during the past few weeks. District 11 Maintenance and Traffic Operations crews have been working around the clock to make sure our roads are safe and motorists can travel to their destination without any major delays.

#### **Projects**

**District 11 Truck Parking and Medium/Heavy Duty ZEV Charging Station Site Assessment.** California Senate Bill 671 Clean Freight Corridor Efficiency required identification of freight corridors, and the infrastructure needed to support zero-emission medium and heavy-duty vehicles. In July 2024, Caltrans a completed feasibility study that identified potential sites and conceptual plans for truck parking facilities with medium and heavy duty Zero Emission Vehicle charging stations in San Diego and Imperial counties.

Status: Caltrans is forming a Project Development team to initiate the Project Initiation Document (PID).

**Lithium Valley Project Initiation Document (PID).** This PID will explore sustainable, innovative multimodal transportation solutions connecting to the Lithium Valley Specific Plan area in Imperial County.

Status: District 11 has been awarded funds for this effort. Coordination with local partners to be essential.

**FY 2025-2026 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Awards Project.** Caltrans has awarded four planning grants to local partners. One being County of

Imperial: Gateway to las Americas – Mobility Improvements around the Calexico commercial Port of Entry.

Calexico East Land Port of Entry Joint Operations Systems. As the lead planning cross border planning agency, Caltrans works with ICTC and the Federal Government to improve reliability of cross border trade, reduce congestion, and reduce pollution at the California Mexico border. This project will create a commercial vehicle appointment system at the Calexico East Port of Entry. If successful, the pilot could be scaled to other POEs and potentially implemented at both northern and southern border POEs across the United States. This effort will develop a Concept of Operations for the first commercial vehicle appointment system at a land POE.

Status: Caltrans District 11 is initiating the CMAS contract process to procure a consultant team.

**SR-86 at the intersection of Black Diamond Road.** A Project Initiation Document (PID) draft is being prepared after conceptual approval for the Caltrans State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) funding to install a roundabout on SR-86 at the intersection of Black Diamond Road.

Status: The Project Initiation Document (PID) draft is being prepared.

**Electrical Vehicle Electrification Feasibility Study.** A Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program award was made to the Quechan Indian Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation to complete an Electric Vehicle Electrification Feasibility Study. Some of the overall project objectives are to plan and implement the Tribes' fleet transition to electric vehicles and prioritize charger locations. The Plan will analyze usage patterns, traffic flow, and accessibility to determine the most strategic zones for electric vehicle charging locations.

Status: Consultant is working on the implementation analysis that includes site selection and fleet conversion. The team is planning a public outreach event in October 15, 2025. The Plan has an anticipated completion date of April 2026.

SR-86 and Dogwood Road Intersection Widening and Installation of Traffic Signals. Currently in design phase with a tentative updated construction start date of February 2027. Coordination with County of Imperial. Improvements are part of the mitigation measures listed under the Environmental Impact Report for the Imperial Valley Mall, the Imperial Valley Commons, and the Plaza at Imperial Valley.

SR-186 Highway Realignment and Construct New Bridge over the All-American Canal (AAC). The project will replace the existing structure crossing the AAC (carrying SR-186 traffic) with a new segmental concrete bridge, including standard 12-foot lanes, 8-foot shoulders, 6-foot sidewalks, and concrete barrier railing in each direction. Access for AAC maintenance and operation will be improved. Replacement of existing bridge structure was requested by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). Ongoing coordination with U.S. BOR, Imperial Irrigation District, Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, and International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC).

Status: The Categorical Exclusion/Categorical Exemption (Environmental Document) was approved in January 2025. The Project Report is in circulation.

**SR-98 Pavement Rehabilitation.** Caltrans ensures the reliability and maintenance of the State Transportation System. This is a SHOPP pavement preservation anchor asset project along SR-98 (22-lane miles). Also included in the scope of the project is lighting rehabilitation, sign panel replacement, upgrades to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps, flashing beacons, census stations, traffic signals, complete street improvements, and replacing existing safety systems.

Status: Project is in the Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase with scheduled completion of December 2025.

SR-86, SR-111, and SR-115 Curb Ramps & Complete Streets. Caltrans ensures the reliability and maintenance of the State Transportation System. This is a SHOPP Complete Streets anchor asset project on various routes. Proposed complete streets improvements include fixing existing sidewalk, new sidewalk, and potentially new class II bike lanes. Satellite asset improvements include ADA curb ramp upgrades, lighting systems and traffic signal upgrades, overhead sign structure rehabilitation, roadside sign panel replacements, new enhanced visibility crosswalks, and guardrail upgrades. The project also proposes additional improvements to pavement including micro-surfacing or cold-plane and overlay for the traveled way and shoulders to preserve and extend the service life of segments on the SR-115 existing roadway.

Status: Project is in the Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase with scheduled completion of October 2025.

California-Mexico Binational Rail Strategy. This strategy aims to develop an implementation roadmap for a more efficient, competitive, equitable and sustainable binational rail system between California and Baja California. The key goals include Coordinating investments, policies and programs across the border region. Supporting California's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goal. Reducing air quality impacts and exposure in environmental justice communities. Lowering

VMT for both passenger and commercial travel and establishing a long-term framework for binational rail coordination.

Status: Caltrans hired Cordoba Corporation as the consultant team. A stakeholder kickoff meeting will be scheduled soon. Stakeholder participation is encouraged and appreciated.

**Southern Border States Pooled Fund Study- AV/CV/EV Planning.** This study addresses the rapidly advancing technologies of autonomous vehicles (AV), connected vehicles (CV), and electric vehicles (EV) across the Southern Border States (TX, NM, AZ,CA) It includes" Assessing current infrastructure and planning, identifying future needs for AV,CV,EV and alternative fuels.

Status: The project is currently on hold pending FHWA support from the polled fund mechanism. All participating states have committed a combined of \$2.5 million.

California-Baja California Border Master Plan (BMP) The BMP is a binational framework focused on improving border transportation infrastructure and coordination. It aims to enhance crossing efficiency and reduce wait times. Improve freight operations via ITS. Strengthen binational rail integration. Support economic development while ensuring the secure movement of people and goods.

Status: Caltrans is preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant team.

#### MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

1. El Centro Traveled Way Crew – Fence repair: I-8/SR-111, Sealing intersections: SR-86, Crack sealing: I-8 in El Centro.



2. El Centro Functional/Marking Crew – Sign/Landscape maintenance, Refresh pavement markings/school crosswalks: SR-86/Heber.



3. Midway Traveled Way Crew – Crack sealing SR98/SR-7 (Night work), Graffiti abatement: I-8/Yuma.



4. Brawley Traveled Way Crew – Sweeping/brush control Crack sealing-SR-111/Rutherford Road, Pavement repair: SR-115/O'Brien Road.



