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## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**ICTC OFFICES  
1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104  
El Centro, CA 92243**

**Wednesday, July 9, 2025  
10:30 A.M.**

**CHAIR: COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

**VICE CHAIR: LAURA GUTIERREZ**

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

### **II. EMERGENCY ITEMS**

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

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Management Committee on any subject within their jurisdiction, but not an item on the agenda. Any action taken because of public comments shall be limited to direction to staff. Each speaker should contact the Secretary to the Commission at (760) 592-4494 or by email to [cristilerna@imperialctc.org](mailto:cristilerna@imperialctc.org). When addressing the Committee, state your name for the record prior to providing your comments. Please address the Committee as a whole through the Chairperson. Individuals will be given three (3) minutes to address the Committee; 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.

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

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Management Committee Draft Minutes May 14, 2025 & June 11, 2025 pages 4-18
- B. Receive and File:
1. ICTC Commission Minutes: May 28, 2025
  2. ICTC TAC Minutes: May 22, 2025
  3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: May 7, 2025

- C. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled  
Transportation Services FY24-25 ICTC grant application page 20

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

1. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to submit an FTA 5310 FY24-25 Grant, execute all required documents and any amendments with the California Department of Transportation for the continued funding of the Regional Mobility Coordination Program.
2. Authorize the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution
3. Direct staff to forward the FTA 5310 Grant Application and associated documentation to the California Department of Transportation.

**V. REPORTS**

- A. ICTC / LTA / IVRMA Executive Director page 24
- ICTC Executive Director Report
- B. Southern California Association of Governments page 32
- See attached report
- C. California Department of Transportation – District 11 page 36
- See attached report
- D. Committee Member Reports

**VI. ACTION CALENDAR**

- A. 2025 Call for Projects – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Programming Project List – FFY 2026/27 to FFY 2027/28 page 43
- The ICTC TAC met on June 26, 2025, and forwards this item to the ICTC Management Committee and the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:
1. Approve the 2025 Call for Projects - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant Recommended Programming Project List for FFY2026/27 to FFY2027/28
  2. Direct staff to program projects in the next available Federal Transportation Improvement Program Formal Amendment upon receipt of approval

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE**

- A. The next Management Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., in the City of Calipatria.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

## IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Management Committee Draft Minutes May 14, 2025 & June 11, 2025
- B. Receive and File:
  - 1. ICTC Commission Minutes: May 28, 2025
  - 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: May 22, 2025
  - 3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: May 7, 2025

**IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF May 14, 2025  
10:30 a.m.**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

City of Brawley	Jimmy Duran
City of Calexico	Rick Daniels
City of Calipatria	Absent
City of El Centro	Mario Renteria
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 Fisher
ICTC	David Aguirre

**STAFF PRESENT:** Esperanza Avila, Cristi Lerma

**OTHERS PRESENT:** David Salgado: SCAG; John Garcia, Alejandro Lopez-Rangel: Caltrans D11; Emmet Fried: City of Brawley

The following minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Imperial County Transportation Commission Management Committee and as listed on the agenda for the meeting held Wednesday, May 14, 2025, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

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

Mr. Nick Wells called the meeting to order at 10:31 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: April 09, 2025

B. Received and Filed:

1. ICTC Commission Minutes: March 26, 2022
2. ICTC TAC Minutes March 27, 2025
3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes March 5, 2025

C. Application for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Program Funds FFY 2025

1. Authorized the Chairman to sign the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign the FTA 5311 FFY 2025 grant application with all supporting documentation.
2. Directed staff to submit the application to Caltrans.

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

## V. REPORTS

### A. ICTC Executive Director

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- Budget Workshop will be held at the ICTC offices on May 28, 2025, at 5 p.m. (prior to the Commission meeting)
- The CMAQ and STBG call for projects are due this Friday, May 16, 2025, at 5 PM. There is more information and resources on the website regarding the requirements. If you need assistance, please reach out to staff asap.
- Construction has begun on the Callexico Intermodal Transportation Center, starting with building abatement and demolition. ICTC will continue to provide updates on the Callexico Intermodal Transportation Center construction progress.
- IVT Ride service modifications are underway with a target date of July 1st. Staff will be reaching out to city councils and senior groups to provide presentations regarding the changes.
- The Callexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center project is underway. The Master Agreement between Caltrans and ICTC was approved in April. Next will be site acquisition.
- ICTC is moving forward with the electronic fare payment mechanisms for fixed route services. This will allow riders to use electronic payment to ride the bus.
- Next steps for the Forrester Road project will be to allocate the STIP funds to proceed with the next phase of the project.
- ICTC to proceed with construction procurement for the Bus Stop Improvement Project by the end of the year.
- All ICTC Executive Directors' updates can be found on page 24.

### B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Mr. Salgado had the following updates:

- 2025 SCAG Regional Conference & General Assembly was held on May 1-2, 2025, at JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa, Palm Desert, Ca. There were over 900 participants, the highest attendance ever. ICTC Commissioner and SCAG Regional Council Member Mike Goodsell was appointed to the Executive Committee.
- Two Imperial Valley students were awarded the SCAG \$4,000 scholarship. Thank you to ICTC Commissioner and SCAG Regional Council Member Mike Goodsell for serving on the scholarship committee.
- Mr. Salgado reminded everyone about the CMAQ STBG Call for Projects, urging submission of applications.
- If you have any questions, please contact SCAG Regional Affairs Officer David Salgado.
- SCAG updates can be found on page 32 of the agenda.

### C. Caltrans Department of Transportation – District 11

Mr. Garcia and Mr. Lopez-Rangel provided the following updates:

- Caltrans announced a highway worker memorial ceremony on April 29th at 10 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- Caltrans had a successful Imperial Valley Procurement and Resource Fair on April 3, 2025.

- The final submittal deadline for CTC requests is April 25, 2025, for the CTC meeting scheduled for June 26-27, 2025.
- The District 11 Local Assistance Report starts on page 66 of the agenda. There are several links for grant opportunities. Please review the report for more information.
- Resident Engineers Academy sessions begin May 12-16, 2025.
- Caltrans updates can be found on page 59 of the agenda.

- D. Committee Member Reports
- There were no other reports.

## VI. ACTION CALENDAR

### A. Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process - Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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

1. Adopted the FY 2025-26 "Findings" and the prioritized 2025 ICTC Unmet Transit Needs List as presented or amended.
2. Authorized the Chairman to sign the attached resolution.
3. Directed staff to forward the FY 2025-26 "Findings", and all other public hearing documentation and resolution to the State Department of Transportation.
4. Adopted the definition of "Unmet Transit Needs" and "Reasonable to Meet" as published and utilized by the Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in 1981, Imperial Valley Association of Governments (IVAG) in 1992 and ICTC in 2024.

A motion was made by [Fisher](#) seconded by [Ortiz](#) for approval as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

### B. Third Amendment to the Agreement between the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) and Nomad Transit, LLC (Via) for the operation of the Calexico Microtransit Service funded by the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) Voucher Pilot Program and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)

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

1. Approved the Third Modification to the agreement between ICTC and Nomad Transit, LLC (VIA) for the Calexico On Demand service in the amount of \$500,000 modifying the total contract value to \$2,498,875. The modification is contingent upon receipt of said additional funding.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to sign Modification No. 3.

A motion was made by [Garcia](#) seconded by [Ortiz](#) for approval as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

## VII. The next meeting is scheduled for **June 11, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.** At the City of Calexico.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

**IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF June 11, 2025  
10:30 a.m.**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

City of Brawley	Absent
City of Calexico	Lili Falomir
City of Calipatria	Absent
City of El Centro	Absent
City of Holtville	Absent
City of Imperial	Absent
County of Imperial	Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter
County of Imperial	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Absent
City of Westmorland	Absent
ICTC	Absent

**STAFF PRESENT:** Esperanza Avila, Cristi Lerma, Gustavo Gomez, Michelle Bastidas, Maricela Galarza  
**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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

Ms. Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m., roll call was taken, and a quorum was not present.

