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**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA**

**LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM  
1503 N. IMPERIAL AVE., SUITE 104  
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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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.

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

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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|----|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| A. | ICTC Commission Minutes:              | September 24, 2025 | Pages 5-17 |
| B. | Receive and file:                     |                    |            |
|    | 1. ICTC Management Committee Minutes: | September 10, 2025 |            |
|    | 2. ICTC TAC Minutes:                  | August 28, 2025    |            |
|    | 3. SSTAC Minutes                      | September 3, 2025  |            |

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

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|----|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 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. FY 22-23, 23-24 and 24-25 TDA Triennial Performance Audit – Award Recommendation Page 44

The ICTC Management Committee met on October 15, 2025, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the award of the Agreement for the FY 22-23, 23-24 and 24-25 TDA Triennial Performance Audit to Moore and Associates in the amount of \$75,887.33.
2. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement.

- B. Award of Contract for Procurement of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Equipment and Management Software Page 47

The ICTC Management Committee met on October 15, 2025, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the award of contract for the Procurement of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Equipment and Management Software to OpConnect, Inc. in the amount of \$326,144.62; and
2. Authorize the executive director to sign the agreement.

- C. Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) – Calexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center – Property Acquisition APN 059-438-019 – NE Corner State Route 7 and Carr Rd., Calexico, CA 92231 Page 50

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

1. Approve the acquisition of real property identified as APN 059-438-019 – NE Corner State Route 7 and Carr Road, Calexico, CA 92231 in the amount of **\$996,653.00**, in addition to any applicable closing costs. Said acquisition is contingent upon CalSTA approval.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to sign any applicable escrow documentation, Certificate of Acceptance and any other documents required to complete the acquisition on behalf of ICTC.

**VII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

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

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION CALENDAR**

- A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code § 54957)  
Title: ICTC Executive Director
- C. Announcement of Closed Session Action(s)

**IX. MEETING DATE AND PLACE**

- A. The next meeting of the **Imperial County Transportation Commission** is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 12, 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.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

## IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. ICTC Commission Minutes: September 24, 2025
- B. Receive and file:
  - 1. ICTC Management Committee Minutes: September 10, 2025
  - 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: August 28, 2025
  - 3. SSTAC Minutes: September 3, 2025



**IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| City of Brawley              | Absent                |
| City of Calipatria           | Absent                |
| City of Calexico             | Lisa Tylenda          |
| City of El Centro            | Sonia Carter          |
| City of Imperial             | Robert Amparano       |
| City of Holtville            | Mike Pacheco          |
| City of Westmorland          | Absent                |
| County of Imperial           | Martha Cardenas-Singh |
| County of Imperial           | John Hawk             |
| Imperial Irrigation District | Karin Eugenio         |

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Eric Havens: ICTC Counsel; Ann Fox, Melina Pereira, John Garcia, Sam Amen, Jorge Perez, Karina Cantero Angel: Caltrans; Ben Martinez, Diana Nuricumbo: City of Calexico

**PUBLIC:** None

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, September 24, 2025, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

[Chair Robert Amparano](#) called the Commission meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

**II. EMERGENCY ITEMS**

There were none.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- A. ICTC Commission Minutes: July 23, 2025
- B. Receive and file:
  - 1. ICTC Management Committee Minutes: July 9, 2025
  - 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: June 26, 2025

A motion was made by [Eugenio](#) and seconded by [Tylenda](#) to approve the consent calendar as presented, roll call:

| Agency             | Roll Call |
|--------------------|-----------|
| City of Brawley    | Absent    |
| City of Calipatria | Absent    |
| City of Calexico   | Yes       |

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| City of El Centro            | Yes    |
| City of Holtville            | Yes    |
| City of Imperial             | Yes    |
| County of Imperial Hawk      | Absent |
| County of Imperial Singh     | Yes    |
| City of Westmorland          | Absent |
| Imperial Irrigation District | Yes    |

## V. REPORTS

### A. ICTC Executive Director

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- 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.
- 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.
- Bus Stop Improvement Project: 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.
- 2024 Local Partnership Program, Cycle 5: 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.
- Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC)- 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: 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.

- All ICTC Executive Directors' updates can be found on page 19
- B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
  - Updates can be found on the SCAG report on page 26 of the agenda.
- C. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)- District 11  
Ms. Fox had the following updates:
  - 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 roads are safe and motorists can travel to their destination without any major delays. FY 2025-2026 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Awards Project.
  - Caltrans has awarded four planning grants to local partners. One being the County of Imperial Gateway to Las Americas – Mobility Improvements around the Calexico commercial Port of Entry.
  - All other updates can be found on page 29.
- D. Commission Member Reports
  - Updates were provided by various commissioners.

## VI. ACTION CALENDAR

- 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 forwarded this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approved 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. Authorized the executive director to sign the agreement.

A motion was made by [Eugenio](#) and seconded by [Carter](#) to approve Action A as presented, roll call:

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

**Motion Carried.**

## VII. PRESENTATION CALENDAR

- A. Calexico West Port of Entry Traffic Issues

- A presentation was given by Caltrans and City of Calexico regarding a traffic study conducted by Caltrans. Short-term and long-term alternatives were provided by Caltrans.

