



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, May 25, 2023
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: In person at the ICTC Offices or Via Zoom for Non -Voting Members & the Public

Chairperson: City of Calipatria

Vice-Chair: City of El Centro

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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. **Adoption of Minutes for April 27, 2023** *ACTION*
Requesting a motion to adopt
3. **Project Implementation Process-Federal & State Funds** *Information Item*
Presented by ICTC Staff
4. **ICTC Updates / Announcements** *10 minutes*
Presented by ICTC Staff
 1. Transit Updates
 - UTN (Unmet Transit Needs)
 - Zero Emission Bus Plan
 - Bus Stop Improvements
 - Free Fares Program
 2. Transportation Planning Updates
 - Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update
 - 2023 Local Transportation Climate Adaption Program Guidelines
5. **Caltrans Updates/ Announcements** *10 minutes*
Presented by Caltrans Staff
6. **SCAG Updates/ Announcements** *10 minutes*
Presented by SCAG Staff
7. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates** *10 minutes*
All
8. **General Discussion / New Business** *10 minutes*
9. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 22, 2023. For questions you may call Marlene Flores at (760) 592-4494 or contact by email at marleneflores@Imperiaetc.org

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 27, 2023

Requesting a motion to adopt



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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

April 27, 2023

Present:

Phillip Ramirez	City of Brawley
Lily Falomir	City of Calexico
Francisco Barba	City of Calipatria
Felix De Leon	City of El Centro
Adriana Anguis	City of Holtville
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Ismael Gomez	Imperial Irrigation District

Others:

Virginia Mendoza	ICTC
Cristi Lerma	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Juan Manuel Cabrera	City of Brawley
Ismael Garcia	County of Imperial
Adolfo Garcia	County of Imperial
Nick Ventrilla	Caltrans
Maria Ibarra	Caltrans
Michaela Howard	Caltrans
Robin Owen	Caltrans
Byran Ott	Caltrans
Kevin Hovey	Caltrans
Rafael Reyes	Caltrans
David Salgado	SCAG
Jacob Noonan	SCAG
Alisha James	SCAG
Manuel Ortiz	Imperial Irrigation District
Garrett Fortin	SafeTREC

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was present, and introductions were made. There were no public comments made.
2. A *motion* was made to adopt the minutes for March 23, 2023 (Atondo/Anguis) **Motion Carried.**

3. Technical Assistance Opportunities for Pedestrian and Bike Safety

(Presented by: Garrett Fortin, SafeTREC)

- A brief presentation was given by Garrett Fortin from SafeTREC on Technical Assistance opportunities for Pedestrian and Bike Safety.
- Detailed Menu: https://safetrec.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/2023_fr_ta_detailed_menu.pdf
- For more information, please contact fortinga@berkeley.edu

4. Caltrans District 11's Small Business Program

(Presented by: Maria Ibarra, Caltrans)

- A brief presentation was given by Maria Ibarra and Michelle Gongora from Caltrans District 11 on Doing Business with Caltrans District 11 (serving San Diego and Imperial County).
- For more information, please contact D11.SmallBusiness@dot.ca.gov

5. REAP 2.0 Program Update

(Presented by: Alisha James, SCAG)

- A brief presentation was given by Alisha James from SCAG on REAP 2.0 Call for Applications.
- RUSH Industry Forum: <https://scag.ca.gov/post/regional-utilities-supporting-housing-rush-industry-forum>

6. ICTC Updates / Announcements

(Presented by ICTC Staff)

a. Transit Planning Updates

- Drivers, utility workers, and maintenance staff are currently on strike associated with the operator First Transit. The Union, which covers the drivers, utility workers, and maintenance staff, was elected to go on strike on April 25th. Since then, IV Transit has been operating daily while obtaining other drivers from other locations. Due to the strike, the Saturday schedule is being operated. All services are still available but limited. ICTC Staff have been to all the communities, having conversations with the public trying to use the transit service. All information was posted on social media and on the website. While the strike is going on, ICTC is not charging any fares on all services given the inconvenience.

b. Transportation Planning Updates

• Local Partnership Program (LPP) Update:

- Because local agencies chose to combine their cycle 3 and cycle 4 funding, agencies must allocate their funds by **June 30, 2023**.
- If the agency is not planning to allocate, an allocation extension should be submitted to Caltrans Local Assistance no later than the June 30th meeting.

• Federal & State Project Listing for FFY 2022-23:

- Each jurisdiction gave its update.

7. Caltrans Updates / Announcements:

(Presented by: Rafael Reyes and Robin Owen)

- SR-98 Widening Project: Stage 2 construction is currently underway. About 40% has been completed. The target completion date will be mid May 2023.
- I-8 Colorado River Bridge Rehab: Construction started in February 2023 and estimated completion is early 2024. The total project cost is estimated at \$11.1 million.
- Clean California Projects: The bus shelter projects in Niland, Calipatria, and Holtville are currently underway. There have been some delays, however, are still in process.
- June 9, 2023 was the deadline to submit Inactive invoices or justification.
- January 31, 2023 – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 22/23 Requests for Authorization Obligations

