



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, April 23, 2026
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: ICTC Offices
1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104
El Centro, CA 92243

CHAIRPERSON: CITY OF CALEXICO

VICE-CHAIR: CITY OF HOLTVILLE

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Introduction**
2. **Adoption of Minutes for March 26, 2026** *ACTION*
Requesting a motion to adopt
3. **Caltrans Updates/ Announcements**
Presented by Caltrans Staff
4. **SCAG Updates/ Announcements**
Presented by SCAG Staff
5. **ICTC Updates / Announcements**
Presented by ICTC Staff
 1. Transit Updates
 2. Transportation Planning Updates
 - State and Federal Funded Project Obligation List
 - EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study Update
6. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates**
All
7. **General Discussion / New Business**
8. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC is tentatively scheduled for May 28, 2026. For questions you may call Marlene Flores at (760) 592-4494 or contact by email at marleneflores@imperialctc.org

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 26, 2026

Requesting a motion to adopt



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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

March 26, 2026

Present:

Lily Falomir	City of Calexico
Franciso Barba	City of Calipatria
Melanie Amarillas	City of Calipatria
Felix de Leon	City of El Centro
Chandler Sinclair	City of Holtville
Yvonne Cordero	City of Imperial
Francisco Marquecho	City of Imperial
Marco Coronel	County of Imperial
Adolfo Garcia	County of Imperial
Ramiro Barajas	City of Westmorland
Manuel Ortiz	IID

Others:

Ana Gutierrez	City of Brawley
Juan Carlos Cabrera	City of Brawley
Laura Bowen	City of Calexico
Angel Hernandez	City of El Centro
Andrea Montañó	City of El Centro
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Cynthia Mancha	Holt Group
David Aguirre	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Cesar Beltran	ICTC
Mia Held	C&S Companies
Jessica Padilla-Bowen	KPA
Kevin Kane	SCAG
Echo Cheng	SCAG
Maria Ibarra	Caltrans
Elsa Juarez	Caltrans
Alejandro Lopez-Rangel	Caltrans
Toure Netters	Caltrans
Ignacio Romo	IID
Gabriel Ramirez	IID

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 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 February 26, 2026 ([Coronel/Ortiz](#)), **Motion Carried.**

2. **Connect SoCal 2050 Local Data Exchange (LDX)**

Presented by SCAG Staff

Mr. Kane presented on Connect SoCal 2050 Local Data Exchange (LDX).

3. **Caltrans Updates / Announcements**

Updates have been provided by Caltrans Staff

Mr. Lopez-Rangel presented new members of District 11 staff.

Mr. Netters as the Caltrans Lithium Valley liaison and Mrs. Juarez as the new contact for Encroachment Permits for the Imperial County.

4. **SCAG Updates / Announcements**

No updates were given

5. **ICTC Updates / Announcements**

Updates have been provided by ICTC Staff

- Calexico ITC project is expected to be completed by the end of April.
- ICTC staff are working on the procurement process for Calexico East ITC.
- ICTC staff and Caltrans are working on the next steps on the Anza Bridge Environmental studies.
- The ATP Cycle 8 project application deadline is June 22, 2026.

6. **EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study**

Presented by ICTC Staff

- Mrs. Held presented an update on the EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study.
- The consultant provided a list of recommended EV Charger Locations for Imperial County.
- Mrs. Falomir stated that she will provide more locations to consider for the city of Calexico.

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

Updates were given by the agencies.

8. **General Discussion / New Business**

New businesses were shared by the agencies.

The next TAC meeting will be on April 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

3. Caltrans Updates/Announcements

Presented by Caltrans Staff

DISTRICT 11 LOCAL ASSISTANCE REPORT

City of Brawley
City of Calexico
City of Calipatria

City of El Centro
City of Holtville
City of Imperial

County of Imperial
Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)
Imperial Irrigation District (IID)
City of Westmorland

Imperial County Area Engineer: Alejandro Lopez-Rangel

Alejandro.Lopez-Rangel@dot.ca.gov

* ICTC Management Committee Attendee

* ICTC TAC Attendee

*****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, April 24, 2026, is the final submittal deadline for (Allocations & Time Extensions) for the June 25-26, 2026, 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 any Caltrans grant and funding-related inquiries, including requests for Caltrans letters of support or partnership, please reach out directly to Caltrans District 11 Investment Planning Manager Brian Miller at brian.miller@dot.ca.gov.

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 & FUNDING

Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Cycle 8

TIRCP is a competitive state funding program administered by Caltrans and Secretary of the Transportation Agency to provide grants that fund capital improvements to modernize the state's intercity, commuter, rail systems and bus and ferry systems. The program may also fund a subset of transformative projects based on their ability to inspire a large modal shift to mass transit. Funding comes from a mixture of Senate and Assembly Bills, including Cap-and-Trade, which requires TIRCP goals to (1) reduce greenhouse gas emissions, (2) expand transit services and increase ridership, (3) integrate rail operations, and (4) improve transit safety.

- * Up to \$950 million will be made available for Cycle 8 (pending final allocation)
- * [Final Cycle 8 Guidelines](#) and [Call for Projects](#) were published February 23, 2026, and final applications are **due electronically no later than 5:00pm on May 18, 2026**.
- * Please visit the website [HERE](#) for further information, including program guidelines,

recorded workshops and upcoming events to support applicants.

- * Optional, time-limited meetings with applicants are available *now until March 13 upon request*. For more information on the appropriate program contact, please refer to [this contact list](#).

1. ANTICIPATED NOFOS

FHWA Bridge Investment Program (BIP)

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

- * \$2.46 billion was made available for FFY 2026.
- * **Please note the BIP is currently on pause pending FHWA review.** FHWA is currently not accepting applications and has not provided information on the status of the program but is expected to keep it open. Caltrans will alert partners if the program is re-opened or amended, but prospective applicants are encouraged to refer to USDOT via grants.gov for any updates at this time.
- * Please visit the link [HERE](#) for further information.