**II. EMERGENCY ITEMS**

There were none.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS**

A quorum was not present. No action was taken.

**V. REPORTS****A. ICTC Executive Director**

- No report was given.
- All ICTC Executive Directors' updates can be found on page 90.

**B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)**

- No report was given.
- SCAG updates can be found on page 104 of the agenda.

**C. Caltrans Department of Transportation – District 11**

- No report was given.
- Caltrans updates can be found on page 107 of the agenda.

- D. Committee Member Reports
  - There were no other reports.

**VI. ACTION CALENDAR**

A quorum was not present. No action was taken.

- VII.** The next meeting is scheduled for **July 09, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.** At the ICTC Office.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



**IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FOR MAY 28, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

City of Brawley	Absent
City of Calipatria	Javier Amezcua
City of Calexico	Lisa Tylanda
City of El Centro	Sonia Carter
City of Imperial	Robert Amparano
City of Holtville	Mike Goodsell
City of Westmorland	Absent
County of Imperial	John Hawk
County of Imperial	Martha Cardenas-Singh
Imperial Irrigation District	Absent

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Eric Havens: ICTC Counsel; Melina Pereira, Caridad Sanchez, John Garcia: Caltrans;  
Rick Daniels: City of Calexico

**PUBLIC:** None.

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

[Chair Amparano](#) called the Commission meeting to order at 6:01 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: April 23, 2025

B. Receive and file:

1. ICTC Management Committee Minutes: April 09, 2025
2. ICTC TAC Minutes: March 27, 2025
3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: March 7, 2025

C. Application for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Program Funds FFY 2025

1. Authorized the Chairman to sign the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign the FTA 5311 FFY 2025 grant application with all supporting documentation.
2. Directed staff to submit the application to Caltrans.

A motion was made by [Cardenas-Singh](#) and seconded by [Amezcua](#) to approve the consent calendar as presented, roll call:

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

## V. REPORTS

### A. ICTC Executive Director

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- A publication highlighting agency projects completed in FY 2022/23 and FY 2023/24 using Measure D funds was published in the Imperial Valley Press on Saturday, May 17, 2025, and again on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. The LTA Local Taxpayer Supervisory Committee (LTSC) has requested in previous years that this information be published annually to ensure transparency, public awareness, and accountability in the use of Measure D funds. Our goal is to continue this effort moving forward, ensuring that the public remains informed about the ongoing investment and impact of Measure D in our communities.
- A CMAQ and STBG 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 will commence and it is anticipated that a priority list of projects will be submitted to the commission in July 2025.
- The Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) 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.
- The Calexico East POE 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 is proceeding with allocation of Right of Way Funding.
- A preliminary site plan for the ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility 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 is working towards completing a phase 1 site assessment for the proposed site. ICTC has obtained NEPA clearance from the FTA for the acquisition of the project. ICTC is working to finalize FTA compliance in the coming weeks. During the meeting on March 26, 2025, the Commission approved the acquisition of the property pending FTA concurrence. Staff is currently working with the FTA to obtain concurrence.
- ICTC's consultant has finalized the project improvement plans for the State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint 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 Bus Stop Improvement Project has completed the 65% percent improvement plans and they have been 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 to

obtain 90% completion level. Final preparation of the project improvement plan is being completed.

- Staff is currently working on the development of the Scope of Work for the Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study project. Staff will then proceed with the issuance of a Request for Proposals. Staff is anticipating releasing the RFP in the coming weeks.
- All ICTC Executive Directors' updates can be found on page 23

B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Mr. Salgado had the following updates:

- The General Assembly voted to approve the nominations for the SCAG 2025-26 Regional Council officers as recommended by the Regional Council: Hon. Cindy Allen (City of Long Beach) will serve as 2025-26 Regional Council president; Hon. Ray Marquez (City of Chino Hills) will serve as Regional Council first vice president; and Hon. Jenny Crosswhite (City of Santa Paula) will serve as Regional Council second vice president. Leadership also recognized Sup. Curt Hagman (County of San Bernardino), who finished his term as Regional Council president for 2024-25 and will continue as a board officer in the role of immediate past president.
- All other updates can be found on the SCAG report on page 31 of the agenda.

C. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)- District 11

Ms. Pereira had the following updates:

- Caltrans District 11 was awarded 2 of the 9 total statewide awards for state planning & research grants for the 2025 Border Master Plan and the Calexico Joint Operations System.
- Caltrans is working with US Department of Transportation including the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and Federal Rail Administration. As the new Administration appointees fill in, we will share information.
- Caltrans Statewide Director Tony Tavares has left the department as of May 9. Chief Deputy Mike Keever is the acting Director. He previously served as the acting Director when Toks Omishakin was appointed to be the State Transportation Secretary.
- Thank you to ICTC and all the people who participated in hosting our sister agency, the CA Transportation Commission, in Imperial County last month.
- Electrical Vehicle Electrification Feasibility Study: Consultant is currently working on the existing conditions analysis. The Plan has an anticipated completion date of April 2026.
- Calexico West Port of Entry (POE) Travel Corridor Improvements: The Project Study Report-Project Development Support to be completed in June 2025.
- All other updates can be found on page 34

D. Commission Member Reports

- Updates were provided by various commissioners.

## VI. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process - Fiscal Year 2025-2026

1. Adopted the FY 2025-26 "Findings" and the prioritized 2025 ICTC Unmet Transit Needs List as presented or amended.
2. Authorized the Chairman to sign the attached resolution.

3. Directed staff to forward the FY 2025-26 “Findings”, and all other public hearing documentation and resolution to the State Department of Transportation.
4. Adopted the definition of “Unmet Transit Needs” and “Reasonable to Meet” as published and utilized by the Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in 1981, Imperial Valley Association of Governments (IVAG) in 1992 and ICTC in 2024.

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

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

**Motion Carried.**

- B. Third Amendment to the Agreement between the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) and Nomad Transit, LLC (Via) for the operation of the Calexico Microtransit Service funded by the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) Voucher Pilot Program and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)
  1. Approved the Third Modification to the agreement between ICTC and Nomad Transit, LLC (VIA) for the Calexico On Demand service in the amount of \$500,000 modifying the total contract value to \$2,498,875. The modification is contingent upon receipt of said additional funding.
  2. Authorized the Executive Director to sign Modification No. 3.

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

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

**Motion Carried.**

## VII. MEETING DATE AND PLACE

- A. The next meeting will be on June 25, 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.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting Adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



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## **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**May 22, 2025**

**Present:**

Juan Manuel Cabrera	City of Brawley
Gloria Moreno	City of Calexico
Francisco Barba	City of Calipatria
Hector Salcedo	City of El Centro
Chandler Sinclair	City of Holtville
Melanie Amarillas	City of Holtville
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Fernando Williams	City of Imperial
Adolfo Garcia	County of Imperial
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Manuel Ortiz	IID

**Others:**

Denisse Garcia	City of Brawley
David Aguirre	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Cesar Beltran	ICTC
Marco Coronel	County of Imperial
Francisco Olmedo	County of Imperial
Frank Safaie	Caltrans
David Salgado	SCAG
Ramiro Barajas	City of Westmorland

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

1. A *motion* was made to adopt the minutes for March 27, 2025 ([Ortiz/Atondo](#)), **Motion Carried.**
2. **Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices at and Near Jurisdiction Limits**  
(Presented by County of Imperial Staff)

Mr. Olmedo brought the item to the TAC meeting, to use ICTC as a platform for an open dialogue within agencies to work on an MOU or an agreement on how to improve the traffic control devices at and near jurisdictions limits.