#### **VIII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

- A. The Commission discussed issues related to e-bikes, scooters, and street racing safety. Each city committed to bringing their current ordinances for review at the next meeting. ICTC staff will research the topic further and explore potential collaboration with the Go Human campaign to support safety awareness efforts. Ms. Fox suggested reviewing the City of Carlsbad's approach as a possible model. Commissioner Singh inquired about the possibility of issuing a proclamation from the Commission. Additional discussion included discussing strategies for prevention, education, and enforcement.

#### **IX. CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Motioned to Adjourn to Closed Session ([Carter/Hawk](#))
- 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)  
Mr. Havens stated that the Commission met in closed session regarding CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY, Government Code §54956.8 for the property listed above. Direction was given and no reportable action was taken.

#### **X. MEETING DATE AND PLACE**

- A. The next meeting will be on October 22, 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 8:22 p.m.

**IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF September 10, 2025  
10:30 a.m.**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| City of Brawley              | Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter |
| City of Calexico             | Juan Contreras          |
| City of Calipatria           | Laura Gutierrez         |
| City of El Centro            | Robert Sawyer           |
| City of Holtville            | Nick Wells              |
| City of Imperial             | Thomas Garcia           |
| County of Imperial           | Absent                  |
| County of Imperial           | Absent                  |
| Imperial Irrigation District | Manuel Ortiz            |
| City of Westmorland          | Laura Fischer           |
| ICTC                         | David Aguirre           |

**STAFF PRESENT:** Esperanza Avila, Cristi Lerma, Marlene Flores, Michelle Bastidas

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

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**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Ms. Laura Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 10:32 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 July 9, 2025
- B. Receive and File:
  - 1. ICTC Commission Minutes: June 25, 2025
  - 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: June 26, 2025

A motion was made by [Garcia](#) seconded by [Ortiz](#) to approve the consent calendar as presented;  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**V. REPORTS**

- A. ICTC Executive Director  
Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:
  - The Local Transportation Authority (LTA) will be conducting a public hearing to consider a potential amendment to the Measure D ordinance regarding the

Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to update and clarify the ordinance language to ensure a more equitable process among all jurisdictions. Specifically, the amendment seeks to replace existing language in Section 6 (sentences 2–4), which currently outlines how jurisdictions must maintain their commitment of transportation funds and how the Authority enforces this requirement. The revised language is intended to streamline compliance and provide consistency across all agencies.

- 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.
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- 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.
- 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.
  - The Contractor continues with construction activities for the Callexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) project. 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.
  - The IVT Ride Now 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.
  - 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.
  - 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 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.
  - ICTC is proceeding with allocation of Right of Way Funding with the CTC in June 2025 for the Callexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center.
  - All ICTC Executive Directors' updates can be found on page 15.
- B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
- SCAG updates can be found on page 22 of the agenda.
- C. Caltrans Department of Transportation – District 11
- Caltrans updates can be found on page 25 of the agenda.
- D. Committee Member Reports
- There were no other reports.

## VI. ACTION CALENDAR

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

It was requested that the ICTC Management Committee 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.

A motion was made by [Terrazas-Baxter](#) seconded by [Gutierrez](#) for approval as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

**VII.** The next meeting is scheduled for **October 8, 2025**, at the ICTC Offices.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.





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## **SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**      September 03, 2025

**Present:**

**Voting Attendees:**

|               |                                  |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Raul Cordova  | IC Work Training Center          |
| Sarah Enz     | Public Administrator             |
| Mike Hack     | Senior Consumer                  |
| Camilo Garcia | Workforce & Economic Development |
| Gustavo Gomez | ICTC                             |

**Non-Voting Attendees:**

|                |                                               |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Jose Guillen   | IVT MedTrans/IVT Ride                         |
| Helio Sanchez  | IVT Transit                                   |
| Cesar Sanchez  | IVT Transit                                   |
| Karla Pacheco  | IVT ACCESS                                    |
| Aracely Torres | Special Project Equity Imperial County (ZOOM) |
| Luis Castro    | Imperial County Department of Social Services |
| Priscilla Baca | ICTC                                          |

1. Mr. Hack called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. **A quorum was not present.**
2. Introductions were made.
  - Hybrid meeting.
3. Minutes were adopted for May 07, 2025. **Motion not carried.**
4. CTSA Reports:  
Ms. Baca had the following information:
  - Brief overview of the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council's purpose and duties, SSTAC's charge under California Public Utility Code 99238 to identify transit needs, review, and recommend actions through the unmet transit needs hearing process
  - SSTAC membership requirements include the appointment of representatives for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and social service providers.

- Outlined the annual calendar of SSTAC activities, including the unmet transit needs survey conducted in April.

Mr. Gomez presented the following information:

- IVT Ride Now is an expansion of IVT Ride, featuring a new on-demand component similar to Uber. The service costs \$2 for the general public and \$1 for seniors.
- The service provides both app-based and traditional phone reservation options. Additional outreach and promotion are needed to increase public awareness.
- Calexico ITC is under construction and expected to be completed by March 2026. Bus Stop Improvement project, which will include several stops in El Centro, Calipatria, and Westmorland.
- Contactless payment options and real-time bus tracking updates will be available soon.
- The East Port of Entry Terminal project is currently in its initial stages of development
- ICTC maintenance and operation Facility project is in the early planning stages.