**Pavement Preservation.** Imperial County along I-8 from Imperial County Line (R0.0R) to 98/8 Flyover (R10.3) and 98/8 Interchange. The purpose of this project is to extend the service life of the existing asphalt concrete (AC) pavement by placing a Microsurfacing seal coat. For locations that have damaged AC, the AC will be removed and replaced by a Cold Planing (grinding) operation and the placement new the AC Pavement. Other work includes re-striping, upgrading

roadway signs, shoulder backing and placing rumble strips to enhance safety. This project is in construction phase, and it is expected to be completed by November 2025. (11-2N178: IMP-8-PM R0.0R/R10.3. HM-1 Pavement Preservation).

Pavement Preservation. Imperial County along Route 111 near Brawley and Calipatria at various locations from 0.2 mile south of Route 78 to 0.4 mile south of Route 115. The purpose of this project is to extend the service life of the existing asphalt concrete (AC) pavement by placing a Microsurfacing seal coat and placing a thin rubberized hot mixed (RHMA) asphalt concrete (AC) at various locations. Locations that have damaged AC, will be removed and replaced by cold planing and placing a new layer of AC. Other work includes re-striping, upgrading roadway signs, shoulder backing and placing rumble strips to enhance safety at Various Locations. This project is in construction phase, and it is expected to be completed by November 2025. (11-2N197: IMP-111-PM 23.5/32.1. HM-1 Pavement Preservation).

Pavement Preservation. Imperial County along I-8 at various locations from 0.2 mile west of Bonds Corner Overcrossing to 0.2 mile east of Fourth Avenue Overcrossing. The purpose of this project is to improve the pavement condition and to extend the service life of the existing asphalt concrete (AC) at various ramps by placing a Microsurfacing seal coat. Other work includes shoulder backing, pavement delineation (re-striping), install roadway signs at ramps. This stand-alone ramp pavement project completes all of the remaining ramps along IMP-8. This project is in construction phase, and it is expected to be completed in November 2025. This project has been approved and the construction phase is expected to start by October 2025. (11-2N176: Microsurfacing Ramps at IMP-8-PM R50.3/R96. HM1 Pavement Preservation).

Pavement Preservation. Imperial County near Ocotillo Wells along Route 78 from San Diego County Line to north junction Route 86. The purpose of this project is extending the service life of the existing asphalt concrete (AC) by a placing a Microsurfacing seal coat and to further improve the ride quality. Other work includes placing rumble strips to prevent run-off-the road collision and cross over collision prevention and placing pavement delineation (re-stripe). This project is in construction phase, and it is expected to be completed by November 2025. (11-2N228: IMP-78-PM 0/13.2. HM-1 Pavement Preservation).

Safety Improvement Project. Imperial County along Route 86 in and near El Centro and Brawley from McCabe Road to Imperial Avenue and from I Street to 0.3 mile north of New River Bridge. The purpose of the project is to extend the service life of the existing asphalt concrete (AC) by placing a Microsurfacing seal coat. Other improvements include pavement marking and striping, rumble strips and shoulder backing. This project has been approved and the construction phase is

expected to start in October 2025. (11-2N230: IMP-86-PM 4.5/L8.5 and 20.4/21.39. HM-1 Pavement Preservation).

**Safety Improvement Project. Imperial County in and near Calexico along Route 98 from 2.3 miles west of Route 111 to Evan Hewes Highway.** The purpose of this projects is to mainly enhance safety for motorists by Installing rumble strips and pavement markings (re-stripe) to prevent run-off-the road collision and cross over collision prevention. This project has been approved and the construction phase is expected to start in October 2025. (11-2N226: IMP-98 PM 30/R57.0: HM4-Safety).

Safety Improvement Project. Imperial County along Route 78 from Route 115 to East Highline Canal and from 9 miles north of Glamis to Palo Verde. The purpose of this projects is to mainly enhance safety for motorists by Installing rumble strips and pavement markings (re-stripe) to prevent run-off-the road collision and cross over collision prevention. Other work includes installing roadway signs. The project is currently going thru the award process and expect to be in construction in October 2025. (11-2N225: IMP-78-PM 21.0/27.0 and 50.0/80.36. HM4 Safety).

**Bridge Preservation.** Imperial County along Route 111 near Salton Sea at Clay Wash and at Frink Wash. The purpose of this project is to repair two culvert boxes/bridges to extend their service life and to increase their service efficiency. The project is currently advertised and going thru the award process. This project has been approved and the construction phase is expected to start in October 2025. (11-2N147: IMP-111-PM 50.56/52.43. HM-3 Bridge Preservation).

#### COMPLETED PROJECTS

Calexico West Port of Entry (POE) Travel Corridor Improvements. To improve the accessibility to Calexico West Port of Entry and mobility on city streets (including SR-111 and SR-98), Caltrans will soon complete a study with short- and long-term strategies. The short-term strategy introduces operational improvements for the new Calexico West Port of Entry (POE) focusing on channeling all southbound (SB) West POE traffic to Cesar Chavez Boulevard (Blvd) restricting entrance from the City of Calexico local street, 2nd Street (St), into the Calexico West POE. The long-term strategy proposes the realignment of 2nd Street with a 2nd Street Overcrossing bridge positioned above the existing at grade Cesar Chavez Blvd.

Status: The Project Study Report was completed and approved in June 2025.

**San Diego-Imperial County "Desert Line" Feasibility Study.** This study evaluated the reinstatement of freight train service on the SDAE "Desert Line" Railroad. The key goals include Reduce commercial truck traffic at port of entry and vehicle miles traveled. Decrease environmental and economic impacts from

commercial vehicle idling at the border. Provide a direct a reliable freight rail connection for goods movement between the U.S. and the Tijuana/Tecate manufacturing sector.

Status: Final report was completed in June 2025.

Safety Improvement Project. San Diego County at various locations along I-8 from Route 163 to Route 125 and in Imperial County at various locations along I-8 from just west of Imperial Avenue to Dogwood Road. The purpose of this projects is to mainly enhance safety for motorists by Installing rumble strips and pavement markings (re-stripe) to prevent run-off-the road collisions. The project completed construction in July 2025. (11-2N204: IMP-8-PM R36.4/R39.5 and SD-8-PM 2.9/11.7: HM4 Safety Project).

### DISTRICT 11 LOCAL ASSISTANCE REPORT

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#### \*\*\*\*\*GRANTS\*\*\*\*\*

Selected Grant Funding Opportunities are listed below. Please click on below grant links for additional information on deadlines, qualifications, submittal information, etc.

