



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, November 17, 2022
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Hybrid - In person or Via Zoom at ICTC Offices

Chairperson: City of Brawley

Vice-Chair: City of Calipatria

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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. **Introductions**
2. **Action Item**
Adopt resolution authorizing remote teleconference meeting in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 *ACTION*
3. **Adoption of Minutes for October 27, 2022** *ACTION*
Requesting a motion to adopt
4. **Caltrans Updates/ Announcements** *10 minutes*
Presented by Caltrans Staff
5. **SCAG Updates/ Announcements** *10 minutes*
Presented by SCAG Staff
6. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates** *10 minutes*
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7. **ICTC Updates / Announcements** *10 minutes*
Presented by ICTC Staff
 1. Transit Planning Updates
 - Stuff-A-Bus Campaign
 - Veterans Day Campaign
 2. Transportation Planning Updates
 - Long Range Transportation Plan Outreach
 - Local Partnership Program Cycle 3 and Cycle 4
 - CMAQ & STBG FFY 2022/23
 - 2022 Mini Call for Projects STBG-CMAQ Update
8. **General Discussion / New Business** *10 minutes*
 - Team Building-Caltrans Meeting with Bryan Ott, District Local Assistance Engineer (DLAE) Division of Planning & Local Assistance
9. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 15, 2022. For questions you may call Marlene Flores at (760) 592-4494 or contact by email at marleneflores@Imperialctc.org

2. ACTION ITEM

Adopt resolution authorizing teleconference meeting in accordance with Assembly Bill 361



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November 7, 2022

Technical Advisory Committee
Imperial County Transportation Commission
1503 N. Imperial Ave Suite 104
El Centro, CA 92243

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings in accordance with Assembly Bill (AB) 361

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

ICTC has been conducting remote public meetings since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in compliance with Governor's Orders N-29-20 and N-08-21. Governor's Orders N-29-20 and N-08-21 suspended the Ralph M. Brown Act's requirements for teleconferencing.

AB 361 will authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency. If the Technical Advisory Committee wishes to continue to offer a remote meeting option and to comply with AB 361, ICTC will need to adopt a resolution authorizing ICTC to host teleconference meetings in accordance with AB 361, if the Governor's declaration of a statewide emergency continues.

With ICTC Counsel's direction, the Executive Director forwards this item to the Technical Advisory Committee for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the resolution of the Imperial County Transportation Commission authorizing remote meetings in accordance with the provisions of the State Assembly Bill (AB) 361.
2. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Aguirre', is written over a horizontal line.

David Aguirre
Interim Executive Director

Attachments

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AUTHORIZING REMOTE MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS
OF STATE ASSEMBLY BILL 361.**

RESOLUTION NO._____

WHEREAS, the County of Imperial is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Imperial County Transportation Commission and other public meetings subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”); and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of State Assembly Bill 361 (“AB 361”), section 54963(e) of the California Government Code was amended to make provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a local legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of 54953(b)(3) of the California Government Code, subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to section 8625 of the California Government Code, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in section 8558 of the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed pursuant to his authority under 8625 of the California Government Code, that a state of emergency exists with regard to the novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, the Governor clarified that the “reopening” of California on June 15, 2021 did not include any change to the proclaimed state of emergency or the powers exercised thereunder; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to section 8629 of the California Government Code to lift the state of emergency, either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer for the County of Imperial has recommended that the local legislative bodies that are subject to the Brown Act continue to meet remotely when possible, and that social distancing continues to provide a means by which to reduce the transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Imperial County Transportation Commission believes that it is in the best interest of the public to continue holding remote meetings during the existing state of emergency in accordance with the requirements of AB 361.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Imperial County Transportation Commission resolves as follows:

- (1) The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
- (2) A proclaimed state of emergency exists as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (3) The Local Health Officer recommends that all local legislative bodies local legislative bodies that are subject to the Brown Act continue to meet remotely when possible, and that social distancing continues to provide a means by which to reduce the transmission of COVID-19
- (4) The staff of the Imperial County Transportation Commission are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution, including implementing social distancing measures at meetings, and conducting meetings in accordance with section 54953(e) of the California Government Code, and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.
- (5) This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of thirty (30) days from adoption of the Resolution or such time the Imperial County Transportation Commission takes action to extend the time during which it may continue to meet remotely without compliance with section 54953(b)(3) of the California Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Imperial County Transportation Commission, County of Imperial, State of California, this _____ day of _____ 2021, by the following roll call vote:

_____.

Chair of the TAC

ATTEST:

CRISTI LERMA
Clerk

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 27, 2022

Requesting a motion to adopt



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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES

October 27, 2022

Present:

Guillermo Sillas	City of Brawley
Lily Falomir	City of Calexico
George Galvan	City of Calipatria
Angel Hernandez	City of El Centro
Adriana Anguis	City of Holtville
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Ramiro Barajas	City of Westmorland
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Ismael Gomez	Imperial Irrigation District

Others:

Virginia Mendoza	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Angela Delgadillo	ICTC
Phillip Ramirez	City of Brawley
Felix De Leon	City of El Centro
Christian Rodriguez	City of El Centro
Yvonne Cordero	City of Imperial
Adolfo Garcia	County of Imperial
Jim Minnick	County of Imperial
Anna Strahan	Caltrans
Rafael Reyes	Caltrans
Sean Wilcock	IVEDC
Alessandra Muse	IVEDC

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present, and introductions were made. There were no public comments made.
2. Adopted resolution authorizing remote teleconference meeting in accordance with Assembly Bill 361. ICTC requested a motion to adopt. (Falomir/Villegas). **Motion Carried.**
3. A motion was made to adopt the minutes for September 22, 2022 (Atondo/Falomir) **Motion Carried.**