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

ATP Cycle 8 is a statewide competitive program to fund all types of active transportation projects designed to increase the number of trips taken by alternative active modes (i.e., bike or pedestrian) and improve user safety or promote safety awareness. Eligible project types may include a combination of active transportation infrastructure (capital), non-infrastructure (education), planning, and quick-build projects.

- * The CTC is hosting workshops and trainings (both virtual and in-person) on application support and program requirements for interested applicants now through Spring, 2026. Information on these sessions can be found [HERE](#) (*Please note that interested applicants may attend any session regardless of location!*).
- * Cycle 8 guidelines adopted by the CTC on March 19 can be found [HERE](#).
- * ATP Cycle 8 Statewide applications are due to CTC **June 22, 2026**.

California Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Cycle 5 Programs

SB1 Cycle 5 is a group of discretionary competitive programs held statewide to provide a variety of funding for local agencies seeking to fund multimodal transportation projects. Funding includes three programs: 1) Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SSCP), 2) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), and 3) Local Partnership Programs (LPP). More information on program eligibility, workshops and dates, and other requirements for SB1 can be found through the link [HERE](#).

- * Caltrans and the CTC are hosting workshops for each SB1 program, including guidelines information sessions, project eligibility and requirements, and application development office hours **now through Spring 2026**. Information on these events and more can be found [HERE](#).
- * Final SB1 Cycle 5 guidelines adoption and call for projects expected Summer 2026.
- * SB1 Cycle 5 Applications are expected to be due **November 2026**.

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

Additional Grant Tool

The DOT Navigator is a resource to help communities understand how to apply for grants, and plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services. Use the search box to quickly find resources. See link [HERE](#).

Title VI Nondiscrimination Program

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

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

*******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.

DLA Publication Updates 2026

Caltrans Division of Local Assistance has published the 2026 Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) and 2026 updates to the Local Assistance Program Guidelines (LAPG).

The LAPM describes the processes, procedures, documents, authorizations, approvals, and certifications required for California Local Public Agencies (LPAs) to receive federal-aid and/or state funds for transportation projects. Click [HERE](#) to view the 2026 LAPM.

The LAPG describes project eligibility, project selection process, funding levels, and relevant statutory references for various federal and state programs. Click [HERE](#) to view the 2026 LAPG.

Email DLAPublications@dot.ca.gov for any questions or concerns.

Caltrans Construction Contract Standards for Local Public Agencies

This memorandum establishes the implementation date for the Caltrans Construction Contract Standards (CCS), 2025 standards, for projects administered by LPAs off the State Highway System (SHS). The 2025 standards and its subsequent annual updates include the standard specifications, standard plans, standard special provisions (SSP), and standard bid items.

All local agencies using CCS for projects off the SHS, regardless of funding source, must use the 2025 standards for projects receiving approval, allocation, obligation, and authorization for the construction phase on or after October 31, 2025. The LPAs may request District Local Assistance Engineer (DLAE) approval for up to an additional three (3) months with reasonable justification.

Projects utilizing local approved standards that are both off the SHS and off the National Highway System (NHS) are exempt from this memorandum.

Please click [HERE](#) for the memorandum and also the 2025 standards.

DBE Interim Final Rule (IFR)

Effective 10/3/2025, DBE IFR published to 49 CFR 26:

- No contracts utilizing federal funds dated today and after are allowed to have a DBE contract goal.
- DBE goal setting will cease until further notice from the Office of Civil Rights (unsure of timeline).
- Current contracts remain valid. However, no race and gender data will be collected or tracked, and DBE compliance and oversight will be minimal until re-certification process is complete.

As we obtain more information, we will continue updating you with changes to the DBE program.

Buy America Program Policy Update

FHWA has published new guidance and updated Q&As effective January 5, 2026. Buy America requirements ensure that materials and products used in federal transportation projects are made in the United States. The new Q&As clarify two key phased implementation requirements:

- Final Assembly
- 55% Domestic Content Threshold

Click [HERE](#) for details.

De Minimis Calculation Spreadsheet Tool (for projects subject to Buy America)

The Office of Oversight and Guidance's Construction Oversight Program has developed a spreadsheet tool for De Minimis calculations for materials subject to new Buy America requirements with an E-76 authorization for construction on or after October 1, 2025.

The spreadsheet tool can be used as a resource to assist Local Agency Construction Contract Administration staff in meeting the new Buy America requirements in the construction contract administration phase. The tool is designed to have the contractor fill in the appropriate information when requesting a De Minimis waiver to Buy America applicable materials and must be submitted to the local agency's Resident Engineer along with the required supporting documentation for review and approval prior to delivering any Buy America applicable materials to the project.

The tool performs two separate De Minimis calculations: One for Manufactured Products and Construction Materials, and another for Iron or Steel products. This tool will also assist with the tracking of compliant and non-compliant Buy America materials. Please click on the following links for additional information:

- A template of the [spreadsheet tool](#)
- [Example project](#) using the spreadsheet tool
- [Construction Oversight Program](#) website

For questions regarding the spreadsheet tool, please contact Division of Local Assistance, Construction Oversight Engineer, [Michael Ramos](#).

NEPA Compliance Policy Update

Office Bulletin #26-01 provides a high-level overview of recent federal actions (Presidential Executive Order "Unleashing American Energy") affecting National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance for Local Assistance transportation projects and outlines the immediate actions required. Policy updates affect Environmental Justice & Equity, Climate Change, Public Hearing (LAPM Ch. 8), and Terminology & Scope. For details please click [HERE](#).

Federal Aid Series: Environmental Requirements

Caltrans Office of Environmental Compliance & Outreach presents the Federal Aid Series: Environmental Requirements, a full-day online training covering the environmental review process for federal-aid transportation projects. This training covers differences between On- & Off-System projects, NEPA vs CEQA scoping with Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) screening, and how to determine class of action for non-infrastructure projects. The training is scheduled for May 12, 2026, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Register [HERE](#).