### 3. Caltrans Updates/Announcements

*(Presented by Caltrans Staff)*

- For Inactive Projects, complete justification and contact Alma at and CC your area engineer: Alejandro Lopez-Rangel at [Alejandro.lopez-rangel@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Alejandro.lopez-rangel@dot.ca.gov) or Frank Safaie at [frank.safaie@dot.ca.gov](mailto:frank.safaie@dot.ca.gov)
- The UEI must be renewed every 12 months. Renewal of the UEIs is a 2-step process with FHWA & Caltrans. For more information, please contact your Area Engineer.
- For projects receiving State funds from these programs, Project Allocation Requests and Time Extensions Requests require CTC approval at one of their regularly scheduled meetings. Follow the link for more information: <https://octcl.onramp.dot.ca.gov/downloads/octcl/files/schedules/2025-calendar/2025%20Internal%20Preparation%20Schedule.pdf>  
Friday, June 13, 2025, is the final submittal deadline for the August 14-15, 2025, CTC meeting.
- Please follow the link below for U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Grant Opportunities: [https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard?field\\_eligible\\_activities\\_target\\_id=30106&field\\_eligible\\_applicants\\_target\\_id=All&term\\_node\\_tid\\_depth=All&field\\_transportation\\_type\\_value=Roadway&field\\_match\\_waiver\\_value=All&field\\_rural\\_set\\_aside\\_value=All&field\\_tribal\\_set\\_aside\\_value=All&field\\_opportunity\\_status\\_value=All&combine=](https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard?field_eligible_activities_target_id=30106&field_eligible_applicants_target_id=All&term_node_tid_depth=All&field_transportation_type_value=Roadway&field_match_waiver_value=All&field_rural_set_aside_value=All&field_tribal_set_aside_value=All&field_opportunity_status_value=All&combine=)
- \$9.62 billion of funding available on The Bridge Investment Program, follow the link for more information: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/bip/>
- Some key programs and their deadline:
  - **Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A)**. The FFY 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity is now open.
  - **Buses and Bus Facilities Program** have \$1.5 billion funding available.
  - **Charging & Fueling Infrastructure grants** anticipated opening in Summer of 2025.
  - **FY 25-26 California State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC)**. June 9<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to apply for this fund.

Mr. Salcedo asked if there is a deadline to submit **Title VI Online Program Assessment Form**. Mr. Safaie stated that he will get back with the information asked for. Ms. Atondo requested information about training on this matter.

### 4. SCAG Updates / Announcements

No updates were given

### 5. ICTC Updates / Announcements

*(Presented by ICTC Staff)*

- Mr. Aguirre shared transit updates.
- Ms. Flores requested from the agencies an update on the State/Federal Funded Project Obligation 24/25. Updates were given by the agencies.
- Agencies agreed on the proposed date to meet for the **CMAQ & STBG scoring and ranking on June 18, 2025, at 9:00a.m.** The location will be ICTC offices.
- June 26, 2025, the agencies will approve the list of projects to move forward, this will take place at TAC meeting on ICTC offices.
- All projects were provided for the agencies via mail.
- Only 1 scoring sheet per agency per project will be allowed.
- Ms. Flores requested the agencies submit their scores to ICTC no later than Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- No more than two representatives from each local agency will be allowed to the scoring and ranking meeting.

**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 June 26, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.



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## **SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**      May 07, 2025

### Present

#### Voting Attendees:

Cristina Leal	ARC- Imperial Valley
Raul Cordova	IC Work Training Center
David Aguirre	ICTC
Sarah Enz	Public Administrator
Mike Hack	Senior Consumer
Andrew Sanchez	Imperial Valley College

#### Non-Voting Attendees:

Jose Guillen	IVT MedTrans/IVT Ride
Helio Sanchez	IVT Transit
Cesar Sanchez	IVT Transit
Karla Pacheco	IVT ACCESS
Carolina García	Public Authority Program
Jeanette Castillo	Social Services
Yvette Valenzuela	Department of Social Services
Dennis Brookes	Kathrine & Associates
Andrea Breault	Kathrine & Associates
Priscilla Baca	ICTC
Espy Avila	ICTC

1. Mr. Hack called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. **A quorum was present.**
2. Introductions were made.
  - Hybrid meeting.
3. Minutes were adopted for March 5, 2025, and April 2, 2025 (Enz, Cordova) **Motion Carried.**
4. CTSA Reports:  
Mr. Aguirre had the following information:
  - The SSTAC findings letter has been completed. The UTN public hearing took place on April 7, 2025, followed by the findings meeting on April 28, 2025



We are finalizing designs for the Bus Stop Improvement Project, which includes shade and seating at the bus stop in front of the El Centro library, with construction procurement starting soon. Additionally, we will explore transportation needs in northern Imperial County and add an express route from Calexico to IVC and back in the evening.

- These items include ongoing support for IVT Ride, IVT MedTrans, Imperial Valley Transit, IVT ACCESS, and Calexico on Demand Service, while complying with FTA provisions.
- We completed the UTN process and are finalizing actions for board approval at the end of May. Afterward, we'll forward the item to CALTRANS to incorporate some aspects into our budget, then we can implement those items during our 25-26 fiscal year
- We are 90% complete with the bus stop improvement projects and are waiting for comments from El Centro, Calipatria, and Westmoreland to finalize plans for next month. Once we do, we can proceed with procurement for construction this summer. These projects, which are linked to shelter improvements, will take 8-12 weeks once a contractor is on board, with shelter installation scheduled for this fall.
- We are currently demolishing buildings at the Calexico Transit Center and have removed one so far. We are also working on the concrete infrastructure and removing the old parking lot. The project is expected to be completed by March next year.
- We're moving forward with plans for the Calexico East Transit Center, with construction set to begin next year.
- We're developing COA and have presented it to SSTAC. More outreach is planned in the coming months to evaluate our services and provide recommendations.
- We will be installing electronic payments for all fixed-route services in the coming months.

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Ms. Baca presented the following information:

- I delivered a presentation on IHSS and organized an event for the senior center.
- Upcoming presentations for Social Services and NHHA will be scheduled as well.

6. Transit Operator FY 2024-25 Reports:

Imperial Valley Transit:

- Service is operating normally, but there are delays due to construction in the surrounding cities.

IVT Access:

- Service experienced delays in the middle of the month due to spring break. Numbers should increase by mid-May. As summer approaches, a slowdown is expected.

IVT Ride:

Mr. Guillen presented the report on all IVT Ride services:

- Ride is performing well with steady numbers. Applications are coming in gradually. Westmorland's numbers are also increasing slowly.

IVT MedTrans:

- Mr. Guillen presented the report on the service: The numbers have remained steady. Additionally, we have a new IVTMetrans commercial launch soon.

7. General Discussion

- Dr. Sanchez confirmed that IVC will be on summer vacation, resulting in a significant drop in

ridership. The annual transportation survey conducted by the office will yield valuable insights and information.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at the Imperial County Transportation Commission Office, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243.

## IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- C. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Transportation Services FY24-25 ICTC grant application

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

1. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to submit an FTA 5310 FY24-25 Grant, execute all required documents and any amendments with the California Department of Transportation for the continued funding of the Regional Mobility Coordination Program.
2. Authorize the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution
3. Direct staff to forward the FTA 5310 Grant Application and associated documentation to the California Department of Transportation.



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July 3, 2025

ICTC Management Committee  
Imperial County Transportation Commission  
1503 N. Imperial Avenue, Suite 104  
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SUBJECT: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Transportation Services FY24-25 ICTC grant application

Dear Committee Members:

Caltrans administers a federal grant program primarily designed for non-profit agencies to acquire vehicles and other related equipment in support of social service and transit services. The program is designed for non-profit agencies that provide, or are capable of providing social services transportation. It is first competitive locally and then again on a statewide basis.

Historically, the FTA 5310 program was limited to rolling stock bus purchases and replacements, however, the program is continuing to include funding for operation expenses and mobility management program functions.

It is staff's recommendation to continue our Regional Mobility Coordination program and submit a funding request for a fourth time, one (1) application for FTA 5310 funding. The applications are due to Caltrans approximately August 2025. The grant approval process is expected to be completed by Caltrans in the winter of 2025.

The funding is anticipated to cover the loaded cost of staff and activities to maintain the Regional Mobility Coordination Program.