4. 2022 Mini Call for Projects- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Programming Project List – FFY 2025/26

(Presented by: Virginia Mendoza & Marlene Flores)

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

1. Approve the 2022 Mini Call for Projects -Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Programming Project List for FFY 2025/26; and
2. Direct staff to program projects in the next available Federal Transportation Improvement Program Formal Amendment.
 - A motion was made to approve the 2022 Mini Call for Projects CMAQ & STBG. (Atondo/Falomir) **Motion Carried.**

5. Updates on the Brawley Transit Corridor Brownfield Assessment and Southern Border Broadband Consortium (SBBC) Projects

(Presented by: IVEDC Staff)

- A presentation by Sean Wilcock and Alessandra Muse from the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation (IVEDC) was given.
- Mr. Wilcock provided program updates for EPA Brownfields.
- The Chai Property has its phase 1 complete and the phase 2 was not required. The property is now listed and being marketed for redevelopment.
- The Finnell Property has its phase 1 and 2 completed, the contamination identified, and the property owners are now equipped to secure independent clean up funding.
- The Lesika Property has its phase 1 and 2 completed and blighted property has been redeveloped.
- The Pioneers Property has its phase 1 completed and its phase 2 in process. A developer has chosen this property due to the grant funding that is offered.
- The Texaco Property had its phase 1 completed and its phase 2 in process. The property will be marketed for redevelopment.
- The Dek Property was poorly executed phase 1 completed by another firm. The brownfields program completed phase 2 and provided the technical assistance for project completion. The business is now in operation.
- Ms. Muse provided program updates for Southern Border Broadband Consortium (SBBC). In 2016, IVEDC formed the SBBC utilizing an initiative from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) along with representatives from all economic sectors to improve the availability and adoption of affordable broadband technology for unserved and underserved areas of Imperial and San Diego counties.
- Regional Broadband Consortium: In 2020, SBBC was approved for a second 3-year grant cycle with the CPUC's California Advanced Services Fund as the RBC for San Diego and Imperial Counties. Current Grant Cycle: November 1, 2020 - October 31, 2023 Ongoing Efforts: SBBC continues to work with ISPs to identify funding opportunities and project locations in San Diego and Imperial.
- In 2019, SBBC participated in the development of a Preferred Scenario for 98% broadband deployment of broadband in the region submitted to the CPUC.
- In 2022, SBBC completed a project facilitated by Caltrans to identify Transportation Broadband Strategies to Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled and Greenhouse Gases. Partners included SCAG and CETF.
- Get Connected California: A statewide mobilization to register low-income households with the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which offers discounted high-speed home

internet. For more information: [Internet for All Now: Bridging the Digital Divide in California](#)

- For more information or any questions/comments, please contact the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation at (760) 353-8332.

6. Caltrans and FHWA Peer Exchange Project Bundling Presentation:

(Presented by: Marlene Flores)

- Project bundling is a process by which a single contract award is used to deliver multiple preservation, rehabilitation, or replacement projects.
- Bundling projects leverages design and construction expertise and achieves economies of scale.
- Some key benefits for project bundling: reduce design and construction costs, improve project and program delivery time, deliver transportation benefits to public faster, and provide an alternative for small LPAs to build federal-aid projects through collaboration with LPA partners.
- FHWA will be providing more workshops and trainings as it moves along with the Pilot program. A variety of documents of examples on Project Bundling were given to TAC members.
- For more information on Project Bundling please visit: [EDC-5: Project Bundling | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)
- For any questions, please contact Virginia Mendoza at virginiamendoza@imperialctc.org or Marlene Flores at marleneflores@imperialctc.org.

7. Caltrans Updates / Announcements:

(Presented by: Rafael Reyes)

- SR-98 Widening Project: There has been good progress made to be completed before Thanksgiving. Stage 2 will begin after the holidays to minimize the impacts (traffic) to the businesses.
- Clean California Projects: Gateway beautification project at SR-7/Nina Lee Rd. A ceremony event took place earlier this week. The anticipated construction date would be in late December.
- El Centro median island improvements and bus shelters in Niland, Calipatria, and Holtville have been transmitted to the procurement and will be going out to bid next week. A contractor should be on board within the next few weeks.
- There are two remaining median island projects in El Centro that are pending some railroad agreements. The Brawley bus shelters are ready to go and will be put out in early 2023.
- Cycle 2 for Clean California Local Grant Program: Workshop #1- November 3, 2022 1:00 pm - 3:00pm.
- Federal Fiscal year Request for Authorization Obligations are due on January 31, 2023. Please prepare to send your RFA packages as soon as possible.

8. SCAG Updates / Announcements:

- Regional Early Action Program (REAP) 2.0 Program Update: There is funding available under this program that was presented to the TAC group last month.
- If you have any questions, please contact David Salgado at salgado@scag.ca.gov

9. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

- Each jurisdiction gave their update.

10. ICTC Updates / Announcements

(Presented by ICTC Staff)

a. Transit Planning Updates

- The Free Fares Program grant was approved for \$492K which will cover about 9 months of free fares for transit riders. In the month of November, a program is offered for free transportation for veterans for about a week. The annual “Stuff-A-Bus” campaign is coming soon as well. This campaign lets people ride the bus for free if they donate a canned good. Essentially, all the canned goods that are generated, are donated to the food bank prior to Thanksgiving holiday. These two programs will be put out for the public before the Free Fares Programs takes place. The Free Fares program will likely start around January 2023.

b. Transportation Planning Updates

- **Long Range Transportation Plan Outreach:**

- Project website is up and running with the deliverables. There are many upcoming outreaches that ICTC will be attending. This is the first. The second wave will take place in the Spring.