External Partner Online Trainings & Resources

The Center for Local Aid Support has developed a series of online training modules for local agencies and tribal nations. The online training courses are for professional

development and provide solutions for transportation related issues. A series of self-paced online training modules. The following courses are highly recommended: Grant Applications 101 for Local Agencies and Tribes, Introduction to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and Project Bundling. Please see link [Local Aid Support](#) for additional information.

Road Safety Enhancement Webinar Series

Join the Arkansas Local Technical Assistance Program ([ARLTAP](#)) for two free webinars in their Road Safety Enhancements Webinar Series. The objective of the program is to enable local agencies to develop safer, more efficient, and more economical road and street programs. Targeted operations include construction and maintenance, materials, and administration. Training through this program is free to local agencies. Please see link [HERE](#) for additional information.

Caltrans Federal Grants 101 Webinar Series

Caltrans is making available recordings from its Federal Grants 101 Webinars, a 5-part series designed to assist local, regional and Tribal partners with the competitive Federal grants application process and ensure successful outcomes for all our partners involved.

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

Caltrans Federal Affairs Update

This Federal update provides Hot topics, trainings, resources, grants/NOFOs, etc. Please see [HERE](#) for Caltrans Federal Affairs Update or see [HERE](#) for Caltrans Office of the Federal Liaison.

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.

Please see the Caltrans Local Assistance Blog (LAB), which has additional resources and updates. [LocalAssistanceBlog.com](#)

4. SCAG

Updates/Announcements

Presented by SCAG Staff



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Memorandum

Date: April 8, 2026
To: ICTC Committee and Management Meeting
From: David Salgado, Government Affairs Officer (GAO)
Re: **Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Report**

The following is a summary of the SCAG Executive Director's Report and/or Federal and State Legislature Staff Report for the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Management Committee and Regular Commission meeting for the month of APRIL 2026.

1. 2026 Regional Conference & General Assembly Save the date!

On May 7-8, 2026, local leaders from throughout Southern California will convene for SCAG's 61st annual Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, CA. Please be advised city managers and clerks have been notified about the opportunity for each city to identify SCAG General Assembly Delegate and Alternate to represent their city at the official convening of the SCAG General Assembly.

This conference is a prime opportunity for local and regional leaders to collaborate and address Southern California's biggest challenges, from housing and mobility to economic development and environmental sustainability. Please reach out to SCAG staff with any questions.

2. Regional Council Approves Regional Guidelines for the 2027 Active Transportation Program

At its March 2026 meeting, SCAG's Regional Council approved Regional Guidelines for the 2027 Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP). The guidelines outline the process by which SCAG, in collaboration with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the six county transportation commissions within the SCAG region, will recommend funding awards for the 2027 Regional ATP, estimated to have nearly \$129 million in available funding.

The CTC is anticipated to hold the statewide ATP call for projects from March 20 to June 22. Eligible applicants must submit an application to the Statewide ATP to be considered for funding through the Regional ATP. The ATP Statewide Guidelines and application portal will be available on the CTC webpage following adoption of the Statewide Guidelines at the March 19-20 CTC meeting.



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SCAG staff will continue to work with the region’s county transportation commissions, the CTC, Caltrans, and other partners to outreach to eligible applicants with information on ATP funding opportunities and offer technical assistance, resources, and support to facilitate regional competitiveness. More details will be shared on the SCAG website as they become available.

3. SCAG to Sponsor AB 2002; New Bill Would Establish REAP in State Law

The SCAG Regional Council voted to sponsor Assembly Bill (AB) 2002, introduced in February by Assemblymember Jose Solache (D-Lynwood), former SCAG Regional Council member and Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee chair.

If approved by the State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom, AB 2002 would establish the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant program as law allowing the state to allocate funds to begin each RHNA cycle. AB 2002 would also allow councils of government and other metropolitan planning organizations to invest in eligible uses (e.g., planning, technical assistance, infrastructure-related planning).

4. SCAG Joins ‘Big Four’ MPOs to Call for SB 375 Reform

Collaboration among California’s four largest metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) has led to the introduction of Senate Bill (SB) 1087 by State Senator Christopher Cabaldon (D-West Sacramento). This bill seeks to modernize and strengthen planning processes instituted under SB 375 (Steinberg, 2008), which required California’s 18 MPOs to develop sustainable communities strategies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction targets related to the use of cars and light-duty trucks for 2020 and 2035, as determined by the California Air Resources Board.

SB 375 improved integration of housing, land use, and transportation planning, but significant changes over the past 15 years have exposed limitations in the existing framework. The state’s four largest MPOs—the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, San Diego Association of Governments, and SCAG—developed recommendations for modernizing SB 375 included in this new bill to better align housing, transportation, and climate policies.

5. Regional Council Approves Draft Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27

At its March 2026 meeting, SCAG’s Regional Council moved to approve SCAG’s Draft Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27, including the Draft Overall Work Program (OWP). The framework for developing the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Draft Comprehensive Budget is SCAG’s multi-year Strategic Plan, which focuses on the agency’s vision for improving the organization and its operations.



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The Regional Council’s vote also authorized the release of the Draft OWP for a 30-day period of public review from March 5 to April 6. Comments may be submitted by [completing the comment form](#) or emailed to nguyenk@scag.ca.gov.

At the close of the public comment period, staff will review all comments and incorporate where appropriate before taking the Final OWP to the Regional Council for approval on May 7. On the same day, the General Fund Budget and the Membership Assessment will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval.

6. Implications of Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding Reversal

On Feb. 12, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) signed a final rule rescinding the 2009 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Endangerment Finding which had served as foundational legal and scientific basis for federal regulation of GHG emissions from motor vehicles. The final rule, published in the Federal Register (91 FR 03157), becomes effective April 20.