#### Caltrans Grant Funding Newsletter and Letters of Support

Stay in touch with Caltrans and get updates sent directly to your inbox on current and future grant funding opportunities, including calls for Caltrans letters of support and application training webinars, by subscribing to the Caltrans Office of Strategic Investment Planning newsletter through the <u>Constant Contact link provided here</u>.

For any grant and funding-related inquiries, including requests for Caltrans letters of support or partnership, please reach out directly to Caltrans District 11 Investment Planning Manager Brian Miller at <a href="mailto:brian.miller@dot.ca.gov">brian.miller@dot.ca.gov</a>.

#### U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Grant Opportunities

The USDOT website provides a DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard for grant opportunities in various areas such as: Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART), Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs. Directions, deadlines, and links to apply are <u>HERE</u>.

#### U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Competitive Grants Dashboard

The USDOT Competitive Grants Dashboard provides communities with an overview of competitive grant opportunities that can help meet their transportation infrastructure needs. Designed with all communities in mind, the Dashboard identifies grant programs with rural and Tribal set-asides or match waivers available. The Dashboard also includes Federal grant programs outside of USDOT that may be of particular interest to <u>rural communities</u>. The Dashboard is updated weekly. Directions, deadlines, and links to apply are <u>HERE</u>.

#### **Key Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

To provide stakeholders with more visibility on upcoming funding opportunities, DOT publishes a list of anticipated dates for upcoming Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for key programs. This list is not comprehensive and is updated periodically with additional programs and revised dates as appropriate.

#### Some key programs and their deadlines:

#### 1. ACTIVE NOFOS

#### FHWA Bridge Investment Program (BIP)

The Bridge Investment Program is a competitive, discretionary program that focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridge in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition. The program offers three categories of funding: (1) large bridge projects (totaling over \$100 million), (2) regular bridge projects (under \$100 million), and (3) bridge planning and studies.

- \* \$2.46 billion was made available for FFY 2026.
- \* Please note the BIP is currently on pause. FHWA is reviewing the BIP NOFO for regular bridge projects and bridge planning and is no longer accepting applications at this time. FHWA has not provided any information on the status of the program. Caltrans will alert our partners if the NOFO is re-opened or re-posted but prospective applicants are encouraged to refer to grants.gov for any updates in the meantime.
- \* Click link <u>HERE</u> for further information.

#### Innovative Finance and Asset Concession (IFAC) Program

The IFAC is a competitive program to assist with public-private partnerships (P3s) and new opportunities for the innovative delivery of eligible transportation infrastructure projects, including rural infrastructure, highway, transit and passenger rail, port and freight, and airport projects. The IFAC offers two grants – (1) technical assistance and (2) expert services – and is designed to help local agencies identify existing assets that could provide additional, new public benefits through asset concessions.

- \* \$45.98 million is available for FFYs 2025 and 2026
- \* Applications are due to Office of the Under Secretary for Policy on October 1, 2025.
- \* Projects requests may range from \$100K (minimum) to \$2 million (maximum). Requests up to \$1 million require <u>no</u> federal match while those greater than \$1 million will require a 50 percent non-Federal match. IFAC eligible projects are those that would be deemed eligible to receive a future TIFIA loan.
- \* Click link <u>HERE</u> for further information.

#### 2. ANTICIPATED NOFOS

#### FTA Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning

Funding for TOD-related comprehensive or site-specific planning on an eligible transit project whereby the project sponsor will also be utilizing FTA's Capital Investment Grants Program funds in addition. TOD strategies emphasize local development in and around high-quality transit services to create compact, mixed-use communities with easy access to jobs and destination centers via transit alternatives.

- \* \$14 million in funding available.
- \* Anticipated opening in Summer of 2025.
- \* Click link HERE for more information.

#### FHWA Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund

Funds for the development of strategic transportation safety plans by Tribes to identify transportation safety needs and how those needs will be addressed in Tribal communities. Funding will cover the following eligible activities: transportation safety plans; data assessment, improvement, and analysis; systemic roadway departure countermeasures; and other infrastructure improvements listed under 23 USC 148(a)(4).

- \* \$25 million estimated funding will be available with up to 110 expected awards
- \* Anticipated opening October 1, 2025 with applications due Jan 15, 2026
- \* Click link HERE for more information on pre-announcement.

#### FHWA Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grants

Funding to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure and other alternative fueling infrastructure.

- \* \$2.5 billion funding available over five years.
- \* Anticipated opening in Fall of 2025.
- \* Click HERE for more information.

#### California Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 – Statewide

ATP Cycle 8 is a competitive discretionary program held statewide that consolidates multiple state and federal sources to fund active transportation projects that increase the number of trips taken by active modes (i.e., bike or pedestrian). Eligible project types include a combination of active transportation infrastructure (capital), non-infrastructure (education), planning, and quick build interim projects. Funding is prioritized for projects in historically disadvantaged and low-income communities.

- \* The CTC is holding Cycle 8 workshops and training (both virtual and in-person) across the state. Information on upcoming activities can be found <a href="HERE">HERE</a>. Please note that interested applicants may attend virtual sessions regardless of their location!
- \* Cycle 8 Guidelines anticipated to be announced in December 2025 with applications expected to be due Spring 2026.

Further details on active and upcoming NOFOs and programs are available via this link: Key Notices of Funding Opportunity (US Department of Transportation)

#### Additional Grant Tool

The DOT Navigator is a resource to help communities understand how to apply for grants, and plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services. Use the search box to quickly find resources. See link <u>HERE</u>.

#### Title VI Nondiscrimination Program

Local agencies must comply with all Title VI requirements (LAPM Section 9.2). Title VI compliance is subject to review at any time.