The Regional Mobility Coordinator position and administrative staff proposed will be responsible to assist the implementation in the following programs:

1. Continue the implementation of the consultant prepared *2021 Human Services – Public Transit Coordinated Plan*, which included to using a bilingual Mobility Coordinator to bridge the gap between current public transit service providers, human service agencies, social service agencies and the senior citizen and disabled communities of Imperial County.

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

2. Continue the implementation of the recommendations that the consultant prepared, *2014 ADA Certification and Eligibility Process, Demand Management Project*. This includes the eligibility and certification process for the Americans with disabilities paratransit service known as IVT Access.
3. Continue to promote, facilitate, educate, and help streamline transition between transportation services particularly for seniors and people with disabilities including scheduling mobility training.

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

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Sincerely,



David Aguirre  
Executive Director

DA/

**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_ OF  
THE IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (ICTC)**

**AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL  
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION FOR ASSISTANCE AS AUTHORIZED BY 49 U.S.C. CHAPTER 53,  
TITLE 23 UNITED STATES CODE; UNDER FTA SECTION 5310**

**WHEREAS**, the U. S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital projects for non-urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 9070.1G**); and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5310 grants for transportation projects that enhance mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, ICTC desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit "mobility management" programs to integrate and coordinate existing public transportation services with other transportation providers in order to increase the availability of transportation services; and

**WHEREAS**, ICTC will ensure the programming of the FTA 5310 funds in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); and

**WHEREAS**, ICTC has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region (including social service agencies); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the ICTC does hereby authorize Executive Director or his designee, to file and execute applications on behalf of ICTC with the Department to aid in the financing of capital projects pursuant to Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 9070.1G**), as amended.

1. That Executive Director or his designee, is authorized to execute and file all certification of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other document required by the Department.
2. That Executive Director or his designee, is authorized to provide additional information as the Department may require in connection with the application for the Section 5310 projects.
3. That the Executive Director or his designee, is authorized to submit and approve request for reimbursement of funds from the Department for the Section 5310 project(s).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Imperial County Transportation Commission held on **July 23, 2025**.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
CRISTI LERMA  
Secretary to the Commission

# **V. REPORTS**

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



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## Memorandum

**Date:** July 3, 2025  
**To:** ICTC Management Committee 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 Management Committee meeting on July 9, 2025.

- 1) **Bus Stop Maintenance Program:** ICTC has been working towards developing a bus stop maintenance program for a few years. Part of the program was to develop a bus stop inventory which noted the gps locations of the bus stops in addition to a description of the assets (if any) at the bus stop. Under its existing structure, the cities/county (where the bus stops are located) are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the bus stops. In return, ICTC provides each of the cities/county funding to maintain and repair the bus stops. To provide a consolidated maintenance effort, ICTC is working with each of the cities/county to transition the maintenance and replacement of the bus stops to ICTC. ICTC will in turn utilize the funding it currently provides to the cities/county to complete the same effort. ICTC is anticipating beginning the maintenance efforts in July 2025.
- 2) **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. Project demolition activities have been completed, and grading efforts are underway.**
- 3) **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 are currently working on developing a plan to conduct outreach (including in-person presentations and surveys) to the public about possible service modifications. **ICTC is working on redeveloping the service logo, in addition to building the mobile software for anticipated use. The project is proposed to go live in September 2025. ICTC will be completing presentations about the service modifications to key stakeholders and the city councils of the affected communities and will also be conducting a public hearing to finalize the modifications to the service. The public hearing is scheduled to take place prior to the July 2025 commission meeting.**

- 4) **Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis:** Staff was able to secure grant funding to complete a Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). The COA is a comprehensive evaluation of ICTC's existing transit services while also presenting evaluation findings and recommendations to further improvement of ICTC's existing public transit system. ICTC intends to evaluate all ICTC operated services in addition to incorporating an assessment of the feasibility of intercity passenger rail. Staff recently released the Request for Proposals to the public and issued a contract award in October 2024. **The analysis is anticipated to take a year to complete. The project has kicked off and outreach efforts have taken place. The Analysis is currently being developed.**
- 5) **ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility:** ICTC staff has engaged with the proposed property owner's representative about ICTC's interest in the property. ICTC has also communicated with the city of El Centro regarding action items that would need to take place to facilitate the goal of the project. ICTC has also communicated with grant agencies and our Zero Emission Bus Plan engineering consultant to develop a preliminary site plan of the proposed improvements. Next steps include executing a Letter of Intent with the property owner, continuing coordination with the city of El Centro, and to begin conducting the required environmental studies like a Phase 1 Site Assessment. ICTC will also continue to work on grant opportunities to fund the acquisition of the property. A preliminary site plan has been prepared and was shared with the commission. ICTC was recently informed that it had received a funding commitment for the completion of the design/environmental phases of the project. **ICTC has completed a phase 1 and 2 site assessment for the proposed site. ICTC has obtained NEPA clearance from the FTA for the acquisition of the project. During the meeting on March 26, 2025, the Commission approved the acquisition of the property pending FTA concurrence. Staff has obtained FTA concurrence and is now working towards finalizing the acquisition.**
- 6) **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 and it is anticipated that a priority list of projects will be submitted to the commission in July 2025.**
- 7) **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.**

- 8) **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. **Staff has issued the RFP for the project and the procurement process is anticipated to close in late June 2025. ICTC is working towards a July 2025 award.**
- 9) **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. **It is anticipated that the project will be completed in FY 2025-26.**
- 10) **Local Transportation Authority (LTA), Measure D Program:** A publication highlighting agency projects completed in FY 2022/23 and FY 2023/24 using Measure D funds was published in the Imperial Valley Press on Saturday, May 17, 2025, and again on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. The LTA Local Taxpayer Supervisory Committee (LTSC) has requested in previous years that this information be published annually to ensure transparency, public awareness, and accountability in the use of Measure D funds. Our goal is to continue this effort moving forward, ensuring that the public remains informed about the ongoing investment and impact of Measure D in our communities.
- 11) **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.
- 12) **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.**
- 13) **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 is proceeding with allocation of Right of Way Funding with the CTC in June 2025.**
- 14) **Imperial County CTC Town Hall and Tour:** ICTC and the County of Imperial in coordination with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) conducted a CTC Town Hall Meeting in Imperial County on April 24, 2025, at the City of El Centro Library. The CTC Town Hall Meeting provided the opportunity for Imperial County residents to communicate with CTC while also providing the opportunity for Imperial County local

agencies to share project achievements and potential transportation infrastructure needs. Presentations and Q&A were provided by the cities of Brawley, Calexico, El Centro, Imperial, the County of Imperial, Caltrans and the ICTC. The California Transportation Commission is responsible for programming and allocating funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail, transit and active transportation improvements throughout California. ICTC and County of Imperial staff also hosted a tour of Lithium Valley and the Calexico West Port of Entry the following day. Overall, it was a successful turnout and positive experience for everyone involved. ICTC appreciates the support and participation of Imperial County agencies.