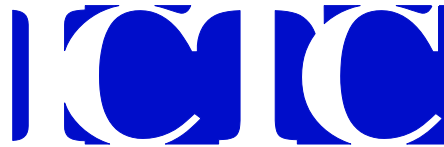
The decision signals a shift in the U.S. EPA’s authority over federal climate policy and leadership. Once in effect, the rule eliminates all federal GHG emission standards and associated programs for new motor vehicles, including light, medium, and heavy-duty vehicles (for model year 2012-27 and beyond). The U.S. EPA states the repeal would remove current and future manufacturer obligations to measure, report, and comply with federal GHG standards, including obligations affecting previously manufactured model years. The rule does not change vehicle standards and programs related to criteria pollutants and air toxics, or federal fuel economy testing and labeling requirements.

SCAG is evaluating the direct impacts on the region and its local jurisdictions. California’s statutory framework for GHG reduction remains in effect, including Assembly Bill 32 and Senate Bills 32 and 375—the legislation that guides metropolitan planning organizations while developing regional transportation plans and sustainable communities strategies. These laws continue to bind SCAG and its planning programs, including the work around the upcoming Connect SoCal 2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

5. ICTC

Updates/Announcements

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Memorandum

Date: April 17, 2026
To: ICTC Commission Meeting
From: David Aguirre, Executive Director
Re: Executive Director's Report

The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Commission meeting on April 22, 2026.

- 1) **Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE):** The Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) program was established in Imperial County in 1990 following state legislation that enabled counties to fund and operate emergency motorist aid systems through vehicle registration fees. Since then, the program has provided roadside assistance through a network of 166 call boxes installed along SR-86 and Interstate 8, serving as a critical safety resource for motorists over the years. ICTC later assumed administration of the SAFE program and has continued to oversee its operations and maintenance. ICTC staff met with the Commission on March 26, 2026, to review the call box system and discuss its future. **Currently, ICTC is scheduled to meet with its maintenance contractor to discuss a new maintenance agreement, while also working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with L.A. Metro to implement the 511 Traveler Information System. ICTC will return to the Commission in May for consideration and approval of a contract extension with its maintenance contractor.**
- 2) **California Council of Governments (CalCOG) Regional Leadership Forum:** ICTC was honored with a California Regional Excellence Award for the Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project. Commissioner Mike Goodsell, along with staff, attended the event to accept the award on behalf of the agency.
- 3) **ICTC Strategic Planning Workshop:** Staff convened a Strategic Planning Workshop for ICTC Commissioners on March 30, 2026, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the ICTC offices. The session was facilitated by the consultant team from Reliance Public Relations, Inc., guiding a collaborative discussion that yielded valuable commissioner input. A draft Strategic Plan is anticipated later this month, with final adoption scheduled for May 2026.
- 4) **Imperial County/Mexicali Binational Working Group:** The Imperial County/Mexicali Binational Working Group reconvened on March 12, 2026, at the ICTC offices. The meeting brought together key stakeholders from both sides of the border, including Caltrans, the City of Calexico, Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the County of Imperial, ICTC, the Mexican Consulate, Aduanas, Instituto Municipal de Investigación y Planeación Urbana (IMIP), and Instituto de Movilidad Sustentable de Baja California (IMOS). The group will continue to meet regularly to advance shared regional priorities and strengthen cross-border collaboration.
- 5) **Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8:** The Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 call for projects will open following guideline adoption on March 19/20, 2026, with **applications due June 22, 2026**. The program supports infrastructure, planning, non-infrastructure, and combination projects that improve safety, mobility, public health, greenhouse gas reduction, and equitable access for active transportation users. Statewide

funding of approximately \$21 million is available across fiscal years 2027–28 through 2030–31, while projects not funded at the state level may be considered for regional ATP funding, with an estimated \$1.2 million available. We urge local agencies to begin preparing applications, and additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

- 6) **Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Hearing:** Each year, the ICTC holds an Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Public Hearing to assist in identifying transit needs that are not currently being met. ICTC staff developed a survey to assist ICTC in the public comment process. The survey period ended on March 13, 2026. However, staff encourages the public to submit any written comments prior to the meeting and/or attend in person. **The UTN hearing was held on April 2, 2026, at 4 p.m. at the ICTC Offices located at 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243. The hearing panel consisted of Commissioners Sonia Carter, Robert Amparano and Lorenzo Calderon. The second meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2026, at 4 p.m. at the ICTC Offices.**
- 7) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** IMBA’s 2026 Chair is Tim Kelley representing the Imperial County Region and Vice-Chair is Cynthia Ramirez with CDEM representing the Mexicali Region. The March 12, 2026, meeting was held at the new SDSU IV STEM Building in Brawley. A tour of the facility was also provided for those in attendance. **The next IMBA meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2026, in the City of Mexicali.**
- 8) **Household Hazardous Waste Site in Calipatria:** The project to establish a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility in Calipatria has secured \$250,000 in funding. This allocation covers the full scope of development—from construction to procurement of all necessary equipment—ensuring that the facility is fully equipped to serve residents in the north end of the Imperial Valley. While its primary focus is on north end residents, the facility’s services will be available to all residents throughout Imperial County during operation days. Staff will be working with the City of Calipatria to move forward with project planning and development.
- 9) **Interstate 8 Wildlife Crossing** – ICTC has been approached by UC Davis about the potential to partner on the development of a Wildlife Crossing across westbound I-8 near the In Ko Pah Gorge. The project currently has funding to complete the initial development of the project which includes the Project Initiation Document (PID), Project Approval and Environmental Document (PAED) and some Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PSE) activities. ICTC’s potential role on the project would be to serve as a project sponsor and to provide minor administrative support. Staff anticipate continued discussions with the grantee and Caltrans to explore the possibility. **ICTC’s potential role may materialize during the closing phase of the project design or construction.**
- 10) **Bus Stop Maintenance Program:** ICTC has been working towards developing a bus stop maintenance program for many years. Part of the program was to develop a bus stop inventory which noted the gps locations of the bus stops in addition to a description of the assets (if any) at the bus stop. Under its existing structure, the cities/county (where the bus stops are located) are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the bus stops. In return, ICTC provides each of the cities/county funding to maintain and repair the bus stops. To provide a consolidated maintenance effort, ICTC is working with each of the cities/county to transition the maintenance and replacement of the bus stops to ICTC. ICTC will in turn utilize the funding it currently provides to the cities/county to complete the same effort. ICTC has begun the maintenance efforts associated with the bus stops for the cities of El Centro, Calexico, Calipatria, Holtville and the unincorporated communities of Seeley, Niland and Heber. ICTC is working with the city of Brawley to transition maintenance efforts soon.
- 11) **Bus Stop Improvement Project:** Staff are working on developing a bus stop improvement project across multiple cities throughout the county. The project consists of installing various bus shelters and potentially other amenities. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. ICTC released the Request for Proposals for design services for the project. ICTC is looking to begin design services soon and have construction take place within FY23-24/FY24-25. The contract was awarded at the April Commission meeting. ICTC has already participated in a kickoff meeting with the consultant and all of the effected agencies. The project design is ongoing and is anticipated to be completed in the next few months. ICTC obtained additional funding to incorporate additional bus stop locations. The new location designs are being incorporated into the overall project design. The 65% percent improvement plans have been completed and were distributed to