- Heber Fall Festival:

Saturday, October 29, 2022. Event starts at 4 p.m. Location: Tito Huerta Park, 1165 Palm Ave. Heber, CA 92249

- Holtville Farmers Market & Street Fair:

Saturday, November 5, 2022. Event starts at 11 a.m. Following Annual Veterans Day parade. Location: Holt Park, 121 W. 5th St. Holtville, CA 92250

- Cattle Call Chili Cookoff:

Saturday, November 5, 2022. Event Starts at 5 p.m. Location: Main St. & Plaza Park in Brawley, CA 92227

- **Local Partnership Formulaic Program (LPP) Update:**

- Deadline to submit LPP application: November 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

- **CMAQ & STBG FFY 2022/23:**

- A project list was provided to the TAC group.

11. General Discussion / New Business

Next TAC meeting will be November 17, 2022 via Zoom at ICTC offices.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

4. CALTRANS UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by Caltrans Staff



DISTRICT 11 LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER (DLAE) UPDATES
Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
November 17, 2022

Contact: Ben Guerrero, Local Area Engineer Benjamin.Guerrero@dot.ca.gov or 619-985-1492 (cell)

Inactive Projects

Projects must be billed within the specified and agreed-upon timeframe to avoid de-obligation of funds.

The “Inactive” and “Future Inactive” project list was updated **October 13, 2022**. Action is required by the County of Imperial.

November 9, 2022 was the deadline to submit “Inactive” invoices or a justification. District 11 must receive accurate and complete invoices to prevent de-obligation of federal funds! Verify on the “Inactive” link shown below for Inactive Project dates. **Any agency that does not invoice before “Inactive” status must submit a justification on the spreadsheet available for download through this updated link –**

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/inact/justification-inactive-projects-blank-form-20220208.xlsx>

Caltrans will communicate adverse actions, acceptance, or denial of project justifications.

A complete list of Inactive Projects – <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/inactive-projects>

Note: An invoice is not cleared from either “Inactive” or “Future Inactive” lists until paid by the State Controller’s Office. Provided local agencies adhere to the format described in Chapter 5 of the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM), invoices typically are paid by check within 60 days of receipt (or 50 days if paid through Electronic Funds Transfer).

Please notify Caltrans with any anticipated submittal date for a forthcoming inactive project invoice. FHWA now requires status updates quarterly. Email the Local Assistance Program Support Analyst, Alma Sanchez, at Alma.Sanchez@dot.ca.gov

January 31, 2023 – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 22/23 Requests for Authorization Obligations Due!

Funding Requests for Authorization (RFA) during this next federal fiscal year are due by January 31, 2023.

Note the **Obligation Authority (OA) funds for redistribution are dwindling faster than in prior years.** Also, make sure that funds are programmed appropriately. **Prepare to send RFA packages as soon as possible.**

Please transmit all RFA details on LAPM Exhibit 3-A and use the newest version from **January 2022** –

<https://forms.dot.ca.gov/v2Forms/servlet/FormRenderer?frmId=LAPM3A>

Clean California Local Grant Program – Call for Projects Anticipated in January 2023

The Clean California Local Grant Program is offering a second funding cycle! The program will continue providing communities with funding to beautify and improve public spaces that include streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers.

For more information, please click <https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grants/local-grant-program>

Preparation Schedule for California Transportation Commission (CTC) Allocation Requests

Please review the following schedule of meetings and prepare requests for California Transportation Commission (CTC) approval during the January 25-26, 2023, CTC meeting.

When possible, do not wait to submit requests. Caltrans District 11 must receive all documents at least two months prior to the desired CTC meeting date.

Friday, **November 25, 2022**, is the final deadline (for that January 25-26, 2023, CTC meeting).

2023 MEETING SCHEDULE
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Adopted June 29, 2022

JANUARY 25(W) – JANUARY 26(TH), 2023 – ROCKLIN

FEBRUARY 2023 – NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING

MARCH 22(W) – 23(TH), 2023 – LOS ANGELES AREA

APRIL 2022 – NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING

April 12(W) & 13(TH) – Town Hall Meeting – Redding

TBD – Joint CTC/CARB/HCD Meeting — TBD

MAY 17(W) – 18(TH), 2023 – BAY AREA

JUNE 28(W) – 29(TH), 2023 – SACRAMENTO

JULY 2023 – NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING

AUGUST 16(W) – 17(TH), 2023 – SAN DIEGO

SEPTEMBER 2023 – NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING

September 20(W) & 21(TH) – Town Hall Meeting – San Benito

OCTOBER 18(W) – 19(TH), 2022 – CENTRAL VALLEY

TBD – Tri-State Meeting –

NOVEMBER 2023 – NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING

TBD – Joint CTC/CARB/HCD Meeting – TBD

DECEMBER 6(W) – 7(TH), 2023 – RIVERSIDE



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Projects with Lapsing Project End Dates (PED)

Project phases must be complete or approved for time extensions during the specified and agreed-upon timeframe to avoid de-obligation of funds.

On **October 2, 2022**, the list of active project end dates was updated. To avoid expiration, action is required by ICTC and the County of Imperial, as well as the City of Calexico.

A complete PED list – <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/projects-with-expiring-end-dates>

To initiate an extension or for further assistance, please contact the Local Area Engineer, Benjamin Guerrero.