Ms. Baca presented the following information:

- Distributed IVT Ride Now flyers to county offices and public locations.
- Outreach to all senior apartments in Calexico, El Centro, and Brawley. Will continue with outreach for all services, specifically, IVT Ride Now

5. Transit Operator Reports:

Imperial Valley Transit:

Mr. Sanchez had the following report:

- Service is operating normally. We now have a dedicated bus shelter maintenance person and have power-washed all bus shelters. Regular maintenance will continue for high-traffic bus stops

IVT Access:

Ms. Pacheco had the following report:

- IVT Access usage tends to slow down during the summer months, but activity is increasing now that school is back in session.

IVT Ride:

Mr. Guillen had the following report on all IVT Ride services:

- The SDSU Brawley campus is included in the IVT Ride Now service area.
- Service disruption during a recent storm that affected travel to Coachella

IVT MedTrans:

Mr. Guillen had the following report:

- IVT Med Trans Transportation provides services to VA facilities and San Diego State University.

## 6. General Discussion

- SSTAC members asked if ICTC can email the PDF IVT RIDE Now flyer.
- Consider nominations for SSTAC officer positions. There is currently a vacancy for the chairperson role, which will need to be addressed at the October meeting.
- Forward information about upcoming community events to ICTC staff for COA outreach opportunities.

## 7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at the Imperial County Transportation Commission Office, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243.



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## **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**August 28, 2025**

**Present:**

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Lily Falomir      | City of Calexico   |
| Francisco Barba   | City of Calipatria |
| Hector Salcedo    | City of El Centro  |
| Chandler Sinclair | City of Holtville  |
| Fernando Williams | City of Imperial   |
| Othon Mora        | City of Imperial   |
| Veronica Atondo   | County of Imperial |
| Manuel Ortiz      | IID                |

**Others:**

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Isaiah Gonzalez            | City of Imperial    |
| Michael Coyne              | City of Calexico    |
| Ramiro Barajas             | City of Westmorland |
| Marlene Flores             | ICTC                |
| Cesar Beltran              | ICTC                |
| Alejandro Lopez-Rangel     | Caltrans            |
| Frank Safaie               | Caltrans            |
| David Salgado              | SCAG                |
| Priscilla Freduah-Agyemang | SCAG                |
| Ismael Garcia              | ICAPCD              |
| Phil Kern                  | STC Traffic         |

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 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 June 26, 2025 ([Ortiz/Falomir](#)), **Motion Carried.**
2. **SCAG Mobility Hub Design and Implementation Guide**  
(Presented by Caltrans Staff)

Mrs. Freduah-Agyemang presented a brief update on the SCAG Mobility Hub Design and Implementation Guide.

Mr. Williams asked if the Mobility Hub Design and Implementation Guide have any funding available. Mrs. Freduah-Agyemang replied that currently, it is only to guide on how to implement

and design Mobility Hubs, but it can be used as a reference to pursue any future funding. Mrs. Freduah-Agyemang complemented that she can help to complement how to use the Guide as a support document for funding opportunities.

**3. Caltrans Updates / Announcements**

*(Presented by Caltrans Staff)*

- Mr. Lopez-Rangel stated that the State of California is looking to have a 2% percentage of inactive projects throughout the State.

**4. SCAG Updates / Announcements**

No updates were given

**5. ICTC Updates / Announcements**

*(Presented by ICTC Staff)*

Mr. Flores shared IVT Ride Now changes, starting September 2, 2025.

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

Updates were given by the agencies.

**7. General Discussion / New Business**

No new business was discussed.

The next TAC meeting will be on October 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

# **V. REPORTS**

- A. ICTC/LTA/IVRMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
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## Memorandum

**Date:** October 17, 2025  
**To:** ICTC Commission Meeting  
**From:** David Aguirre, Executive Director  
**Re:** Executive Director's Report

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The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Commission meeting on October 22, 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. To register for the event visit the Eventbrite page at [ICTC GENERAL ASSEMBLY Tickets, Thu, Jan 22, 2026 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite](#).
- 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 at the end of 2025 or early 2026.**

- 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. Local agencies have begun forwarding their allocation packages to the CTC to secure the additional funding.** There is also a competitive program that is administered by the CTC. Guidelines for the program can be found at <https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/local-partnership-program/2024-lpp-competitive-guidelines-adopted-resolution.pdf>
- 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 are ongoing. Shade canopy improvements have also begun, in addition to site electrical and plumbing work. The project remains on schedule and is anticipated to be completed in early 2026.**
- 6) **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 were 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 for 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 have 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. **Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Environmental and Design Services was released on September 26, 2025, and due on November 14, 2025. Staff also submitted multiple grant applications for the anticipated construction efforts under 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. It is anticipated that determinations pertaining to possible project selection will take place in the next couple of months.**
- 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 has finalized the contract agreement with the selected proposer, and a project kickoff meeting is scheduled for October 22, 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. **ICTC is now in the process of finalizing and reviewing the proposal submitted. The agreement will be presented to the Commission for approval consideration in October 2025. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in FY 2025–26.**
- 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 late October 2025 or November 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 are 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.**

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. CBP is currently reviewing the project with their HQ Team to attempt to secure funding.**