participating agencies. ICTC has received agency comments, and the comments have been forwarded to the consultant for incorporation into the project improvement plans. **The improvement plans have been finalized at the 100% completion level. Final preparation of the project specifications and contract documents have been completed. The project bid opening took place April 1, 2026, and staff are currently evaluating the received bids.**

- 12) **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 \$524 million and \$520 million for FY2026/27 for a total of \$1,044 million. **ICTC received news of an increase in Cycle 5 LPP funds following CTC's redistribution of unused Incentive Funds. This action resulted in a small increase of funds for FY 2025/26, available through June 2028. To access these funds, local agencies will work with ICTC and CTC staff in submitting Nomination Packet to the CTC for approval. Local agencies have begun forwarding their allocation packages to the CTC to secure the additional funding.** There is also a competitive program that is administered by the CTC. Guidelines for the program can be found at <https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/local-partnership-program/2024-lpp-competitive-guidelines-adopted-resolution.pdf>
- 13) **Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC):** A new Intermodal Transportation Center in the City of Calexico has been part of ICTC's long range transit planning. The new Calexico ITC will serve as a regional mobility hub that will accommodate bus bays for Imperial Valley Transit in addition to private bus companies, taxis and farm labor buses. ICTC previously received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal program fund to complete the environmental and design plans of the new Calexico ITC. The environmental and design phase has been completed. Right of Way Acquisition for the project has been completed. ICTC was awarded multiple grants to complete the required construction efforts for the project. ICTC received grant awards from the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0, Active Transportation Program (ATP) and Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant and Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Programs. ICTC recently completed the construction procurement efforts, and a contract award was issued to Hazard Construction. The project is anticipated to take a year to complete. We had a successful groundbreaking ceremony on February 28, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the project site. The Contractor continues with construction activities for the project. Demolition activities have been completed and construction efforts associated with the development of building infrastructure are ongoing. Shade canopy improvements have been mostly completed, in addition to site electrical and plumbing work. Site grading and civil onsite work are currently taking place with most of the onsite concrete being placed. The project remains slightly behind schedule mostly due to weather events and is anticipated to be completed in early 2026. Utilizing the authority provided to the Executive Director to approve minor change orders, the Executive Director approved Change Order No. 11 (Additional Underground Conduits from the building to the Canopy Junction Box for the installation of the VMS and future electronic kiosks - \$29,335.37), Change Order No. 12 (Wireless Access Point Cabling from the Building to the applicable light poles for future Wireless Access Point Hardware - \$20,461.10), and Change Order No. 15 (High Canopy Flashing to minimize the impact of a gap between the customer service window and the canopy - \$4,626.96). **Future Change Orders are anticipated for the Video Messaging System and Storage Shed Infrastructure for the Mister Pump System. The project remains within budget capacity. The project is anticipated to be completed in late April 2026. A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled for May 11, 2026.**
- 14) **IVT Ride Service Modifications:** IVT Ride is a dial-a-ride service that is available to seniors (55 years of age or older) and persons with disabilities in the communities of Calexico, Heber, El Centro, Imperial and Brawley. The service primarily operates in an intracity capacity with the exception of the communities of El Centro, Imperial and Heber and the Westshores service which travels to the city of Brawley or the Coachella Valley. The Westshores service is also available to the general public. Due to continuing declining ridership on all IVT Ride services, staff are exploring the possibility of modifying the service to provide trips to the general public but still

provide priority to the senior population. The possible modification would enable the service to capture additional passengers and implement a microtransit-like service in various communities. The possible modification would also require financial investment in technology and the development of a passenger web and mobile application. Staff anticipate bringing the further evaluated concept to the Management Committee and Commission in the coming months. Staff are also pursuing funding opportunities to facilitate the possible transition of the service. Staff provided the Commission with a presentation on August 28, 2024, with further details. There was consensus to proceed with the software development and hardware acquisition. This item received approval to proceed to further development by the commission. ICTC has received state funding to complete the software and hardware upgrades for the project. ICTC Staff developed a plan to conduct outreach (including in-person presentations and surveys) to the public about the proposed service modifications. ICTC redeveloped the service logo and finalized mobile software for anticipated use. ICTC also provided presentations about the service modifications to key stakeholders and the city councils of the affected communities. A public hearing was held on July 23, 2025, as required by law. **The service began operating in its new capacity on September 2, 2025, and offered free rides to all for the first week of operation. Ridership information will be shared to the Commission periodically at the Commission meetings.**