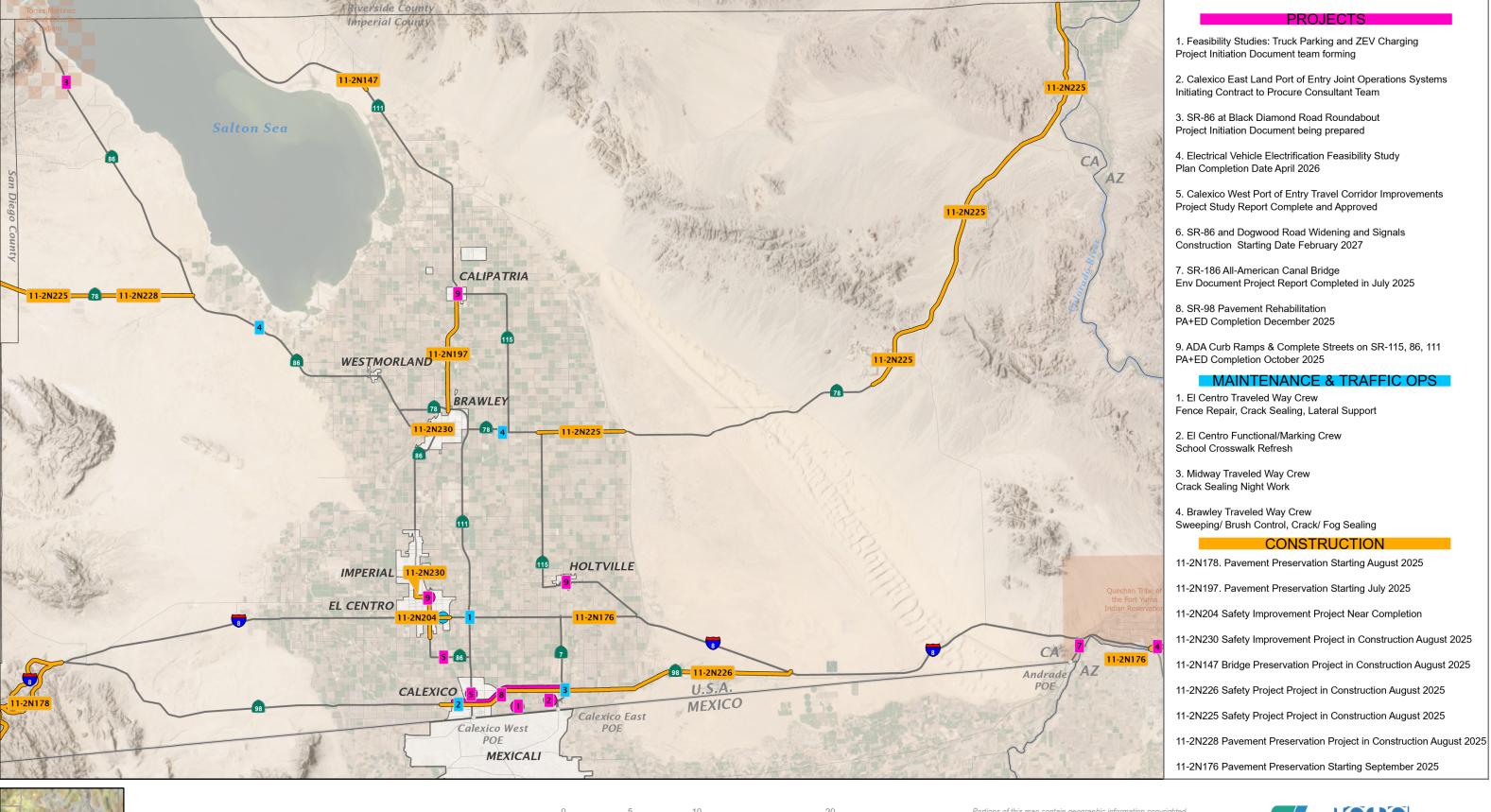
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## IMPERIAL COUNTY STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

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# VI. ACTION CALENDAR AT VCLION CYTENDYS

A. Award of Contract for Consulting Services - Imperial County Region Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Feasibility Study

The ICTC Management Committee met on September 10, 2025, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

- 1. Approve the award of the contract for the completion of the Imperial County EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study to C&S Engineers, Inc in the amount of \$166,388.00.
- 2. Authorize the executive director to sign the agreement.



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September 17, 2025

Robert Amparano, Chairman Imperial County Transportation Commission 1503 N. Imperial Avenue, Suite 104 El Centro, CA 92243

SUBJECT: Award of Contract for Consulting Services - Imperial County Region Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Feasibility Study

#### Dear Commission Members:

The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) is launching the Imperial County EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study, to assess the practicality and viability of establishing EV charging infrastructure throughout the county.

The Imperial County region, including the cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland, and the County itself, currently lacks comprehensive EV charging infrastructure. The project supports the shift toward sustainable transportation and electric vehicle adoption by identifying suitable charging station locations, considering factors such as population density, traffic patterns, equity and accessibility.

ICTC Objectives of the EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study include:

- 1. Advance Sustainable Transportation Solutions
  - Develop a strategic EV charging network that supports the Region's commitment to environmental sustainability and the reduction of carbon emissions.
- 2. Improve Regional Mobility and Accessibility
  - Enhance transportation options for all residents, particularly those in rural and underserved communities, by strategically locating EV charging stations to ensure convenient access throughout the Imperial County.
  - Support the Region's goal of making the transportation system more inclusive and accessible, contributing to a higher quality of life for residents.
- 3. Strengthen Infrastructure Resiliency
  - Building a resilient transportation infrastructure that can accommodate evolving technologies, like EV charging, without compromising current systems.
- 4. Facilitate Regional Collaboration and Planning
  - Use this study to promote collaboration between local governments, permitting agencies, utility companies, and regional stakeholders to ensure that transportation

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solutions are aligned with broader regional plans and priorities.

(2)

• Support the Region's aim to strengthen partnerships across the region, creating a cohesive and efficient approach to transportation and infrastructure planning.

A portion of the Scope of Work will include:

Public and Stakeholder Involvement which will implement a community engagement program that
will seek to gain input from community members from across Imperial County. Outreach efforts will
be conducted to identify existing conditions, obstacles and opportunities for increased use of EV's
and EV infrastructure.

ICTC staff conducted a competitive procurement process through a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued on May 29, 2025. Multiple firms were contacted; the project RFP was also posted in a local publication and was also posted on ICTC's website to facilitate further public interest and opportunity. A total of four (4) proposals were received. The project evaluation committee evaluated the proposals received and deemed C&S Engineers, Inc., the most qualified firm.

C&S Engineers, Inc. demonstrated strong knowledge of the project and extensive experience with EV Charging Station studies. Their proposal outlined a comprehensive approach to evaluating infrastructure needs, engaging stakeholders, and identifying feasible charging station sites. ICTC staff are confident in the consultant's ability to deliver the study with professionalism and expertise.

C&S Engineers, Inc. submitted a cost proposal of \$166,388.00. Of this amount, \$170,000 has been identified and approved in ICTC's FY 2025–26 Overall Work Program and Budget.

The original procurement documents; RFP and consultant response proposal; and all contract exhibits referenced in the contract documents are available for review at the ICTC administrative office on request.

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Sincerely,

David Aguirre Executive Director

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be subject to the prior written acceptance and approval of ICTC.

#### 3. <u>DESCRIPTION OF WORK.</u>

- 3.1. CONSULTANT shall provide all materials and labor to perform this Agreement. In the event of a conflict among this Agreement, the RFP and the Proposal, the RFP shall take precedence over the Proposal and this Agreement shall take precedence over both.
- 3.2. CONSULTANT shall perform additional or extra work if required, utilizing the per hour rate set forth in **Exhibit "C"**.