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 Centro | \$2,416,000                             |
| 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:

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

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: <https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/san-diego-imperial-counties-sustainable-freight-implementation-strategy-final-report-2024-02-01.pdf>
- 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*
- September 24, 2025 – meeting with Caltrans to discuss regional models research via zoom meeting
  - September 24, 2025 – ICTC Commission, IVRMA and LTA meetings at the ICTC offices
  - September 25, 2025 – ICTC TAC meeting at the ICTC offices
  - September 25, 2025 – IVRMA TAC meeting at the ICTC offices
  - September 29, 2025 – IVT Ride Now outreach in Brawley (Priscilla Baca)
  - September 29, 2025 – Caltrans Local Assistance Regional Focus Group via zoom meeting
  - September 30, 2025 – Imperial Valley College Deaf Resource Fair (Priscilla Baca, Maria Gamez)
  - October 1, 2025 – Bus Stops Improvement Project (Cesar Beltran)
  - October 1, 2025 – 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop via zoom meeting

- October 1, 2025 – ICTC SSTAC meeting at the ICTC offices
- October 1, 2025 – ICTC Staff Meeting
- October 2, 2025 – Sustainability Planning Grant Discussion via Teams meeting
- October 2, 2025 – DBE webinar via zoom meeting
- October 3, 2025 – Calexico ITC site visit with Commissioners
- October 3, 2025 – IVT Ride Now outreach in El Centro (Priscilla Baca)
- October 6-8 – Motorist Aid Conference in San Diego (Espy Avila, Marlene Flores)
- October 7, 2025 – Imperial County Planning Call: EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study (Marlene Flores)
- October 8, 2025 – IVT Ride Now outreach in Westshores (Priscilla Baca)
- October 8, 2025 – SCAG Natural and Agricultural Lands Study Listening Session - Municipal/Government Agencies Group
- October 9, 2025 – Senior Appreciation Day at the MLK Jr. Pavilion in El Centro (Priscilla Baca, Maria Gamez)
- October 10, 2025 – Caltrans training on DBE Update on Interim Final Rule via zoom meeting (David Aguirre, Gustavo Gomez, Cesar Beltran)
- October 8-10, 2025 – CalCOG Carl Program, Session #2 in Napa, CA (Marlene Flores)
- October 13, 2025 – Meeting to review Projects at the ICTC office.
- October 15, 2025 – Brawley Wellness Center Presentation (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- October 15, 2025 – ICTC Management Committee Meeting at the ICTC office.
- October 15, 2025 – ST. Mary's Church Presentation (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- October 16, 2025 – Staff Meeting
- October 21-23, 2025 – CALACT Conference 2025 (attended by Gustavo Gomez and Priscilla Baca)

## Memorandum

**Date:** October 15, 2025  
**To:** ICTC Committee and Management Meeting  
**From:** David Salgado, Government Affairs Officer (GAO)  
**Re:** **Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Report**

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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 OCTOBER 2025.

### **1. SCAG 2026 Draft Public Participation Plan Available for Public Comment**

The SCAG 2026 Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) is now available for public comment. The PPP outlines SCAG's commitments to representative, accessible, and effective public and stakeholder participation in the development of its plans, programs, and initiatives. The PPP also defines audience categories, outlines methodology for conducting participation efforts, summarizes communication methods, and describes SCAG's measures and processes for evaluating its participation efforts.

SCAG has prepared the 2026 Draft Public Participation Plan in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations that set forth SCAG's responsibilities as a metropolitan planning organization. The 45-day public comment period for the 2026 Draft Public Participation Plan began on Sept. 22 and concludes on Nov. 7. For more information on how to submit a comment and to view a copy of the Draft Public Participation Plan and an Executive Summary, visit the project website.

### **2. 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop Revisits the 'Intergenerational Contract'**

More than 350 people attended the 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop, "Revisiting the Intergenerational Contract," on Oct. 1 to discuss the latest demographic trends for the region and explore how demographic and economic changes are influencing the traditional "intergenerational contract." The 36th annual event was hosted by SCAG and the USC Price School of Public Policy.

Highlights of the 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop include the publication of a new report, "Highs, Lows, and Shocks: Key Housing and Economic Trends in Southern California," by SCAG and USC demographers to provide insight into American Community Survey data released earlier in September by the U.S. Census Bureau. More info about the report is available on SCAG News .

The 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop also included three panels and a keynote address, the latter by Dowell Myers, professor and director of the Population Dynamics Research Group at the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy. More information about the event program and resources available following the event are available on SCAG news .

### **3. SCAG Toolbox Tuesday Explore Challenges and Opportunities for Tribal Data**

On Sept. 30, SCAG hosted a Toolbox Tuesday session about how regional organizations can support Tribes and Native people to overcome the unique challenges in federal, state, and other data sets for Native Americans and Tribal communities.

The discussion, led by Brookings Institution Metro Fellow Robert Maxim, reviewed findings from a recent report co-published by SCAG and the Brookings Institution that assesses data challenges for Tribes and Native Americans in the SCAG region and nationally.

The session examined the shortcomings of public data for Tribes and Native American communities, presented insights from Tribal leaders in the SCAG region about their data needs and priorities, and outlined actions that regional organizations can take to improve data quality and availability for Tribes.