- 15) **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. **More information to come in the coming months.**
- 16) **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.**
- 17) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** The IMBA Strategic Planning and regular meetings were held on January 9, 2025, in the City of Mexicali at the CDEM Offices. The rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair was done during the Strategic Planning Meeting. 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 is scheduled to be held in Imperial County on July 10, 2025, at the ICTC offices.**
- 18) **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.**

- 19) **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.**

- 20) **Calexico Microtransit Service – Calexico On Demand:** ICTC submitted a grant application for the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) program in October of 2020. The grant application was submitted to provide a clean energy microtransit service in the city of Calexico. In early 2021, ICTC was notified of its grant award of \$1 Million to fund the pilot microtransit service. The microtransit service currently operates as an on-demand service available to provide trips to the general public within the boundaries of the city of Calexico. The award required that ICTC fund and operate the service for a minimum of 4 years. ICTC partnered with Via Transportation, an experienced transportation operator to operate the service. ICTC and Via began the development of the project including service criteria, marketing information, and operational criteria. ICTC obtained approval from the CMO program to commence the service. ICTC kicked off the service on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Further information about the service can be viewed on the website: <https://city.ridewithvia.com/calexico-ondemand>. ICTC was awarded an additional \$500,000 to be utilized for operations of the service and additional service hours through the CMO program in late 2023. ICTC was recently awarded a grant from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program in the amount of \$520k to continue funding operations for the service. ICTC was also able to secure an additional grant through the CMO program to continue funding the service. ICTC also received an additional funding commitment to further continue the service beyond the current grant funding received.
- 21) **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. 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>

In the past call for projects, ICTC staff proposed options to TAC members for the distribution of the LPP funds. The distribution calculations proposed were Option 1- Population and Maintained Mileage Based Distribution and Option 2- Using a Flat Distribution in addition to Population and Maintained Mileage Distributions. The proposed distribution is similar to the Local Transportation Authority (LTA) formula distribution. On August 22, 2024, the TAC committee members reviewed and ultimately recommend Option 2 to be forwarded to the Commission for approval and authorized ICTC to open the Call for Projects for the Local Partnership Formulaic Program Cycle 5. On August 28, 2024, the Commission approved TACs recommendation. The Competitive Call for Projects for the CTC opened on August 16, 2024, with a deadline of November 20, 2024, for submittal to the CTC. All agencies with the exception of the city of Westmorland were able to submit a project to CTC for consideration. All agencies have had their projects approved by the CTC. **Project Allocations will take place in the coming months as needed by the cities/county.**

- 22) **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 to obtain 90% completion level. Final preparation of the project improvement plans is being completed. ICTC is working on developing contract documents for construction procurement. ICTC is working towards procurement and hopes to start construction in the fall of 2025.

- 23) **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.**

- 24) **Regional Active Transportation Program:** The ATP is funded by various federal and state funds including the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), State Highway Account, and Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S). The approved California Transportation Commission ATP program guidelines divide the funds into state and regional shares. State funds are available through a competitive application process. Applicants that are unsuccessful at the state level are considered for regional funds. Regional ATP funds are administered by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO). SCAG is Imperial County's MPO. Per SCAG's ATP Regional Guidelines, county transportation commissions may assign up to 20 points to each statewide project application deemed consistent and meeting eligibility requirements. ICTC staff has completed the adoption process of the scoring methodology. ICTC staff received state scoring of ATP applications from Imperial County and present staff recommendations to TAC, Management and for final approval from the Commission. Projects are underway at various stages by the agencies. See the table below for further information on Projects from Cycle 7.

Regional ATP Projects Cycle 7			
Agency	Project Name	Total ATP Funds Requested	Total ATP Funds Awarded
Imperial County Office of Education	Safe Pathways to Schools	\$547,000	\$338,000
TOTAL Regional ATP funds			\$338,000

- 25) **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.
- 26) **Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project:** The project construction efforts are now complete, and the project is now in the closeout phase. For additional information regarding this project visit the ICTC website at: <https://www.imperialctc.org/projects/calexico-east-port-of-entry-bridge-expansion>.
- 27) **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>
- 28) **State Legislation for Transportation Funding – SB 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA):** According to the California League of Cities, overall local streets and roads allocations to cities and counties from the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) and the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) are projected to climb 14.8% in the current fiscal year, 2021-22, above last year, reflecting a rebound from peak impacts of the pandemic in 2020. For the budget year 2022-23, allocations are projected to grow 10.8% over the current year. This presumes that if the scheduled July 1 cost-of-living fuel tax increase is suspended, the Legislature will backfill any revenue impacts to local governments as leaders have pledged. The estimates are based on new statewide tax revenue estimates released by the California Department of Finance with the Governor’s 2022-23 Proposed Budget. The county estimates were prepared in collaboration with the California State Association of Counties.  
For RMRA remittance advice by cities visit: [https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard\\_payments\\_rmra\\_cities.html](https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard_payments_rmra_cities.html)  
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- 29) **Funding Opportunities:**
- **LPP Cycle 5 Call-for-Projects:** LPP Cycle 5 is expected to include about \$72M/per year made up of Federal and State funding. The funding/programming years include the 25/26 and 26/27 fiscal years.
  - 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>
- 30) **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*  
*Various transit community services provided throughout the month*
- June 4-5, 2025 – Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) Workshop(s) at the ICTC Offices
  - June 6, 2025 – Mobility 21 Zoom prep meeting

- June 9-11, 2025 – 2025 Mobility 21 Washington DC Delegation Trip
- June 11, 2025 – ICTC Management Committee Meeting in Calexico (attended by staff)
- June 12, 2025 – IVT Quarterly Meeting Ops, Safety, Dispatch, and Maintenance at the ICTC offices (attended by staff)
- June 12, 2025 – PERMA Board of Directors Meeting via zoom meeting (attended by Michelle Bastidas)
- June 13, 2025 – Lithium Valley Workshop at IVC
- June 16, 2025 – ICTC Staff meeting at the ICTC offices
- June 17, 2025 – SCAG Legislative/Communications & Memberships Committee (LCMC) Meeting via zoom meeting
- June 17, 2025 – Southern California Roundtable Meeting via teams meeting (attended by Marlene Flores)
- June 17, 2025 – SCAG Highways to Boulevards - Imperial County Discussion via teams meeting
- June 17, 2025 – SCAG & CTC Planning Directors Briefing via zoom meeting
- June 18, 2025 – CMAQ & STBG Scoring and Ranking meeting at the ICTC offices
- June 25, 2025 – ICTC, IVRMA and LTA meetings at the ICTC office
- June 26, 2025 – ICTC TAC Meeting at the ICTC offices
- June 26, 2025 – IVRMA TAC Meeting at the ICTC offices
- June 26-27, 2025 – CTC Meeting in Sacramento (attended by Gustavo Gomez)
- June 27, 2025 – SANDAG Borders Committee in San Diego
- June 29-July 2, 2025 – SHRM Conference in San Diego (attended by Cristi Lerma)
- July 2, 2025 – ICOE Student Training (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- July 2, 2025 – Knightscope QBR via Zoom (attended Espy Avila)
- July 2, 2025 – Presentation Day Out (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- July 3, 2025 – 51S Ride Along (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- July 7, 2025 – Ride Along-IVT Green Line (attended by Priscilla)



## Memorandum

**Date:** July 2, 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 JULY 2025.

### **1. Connect SoCal 2024 Implementation Update: Sustainable Communities Strategy Accepted**

On May 7, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) informed SCAG that it had accepted SCAG's determination that the Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) meets CARB's greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets. CARB's acceptance ensures transportation projects in the SCAG region remain eligible for all SB1 funding programs.

However, the lengthy review process highlights SCAG's concerns about the need to revisit Senate Bill 375 to better support SCS implementation. On May 21, CARB presented proposed scenarios at a public workshop on the GHG target-setting process. SCAG is preparing a joint public comment letter reiterating concerns about the applicability of the scoping plan scenario to metropolitan planning organization (MPO) targets and the need for clarity on the technical assumptions guiding both target-setting and SCS evaluation. SCAG and other MPOs have requested CARB maintain current targets. Given current economic and demographic challenges, along with restrictions on crediting electric vehicle transition, MPOs face growing difficulties meeting current targets.

CARB plans to release a draft target report in fall 2025, followed by a final report and environmental assessment in spring 2026, which will apply to SCAG's next SCS, expected in 2028. SCAG will continue to engage with CARB throughout the process and provide updates to policy committees after the draft target report.

### **2. July 01, 2025: California State Budget Reduces Barriers to Housing Production and Extends Deadline for Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) Program**

The governor signed the 2025-2026 state budget, which includes a suite of reforms to reduce barriers to housing production. The two budget trailer bills, AB130 and AB131, include several provisions to streamline application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to housing development. These reforms are consistent with long-standing priorities in SCAG's legislative platform and provisions previously included in SB 607, which SCAG's Regional Council voted to support.