Cooperative Training Assistance Program (CTAP) – New Learning Opportunities! (mostly online)

Access the new Cooperative Training Assistance Program (CTAP) website to register for subsidized, practical training for transportation professionals in California's cities, counties, tribal and regional transportation agencies. Send any questions to the CTAP Registrar: CA-CTAP@csus.edu

Familiar courses include:

- Federal Aid Series
- Resident Engineers Academy
- Procedures for Right of Way Acquisition

Both the Federal Aid Series and Resident Engineers Academy courses fill-up quickly. Please enroll early!

Schedule is available at the following link – <https://ca-ctap.org/?pid=1609>

Recordings of several trainings are online.

The Active Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) offers customized training at no cost. The following link has more information – <https://caatpresources.org/1502>. To request training, contact ATRC@csus.edu

For questions about additional training opportunities, please contact the District 11 Local Assistance Training Coordinator, Alma Sanchez, via email at Alma.Sanchez@dot.ca.gov or by phone 619-987-0766.

Division of Local Assistance Blog (LAB)

Caltrans Local Assistance Blog (LAB) clarifies and contributes to successful delivery of transportation projects using federal resources – LocalAssistanceBlog.com

Invoice Form Required (updated August 2020)

Please transmit all invoices on *LAPM* Exhibit 5-A (use the **August 2020** version).

These following links have details and instructions –

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/local-agency-invoice-process>

<https://forms.dot.ca.gov/v2Forms/servlet/FormRenderer?frmid=LAPM5A>

With any questions, please contact either the assigned Local Area Engineer or the Local Assistance Program Support Analyst, Alma Sanchez, via email at Alma.Sanchez@dot.ca.gov or phone 619-987-0766.



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Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Update

As a reminder, *Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM)* Exhibit 9-F must accompany every invoice that involves payment to a DBE subcontractor.

Annual FFY Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal and Methodology Proposal information is online – <http://www.localassistanceblog.com/2021/10/06/annual-disadvantaged-business-enterprise-goal>

Title VI Nondiscrimination Program

Caltrans Division of Local Assistance delivered training for Local Public Agencies (LPA) to implement the federally mandated Title VI program. This training provides the LPA with FHWA requirements of Title VI to incorporate nondiscrimination principles and provisions in all locally administered federal-funded programs, plans, and activities.

Additional Title VI resources and recordings of training are available on this webpage –

<https://californiaportal.org/index.cfm?pid=1579>

A reminder for local agencies to comply with all Title VI requirements. See *Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM)* Section 9.2, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and Related Statutes:

Title VI and the additional nondiscrimination requirements are applicable to all programs and activities administered by a recipient, in addition to programs receiving federal financial assistance, due to the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987. Nondiscrimination provisions apply to all programs and activities of federal-aid recipients, subrecipients, and contractors, regardless of tier (49 CFR part 21).

Effective September 17, 2020, all local agencies are required to insert the clause from Appendix E of the Title VI Assurance in each federal-aid contract. U.S. Department of Transportation Order No.1050.2 requires Appendix E, which is not included in Exhibit 4-C: Master Agreement – Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal-Aid Projects. All local agencies must include the provisions indicated in Appendices A – E of the Title VI Assurances in all federal-aid contracts between an agency and a contractor.

The requirements also include providing and maintaining the following, as detailed in *LAPM* Section 9.2: Title VI Nondiscrimination Statement, Assurances (as part of the Master Agreement and Program Supplement Agreement), Designation of a Title VI Coordinator, Complaint Procedures, Data Collection, Training, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) accessibility, Dissemination of Information, Contracts and Agreements, Environmental Justice, Public Hearings and Meetings, Right-of-Way activities, Construction Contract Compliance, Monitoring, and others.

Note that an agency is subject to Title VI program and compliance review at any time.

Link to guidance for Title VI complaints - dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/guidance-and-oversight/title-vi

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document linked below has further details –

localassistanceblog.com/2020/10/29/frequently-asked-questions-faq-new-resource-for-appendix-e-of-the-title-vi-assurances

5. SCAG UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by SCAG Staff

Memorandum

Date: November 9, 2022
To: ICTC Management and Commission Meeting
From: David Salgado, Regional Affairs Officer (RAO)
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 Committee meeting for the month of November 2022.

1. REGISTRATION OPEN: SCAG 2022 ECONOMIC SUMMIT

On Thursday, Dec. 1, SCAG will host the 13th annual Southern California Economic Summit at the Sheraton Grand in downtown Los Angeles. **The theme of this year's summit is "Resourcing the Region."** Southern California is uniquely rich in both natural and economic resources.

Register to join us! Elected officials and city managers may attend for free. Learn more and register to attend at scag.ca.gov/economicsummit.

2. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PROGRAM (REAP) 2.0 PROGRAM UPDATE

Since the approval of the REAP 2.0 Program Framework by the Regional Council (RC) in July, staff has continued outreach efforts to develop specific programs using the framework as a guiding document. This has included targeted outreach to the Subregional Councils of Governments to inform the development of the Subregional Partnership Program 2.0 Guidelines, engagement with the County Transportation Commissions (CTC) to better understand opportunities and define project concepts to be incorporated into CTC Partnership Program, and soliciting feedback on the program guidelines for the Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice. Most recently, SCAG held a series of 20 engagement activities to refine the development of the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) program through one-on-one meetings, listening sessions and presentations. These engagements allowed SCAG staff to solicit stakeholder input on the proposed focus areas and prioritization of projects.

As SCAG continues to shape the program, staff will engage stakeholders through various outreach efforts that target disadvantaged communities. Program guidelines will be brought to policy committees and the RC for approval. Key program updates to highlight include: the CTC Partnership Program guidelines are currently available for public comment and will be recommended for approval

at the Transportation Committee (TC) and RC in November 2022, after being presented to TC on Oct. 6. The PATH program is also currently available for public comment, and after being presented to the Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Policy Committee on Oct. 6, will be recommended for approval at CEHD and RC on Nov. 3. The SCP Call 4 guidelines are planned to be approved by the RC in January 2023. Staff will seek authorization from the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) to submit the final REAP 2.0 program application to the state before the Dec. 31 deadline.