### **4. SCAG Launches New Future Leaders Initiative**

SCAG recently announced the Future Leaders Initiative (FLI). This six-month civic leadership pilot program is for young adults interested in building an understanding of how regional and local governments collaborate for long-term change and impact. Program participants, ages 18-24 representing each county in the region, will explore planning principles and their impact on both the present and the future of Southern California. By creating an accessible pipeline for young adults to deepen their knowledge and leadership skills through direct engagement with local leaders and professionals, SCAG will cultivate a cohort of 24 new thoughtful civic leaders and local voices shaping the SCAG region. FLI applications will open on Tuesday, Oct. 14. Read more about the program on SCAG News.

### **5. SCAG Celebrates Walktober with the Release of New Transportation Safety Report and Modeling Tool**

October is Walktober, a month dedicated to celebrating walking; raising awareness about pedestrian safety; and encouraging communities to create safer, more accessible streets. In Southern California, Walktober is a reminder of the urgent need to address traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries continuing to affect the region's communities.

This Walktober, SCAG is releasing two new transportation safety resources: the “2025 Regional Transportation Safety Existing Conditions Report” and the SoCal Community Transportation Safety Modeling Tool. These products are part of SCAG long term commitment to improving roadway safety through data-driven planning, new technology, and regional collaboration.

The “2025 Transportation Safety Regional Existing Conditions Report” provides a comprehensive picture of the region’s current safety challenges, drawing on a decade of collision data to identify key contributing factors—such as speed, impaired driving, and roadway conditions—and highlights disparities affecting vulnerable road users like pedestrians and cyclists. This report sets a baseline for regional safety performance measures as a reference for local transportation safety planning and policy decisions.

Transportation safety remains a pressing issue in the SCAG region, where between 2014 and 2024, approximately 18,000 fatalities and 71,000 serious injuries occurred on roadways. Pedestrians and cyclists are disproportionately affected: according to the report, of the 1,616 fatal collisions that occurred on average each year in the SCAG region, 557 collisions involved someone walking or bicycling. The number of serious injuries among pedestrians and bicyclists has been steadily climbing since 2014 at an average rate of four and a half percent per year. These numbers highlight the importance of SCAG’s new transportation safety resources, which give cities and counties resources to plan for safer streets.

Building on the report’s findings, the SoCal Community Transportation Safety Modeling Tool enables jurisdictions to visualize and predict potential safety impacts of proposed land use development scenarios to plan accordingly to reduce risks of future collisions at the community level. By connecting the insights of the report with this new tool, SCAG equips the region with integrated safety resources that enable agencies to understand the “where” and “why” of collisions, anticipate future safety risks, and proactively invest in effective solutions.



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**To:** ICTC Commission

**Date:** October 2025

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**Subject: DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### Informational

#### Federal Update:

Caltrans met with U.S Customs and Border Protection to provide an update in our most recent efforts to improve the movements of goods and pedestrians in Imperial County.

#### State Update:

Caltrans had the opportunity to attend the 2025 Binational Delegation to Mexico City in Mexico City. This Binational Delegation provides the opportunity for participants to meet with key federal officials, including members of the Sheinbaum Administration and Mexican Senate, and diverse business industry leaders to discuss major issues.

### 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 completed a 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 Project Report was approved in September 2025

**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 December 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 pooled 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.

### **Middle-Mile Broadband Network (MMBN) Fiber Projects**

California Department of Technology (CDT) has determined routes along which fiber will be constructed and selected third party joint builders to design and construct these routes, in their pursuit of bringing high speed and reliable internet access to underserved areas of Imperial County. Caltrans' role is as the Permit reviewer for the joint builder's projects Permit requests. Permit applications have been received for 8 projects, 5 of which have been approved. Routes: I-8 from Arizona to San Diego County line. SR86 between El Centro and Brawley. SR111 north of Brawley to Riverside County Line. SR78 from Brawley to Riverside County line. Construction Completion: by December 2026.

## **Middle-Mile Broadband Network (MMBN) Hub Projects**

The fiber communication hubs are a critical element of the MMBN network in the pursuit of bringing high speed and reliable internet access to underserved areas of Imperial County. Caltrans has been instrumental to the California Department of Technology (CDT) in the design on most of the Imperial County MMBN hubs and has participated in the preliminary design work on the remaining MMBN hub, and the MMBN hubs will be constructed as a Permit job by a third-party joint builder for CDT. 2 Hub permits have been approved so far.

**Hub 79 – Route 111 and Route 78 near Brawley.** This hub designed by Caltrans is necessary for the North/South Route roughly following the rail line parallel to Route 86 between El Centro and Brawley and Route 111 north of Brawley to Riverside County line and the Northeast/Southwest route along Route 78 from Brawley to Riverside County line. Design Complete: October 2025.

**Hub 169 – Route 78 at Mitchell's Camp Road south of Palo Verde.** This hub designed by Caltrans is necessary for Northeast/Southwest route along Route 78 from Brawley to Riverside/Imperial County line. Design Complete: November 2025.

**Hub 181 – Along Adams Avenue near Route 86 in El Centro.** This hub designed by Caltrans is necessary for the East/West Route roughly following I-8/Old Highway 80/Evan Hewes Highway and parallel railroad and the North/South Route roughly following the rail line parallel to Route 86 between El Centro and Brawley and Route 111 north of Brawley to the Riverside County line. Design Complete: October 2025.