#### 4. <u>WORK TO BE PERFORMED BY CONSULTANT</u>.

- 4.1. CONSULTANT shall comply with all terms, conditions and requirements of the RFP, Proposal and this Agreement.
- 4.2. CONSULTANT shall perform such other tasks as necessary and proper for the full performance of the obligations assumed by CONSULTANT hereunder.

#### 4.3. CONSULTANT shall:

- 4.3.1. Procure all permits and licenses, pay all charges and fees, and give all notices that may be necessary and incidental to the due and lawful prosecution of the services to be performed by CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement;
- 4.3.2. Use the standard of care usual to CONSULTANT's profession to keep itself fully informed of all applicable existing and proposed federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations, orders and decrees which may affect those engaged or employed under this Agreement, any materials used in CONSULTANT's performance under this Agreement or the conduct of the services under this Agreement;
- 4.3.3. At all times observe and comply with, and cause all of its employees to observe and comply with all of said laws, ordinances, regulations, orders and decrees mentioned above; and
- 4.3.4. Immediately report to ICTC in writing any discrepancy or inconsistency it discovers in said laws, ordinances, regulations, orders and decrees mentioned above in relation to any plans, drawings, specifications or provisions of this Agreement.
- 4.4. Any videotape, reports, information, data or other material given to, or prepared or assembled by, CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement shall be the property of ICTC and shall not be

made available to any individual or organization by CONSULTANT without the prior written approval of ICTC. The preceding restriction shall not apply to information which is in the public domain, was previously known to CONSULTANT, was acquired by CONSULTANT from others who have no confidential relationship to ICTC with respect to same, or which through no fault of CONSULTANT comes into the public domain. CONSULTANT shall not be restricted from releasing information, including confidential information, in response to a subpoena, court order, or other legal process. CONSULTANT shall not be required to resist such subpoena, court order, or legal process, but shall promptly notify ICTC in writing of the demand for information before responding to such demand.

#### 5. REPRESENTATIONS BY CONSULTANT.

- 5.1. CONSULTANT understands and agrees that ICTC has limited knowledge in the multiple areas specified in the Proposal. CONSULTANT has represented itself to have experience in these fields and understands that ICTC is relying upon such representation.
- 5.2. Subject to 5.2.1, CONSULTANT represents and warrants that it is a lawful entity possessing all required licenses and authorities to do business in the State of California and perform all aspects of this Agreement.
  - 5.2.1. CONSULTANT shall not commence any work pursuant to this Agreement or provide any other services, or materials, in connection therewith until CONSULTANT has received written authorization from ICTC to do so.
- 5.3. CONSULTANT represents and warrants that the people executing this Agreement on behalf of CONSULTANT have the authority of CONSULTANT to sign this Agreement and bind CONSULTANT to the performance of all duties and obligations assumed by CONSULTANT herein.
- 5.4. CONSULTANT represents and warrants that any employee, contractor and/or agent who will be performing any of the duties and obligations of CONSULTANT herein possess all required licenses and authorities, as well as the experience and training, to perform such tasks.
- 5.5. CONSULTANT represents and warrants that the allegations contained in the Proposal are true and correct.

5.6. CONSULTANT understands that ICTC considers the representations made herein to be material and would not enter into this Agreement with CONSULTANT if such representations were not made.

#### 6. <u>COMPENSATION</u>.

The total compensation payable under this Agreement shall not exceed \$166,388 unless otherwise previously agreed to by ICTC.

#### 7. <u>PAYMENT</u>.

CONSULTANT will bill ICTC on a time and material basis upon completion of the project or as set forth in the cost schedule attached hereto as **Exhibit "C"**. ICTC shall pay CONSULTANT for completed and approved services upon presentation of its itemized billing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, ICTC shall retain 10% of the total compensation until the work to be performed has been completed in accordance with this Agreement, as determined by ICTC, and payment in full of all subcontractors of CONSULTANT.

#### 8. <u>METHOD OF PAYMENT</u>.

8.1 CONSULTANT shall at any time prior to the 15th day of any month, submit to ICTC a written claim for compensation for services performed. The claim shall be in a format approved by ICTC. CONSULTANT may expect to receive payment within a reasonable time thereafter and in any event in the normal course of business within thirty (30) days after the claim is submitted.

#### 9. TERM AND TIME FOR COMPLETION OF THE WORK.

- 9.1. This Agreement shall commence on the date first written above and shall continue for three (3) fiscal years until June 30, 2028 unless otherwise terminated as provided herein.
- 9.2. Program scheduling shall be as described in Exhibit "A" unless revisions to Exhibit "A" are approved by both ICTC and CONSULTANT's Contract Manager. Time extensions may be allowed for delays caused by ICTC, other governmental agencies, or factors not directly brought about by the negligence or lack of due care on the part of CONSULTANT.

#### 10. SUSPENSION OF AGREEMENT.

ICTC shall have the authority to suspend this Agreement, wholly or in part, for such period as deemed necessary due to unfavorable conditions or to the failure on the part of CONSULTANT to perform

any provision of this Agreement. CONSULTANT will be paid the compensation due and payable to the date of suspension.

#### 11. <u>SUSPENSION AND/OR TERMINATION</u>.

11.1. ICTC retains the right to terminate this Agreement for any reason by notifying CONSULTANT in writing seven (7) days prior to termination and by paying the compensation due and payable to the date of termination; provided, however, if this Agreement is terminated for fault of CONSULTANT, ICTC shall be obligated to compensate CONSULTANT only for that portion of CONSULTANT's services which have been performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Said compensation is to be arrived at by mutual agreement between ICTC and CONSULTANT; should the Parties fail to agree on said compensation, an independent arbitrator shall be appointed and the decision of the arbitrator shall be binding upon the Parties.

11.2. Upon such termination, CONSULTANT shall immediately turn over to ICTC any and all copies of videotapes, studies, sketches, drawings, computations and other data, whether or not completed, prepared by CONSULTANT in connection with this Agreement. Such materials shall become the permanent property of ICTC.

#### 12. INSPECTION.

CONSULTANT shall furnish ICTC with every reasonable opportunity for ICTC to ascertain that the services of CONSULTANT are being performed in accordance with the requirements and intentions of this Agreement. All work done and materials furnished, if any, shall be subject to ICTC's inspection and approval. The inspection of such work shall not relieve CONSULTANT of any of its obligations to fulfill its Agreement as prescribed.