- 15) **Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis:** Staff were able to secure grant funding to complete a Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). The COA is a comprehensive evaluation of ICTC’s existing transit services while also presenting evaluation findings and recommendations for further improvement of ICTC’s existing public transit system. ICTC intends to evaluate all ICTC operated services in addition to incorporating an assessment of the feasibility of intercity passenger rail. Staff recently released the Request for Proposals to the public and issued a contract award in October 2024. **The analysis is anticipated to take a year to complete. The project has kicked off, and outreach efforts have taken place. The Analysis is currently being developed. The consulting and ICTC team will be conducting outreach efforts to share the proposed recommendations. Recommendations are currently being developed and are anticipated to be shared in the coming weeks.**
- 16) **ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility:** ICTC staff have engaged with the proposed property owner’s representative about ICTC’s interest in the property. ICTC has also communicated with the city of El Centro regarding action items that would need to take place to facilitate the goal of the project. ICTC has also communicated with grant agencies and our Zero Emission Bus Plan engineering consultant to develop a preliminary site plan of the proposed improvements. Next steps include executing a Letter of Intent with the property owner, continuing coordination with the city of El Centro, and to begin conducting the required environmental studies like a Phase 1 Site Assessment. ICTC will also continue to work on grant opportunities to fund the acquisition of the property. A preliminary site plan has been prepared and was shared with the commission. ICTC was recently informed that it had received a funding commitment for the completion of the design/environmental phases of the project. ICTC has completed a phase 1 and 2 site assessment for the proposed site. ICTC has obtained NEPA clearance from the FTA for the acquisition of the project. During the meeting on March 26, 2025, the Commission approved the acquisition of the property pending Federal Transit Administration (FTA) concurrence. ICTC completed the acquisition of the project site in June 2025. Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Environmental and Design Services was released on September 26, 2025, and due on December 1, 2025. It is anticipated that a consultant will be selected at the Commission meeting in February 2026. Staff also submitted multiple grant applications for the anticipated construction efforts under FTA 5339 for Bus Facilities and Low No Emission Programs. ICTC was informed that it was not selected under the recent grant cycle. ICTC will continue to pursue construction funding opportunities in the immediate future. **ICTC recently held its project kickoff meeting with key project stakeholders such as the consulting team, the City of El Centro and the IID.**
- 17) **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 were completed by members of the ICTC TAC in June 2025. The recommendations were presented to the Management Committee in July 2025 and to the commission in July 2025. Staff forwarded the final list of recommendations to SCAG for further evaluation in July 2025. SCAG is presenting its list of recommended projects to the SCAG Transportation Committee at its November 2025 Meeting. The final recommended list of projects was presented and was approved at the December 2025 SCAG Regional Council Meeting. **ICTC staff will be working with SCAG and city/county staff to complete next steps associated with project delivery.**

- 18) **2nd 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 2nd 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. **Caltrans has prepared the Project Study Report (PSR) for submittal to the California Transportation Commission. The PSR acts as the design guidelines and preliminary design for the project. ICTC is anticipating environmental analysis and design in mid-2026.**
- 19) **Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study:** ICTC recently submitted a grant application under the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) to prepare a Countywide EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study. The project will aim to identify strategic locations within the county for EV Charging Infrastructure. Caltrans is currently developing a similar project for locations along State facilities. ICTC has finalized the contract agreement with the selected firm, and a project kickoff meeting was completed on October 22, 2025. **ICTC and the Consultant team are working on the siting analysis and regulatory analysis.**
- 20) **EV Charger Acquisition Project:** Staff are working on developing an EV charger acquisition project across multiple cities throughout the county. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. Once the charger stations are acquired, ICTC will proceed with the next steps associated with the installation. ICTC released the RFP for the project on August 29, 2025. **The agreement was presented to the Commission and was approved at the October 2025 Commission Meeting. The infrastructure has been ordered and will remain in storage until a project is identified.**
- 21) **Calexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center:** ICTC was recently awarded \$12.6 million by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) through its Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) to acquire, design and construct a transit facility at the Calexico East Port of Entry (POE). The goal of the Calexico East POE Intermodal Transportation Center is to create a transformative transportation hub that integrates various modes of transportation including public transit buses. The facility is anticipated to offer amenities such as shade, seating, bicycle parking, signage, and travel guidance, addressing the current lack of amenities and transportation options for pedestrians crossing the border at the Calexico East POE. Additionally, this project will bring four new zero emission vehicles to provide public transit services to the area. The project will have several phases with an estimated completion date in 2030. The Master Agreement between ICTC and Caltrans was approved at the April 2025 Commission Meeting. ICTC received approval to proceed with Right of Way acquisition from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in June 2025. **ICTC has completed the property acquisition phase and is now anticipating proceeding with the design phase after allocation with the CTC. Allocation is anticipated to take place in May 2026 and procurement for design services is anticipated to begin in June 2026.**
- 22) **Electronic Fare Payments:** ICTC is currently pursuing the implementation of an electronic fare payment system to its fixed route transit services. The system would allow all of its fixed route buses to take card payments in addition to its existing cash payment system. ICTC has received approval to utilize grant funds and intends to proceed with the development of the project. **ICTC recently received various bids from interested parties for consideration. ICTC is evaluating the responses and intends to work towards a potential contract award in March 2026.**
- 23) **Forrester Road Project Study Report (PSR):** Caltrans District 11 has been working on a project report on behalf of ICTC. The PSR will analyze safety and operation improvements along Forrester Road between I-8 and

SR86/SR78. Other improvements include the Westmorland bypass. A meeting to discuss the draft PSR took place at the ICTC offices on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 9 a.m. Further updates to the PSR are anticipated along with additional meetings to discuss the updated PSR. The updated PSR was recently completed, and the PSR was presented to the management committee and commission in September 2024. ICTC will proceed with further aspects of project development. Staff are preparing the action item to proceed with allocating the funding to proceed into the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase. **ICTC has submitted its State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding request to proceed with the Environmental and Design phases for the project.**