The trailer bills also include a six-month extension for expenditures under the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) program. This extension helps to make up for time lost during proposed cuts to the REAP program during the 2024 state budget process, which jeopardized SCAG’s \$231 million in funding from this program, most of which had been granted to projects throughout Southern California. SCAG staff will work with California Department of Housing and Development (HCD) to determine how the time extension will be administered and how this affects SCAG’s timeline for delivery of the program.

“SCAG applauds the governor and legislature for creating an easier path for producing more housing in California. We are grateful for their continued support of local and regional efforts to address the housing affordability crisis, including our Regional Early Action Planning grant program,” said Kome Ajise, Executive Director of SCAG.

### **3. SCAG Economic Roundtable Publishes Quarterly Report on the Regional Economy**

SCAG’s Economic Roundtable met on May 22 for its second quarterly meeting in 2025 to review trends, data, and current events impacting the region’s economy. According to the SCAG Economic Roundtable, the region is showing several severe economic warning signs, including low regional job growth, with all new jobs created in 2024 and 2025 being in the healthcare, local government, and logistics industries. Tariffs, federal funding cuts, and low consumer confidence weaken the outlook further.

### **4. SCAG Releases Two Reports on Expanding Access to Economic Opportunity in Southern California**

SCAG has released two new reports that examine the region’s economic landscape and propose strategies to expand access to quality jobs, career training, and long-term economic mobility—particularly for communities historically underrepresented in the workforce.

Together, the “Addressing Barriers to Economic Opportunities” and “Apprenticeships: Expanding Economic Opportunities in Southern California” reports offer data-driven insights and actionable recommendations for building a more inclusive regional economy.

Both reports are published to implement SCAG’s Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy, adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in 2021, which outlines over 50 recommendations for equitable recovery in housing, transportation, and workforce and economic development.

#### **Understanding the Barriers**

The “Addressing Barriers to Economic Opportunities” report identifies and quantifies structural challenges that limit access to economic opportunity across Southern California. Key barriers identified include lack of affordable housing, limited access to reliable and affordable transportation, skills mismatch, and inadequate access to affordable child and family care.



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The report also highlights how these barriers vary across geographies and populations, disproportionately impacting Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, youth under 25, and people with disabilities. Commute times also emerged as a particularly significant issue, with nearly 85 percent of jobs in the region not reachable within a 45-minute commute despite high rates of automobile access.

The report also offers policy recommendations to address these challenges, including universal basic mobility programs, infrastructure investments focused on safety, improved access to training and networks, and adopting a workforce-centric lens in regional planning efforts.

### **Apprenticeships as a Pathway Forward**

Building on these findings, the “Apprenticeships: Expanding Economic Opportunities in Southern California” report explores how apprenticeship programs can address workforce gaps and provide meaningful, debt-free pathways for job training and employment opportunities.

With California aiming to expand its support to 500,000 apprentices by 2029, the report outlines best practices and real-world case studies from across the SCAG region to guide the expansion of both traditional and non-traditional apprenticeship models. These include employer-driven programs in construction, public transportation, healthcare, and advanced manufacturing.

The report identifies key strategies for success, such as employer engagement, mentorship, and improved pay structures, and outlines policy recommendations to streamline program development, expand public sector roles, and raise awareness of apprenticeships as a workforce solution.

### **Inclusive Regional Economy**

Together, these two reports reinforce SCAG’s commitment to equitable economic recovery and long-term workforce development. By identifying systemic barriers and advancing proven solutions like apprenticeships, SCAG supports communities, employers, and policymakers in creating a more accessible and resilient economy for Southern California.

### **5. 2025 Inland Zero Emission Vehicle Forum - August 27, 2025 - 9:00AM - 3:00PM**

Please plan to join SCAG at the 2025 Inland Zero Emission Vehicle Forum, co-hosted by the Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition (hosted within the Western Riverside Council of Governments, or WRCOG) and the Southern California Clean Cities Coalition (hosted within SCAG), on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the Riverside Convention Center.

This event will bring together local, regional, and state leaders to collaborate on accelerating zero-emission vehicle and infrastructure deployment in Inland Southern California. Attendees will gain access to industry updates, technical training, insightful discussions, and networking opportunities.



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The Forum will feature panel discussions, interactive workshops, expo sessions, and hands-on experience with zero-emission and alternative fuel vehicle technologies. It also supports the work of the Inland Zero Emission Vehicle Network by providing in-person networking and collaboration opportunities, as well as opportunities for network participants to connect with state and local leaders.

## **6. Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program**

The call for project nominations will make available an estimated \$1.2 billion for eligible transportation projects in the SCAG region in federal fiscal year 2026-27 and federal fiscal year 2027-28. SCAG hosted two general program workshops and co-hosted five additional county-level program workshops in March 2025 to support eligible applicants in learning about program requirements. Workshop materials are available for reference on the [SCAG STBG/CMAQ webpage](#). Applicants should coordinate with their county transportation commissions to ensure project applications align with county priorities. Award recommendations will be presented to the SCAG Regional Council by December 2025.

These Federal Highway Administration programs fund transportation projects and programs based on unique eligibility criteria. The STBG program supports transportation projects that preserve and improve conditions and performance of highways, bridges, and public roads; pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure; and transit capital projects. The CMAQ program supports transportation projects and programs that reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the [National Ambient Air Quality Standards](#) for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter (i.e., nonattainment areas) and for former nonattainment areas that are now in compliance (i.e., maintenance areas).

# DISTRICT 11 LOCAL ASSISTANCE REPORT

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City of Calexico

City of Holtville

City of Imperial

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City of Westmorland

County of Imperial

Imperial Irrigation District (IID)

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## \*\*\*\*\*LOCAL AGENCY ITEMS\*\*\*\*\*

### **Inactive Projects**

Per Chapter 5 of the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM), signed Master Agreement (MA), and Program Supplement Agreement (PSA), invoices shall be submitted at a minimum of every six months. Projects that have not submitted an invoice in six or more months are noted on the Inactive List (see link [HERE](#)). If a project has not submitted an invoice in eleven plus months, please work with Alma Sanchez to submit a justification and cc your Area Engineer.

### **Project End Date (PED)**

The Project End Date (PED) is the date the local agency establishes at each project milestone phase estimating the end of a specific phase of Federally eligible participating work. No additional Federally participating costs may be incurred for the authorized phase of work after this date unless a request is submitted by the local agency to establish a new PED. Work performed after a PED expires is ineligible for reimbursement. To allow for processing, please submit a PED extension request a few months prior to expiration, please see an Excel monthly update link [HERE](#). For submitting PED extension request, please see link [HERE](#). For questions, please contact your Area Engineer.

### **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)**

Per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements, every local agency must have a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) to obligate federal funds. The UEI must be renewed every 12 months. Renewal of the UEIs is a 2-step process with FHWA & Caltrans. For UEI renewal instructions, please contact your Area Engineer.

### **Quality Assurance Program (QAP)**

Per Chapter 16.11, a Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) ensures the materials and workmanship incorporated into each construction project conforms to the requirements of the contract plans and specifications, including approved changes. For Federally funded construction projects, each local agency is required to adopt a QAP. No Federally funded construction

authorizations will be processed without a valid QAP. QAPs are valid for five years. To renew your QAP, please contact your Area Engineer.

### **California Transportation Commission (CTC) Requests**

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) administers funding for State programs listed below. For projects receiving State funds from these programs, Project Allocation Requests and Time Extensions Requests require CTC approval at one of their regularly scheduled meetings. See link [HERE](#) to review schedule of deadlines and prepare requests for CTC approval. Please work with your Area Engineer for CTC submittals.

State Programs administered by the CTC:

- \* STIP - State Transportation Improvement Program
- \* ATP - Active Transportation Program
- \* LPP - Local Partnership Program
- \* TCEP - Trade Corridor Enhancement Program
- \* SCCP - Solutions for Congested Corridors Program

**Friday, August 15, 2025**, is the final submittal deadline for (Allocations & Time Extensions) for the October 16-17, 2025, CTC meeting.