#### 13. OWNERSHIP OF MATERIALS.

All original drawings, videotapes and other materials prepared by or in possession of CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement shall become the permanent property of ICTC and shall be delivered to ICTC upon demand.

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#### 14. INTEREST OF CONSULTANT.

- 14.1. CONSULTANT covenants that it presently has no interest, and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, financial or otherwise, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the services hereunder.
- 14.2. CONSULTANT covenants that, in the performance of this Agreement, no sub-contractor or person having such an interest shall be employed.
- 14.3. CONSULTANT certifies that no one who has or will have any financial interest pursuant to this Agreement is an officer or employee of ICTC.

#### 15. <u>INDEMNIFICATION</u>.

- A. <u>Indemnity for Professional Services</u>. To the furthest extent allowed by law, Consultant shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend ICTC and its members, board members, officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all loss, liability, fines, penalties, forfeitures, costs and damages (whether in contract, tort or strict liability, including but not limited to personal injury, death at any time and property damage), and from any and all claims, demands and actions in law or equity (including reasonable attorney's fees and litigation expenses) that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of Consultant, its principals, officers, employees, agents or volunteers in the performance of professional services under this Agreement.
- B. Other Indemnities. Other than in the performance of professional services, and to the fullest extent allowed by law, Consultant shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend ICTC and its members, board members, officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all loss, liability, fines, penalties, forfeitures, costs and damages (whether in contract, tort or strict liability, including but not limited to personal injury, death at any time and property damage), and from any and all claims, demands and actions in law or equity (including reasonable attorney's fees and litigation expenses) arising or alleged to have arisen directly or indirectly out of performance of this Agreement. Consultant's obligations under the preceding sentence shall apply regardless of whether ICTC or any of its members, board members, officers, officials, employees, agents or volunteers are negligent, but shall not apply to any loss, liability, fines, penalties, forfeitures, costs or damages caused solely by the gross

negligence, or caused by the willful misconduct, of ICTC, or any of its members, board members, officers, officials, employees, agents or volunteers.

- C. If Consultant should subcontract all or any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement, Consultant shall require each subcontractor to indemnify, hold harmless and defend ICTC and its members, board members, officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers in accordance with the terms of the preceding paragraphs.
  - D. This section shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

#### 16. <u>INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR</u>.

In all situations and circumstances arising out of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, CONSULTANT is an independent contractor, and as an independent contractor, the following shall apply:

- 16.1. CONSULTANT is not an employee or agent of ICTC and is only responsible for the requirements and results specified by this Agreement or any other agreement.
- 16.2. CONSULTANT shall be responsible to ICTC only for the requirements and results specified by this Agreement and except as specifically provided in this Agreement, shall not be subject to ICTC's control with respect to the physical actions or activities of CONSULTANT in fulfillment of the requirements of this Agreement.
- 16.3. CONSULTANT is not, and shall not be, entitled to receive from, or through, ICTC, and ICTC shall not provide, or be obligated to provide, CONSULTANT with Worker's Compensation coverage or any other type of employment or worker insurance or benefit coverage required or provided by any Federal, State or local law or regulation for, or normally afforded to, an employee of ICTC.
- 16.4. CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to have ICTC withhold or pay, and ICTC shall not withhold or pay, on behalf of CONSULTANT, any tax or money relating to the Social Security Old Age Pension Program, Social Security Disability Program, or any other type of pension, annuity, or disability program required or provided by any Federal, State or local law or regulation.
- 16.5. CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to participate in, or receive any benefit from, or make any claim against any ICTC fringe program, including, but not limited to, ICTC's pension plan,

 medical and health care plan, dental plan, life insurance plan, or any other type of benefit program, plan, or coverage designated for, provided to, or offered to ICTC's employee.

- 16.6. ICTC shall not withhold or pay, on behalf of CONSULTANT, any Federal, State, or local tax, including, but not limited to, any personal income tax, owed by CONSULTANT.
- 16.7. CONSULTANT is, and at all times during the term of this Agreement, shall represent and conduct itself as an independent contractor, not as an employee of ICTC.
- 16.8. CONSULTANT shall not have the authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of, bind or obligate ICTC in any way without the written consent of ICTC.

#### 17. <u>INSURANCE</u>.

Throughout the life of this Agreement, Consultant shall pay for and maintain in full force and effect all policies of insurance required hereunder with an insurance company(ies) either (i) admitted by the California Insurance Commissioner to do business in the State of California and rated not less than "A- VII" in Best's Insurance Rating Guide, or (ii) as may be authorized in writing by ICTC's Executive Director or his/her designee at any time and in his/her sole discretion. The following policies of insurance are required:

- (i) COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY insurance which shall be at least as broad as the most current version of Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability Coverage Form CG 00 01 and include insurance for "bodily injury," "property damage" and "personal and advertising injury" with coverage for premises and operations (including the use of owned and non-owned equipment), products and completed operations, and contractual liability (including, without limitation, indemnity obligations under the Agreement) with limits of liability of not less than the following:
  - \$2,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage
  - \$1,000,000 per occurrence for personal and advertising injury
  - \$4,000,000 aggregate for products and completed operations
  - \$4,000,000 general aggregate
- (ii) COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY insurance which shall be at least as broad as the most current version of Insurance Service Office (ISO) Business Auto Coverage Form CA 00 01, and include coverage for all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles or other licensed vehicles (Code

1 - Any Auto) with limits of liability of not less than \$2,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

- (iii) WORKERS' COMPENSATION insurance as required under the California Labor Code.
- (iv) EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY insurance with limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident, \$1,000,000 disease policy limit and \$1,000,000 disease each employee.
- (v) PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY (Errors and Omissions) insurance appropriate to Consultant's profession, with limits of liability of \$2,000,000 per claim/occurrence and \$2,000,000 policy aggregate.

In the event Consultant purchases an Umbrella or Excess insurance policy(ies) to meet the minimum limits of insurance set forth above, this insurance policy(ies) shall "follow form" and afford no less coverage than the primary insurance policy(ies).

Consultant shall be responsible for payment of any deductibles contained in any insurance policies required hereunder and Consultant shall also be responsible for payment of any self-insured retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to, and approved by, the ICTC's Executive Director or his/her designee in his/her sole discretion. At the option of the ICTC's Executive Director or his/her designee, either (i) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects ICTC, its members, board members, officers, officials, employees and agents; or (ii) Consultant shall provide a financial guarantee, satisfactory to the ICTC's Executive Director or his/her designee in his/her sole discretion, guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses. At no time shall ICTC be responsible for the payment of any deductibles or self-insured retentions.