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

As discussed, and confirmed with Border Patrol, ICTC will only provide the remaining funds we had available (February 2021) of approximately \$1.3 million to complete the traffic study, 100% design plans, construction of the canopy, lighting related to the canopy, and traffic related improvements required by Caltrans. Border Patrol is committed to paying for all other construction-related costs and Border Patrol will lead the construction contract. Border Patrol, Caltrans and ICTC are having weekly meetings toward completing design plans. CBP will be working with Caltrans to obtain environmental clearance once funding for construction is obtained. The improvement plans have been prepared in the final draft form and have been submitted to Caltrans for review. Caltrans has provided review comments on the improvement plans. ICTC will work with the design engineer to complete the required updates. Environmental studies and Caltrans submittal are pending submittal by CBP. **ICTC's consultant has finalized the project improvement plans and CBP will proceed with developing environmental documents and pursue funding for the construction of the facility. ICTC continues to engage in discussions with the CBP team on the next steps for the project. The project requires the finalization of the environmental documents prior to proceeding with the construction phase. CBP is currently reviewing the project with their HQ Team to attempt to secure funding.**

- 25) **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) 2025 Call for Projects Nominations – FFY 2026/2027 to FFY 2027/2028:** The STBG and CMAQ Call for Projects nominations began on March 31, 2025. Project Nominations were due on Friday, May 16, 2025, via the SCAG online application portal. All agencies were provided with guideline documentation and were encouraged to submit potential projects. 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.

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 and forward the 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:

Imperial County Awarded Projects FTIP Status					
Applicant Agency	Application ID	Application Title	STBG Funding ¹ Recommended	CMAQ Funding Recommended	Total Funding Recommended
City of El Centro	IMP251210	8th St & Aurora Dr. Intersection Improvements	\$ 1,063	\$ -	\$ 1,063
City of Holtville	IMP251214	Melon Road Pedestrian Improvements Phase 3 between 7th Street and 6th Street	\$ -	\$ 436	\$ 436
County of Imperial	IMP251209	Niland Community Sidewalk Improvements on Various Roads Project	\$ -	\$ 1,309	\$ 1,309
City of Calipatria	IMP251211	Railroad Avenue Pedestrian Improvements between Main Street/SR 115 and Date Street	\$ -	\$ 519	\$ 519
City of El Centro	IMP251203	La Brucherie Rd. Rehabilitation Project	\$ 3,391	\$ -	\$ 3,391
City of Holtville	IMP251205	Cedar Avenue Road Rehabilitation between 4th Street and 5th Street	\$ 401	\$ -	\$ 401
City of Holtville	IMP251212	Melon Road Pedestrian Improvements Phase 1 between 9th Street and 8th Street	\$ -	\$ 375	\$ 375
City of Holtville	IMP251213	Melon Road Pedestrian Improvements Phase 2 between 8th Street and 7th Street	\$ -	\$ 406	\$ 406
City of Imperial	IMP251215	Old SR-86 Bike Lane and Sidewalk between Aten Blvd and 15th St	\$ -	\$ 218	\$ 218
County of Imperial	IMP251201	Dogwood Road Pavement Rehabilitation Improvements Project	\$ 1,526	\$ -	\$ 1,526
County of Imperial	IMP251202	Clark Road Rehabilitation From 0.5 Miles North of Heber Rd to City of El Centro City Limits	\$ 1,119	\$ -	\$ 1,119
City of Calexico	IMP251206	Cole Road between SR-98 and Bowker Road	\$ 681	\$ -	\$ 681
					\$ 11,444

ICTC staff are currently working with local agency staff and programming all approved projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

- 26) **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 3rd 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.**
- 27) **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.**
- 28) **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 17th. 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.
- 29) **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>

30) Funding Opportunities:

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

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

Various project specific meetings are held throughout the month.

Various community presentations are held throughout the month by the Regional Mobility Coordinator

Various transit community services provided throughout the month by ICTC/Imperial Valley Transit

- March 23, 2026 – SAFE Imperial County- Contract Discussion via zoom (attended by Michelle Bastidas, Marlene Flores, and Espy Avila)
- March 23, 2026 – Quarterly Meeting Ops, Safety, Dispatch, and Maintenance at the ICTC offices
- March 24, 2026 – Health Fair (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- March 25, 2026 – Safety & Wellness Fair in Niland and I CAN EVENT in Calipatria (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- March 26, 2026 – ICTC TAC Meeting at the ICTC offices
- March 26, 2026 – Cal Cities Imperial County Division meeting in El Centro
- March 27, 2026 – Transition Fair at Imperial Valley College (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- March 30-April 2, 2026 – NTI Introduction To Transit Service Planning training (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- March 30, 2026 – ICTC Strategic Planning Workshop at the ICTC offices
- April 1, 2026 – ICTC SSTAC Meeting at the ICTC offices
- April 2, 2026 – Caltrans Procurement and Resource Fair (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- April 2, 2026 – UTN Public Hearing at the ICTC offices
- April 7, 2026 – ICTC/Caltrans Calexico West tour
- April 8, 2026 – ICTC Management Committee Meeting in Holtville (attended by Cristi Lerma, Michelle Bastidas and Marlene Flores)
- April 14-16, 2026 – CALACT 2026 Spring Conference in Temecula (attended by Gustavo Gomez, Priscilla Baca and Cesar Beltran)
- April 15, 2026 – AB 617 Community Steering Committee Meeting in El Centro
- April 17, 2026 – El Centro Elementary Career Fair (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- April 17, 2026 – CTC CEO's/SCAG Meeting via zoom meeting

FFY25/26 Federal Funded Project Obligation List

3/24/2026

Federal funding Obligations: *The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Authorization to Caltrans Local Assistance. Projects must obligate (E-76) federal funds in FFY 2025/26. (Starting October 1, 2025 thru September 30, 2026)*