### **Title VI Online Program Assessment Form**

Per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements, local public agencies (LPAs) must complete the Title VI program Assessment Online Form, especially if LPAs receive FHWA funds. If required to have an FHWA Title VI Plan, LPAs can check out the [HERE](#) webpage to learn more about the FHWA Title VI requirements, as well as sample plans and templates. Local agencies are required to submit the forms every two years, please see link [HERE](#).

### **\*\*\*\*\*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 all other grant and funding-related inquiries and requests for Caltrans letters of support, please reach out directly to the 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](#).

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

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

### **Some key programs and their deadlines:**

#### **1. ACTIVE NOFOS**

##### **FHWA Bridge Investment Program (BIP)**

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

\* \$2.46 billion available for FFY 2026.

\* The FFY 2026 NOFO is now open with the deadlines for (1) large bridge project grant applications due **August 1**, (2) regular bridge project grant applications due **November 1**, and (3) planning project grant applications due **October 1**.

\* Click link [HERE](#) for further information.

##### **FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Program**

Funding to operate fixed route bus service to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low- or no- emission vehicles or facilities.

\* \$3.98 million in funding available for FFY 2025.

\* The FFY 2025 NOFO is now open with applications due **July 14**.

\* Click link [HERE](#) for more information.

### FTA Low or No Emissions Bus Program

Funds the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supported low-emission facilities

\* \$1.1 Billion in funding available for FFY 2025

\* The FY 2025 NOFO is now open with applications due **July 14**

\* Click link [HERE](#) for more information.

## **2. ANTICIPATED NOFOS**

### FTA Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development

Funding for efforts associated with an eligible transit project for which the project sponsor will seek funding through FTA's Capital Investment Grants Program. TOD focuses growth on transit stations to create compact, mixed-use communities with easy access to jobs and services.

\* \$14 million in funding available.

\* Anticipated opening in Summer 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.

Further NOFO grant details are available at 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>

### **\*\*\*\*\*TRAININGS/WEBINARS\*\*\*\*\***

This section of the report provided training opportunities for local agencies. This section also serves as the closing remarks section of the Local Assistance Report.



\* New Caltrans Federal Grants 101 Webinar Series

1. Watch [recording](#) of Session 1 (How to Create Competitive Federal Grants Applications), Password: iGhC4Sc7
2. Watch [recording](#) of Session 2 (Learn about Federal Grant Requirements and Resources), Password: tMNYMVa4
3. Watch [recording](#) of Session 3 (All about Benefit-Cost Analysis), Password: rPtJMFJ8
4. Session 4 (Post-Award: What happens now?) – TBA

### **National Tribal Grant Writing Workshop (NTGWW)**

This comprehensive 3-day event is designed to equip transportation professionals, tribal planners, transit managers, public works managers, grant writers, and funding coordinators with the skills and knowledge necessary to craft competitive, compelling and successful grant proposals. The workshop is from August 18-20, 2025. Deadline to apply is **7/27/2025**. Please see link [HERE](#) for more information.

### **Survey: Identifying the Needs of Local Public Agencies and Tribes**

The California LTAP (CALTAP), Caltrans Division of Local Assistance (DLA), and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) need help identifying the support needs for our local public agency and tribal partners, and their stakeholders. Once we have this information, we endeavor to prioritize the delivery of training and technical assistance throughout California. Based on last year's feedback, we listened and delivered the Resident Engineers Academy and Labor Compliance to assist those who completed the survey.

Please help us by taking this brief, less than 10-minute [SURVEY](#) to let us know:

- What are your staff training needs?
- Are they being met by current class offerings?
- Do you need more effective (or responsive) technical support?
- Are you kept informed of key funding opportunities & training schedules?

We thank you in advance for helping us plan, develop, and prioritize local assistance services in ways that can more effectively serve your organizations' goals.

For questions or comments, please contact [CALTAP](#).

### **Caltrans Federal Affairs Update**

This Federal update provides Hot topics, trainings, resources, grants/NOFOs, etc. Please see link [HERE](#) for more information.

### **Caltrans Local Assistance Trainings & Resources**

The Caltrans Local Assistance website is a great place for Tribal resources, RE Academy videos, various Federal trainings, California Transportation Commission related links, etc. Please see link [HERE](#) for additional information.



Note from the Caltrans Office of the Federal Liaison:

We have received a lot of inquiries from our transportation partners regarding recent news, actions and executive orders coming from the Trump Administration. At this point in time, the situation is extremely fluid. As things settle down and we hear from our federal partners (Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Rail Administration, etc.), Caltrans will do its best to keep you all in the loop. We will provide updates when we get more definitive guidance from our federal partners.

Please see the Caltrans Local Assistance Blog (LAB), which has additional resources and updates. [LocalAssistanceBlog.com](https://www.localassistanceblog.com)

# VI. ACTION CALENDAR

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

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

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



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June 27, 2025

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

Dear Committee Members:

The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) receives revenue information for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funding by staff at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Approximately \$13 million may be available over a two-year period beginning in FFY2026/2027 and ending in FFY2027/2028.

SCAG initiated a competitive Call for Project Nominations through which projects are selected by SCAG in coordination with the SCAG region's six county transportation commissions. SCAG is responsible for the development of the call for project nominations process, oversight, and final project selection. SCAG has established performance-based nomination targets to guide the nomination submittals from each county within the SCAG region. As part of the SCAG CMAQ and STBG guidelines (appendix A), ICTC was responsible for developing a *Project Prioritization Framework* outlining how projects nominations submitted within the Imperial County will be prioritized for funding as part of the final SCAG selection. ICTC is also responsible for prioritizing projects for the Imperial County region. ICTC has historically requested that projects be evaluated and ranked by eligible applicants to help determine regional prioritization. ICTC's Project Prioritization Framework maintains the commitment to continue taking our past approach. The timeline for the call for projects will need to be expedited due to the additional SCAG scoring and ranking process that will begin on August 4, 2025. For an overview of the available funding targets for Imperial County please refer to **Table A** and **Table B** in this staff report.

**Table A** below summarizes the CMAQ funds anticipated to be available for programming for the two-year period FFY 2026-2027 – 2027/2028:

<i>Table A</i>			
<i>CMAQ Call for Project Funding</i>			
<i>Program</i>	<i>IC Funding Target %</i>	<i>Approximate amounts per FFY</i>	
		<i>FFY 2026/2027</i>	<i>FFY 2027/2028</i>
<i>CMAQ</i>	<i>0.6%</i>	<i>\$1,876,597.82</i>	<i>\$1,913,902.88</i>

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IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

**Table B** below summarizes the STBG funds anticipated to be available for programming for the two-year period FFY 2026/2027- 2027/2028:

<i>Table B</i>			
<i>STBG Call for Project Funding</i>			
<i>Program</i> <i>STBG</i>	<i>IC Funding Target %</i> <i>1.2%</i>	<i>Approximate amounts per FFY</i>	
		<i>FFY 2026/2027</i>	<i>FFY 2027/2028</i>
		<b>\$3,765,915.59</b>	<b>\$3,851,531.39</b>

ICTC staff conducted a call for projects which ended on May 16, 2025. In all, fifteen (15) projects were received totaling \$24.2 million. ICTC received projects from the cities of Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, and County of Imperial.

In accordance with the SCAG 2025 CMAQ & STBG Guidelines, all project applications received will be evaluated and ranked by the CTC using the categories of “Highly Recommended,” “Recommended,” or “Contingency.” These rankings will be forwarded to SCAG for final scoring and determination of project priorities. SCAG will ultimately determine the final funding allocations.

On June 18, 2025, members of the TAC met to review, score, and rank the 15 projects totaling a funding request of \$24.2 million. With the use of the CMAQ & STBG Guidelines, *Project Prioritization Framework*, scoring results of all projects, TAC members were able to agree on a recommended list of projects. Attached is a list of the original request amounts and the Highly Recommended and Recommended projects by agency, project title, and funding amounts. For the 2025 Call for Projects, both the CMAQ and STBG programs are oversubscribed, with total funding requests from local agencies exceeding Imperial County’s available funding targets.