**Hub 182 – Near Route 8 and Route 186 near Winterhaven.** This hub designed by Golden State Network is necessary for East/West Route roughly following I-8/Old Highway 80/Evan Hewes Highway and parallel railroad. No date scheduled.

**Hub 183 – Along Route 111 north of Niland and south of Bombay Beach.** This hub designed by Caltrans is necessary for the North/South Route roughly following the rail line parallel to Route 86 between El Centro and Brawley and Route 111 north of Brawley to Riverside County line. Design Complete: October 2025.

## **MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC OPERATIONS**

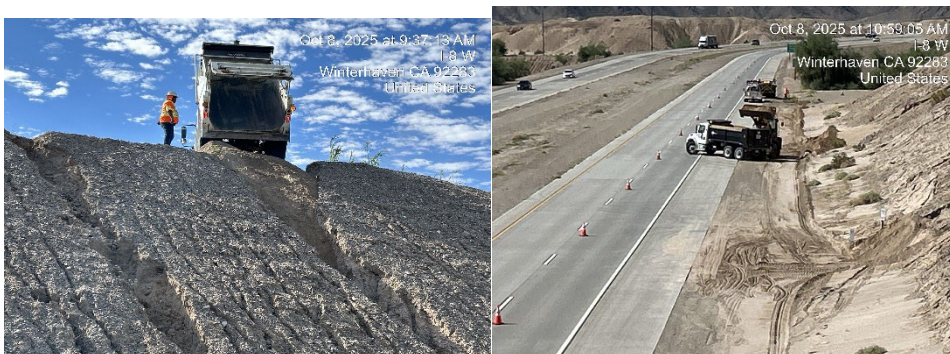
1. El Centro Traveled Way Crew – Fence repair: I-8/SR-111, Sealing intersections: SR-86, Storm damage repair: I-8/Drew Road.



2. El Centro Functional/Marking Crew – Sign/Landscape maintenance, Refresh pavement markings-SR-98/Rivera - Calexico.



3. Midway Traveled Way Crew – Lateral support: SR-7, Storm damage repair: I-8/Seminole Road.





#### 4. Brawley Traveled Way Crew – Sweeping/brush control

Crack sealing-SR-111/Rutherford Road, Storm damage repair: SR-78-between Ogilby Road and Palo Verde.



**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 by 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 by 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 has been approved and the construction phase is expected to start by 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 by 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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City of Holtville

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City of Calipatria

City of Westmorland

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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 [Constant Contact link provided here](#).

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 [brian.miller@dot.ca.gov](mailto:brian.miller@dot.ca.gov).

### **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 [HERE](#).

### **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 [rural communities](#). The Dashboard is updated weekly. Directions, deadlines, and links to apply are [HERE](#).

## **Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants**

Sustainable Communities Grants - Encourage local/regional planning that supports state goals, implement RTP Sustainable Communities Strategies (where applicable), and ultimately help achieve the state's GHG reduction targets of 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80% below by 2050. Sustainable Communities grants are available up to \$700K and have an 11.47% local match requirement (Native American Tribal Governments are not required to include a local match).

Strategic Partnerships Grants – Identify and address statewide, interregional, or regional transportation deficiencies on the State Highway System in partnership with Caltrans. A sub-category of this grant funds transit-focused planning projects that address multimodal transportation deficiencies. Strategic Partnerships grants are available up to \$500K and have a 20% local match requirement.

- \* \$34.5 million in funding available.
- \* Currently Open. Application Deadline is Friday, November 21, 2025 (5:00pm PT)
- \* Click links below for more information:
  - o [Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program](#)
  - o [Application Guide](#)
  - o [Apply Here](#)

## **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 Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund (TTPSF)**

The Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund is a competitive, discretionary program 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).

- \* \$25.1 million will be available with up to 110 expected awards for Tribal applicants.
- \* The TTPSF opened October 2, 2025 with applications due **Jan 15, 2026**
- \* Click link [HERE](#) for more information on the TTPSF goals and eligibility requirements, including application process, included in Amendment 2 of the NOFO.

##### **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 [HERE](#) 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 late Summer/Fall of 2025.
- \* Click link [HERE](#) for more information.

### 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 [HERE](#). 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 [HERE](#).

#### 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.

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/local-civil-compliance/title-vi>



## STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS



1. Feasibility Studies: Truck Parking and ZEV Charging  
Project Initiation Document team forming
2. Lithium Valley Project Initiation Document  
District 11 has been awarded funds
3. '25-'26 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant  
Four planning grants awarded to local partners
4. Calexico East Land Port of Entry Joint Operations Systems  
Initiating Contract to Procure Consultant Team
5. SR-86 at Black Diamond Road Roundabout  
Project Initiation Document being prepared
6. Electrical Vehicle Electrification Feasibility Study  
Plan Completion Date April 2026
7. SR-86 and Dogwood Road Widening and Signals  
Construction Starting Date February 2027
8. SR-186 All-American Canal Bridge  
Env Document approved. Project Report in circulation
9. SR-98 Pavement Rehabilitation  
PA+ED Completion December 2025
10. ADA Curb Ramps & Complete Streets on SR-115, 86, 111  
PA+ED Completion October 2025