Agency	Project ID	Project Title	Funding Type	Programming Phase	Federal Amount in FY 2025/26 (in 000's)	Obligation Status/ Notes
Brawley	IMP220601 A	Traffic Signal Synchronization & Intelligent Transportation Systems Phase II on Main Street from 6th Street to Best Ave., and on 8th Street from Main Street to B Street.	STBG	CON	\$708	Will be submitting the RFA by February of next year for approval by September 2026
Calexico	IMP230103	Cole Boulevard between Scaroni Road and Railroad Crossing Rehabilitation Project will consist of extensive overlay of existing pavement. The overlay will include asphalt rubber aggregate membrane (ARAM), adjustment of manholes and valves, replacement of striping and installation of ADA ramps in locations where ADA ramps are not in compliant	STBG	CON	\$519	Waiting for RFA. PS&E will be completed by December 2025. E-76 and Finance Letter are anticipated to be procured by early 2026. Construction starting on May 2026
Calexico	IMP240901	Beach Avenue between 2nd Street and E. Belcher Rehabilitation Project will consist of overlay of existing pavement. The overlay will include asphalt rubber aggregate membrane (ARAM), adjustments of manholes and valves, replacement of striping and installation of ADA handicap ramps.	EARMARK	PAED	\$880	The City is workin on the plans, specifications and estimate for the project. The City is also working with Caltrans on the RFA.
Calipatria	IMP230104	Roadway Improvements on Main Street between Sorenson Avenue/SR 111 to Park Avenue	STBG	CON	\$497	Construction Phase expected to be completed by January 2026
El Centro	IMP230105	Street maintenance of Imperial Ave. from Orange Ave. to Adams Ave.	STBG	PAED	\$541	City staff is working in obligation packet submittal by end of April, 2026 for FY26 funds. Completion date to September 2027
El Centro	IMP240902	Imperial Avenue Extension Phase IV - from Valleyview Ave. to McCabe Rd. Scope of work will only be ROW utility relocations necessary for the construction of the Phase IV roadway	STBG	R/W	\$520	ROW Phase programmed in FY 25/26

Holtville	IMP230101	The revitalization and construction of new pedestrian facilities on Pine Avenue between 4th Street and 5th Street	CMAQ	PAED	\$708	Design Phase
Imperial City	IMP230106	Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation project between Old SR-86 and the West Right-of-way of the Southern Pacific Railroad.	STBG	PAED	\$530	Plans are expected to be completed by May 2026. The City is working on getting the funds obligated and have the E-76 by August
Imperial City	IMP250101	Aten Boulevard Sidewalk Installation Project, between Old SR-86 and Southern Pacific Railroads (Phase III).	CMAQ	PAED	\$144	Anticipated E-76 date July 2026
Imperial City	IMP250102	EV Chargin Station Installation and EV purchase, phase III. Installation of EV charging station at the City's parking lot on E. Barioni Blvd., as well as purchase or three (3) electric vehicles.	CRP	CON	\$311	E-76 issued 09/05/24
Imperial City	IMP250501	Reconstruction of streets, promotion of safe routes to school, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and connectivity in various sities of the City. The Grant funds will be used for a variety of improvements including reconstruction of roads, stormwater infrastructure, air quality, expanding sidewalks, installing bike lanes, adding streetlights, and improving crosswalks. Additionally, the city will promote safe routes to school for students who walk or bike to school.	CPFCDs	PAED	\$3,000	Estimated PS&E be completed by June 2026
Westmorland	IMP230102	The City of Westmorland Pedestrian Improvements Project will consist of construction/installation of new sidewalk (including gap completion) and new ADA ramps, where none exist, for the safety and convenience of the walking public. Also, stretlights may be installed where needed for nighttime safety of pedestrians.	CMAQ	PAED	\$316	Design Phase
County	IMP250701	Sinclair Road Bridge over Alamo River Rehabilitation Project, Br No. 58C0216; Rehabilitate the existing 31-year-old concrete slab bridge on Sinclair Road at the Alamo River to improve operational safety of the roadway and bridge crossing.	CPFCDs	CON	\$1,000	

County	IMPL507	Grouped Projects for Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction - HBP Program (projects are consistent with 40CFR part 93.126 exempt tables 2 categories - widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes) - Toll Credits used	HBP	CON	\$5,279	Requested an Extension
County	IMP230107	Bowker Road Improvements from Jasper Road to Calexico City Limits	STBG	CON	\$511	NEPA cleared 2-4-2025. Working on ROW certification request be submitted in November, RFA planned to be submitted by February 2026. Project under schedule as planned.
County	IMP230901	Brandt Road Bridge Replacement Project at Alamo River; Replace 73-year old timber bridge with new, single span bridge to current County road standards, and improve operational safety of the road and bridge crossing.	CPFCDS	CON	\$4,000	
ICTC	IMP230401	Installation of EV Charging Stations at various locations in Imperial Valley	CRP	CON	\$403	Working on RFP
ICTC	IMP240603	Imperial County Region Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Feasibility Study	CRP	CON	\$150	Study is undergoing
					\$20,017	

FY25-26 State Funded Project Obligation List

Updated on 3/24/2026

State Funded Allocations: *The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Allocation to Caltrans Local Assistance for State approval during FY 2025/2026 (Starting July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026)*

Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Funding Type	Programming Phase	State Amount in FY 2025/26 (in 000's)	Obligation Status/ Notes
Brawley		Western Avenue Pedestrian Improvement	LPP	CON	\$142	
Calexico		Cole Blvd. between Scaroni Road and Railroad Crossing Rehabilitation Project	LPP	CON	\$191	
Calipatria		Main Street Roadway Improvement Project	LPP	CON	\$29	Construction in process
El Centro	IMP230704	City El Centro Pedestrian Improvement Project	ATP MPO	PAED	\$1,200	Allocation to be sent to Caltrans local assistance 6/2026
El Centro		Gillett Road Rehabilitation Project	LPP	CON	\$216	
Holtville		Pine Avenue Revitalization and Pedestrian Improvements Projects between 4th Street and 5th Street	LPP	PAED	\$38	Design Phase
Imperial		Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project between Old SR-86 and the West Right-of-Way Line of the Southern Pacific Railroad	LPP	PAED	\$115	Estimated PS&E be completed by June 2026
County		Overlay Improvement Project on Bowker Road from Jasper Road to Fawcett Road	LPP	CON	\$311	
			31		\$2,242	