All policies of insurance required hereunder shall be endorsed to provide that the coverage shall not be cancelled, non-renewed, reduced in coverage or in limits except after 30 calendar day written notice has been given to ICTC. Upon issuance by the insurer, broker, or agent of a notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or reduction in coverage or in limits, Consultant shall furnish ICTC with a new certificate and applicable endorsements for such policy(ies). In the event any policy is due to expire during the work to be performed for ICTC, Consultant shall provide a new certificate, and

applicable endorsements, evidencing renewal of such policy not less than 15 calendar days prior to the expiration date of the expiring policy.

The General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance policies shall be written on an occurrence form. The General Liability (including ongoing operations and completed operations) and Automobile Liability insurance policies shall name ICTC, its members, board members, officers, officials, employees and agents as an additional insured. All such policies of insurance shall be endorsed so Consultant's insurance shall be primary and no contribution shall be required of ICTC, its members, board members, officers, officials, employees, agents or volunteers. The coverage(s) shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to ICTC, its members, board members, officers, officials, employees and agents. The Workers' Compensation insurance policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation as to ICTC, its members, board members, officers, employees, agents and volunteers. Should Consultant maintain insurance with broader coverage and/or limits of liability greater than those shown above, ICTC requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits of liability maintained by Consultant. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to ICTC.

If the Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) insurance policy is written on a claims-made coverage form:

- (i) The retroactive date must be shown, and must be before the effective date of this Agreement or the commencement of work by Consultant.
- (ii) Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least 5 years after completion of the work or termination of the Agreement, whichever first occurs.
- (iii) If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date prior to the effective date of the Agreement, or work commencement date, Consultant must purchase extended reporting period coverage for a minimum of 5 years after completion of the work or termination of the Agreement, whichever first occurs.
  - (iv) A copy of the claims reporting requirements must be submitted to ICTC for review.
  - (v) These requirements shall survive expiration or termination of the Agreement.

Consultant shall furnish ICTC with all certificate(s) and applicable endorsements effecting coverage required hereunder. All certificates and applicable endorsements are to be received and approved by ICTC's Executive Director or his/her designee in his/her sole discretion prior to ICTC's execution of the AGREEMENT and before work commences. Upon request of ICTC, Consultant shall immediately furnish ICTC with a complete copy of any insurance policy required under this Agreement, including all endorsements, with said copy certified by the underwriter to be a true and correct copy of the original policy. This requirement shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.

If at any time during the life of the Agreement or any extension, Consultant or any of its sub-Consultants fail to maintain any required insurance in full force and effect, all work under this Agreement shall be discontinued immediately, until notice is received by ICTC that the required insurance has been restored to full force and effect and that the premiums therefore have been paid for a period satisfactory to ICTC. Any failure to maintain the required insurance shall be sufficient cause for ICTC to terminate this Agreement. No action taken by ICTC hereunder shall in any way relieve Consultant of its responsibilities under this Agreement.

The fact that insurance is obtained by Consultant shall not be deemed to release or diminish the liability of Consultant, including, without limitation, liability under the indemnity provisions of this Agreement. The duty to indemnify ICTC shall apply to all claims and liability regardless of whether any insurance policies are applicable. The policy limits do not act as a limitation upon the policy limits do not act as a limitation upon the amount of indemnification to be provided by Consultant. Approval or purchase of any insurance contracts or policies shall in no way relieve from liability nor limit the liability of Consultant, its principals, officers, agents, employees, persons under the supervision of Consultant, vendors, suppliers, invitees, sub-Consultants, or anyone employed directly or indirectly by any of them.

If Consultant should subcontract all or any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement, Consultant shall require each sub-Consultant to provide insurance protection in favor of ICTC, its members, board members, officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers in accordance with the terms of each of the preceding paragraphs, except that the sub-Consultant's certificates and

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#### 18. <u>ASSIGNMENT</u>.

Neither this Agreement nor any duties or obligations hereunder shall be assignable by CONSULTANT without the prior written consent of ICTC. CONSULTANT may employ other specialists to perform services as required with prior approval by ICTC.

endorsements shall be on file with Consultant and ICTC prior to the commencement of any work by the

#### 19. <u>NON-DISCRIMINATION</u>.

During the performance of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or employee of ICTC or member of the public because of race, religion, color, national status, age, or sex. CONSULTANT shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of its employees and applicants for employment and employees and members of the public are free of such discrimination. CONSULTANT shall comply with all provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code §12900, et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment Housing Commission implementing Government Code \$12900 set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Administrative Code are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. CONSULTANT shall abide by the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all amendments thereto, and all administrative rules and regulations issued pursuant to said Act. CONSULTANT shall also abide by the American Disabilities Act and all amendments thereto, and all administrative rules and regulations issued pursuant to said Act. CONSULTANT shall give written notice of its obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which it has a collective bargain or other agreement. CONSULTANT shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provision of this paragraph in all subcontracts to perform work pursuant to this Agreement.

#### 20. NOTICES AND REPORTS.

20.1. All notices and reports pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and may be given by personal delivery or by mailing by certified mail, addressed as follows:

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Attn: Executive Director Imperial County Transportation Commission 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Ste 104 El Centro, ĈA 92243

#### **CONSULTANT**

Attn: Project Manager C&S Engineers, Inc. 2355 Northside Dr., Suite 350 San Diego, CA 92108

- 20.2. All notices and reports pursuant to this Agreement may be given by personal delivery of by mailing by certified mail at such other address as either Party may designate in a notice to the other Party given in such manner.
- 20.3. Any notice given by mail shall be considered given when deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as provided herein.

#### ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

This Agreement contains the entire agreement between ICTC and CONSULTANT relating to the transactions contemplated hereby and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, provisions, negotiations, representations, or statements, either written or oral.

#### MODIFICATION.

No modification, waiver, amendment, discharge, or change of this Agreement shall be valid unless the same is in writing and signed by both parties.

#### PARTIAL INVALIDITY.

If any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

#### GENDER AND INTERPRETATION OF TERMS AND PROVISIONS.

As used in this Agreement and whenever required by the context thereof, each number, both singular and plural, shall include all numbers, and each gender shall include a gender. CONSULTANT as used in this Agreement or in any other document referred to in or made a part of this Agreement shall likewise include both singular and the plural, a corporation, a partnership, individual, firm or person acting in any fiduciary capacity as executor, administrator, trustee or in any other representative capacity or any other entity. All covenants herein contained on the part of CONSULTANT shall be joint and several if more than one person, firm or entity executes the Agreement.

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No waiver of any breach or of any of the covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall be construed to be a waiver of any other breach or to be a consent to any further or succeeding breach of the same or any other covenant or condition.