1. El Centro Traveled Way Crew  
Fence Repair, Crack Sealing
2. El Centro Functional/Marking Crew  
School Crosswalk Refresh
3. Midway Traveled Way Crew  
Crack Sealing Night Work, Graffiti Abatement
4. Brawley Traveled Way Crew  
Crack Sealing, Pavement Repair

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| 11-2N178. Pavement Preservation Completing November 2025          |
| 11-2N197. Pavement Preservation Completing November 2025          |
| 11-2N230 Safety Improvement Project in Construction October 2025  |
| 11-2N147 Bridge Preservation Project in Construction October 2025 |
| 11-2N226 Safety Project Project in Construction October 2025      |
| 11-2N225 Safety Project Project in Construction October2025       |
| 11-2N228 Pavement Preservation Project Completing November 2025   |
| 11-2N176 Pavement Preservation Starting October 2025              |



## VI. ACTION CALENDAR

A. FY 22-23, 23-24 and 24-25 TDA Triennial Performance Audit – Award Recommendation

The ICTC Management Committee met on October 15, 2025, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the award of the Agreement for the FY 22-23, 23-24 and 24-25 TDA Triennial Performance Audit to Moore and Associates in the amount of \$75,887.33.
2. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement.



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October 17, 2025

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SUBJECT: FY 22-23, 23-24 and 24-25 TDA Triennial Performance Audit – Award Recommendation

Dear Commission Members:

The State of California requires that Transportation Planning Agencies undergo a performance audit every three years as a result of receiving Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds. The audit is primarily focused on administration of TDA funded programs and services over a three-year period of time. The period of time to be audited for this engagement are fiscal years 22-23, 23-24, and 24-25.

The audit is not solely a financial audit, but a review of compliance with transit service-related Public Utilities Codes and prudent administrative and management practices. More specifically the audit involved reviewing the processes and policies including, but not limited to; the ICTC Budget and Transit Financing Plan, the TDA Allocation Schedule, the Article 3 and 8 financial claims processing, administration of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, completion of the annual Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing process, transit planning and operations management of the public transit services by ICTC and also an evaluation of the administration of ICTC as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA).

ICTC Staff recently completed a competitive bid via a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to acquire the services of a qualified consulting team to complete the TDA Triennial Performance Audit. The RFP requested multiple consulting services in accordance with the requirements of the Transit Performance Guidance Handbook. The RFP was circulated to various professional service firms who have experience completing similar work for other agencies.

A total of one (1) consultant submitted responses to ICTC's RFP. The consultant that submitted a response was Moore and Associates. Since only one proposal was received, ICTC staff conducted an internal review of the proposal to ensure that it met all technical and administrative requirements outlined in the RFP. The proposal submitted by Moore and Associates was in the amount of \$75,887.33.

Based on this internal review, ICTC determined that Moore and Associates submitted a strong and comprehensive proposal that demonstrated a clear understanding of the project scope, sound methodology, and extensive experience conducting TDA Triennial Performance Audits for other transportation planning agencies across the state.

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IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**



Moore and Associates also successfully completed ICTC's previous TDA Triennial Performance Audit in 2020, further supporting their qualifications and familiarity with ICTC's operations and compliance requirements.

A budget of \$80,000 was identified and approved in the ICTC FY 25-26 OWP and budget.

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

The ICTC Management Committee met on October 15, 2025, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the Award of Contract for the FY 22-23, 23-24 and 24-25 TDA Triennial Performance Audit to *Moore and Associates* in the amount of \$75,887.33.
2. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement.

Sincerely,



David Aguirre  
Executive Director

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## VI. ACTION CALENDAR

### B. Award of Contract for Procurement of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Equipment and Management Software

The ICTC Management Committee met on October 15, 2025, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the award of contract for the Procurement of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Equipment and Management Software to OpConnect, Inc. in the amount of \$326,144.62; and
2. Authorize the executive director to sign the agreement.



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SUBJECT: Award of Contract for Procurement of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Equipment and Management Software

Dear Commission Members:

The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) continues to work to advance the region's transition to clean transportation by expanding Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure. This procurement supports California's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals, as well as regional sustainability priorities outlined in SCAG's Connect SoCal 2024 Plan.

Imperial County currently lacks a comprehensive public charging network. The purchase of EV chargers represents the first implementation step identified in ICTC's ongoing EV Charging Station Feasibility Study, positioning the region for future installations at public and high-priority sites.

The project will procure federally compliant EV charging equipment and management software under Federal Aid Project No. 6471(025) in full compliance with FHWA, NEVI, and Buy America/Build America requirements.

ICTC issued a Request for Bids (RFB) on August 29, 2025, titled "Procurement of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Equipment and Management Software." The solicitation was publicly advertised and distributed to qualified vendors.

The RFB requested pricing for:

- Three (3) DC Fast Chargers (DCFC) with dual CCS ports; and
- One (1) Level 2 Charger (SAE J1772 Connector), including associated software, warranty, and delivery to an ICTC-designated site.

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IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

The efforts associated with the installation of the chargers will take place at a later date.