More information on SCAG's REAP program can be found at scag.ca.gov/reap2021.

3. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (SCP) CALL 4: VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION 1 NOVEMBER 10, 2022 - 5:00PM - 6:30PM

SCAG will host two virtual information sessions for attendees to learn about the Sustainable Communities Program Call for Applications, focused on Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice. SCAG is postponing the scheduled release of the Call for Applications to January 2023 to make funding available from multiple funding sources. We invite you to join us at one of the upcoming information sessions.

The workshops will cover updates to the funding program including: applicant eligibility, project categories and eligible uses, application schedule and process, evaluation criteria, and contracting and reporting requirements including possible metrics that could be used to measure impact. Participants will also be encouraged to ask questions during the session and will be offered opportunities to set up additional application coaching sessions with SCAG staff following the session.

To learn more about the program and view recordings of previous Information Sessions, please visit the [Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice website](#). Please contact Anita Au, Senior Regional Planner, for more information at au@scag.ca.gov. Our team looks forward to continued conversation together.

4. SCAG LEADERSHIP: CURT HAGMAN ELECTED AS REGIONAL COUNCIL SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

As recommended by the Nominating Committee, the Regional Council today approved the election of San Bernardino County Supervisor Curt Hagman for the position of Second Vice President for the balance of the 2022-2023 term. This was a special election resulting from a vacancy.

5. HOUSING LEGISLATION FORUM: NOVEMBER 15, 2022 - 1:00PM - 3:00PM

SCAG will host its fourth Housing Policy Forum entitled "California's 2022 Housing Legislation and Budget: What You Need to Know." The SCAG Housing Policy Forum Series offers an opportunity

for emerging and established leaders to engage in shared learning about housing policy issues and trends while identifying opportunities for cross-sector collaboration and innovation.

6. SECURING FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE IIJA AND IRA

Toolbox Tuesday Money Monday Session: NOVEMBER 21, 2022 - 1:00PM - 2:30PM

With the one-year anniversary of the passage of the historic Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) approaching and the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), there is unprecedented opportunity for local governments to secure critical federal funding to invest in infrastructure and to mitigate the impacts of climate change. This presentation will provide an overview of the IIJA funding that has been released; key criteria that the Administration has used to evaluate funding proposals and tips for successful applications; as well as upcoming opportunities for both IIJA and IRA.

Toolbox Tuesdays provide training on a range of practical skills and knowledge for local planning practitioners including training in the use of technology and education for practical approaches to timely issues. All classes and webinars are COMPLIMENTARY for staff of SCAG-member local governments and other SCAG partners in Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties. Private sector planners, non-profit staff, academics and students are welcome to attend. **Register online here!** <https://form.jotform.com/SCAGweb/toolbox-tuesday>

7. LOCAL DATA EXCHANGE PROCESS FOR CONNECT SOCIAL 2024

SCAG's Local Data Exchange, or LDX, is a foundational step in developing Connect SoCal 2024, SCAG's next Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. The objective of the LDX process is to engage with the 191 cities and six counties that make up our region to develop the Forecasted Regional Development Pattern and seek input on other elements of the plan.

Over the course of 2022, SCAG Local Information Services Team (LIST) plans to meet one-on-one (approximately 90 minutes) with all local jurisdictions to discuss the maps in their local context, provide background on the development of Connect SoCal 2024, and provide training on available tools in the Regional Data Platform to local jurisdictions. To date, LIST members have met one-on-one for LDX meetings with 90 jurisdictions in the region. Detailed information about the LDX process can be found in a letter that was sent via email to all City Managers and Planning Directors on May 23 from Sarah Jepson, SCAG Planning Director. For Imperial, Los Angeles and Ventura County jurisdictions, please select a meeting time at your earliest convenience. Please reach out to LIST at list@scag.ca.gov for any questions.

6. CITIES AND COUNTY PLANNING/ PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

7. ICTC UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by ICTC Staff

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FFY22/23 Federal Funded Project Obligation List

Updated on 10/21/2022

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 2022/23. (Starting October 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2023)

Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Funding Type	Programming Phase	Federal Amount in FY 2022/23 (in 000's)	Obligation Status/ Notes
Brawley	IMP220601	Traffic Signal Synchronization & Intelligent Transportation Systems on Main St. from Western Ave. to Best Ave., and on 8th St. from Main St. to B St.	CMAQ	CON	\$700	
Calexico	IMP220602	Sidewalk Improvement Project on Grant Street between Pierce Avenue and Emilia Drive, Calexico Street between Adler Avenue to Kloke Avenue, Van de Graaf between Cole Boulevard and Calexico 10 Theaters	CMAQ	CON	\$230	
Calexico	IMP220609	Cole Boulevard between M.L. King and Bowker Road Rehabilitation Project	STBG	CON	\$1,416	
Holtville	IMP220605	East 9th Street Pedestrian Improvements Project from Ash Avenue to Oak Avenue	CMAQ	CON	\$400	
Holtville	IMP2206012	West 9th Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project Between Melon Road and Olive Avenue	STBG	ENG	\$53	
Imperial	IMP220606	Aten Boulevard Class II Bike Lane from Vilore Way to Austin Road	CMAQ	CON	\$404	
Imperial	IMP2206013	Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project Between Vilore Way and Old SR-56	STBG	CON	\$1,136	
					\$4,339	

CON- Construction
PE- Design
R/W- Right of Way
RFA- Request for Authorization
CMAQ- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
STBG- Surface Transportation Block Grant



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Memorandum

Date: November 1, 2022
To: ICTC Commission Members
From: David Aguirre, Interim Executive Director
Re: Executive Director's Report

The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Commission meeting on November 9, 2022.