#### 26. <u>CHOICE OF LAW</u>.

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. This Agreement is made and entered into in Imperial County, California. Any action brought by either Party with respect to this Agreement shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction within said County.

#### 27. <u>ATTORNEY'S FEES</u>.

If either Party herein brings an action to enforce the terms thereof or declare rights hereunder, each Party in any such action, on trial or appeal, shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs.

#### 28. <u>AUTHORITY</u>.

Each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of CONSULTANT represents and warrants that:

- 28.1. He/She is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of CONSULTANT;
- 28.2. Such execution and delivery is in accordance with the terms of the Articles of Incorporation or Partnership, any by-laws or Resolutions of CONSULTANT and;
- 28.3. This Agreement is binding upon CONSULTANT accordance with its terms.

#### 29. COUNTERPARTS.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts.

#### 30. <u>REVIEW OF AGREEMENT TERMS</u>.

This Agreement has been reviewed and revised by legal counsel for both ICTC and CONSULTANT, and no presumption or rule that ambiguities shall be construed against the drafting Party shall apply to the interpretation or enforcement of the same or any subsequent amendments thereto.

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#### 31. NON-APPROPRIATION.

- 31.1. All obligations of ICTC are subject to appropriation of resources by various federal, State, and local agencies, including but not limited to the U.S. Department of Transportation ("DOT") and the California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans").
- 31.2. This Agreement is valid and enforceable only if sufficient funds are made available to ICTC for the purposes of this Project. In addition, this Agreement is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, conditions, or any statute enacted by Congress, State Legislature, or ICTC, and any regulations prescribed therefrom, that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this Agreement.
- 31.3. If sufficient funds for the Project are not appropriated, this Agreement may be amended or terminated in order to reflect said reduction in funding.

#### 32. PREVAILING WAGE.

- 32.1. CONSULTANT acknowledges that any work that qualifies as a "public work" within the meaning of California Labor Code section 1720 shall cause CONSULTANT, and its subconsultants, to comply with the provisions of California Labor Code sections 1775 et seq.
- 32.2. When applicable, copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages shall be on file at ICTC and available to any interested party upon request. CONSULTANT shall post copies of the prevailing wage rate of per diem wages at the Project site.
- 32.3. CONSULTANT hereby acknowledges and stipulates to the following:
  - 32.3.1. CONSULTANT has reviewed and agrees to comply with the provisions of Labor Code section 1776 regarding retention and inspection of payroll records and noncompliance penalties; and
  - 32.3.2. CONSULTANT has reviewed and agrees to comply with the provisions of Labor Code section 1777.5 regarding employment of registered apprentices; and
  - 32.3.3. CONSULTANT has reviewed and agrees to comply with the provisions of Labor Code section 1810 regarding the legal day's work; and

32.3.4. CONSULTANT has reviewed and agrees to comply with the provisions of Labor Code section 1813 regarding forfeiture for violations of the maximum hours per day and per week provisions contained in the same chapter.

32.3.5. CONSULTANT has reviewed and agrees to comply with any applicable provisions for those Projects subject to Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) Monitoring and Enforcement of prevailing wages. ICTC hereby notifies CONSULTANT that CONSULTANT is responsible for complying with the requirements of Senate Bill 854 (SB854) regarding certified payroll record reporting. Further information concerning the requirements of SB854 is available on the DIR website located at: <a href="http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorksEnforcement.html">http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorksEnforcement.html</a>.

#### 33. WORKERS' COMPENSATION CERTIFICATION.

- 33.1. Prior to the commencement of work, CONSULTANT shall sign and file with ICTC the following certification: "I am aware of the provisions of California Labor Code §§3700 et seq. which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this contract."
- 33.2. This certification is included in this Agreement and signature of the Agreement shall constitute signing and filing of the certificate.
- 33.3. CONSULTANT understands and agrees that any and all employees, regardless of hire date, shall be covered by Workers' Compensation pursuant to statutory requirements prior to beginning work on the Project.
- 33.4. If CONSULTANT has no employees, initial here:

#### 34. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTITY COMPLIANCE.

- 34.1. When applicable, CONSULTANT represents and warrants that it has fully read the applicable Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE") requirements pertaining to this Project and has fully and accurately completed any and all required DBE forms.
- 34.2. CONSULTANT represents and warrants that it will comply with all applicable DBE requirements for this Project.

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- 34.4. If any state or federal funds are withheld from ICTC or not reimbursed to ICTC due to CONSULTANT's failure to either comply with the DBE requirements set forth in the RFP and this Agreement, or to meet the mandatory DBE goals as determined by ICTC, Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration, and/or any other state or federal agency contributing funds to the Project, then CONSULTANT shall fully reimburse ICTC the amount of funding lost. ICTC reserves the right to deduct any such loss in funding from the amount of compensation due to CONSULTANT under this Agreement.
- 34.5. In addition to the above, CONSULTANT's failure to comply with DBE requirements/goals shall subject it to such sanctions as are permitted by law, which may include, but shall not be limited to the following:
  - 34.5.1. Termination of this Agreement;
  - 34.5.2. Withholding monthly progress payments;
  - 34.5.3. Compensatory, special, incidental, liquidated and other damages; and/or
  - 34.5.4. Designation of CONSULTANT as "nonresponsible," and disqualification from bidding on future public works projects advertised by ICTC.

#### 35. APPENDIX E OF THE TITLE VI ASSURANCES.

During the performance of this contract, the CONSULTANT, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest agrees to comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

#### 35.1. Pertinent Nondiscrimination Authorities:

- (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq, 78 stat. 252), prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.
- (b) The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-Aid programs and projects);

- (c) Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- (d) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.) as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
- (e) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- (f) Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, 949 U.S.C. § 4 71, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- (g) The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, subrecipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- (h) Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- (i) The Federal Aviation Administration's Nondiscrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- (j) Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- (k) Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination

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2	compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons									
3	have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);									
4	(1) Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from									
5	discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq)									
6	36. <u>ADDITIONAL FEDERAL CLAUSES</u> .									
7	During the performance of this Agreement, the CONSULTANT, for itself, its assignees, and									
8	successors in interest, agrees to comply with the Additional Federal Clauses attached hereto as									
9	<b>Exhibit "E"</b> and incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.									
10	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year firs									
11	above written.									
12	IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:									
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15	ROBERT AMPARANO Chair									
16	ATTEST:									
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19	CRISTI LERMA Secretary to the Commission									
20	CONSULTANT:									
21	C&S ENGINEERS, INC.									
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23	BY:									
24	JOHN CAMP PRESIDENT & COO									
25	APPROVED AS TO FORM:									
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27	By:									
28	Eric Havens ICTC Counsel									
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