As a result, projects were selected based on the scoring and ranking conducted by local agencies and prioritized according to their ability to align with the federal programming capacity available in each proposed fiscal year. In particular, projects identified as “Highly Recommended” were those that received the highest scores and rankings during the local evaluation process. These top-ranked projects were then prioritized based on their ability to fit within the annual federal funding constraints. The recommendations aim to fully maximize the use of federal funds allocated to Imperial County throughout the programming cycle.

The Technical Advisory Committee met on June 26, 2025, for discussion and recommendation to submit to the ICTC Management Committee and Commission after public comments, if any:

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

Sincerely,



David Aguirre  
Executive Director

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Attachment

**Attachment A**  
**2025 CMAQ Project Original Distribution**

2025 CMAQ FUNDING APPORTIONMENTS			Original Distribution Funding 2025 Call for Projects		
Agency	Priority	Project	2026-27	2027-28	TOTAL
Calipatria	1	Railroad Avenue Pedestrian Improvements between Main Street/SR 115 and Date Street	\$56	\$463	\$ 519
					\$ 519
El Centro	1	CMAQ - 8th St & Aurora Dr. Intersection Improvements	\$160	\$1,063	\$ 1,223
					\$ 1,223
Holtville	1	Melon Road Pedestrian Improvements Phase 1 between 9th Street and 8th Street	\$56	\$375	\$ 431
Holtville	2	Melon Road Pedestrian Improvements Phase 2 between 8th Street and 7th Street	\$53	\$353	\$ 406
Holtville	3	Melon Road Pedestrian Improvements Phase 3 between 7th Street and 6th Street	\$57	\$379	\$ 436
					\$ 1,273
Imperial	1	Old SR-86 Bike Lane and Sidewalk between Aten Blvd and 15th St	\$3,443		\$3,443
					\$ 3,443
County	1	Niland Community Sidewalk Improvements on Various Roads Project		\$1,309	\$ 1,309
					\$ 1,309
					\$ 7,767
Programmed			\$0	\$0	\$0
Proposed			\$3,825	\$3,942	\$7,767
Available			\$1,877	\$1,914	\$3,791
Over/Under programmed			\$1,948	\$2,028	

**Attachment B**  
**2025 CMAQ Proposed Funding**

2025 CMAQ FUNDING APPORTIONMENTS			Proposed Funding 2025 Call for Projects Highly Recommended			Proposed Funding 2025 Call for Projects Recommended		
Agency	Priority	Project	2026-27	2027-28	TOTAL	2026-27	2027-28	TOTAL
Calipatria	1	Railroad Avenue Pedestrian Improvements between Main Street/SR 115 and Date Street	\$56	463	\$519			\$0
					\$ 519			\$ -
El Centro	1	CMAQ - 8th St & Aurora Dr. Intersection Improvements		\$1,063	\$1,063			\$0
					\$1,063			\$ -
Holtville	1	Melon Road Pedestrian Improvements Phase 1 between 9th Street and 8th Street	\$375		\$375			\$ -
Holtville	2	Melon Road Pedestrian Improvements Phase 2 between 8th Street and 7th Street	\$53	\$353	\$406			\$0
Holtville	3	Melon Road Pedestrian Improvements Phase 3 between 7th Street and 6th Street	\$57	\$379	\$436			\$0
					\$ 1,217			\$ -
Imperial	1	Old SR-86 Bike Lane and Sidewalk between Aten Blvd and 15th St			\$ -		\$3,443	\$ 3,443
					\$ -			\$ 3,443
County	1	Niland Community Sidewalk Improvements on Various Roads Project	\$1,309		\$ 1,309			\$ -
					\$ 1,309			\$ -
					\$ 4,108			\$ 3,443
Programmed			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Proposed			\$1,850	\$2,258	\$4,108	\$0	\$3,443	\$ 3,443
Available			\$1,877	\$1,914	\$ 3,791	\$1,877	\$1,914	\$ 3,791
Over/Under programmed			\$27	-\$344			-\$3,787	

**Attachment C**  
**2025 STBG Project Original Distribution**

2025 STBG FUNDING APPORTIONMENTS			Original Distribution Funding 2025 Call for Projects		
Agency	Priority	Project	2026-27	2027-28	TOTAL
<b>Calexico</b>	2	Encinas Avenue between SR-98 and 2nd Street Rehabilitation Project		\$ 1,591	\$ 1,591
<b>Calexico</b>	1	Cole Road between SR-98 and Bowker Road Rehabilitation Project		\$ 681	\$ 681
					<b>\$ 2,272</b>
<b>Calipatria</b>	1	W Main Street Roadway Improvements between International Boulevard and Lyerly Road	\$ 173	\$ 1,445	\$ 1,618
					<b>\$ 1,618</b>
<b>El Centro</b>	1	STBG - La Brucherie Rd. Rehabilitation Project		\$ 3,391	\$ 3,391
					<b>\$ 3,391</b>
<b>Holtville</b>	1	Cedar Avenue Road Rehabilitation between 4th Street and 5th Street	\$ 60	\$ 401	\$ 461
					<b>\$ 461</b>
<b>Imperial</b>	1	Old SR-86 Rehabilitation between Ralph Rd. and Treshill Rd.	\$ 6,048		\$ 6,048
					<b>\$ 6,048</b>
<b>County</b>	1	Clark Road Rehabilitation From 0.5 Miles North of Heber Rd to City of El Centro City Limits		\$ 1,119	\$ 1,119
<b>County</b>	2	Dogwood Road Pavement Rehabilitation Improvements Project		\$ 1,526	\$ 1,526
					<b>\$ 2,645</b>
					<b>\$ 16,435</b>
Programmed			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Proposed			<b>\$6,281</b>	<b>\$10,154</b>	<b>\$16,435</b>
Available			<b>\$3,766</b>	<b>\$3,852</b>	<b>\$7,618</b>
<b>Over/Under</b> programmed			<b>\$2,515</b>	<b>\$6,302</b>	

## Attachment D

### 2025 STBG Proposed Funding

2025 STBG FUNDING APPORTIONMENTS			Proposed Funding 2025 Call for Projects Highly Recommended			Proposed Funding 2025 Call for Projects Recommended		
Agency	Priority	Project	2026-27	2027-28	TOTAL	2026-27	2027-28	TOTAL
Calexico	2	Encinas Avenue between SR-98 and 2nd Street Rehabilitation Project			\$ -		\$ 1,591	\$ 1,591
Calexico	1	Cole Road between SR-98 and Bowker Road Rehabilitation Project		\$ 681	\$ 681			\$ -
					\$ 681			\$ 1,591
Calipatria	1	W Main Street Roadway Improvements between International Boulevard and Lyerly Road	\$ 1,445		\$ 1,445			\$ -
					\$ 1,445			\$ -
El Centro	1	STBG - La Brucherie Rd. Rehabilitation Project		\$ 3,391	\$ 3,391			\$ -
					\$ 3,391			\$ -
Holtville	1	Cedar Avenue Road Rehabilitation between 4th Street and 5th Street		\$ 401	\$ 401			\$ -
					\$ 401			\$ -
Imperial	1	Old SR-86 Rehabilitation between Ralph Rd. and Treshill Rd.			\$ -	\$ 6,048		\$ 6,048
					\$ -			\$ 6,048
County	1	Clark Road Rehabilitation From 0.5 Miles North of Heber Rd to City of El Centro City Limits	\$ 1,119		\$ 1,119			\$ -
County	2	Dogwood Road Pavement Rehabilitation Improvements Project	\$ 1,526		\$ 1,526			\$ -
					\$ 2,645			\$ -
					\$ -			\$ -
Programmed			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Proposed			\$4,090	\$4,473	\$ 8,563	\$6,048	\$1,591	\$ 7,639
Available			\$3,766	\$3,852	\$ 7,618	\$3,766	\$3,852	\$ 7,618
Over/Under programmed			-\$324	-\$621		-\$6,372	-\$2,212	