- 1) **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. Discussions have been on-going through to this week of March 15, 2021. 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, and construction of the canopy, lighting related to the canopy, and traffic related improvements required by Caltrans. Border Patrol has 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 and obtaining Caltrans Permits and Environmental Clearance.

- 2) **Funding for Phase II of the Calexico West Port of Entry:** As previously noted, Congress authorized \$98 million for Phase 1. The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) began construction for Phase 1 in December 2015 with completion now scheduled for July 2018. Phase 2A was awarded in the amount of \$191million and will include six additional northbound privately-owned vehicle (POV) inspection lanes, permanent southbound POV inspection, expanded secondary inspection and adding a pre-primary canopy, new administration building, and employee parking structure. *Funding for phase 2B was awarded in the amount of \$103.4 million. Work for phase 2B will include demolition of the old port building and construction of the new pedestrian building. The total estimated investment for the Calexico West POE improvements are \$416.2 million. Construction efforts for the West Port of Entry are anticipated to begin on September 26, 2022. Noticing information pertaining to lane closures and closure times, adjustments to the East Port of Entry passenger vehicle operating hours and other items have been distributed and shared via multiple media outlets including ICTC's*

website at [Canopy construction at the Calexico West Port of Entry to impact vehicle traffic | Imperial County Transportation Commission \(imperialctc.org\)](http://www.imperialctc.org)

- 3) **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) 2022 Call for Projects – FFY 2022/2023 to FFY 2024/2025:** The STBG and CMAQ Call for Projects began on November 18, 2021. The approved 2022 CMAQ & STBG Guidelines are posted on the ICTC website at <http://www.imperialctc.org/call-for-projects/>. Applications were submitted on Friday, February 25, 2022 to ICTC office. All agencies submitted with the exception of the City of Westmorland and IID. A total of 10 STBG and 11 CMAQ applications were received by ICTC. Funding requests exceed the CMAQ and STBG amounts available for the three (3) fiscal years.

Program	Total Amount Available	Amount Requested by All Applicants
CMAQ	\$5,222,306	\$9,136,697
STBG	\$7,706,117	\$16,640,508

Technical staff representing all the cities and county participated in a scoring and ranking meeting on March 17, 2022, at the ICTC offices. This item was approved by the Commission on April, 27, 2022. ICTC staff worked with local agency staff and programmed all approved projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Additionally, in response to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) corrective action of future CMAQ and STBG funds, ICTC staff has worked with member agency staff and completed a mini call for projects for FFY 2025/26 CMAQ and STBG funds. On Thursday, October 6th all member agencies reviewed and ranked projects submitted for FFY2025/26 funding. *Project list recommendation was reviewed and approved for recommendation by TAC on October 27, 2022 and will be presented for Management Committee and Commission consideration in the November meetings.*

- 4) **IVRMA – Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Amendment:** *IVRMA has been working with all member agencies towards completing various amendments to the existing IVRMA JPA. The proposed amendments include required newly adopted legislation language and the expansion of services that the IVRMA is anticipated to provide to the member agencies. The member agencies took action during the month of September 2022 to adopt the amended JPA. The IVRMA board approved the amended JPA at the September 2022 board meeting. IVRMA will be forwarding the fully executed amendment to CalRecycle for approval.*
- 5) **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.*
- 6) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** The September 8, 2022, IMBA meeting was held in the City of Calexico and included updates on Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening project, Calexico West Port of Entry Phase 2A and 2B, Lithium Valley, education, Calexico East Port of Entry Gateway project. *The next IMBA meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2022, in the City of Mexicali. The meeting will be available via Zoom and in-person.*
- 7) **Regional Active Transportation Program:** ICTC staff has been working with staff from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in the development of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) guidelines. The ATP is funded from 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 2023 ATP (Cycle 6) 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 2023 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 is waiting for state scoring of ATP applications from Imperial County. Once received, the scoring and ranking of the additional 20 points will be evaluated and presented to TAC, Management Committee and Commission for approval consideration.*

- 8) **2022 Long Range Transportation Plan:** The ICTC in its capacity as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency is responsible to lead the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in Imperial County. The last update to the LRTP was conducted in 2013. ICTC staff completed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to prepare a full update of the Imperial County LRTP. Michael Baker International was the selected consultant. The goal of the LRTP is to provide the following:
- Identify and promote the relationship between the transportation system to existing and future land use and community comprehensive plans and programs.
 - Provide guidance to promote the improvement of multi-modal transportation circulation of people and goods, using both motorized and non-motorized transportation modes, new technologies and infrastructure facilities.
 - Recommendations and guidance to provide a safe, efficient, accessible, socially equitable and cost-effective transportation system.
 - Ensure compliance with state and federal transportation planning regulations
 - Develop recommendations that ensure environmentally sustainable planning practices.

The consultant team continues to work on the existing conditions technical memorandum. The first TAC meeting was held on March 30, 2022, that was attended by a diverse stakeholder group comprised of local, regional, environmental justice groups and economic development organizations. In addition, an all-day event with six (6) subgroup meetings was held on April 6, 2022, that encompassed subgroups for:

- Highways and Local Roadways
- Border and Goods Movement
- Pedestrian, Bicycles and Microbility
- Transit and Paratransit / Senior and Disabled Service
- Environmental and Environmental Justice
- Developers / Economic Development / Small Business Liaison

The Consultant has completed drafts of the Existing Conditions technical memorandum and Transportation Issues and Strategies technical memorandum. Both technical memorandums are under review by TAC members. To access the draft document, please visit the project website located at <https://ictc-lrtp2023.org/new-page-2>. The second TAC meeting was conducted on September 22, 2022, where both technical memorandums were summarized and available for TAC member review. The Consultant team has draft listing of Projects and Program listing and is conducting one-on-one meetings with local agencies for input.