ICTC received one (1) responsive bid from OpConnect, Inc. After review, staff confirmed that the proposal met all RFB specifications, federal requirements, and technical qualifications. OpConnect, Inc. is an experienced EV infrastructure provider serving multiple public agencies in California. Their proposal includes:

- FHWA-compliant hardware with Open Charge Point Protocol (OCPP 1.6 or higher);
- Cloud-based management software for monitoring and reporting;
- Minimum five-year equipment warranty; and
- Delivery and packaging for secure long-term storage.

The total proposed cost is **\$326,144.62**. ICTC staff reviewed the pricing for cost reasonableness and determined it consistent with similar procurements statewide.

Funding for this procurement is included in ICTC's FY 2025–26 Overall Work Program and Budget and is provided through the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP).

The CRP, established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), provides funding for transportation projects that reduce carbon dioxide emissions from on-road sources.

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

The ICTC Management Committee met on October 15, 2025, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the award of contract for the Procurement of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Equipment and Management Software to OpConnect, Inc. in the amount of **\$326,144.62**; and
2. Authorize the executive director to sign the agreement.

Sincerely,



David Aguirre  
Executive Director

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## VI. ACTION CALENDAR

- C. Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) – Calexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center – Property Acquisition APN 059-438-019 – NE Corner State Route 7 and Carr Rd., Calexico, CA 92231

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

1. Approve the acquisition of real property identified as APN 059-438-019 – NE Corner State Route 7 and Carr Road, Calexico, CA 92231 in the amount of **\$996,653.00**, in addition to any applicable closing costs. Said acquisition is contingent upon CalSTA approval.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to sign any applicable escrow documentation, Certificate of Acceptance and any other documents required to complete the acquisition on behalf of ICTC.



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October 17, 2025

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SUBJECT: Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) – Calexico East Port of Entry  
Intermodal Transportation Center – Property Acquisition APN 059-438-019 – NE  
Corner State Route 7 and Carr Rd., Calexico, CA 92231

Dear Commission Members:

ICTC has been working towards the development of an Intermodal Transportation Center near the Calexico East Port of Entry for several years. The Calexico East Intermodal Transportation Center (Calexico East ITC) has been a priority of ICTC's long range transportation planning efforts as well as a priority for the region as noted within the California-Baja California Border Master Plan.

In July 2024, ICTC was able to submit a grant application to the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) under the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). The application requested funding to complete the various phases of the project which included Right of Way Acquisition, Design and Environmental Services, Construction and the acquisition of electric vehicles to provide public transportation services to the area. In October 2024, ICTC was notified that it was awarded a grant in the amount of \$12.6 Million Dollars to complete the various efforts requested under the grant application. Since the notification of award, ICTC has been working towards executing the necessary contractual agreements with CalSTA and to complete project phase allocations to allow ICTC to proceed with the various required efforts.

Upon allocation approval, ICTC proceeded to complete due diligence efforts associated with the preferred site location. Staff have previously reviewed the preferred site and discussed its advantages and disadvantages with the commission. ICTC has obtained a preliminary title report, preliminary vehicle circulation analysis, a Phase 1 ESA (no significant findings) and a property appraisal report. ICTC has also consulted with the County of Imperial as it pertains to the type of project ICTC is pursuing and any restrictions associated with the Gateway to the Americas General Plan. The proposed project is not anticipated to require any additional efforts with the County of Imperial to further develop the project.

The preferred location for the project is located just north of the Calexico East Port of Entry facility. The property is currently vacant and does not have any physical or subsurface issues. The property currently experiences pedestrian crossings regularly due to its proximity to the improvements of northbound pedestrian access leaving the port of entry.

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

The property's total area is approximately 1.72 acres (74,923 sq.ft.) per the appraisal report. The appraised value of the 1.72 acres was \$975,000 or \$13.00 per sq.ft. The property's appraised total area does not include a portion of property that has been offered to the County of Imperial for a "pedestrian link" on the north end of the property. The total area for the Pedestrian Link is approximately 0.04 acres or 1,743 sq.ft. ICTC intends to work with the County of Imperial to utilize the Pedestrian Link as a pathway for pedestrians to potentially cross the property and gain access to the greater area. As ICTC intends to use the pathway as part of its project, ICTC is proposing to consider the Pedestrian Link as part of the project area. As a result, the revised total area to be considered is 1.76 acres or (76,665.6 sq.ft). The 1.76 acres is also reflected as such in the preliminary title report and APN Maps/Final Maps. Upon consideration of the revised total property area, the revised total property value is 1.76 acres or 76,665.6 sq.ft multiplied by \$13.00 per square foot totals a revised value of **\$996,653**.

ICTC has been in communication with the property owners, and the property owners have agreed to the proposed acquisition price of **\$996,653**. The property owners have asked ICTC to delay the property acquisition until the beginning of January 2026. The proposed acquisition cost is within the budget ICTC has identified for the acquisition phase of the project. Upon acquisition, ICTC is prepared to work with CalSTA to allocate and proceed with the design and environmental phase of the project.

The facility is anticipated to have several bus bays, EV charging infrastructure for public transit vehicles, and pedestrian improvements to name a few.

To recap, the purchase for the property is **\$996,653** (the purchase price does not include any additional closing costs). All the acquisition costs, including the cost of the appraisal, are included as part of the grant funding received. ICTC does not have any additional financial contribution outside of existing grant funds.

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