Outreach activities for the Long Range Transportation Program have been scheduled in conjunction with community events for the following days:

- *Heber Fall Festival: Saturday, October 29, at 4 p.m. Tito Huerta Park, 1165 Palm Avenue, in Heber*
- *Holtville Farmers Market & Street Fair: Saturday, November 5, at 11 a.m. following the annual Veterans Day Parade at Holt Park, 121 W. 5th St., in Holtville*
- *Brawley Cattle Call Chili Cook-off: Saturday, November 5, at 5 p.m. on Main Street and Plaza Park, in Brawley*

- 9) **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 the City of Calexico's private transit operators, taxis and farm labor buses. ICTC received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal program fund to complete the environmental and design plans of the new Calexico ITC. ICTC staff is in the process of completing the contract award for a consultant firm that will complete the environmental and design phase. Currently, ICTC staff is completing the Caltrans award review process with multiple Caltrans' departments. The ICTC Board adopted the agreement with Psomas on September 26, 2018. Environmental phase

has been completed. *Design was completed in the month of April 2022 and Right of Way Acquisition is underway. ICTC is exploring funding opportunities to complete the required construction efforts.*

- 10) **Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project:** The Project proposes to widen the bridge over the All-American Canal at the U.S./Mexico border approximately 0.7 miles south of State Route (SR) 7. The project proposes to widen the existing structure by adding four-lanes: Two New Northbound Auto Lanes and Two New Northbound Commercial Vehicle Lanes. In May 2018, Caltrans and ICTC received \$3,000,000 from the California Transportation Commission and the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the project. In June 2018, Caltrans completed a Project Initiation Document (PID). In Fall of 2018, the PA/ED phase was initiated by Caltrans, technical studies for the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) document under Caltrans as the NEPA lead are in progress and is scheduled for completion in May 2020. In December 2018, ICTC was awarded \$20 million under the U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD discretionary grant program to complete the Design-Build construction phase. ICTC subsequently received TCEP in the amount of \$7.4 Million for construction efforts. *The design portion of the project is complete. The project construction is underway, and construction is anticipated to be completed in early 2023.*
- 11) **Potential Bus Stop in Calipatria:** ICTC has evaluated all of its fixed route service routes to attempt to provide service to the east side of Calipatria. Staff conducted time trials as well utilized several types of buses to verify buses would not have issues with other existing stops within proposed routes. Potential stops for the area include a stop along Commercial Avenue and potentially another stop near Alexandria Street. Staff is proposing to utilize its IVC Express route to potentially service the area. ICTC and City staff have begun coordination to implement infrastructure associated with the bus stop(s). *ICTC has begun utilizing the IVC Express route to service both bus stops along the east side (intersection of Bonita Place and Commercial Avenue) and (intersection of Alexandria Street and Brown Avenue) of Calipatria. The City of Calipatria has engaged its engineering team to review applicable infrastructure needs. ICTC has received a proposed cost to complete the infrastructure improvements. ICTC is pursuing a grant opportunity to fund the Calipatria bus stops in addition to other bus stops. Additional updates pertaining to this item are to follow.*
- 12) **Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) FREE FARES PROGRAM:** On August 7, 2020, the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) announced the implementation of a **Free Fares Program** for various Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) services. Eligible services include IVT Fixed Route, IVT Circulators (Blue, Green and Gold Lines), IVT ACCESS and IVT RIDE (EL Centro, Imperial, Heber, Brawley, Calexico, Westshores). All passengers are eligible to benefit from the Free Fares Program. The fares are subsidized by a State of California grant and fare contributions to IVT RIDE passengers by the County of Imperial's Area Agency for the Aging (AAA). *ICTC was able to secure a new grant to provide free fares for all of its transit programs. ICTC is currently working on program rollout.*
- 13) **State Route 98 Widening from Ollie to Rockwood:** As part of the Calexico West POE Expansion project, SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Boulevard were widened and improved to serve the expansion to the west. Caltrans' SR-98 work between VV Williams and Ollie Avenue was completed in March 2018, and the Cesar Chavez Blvd. Widening was completed in October 2019. Caltrans has completed the design and right of way phase for SR-98 Widening between Rockwood Avenue and Ollie Avenue. On June 24, 2020, CTC authorized construction funding. The total project cost is estimated at \$7 million using a combination of 2016 Earmark Repurposing, Demonstration, Traffic Congestion Relief, ICTC and local funds. *The construction start date was delayed to due to environmental impacts and other utility projects in progress within the project area. Construction of the project began on August 6, 2021. The existing contractor of the project has been removed. Caltrans has secured a new temporary contractor to complete the project improvements from Ollie Avenue to Highway 111. Construction activities have commenced and are anticipated to be completed prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.*
- 14) **State and Federal Local funding Obligations:** Projects programmed in programmed in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019/2020 were fully obligated according to Caltrans Local Assistance. Beginning October 1, 2020, agencies can move forward with request for authorization (RFA) for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) programmed in FFY 2020/2021. Other state funding also

included in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) include the Active Transportation Program (ATP).

- 15) **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

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- 16) **State Legislation for Transportation Funding – SB 1 Local Partnership Program (LPP):** Local Partnership Program is comprised of formulaic program and competitive programs. The Local Partnership Formulaic Program (LPFP) funds share distributions for Cycle 3 are in the amount of \$1,549,000. Cycle 3 LPFP funds must be programmed and allocated in FY 2022-2023 and before June 30, 2023. The Program guidelines require a 50% match, project nomination forms must be collected by ICTC and submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for programming approval. Subsequently, the cities/county must submit allocation request to the CTC for use of funds. A one time extension is allowed for allocation approval by the CTC for up to 12 months. If both programming, allocation, and/or time extension is approved by June 30, 2023, funds will lapse.

ICTC staff is preparing to initiate the funding distribution discussion with member agency staff at the TAC meeting in August 25, 2022. Upon review and recommendations received by TAC members, project nomination forms will be gathered and presented to the ICTC Management and Commission in the September or October meetings.

The following is the link to the 2019 Local Partnership Program guidelines:

http://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/lpp/docs/062719+Amended_LPP%20Guidelines.pdf

17) Partnerships with IVEDC:

- **Southern Border Broadband Consortium (SBBC):** SBBC continues to work with local stakeholders to identify, prioritize and advance broadband infrastructure and improvement projects; facilitate and promote broadband education community wide using survey data; work with the Boys and Girls Club of IV and the Workforce Development Board to create Digital Literacy Centers throughout Imperial County; and develop a preferred scenario for 98% deployment in Imperial County and present to the California Advanced Service Fund and the CPUC. On October 10, 2022, Southern Border Broadband Consortium was notified of payment approval for reimbursements of Year 2, Quarters 3 and 4, and Year 3, Quarters 1, 2, 3 and 4. Budget Recap:

Cycle 1: 2017-2020

Original Grant Amount: \$450,000.00

Total Reimbursements Received to Date: \$109,369.48

Reimbursements Submitted and Pending Approval: \$28,919.99

Dates Covered	Quarter	Reimbursement Amount	Payment Status
4/1/17 – 7/31/17	Y1Q1	\$19,384.62	Received on 03/15/2018
8/1/17 – 9/30/17	Y1Q2	\$27,792.18	Received on 08/24/2018
10/1/17 – 3/31/18	Y1Q3	\$28,919.99	Requested, Not Yet Received

4/1/18 – 6/30/18	Y1Q4	\$21,165.69	Received on 09/03/2019
7/1/18 – 9/30/18	Y2Q1	\$20,604.88	Received on 09/03/2019
10/1/18 – 12/31/18	Y2Q2	\$20,422.11	Received on 09/03/2019
1/01/19 – 3/31/19	Y2Q3	\$25,344.08	Approved, Not Yet Received
4/1/19 – 6/30/19	Y2Q4	\$21,583.12	Approved, Not Yet Received
7/1/19 – 9/30/19	Y3Q1	\$24,337.72	Approved, Not Yet Received
10/01/19 – 12/31/19	Y3Q2	\$20,379.71	Approved, Not Yet Received
1/1/20 – 3/31/20	Y3Q3	\$15,040.56	Approved, Not Yet Received
4/1/20 – 6/30/20	Y3Q4	\$17,015.71	Approved, Not Yet Received
	TOTALS	\$261,990.37	

- **The Brawley Transit Corridor Brownfield Assessment:** ICTC in partnership with IVEDC received a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Communitywide Assessment Grant award of \$300,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency’s Brownfields Assessment Program. This assessment is focused along the transit circulator route within the 13-mile Imperial Valley Transit’s (IVTs) Brawley Gold Line Transit Route and the Brawley Transit Center that serves as the IVTs North Imperial County transfer terminal. The commercial corridors in the target assessment area include over 100 known commercial properties and suspected historical gas station sites with known or suspected underground tanks in the target area. ICTC is the fiscal agent and has developed an MOU which will define roles and responsibilities (Audits, Administration and Project Management) of ICTC and IVEDC. SCS Engineers Tasks include the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and project management plan as required by EPA. *As of October 19, 2022, there is a remaining grant balance of \$49,398. Of the \$49,398, \$46,159 is the remaining contract balance for SCS Engineers. IVEDC Staff provided an update at the Commission meeting on September 28, 2022.*

18) Meetings attended on behalf of ICTC:

- Various Weekly Reoccurring Calexico East POE Bridge Widening Project Meetings
- Various Weekly Project Specific Meetings
- October 12, 2022 – ICTC Management Committee Meeting at the ICTC Offices
- October 18, 2022 – SCAG & CTC Planning Directors Briefing via zoom meeting
- October 19, 2022 – SR115 - Orchard Road meeting
- October 26, 2022 – ICTC Commission Meeting at the ICTC Offices and via zoom meeting
- October 26, 2022 – Community Resource Fair in Westmorland (attended by Mobility staff)
- October 26, 2022 – Safety and Wellness Fair in Calipatria (attended by Mobility staff)
- October 27, 2022 – ICTC TAC Meeting at the ICTC Offices and via zoom meeting
- October 27, 2022 – IVRMA TAC Meeting at the ICTC Offices and via zoom meeting
- October 27, 2022 – Community Resource Fair in Niland (attended by Mobility staff)
- October 27, 2022 – ICTC Long Range Transportation Plan Agency Meeting(s) at the ICTC Offices and via zoom meeting
- October 27, 2022 – League of California Cities, Imperial County Division Meeting in Calexico
- November 2, 2022 – ICTC SSTAC Meeting at the ICTC Offices and via zoom meeting
- November 2, 2022 – ICTC Long Range Transportation Plan Agency meeting with Dean Nuñez of San Diego State University Imperial Valley campus
- November 3, 2022 – SCAG Regional Council meeting via zoom meeting