- Due! Please submit RFA packages as soon as possible.
- April 28, 2023 Clean California Local Grant Program – Cycle 2 Call for Projects Applications
Due: <https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grants/local-grant-program>
 - May 9, 2023 – Reconnecting Communities: “Highways to Boulevards” Pilot Program Workshop # 4
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/rc-h2b> Page 1
 - The next CTC meeting is on March 22, 2023. The following will be on May 17, 2023. To submit for the May 17th CTC Meeting the deadline will be March 17, 2023.
 - Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant – Feb. 28, 2023: Deadline is February 28, 2023
 - April 28, 2023 (Friday) – Local Assistance Program Funding Opportunities Statewide Webinar
 - July 10, 2023 – Deadline for Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program
 - June 1, 2023 – Annual Deadline for *Local Assistance Procedures Manual* Exhibits 9-B & 9-C!
 - Cooperative Training Assistance Program (CTAP) – New Learning Opportunities! (“live” & virtual)
 - <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/wildlife-crossings>
 - FHWA Wildlife Crossings Grant Program due on August 1, 2023
 - Federal Aid Series and the Resident Engineers Academy, both of which fill quickly. “Live” on-site classroom delivery will be returning soon. Please enroll early!
 - Schedule is available here – <https://ca-ctap.org/?pid=1609> Recordings of several trainings are online.

8. SCAG Updates / Announcements:

(Presented by: David Salgado)

- No updates were given.

9. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

- Each jurisdiction gave their update.

10. General Discussion / New Business

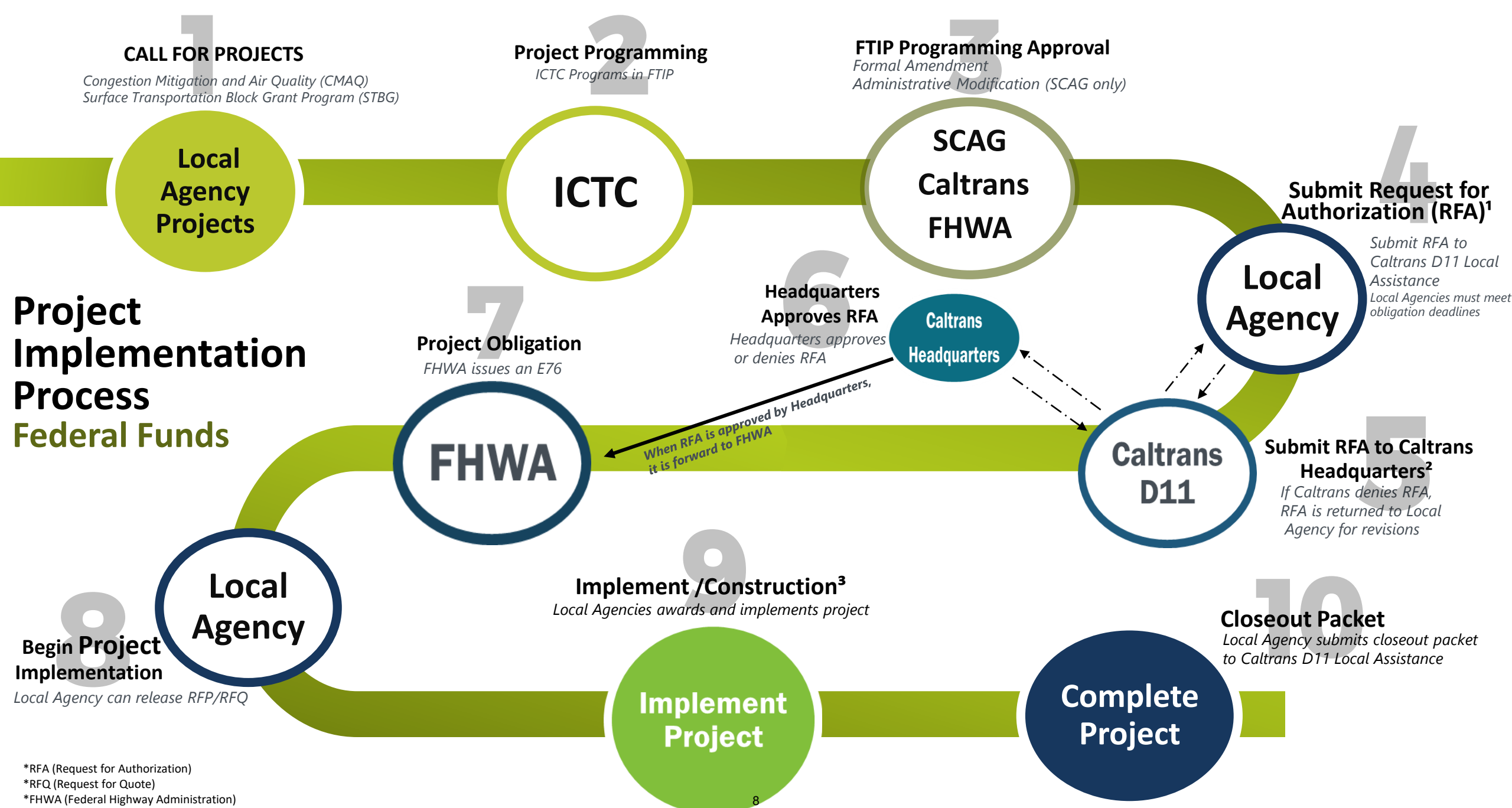
No new business was discussed.

Next TAC meeting will be May 25, 2023, via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

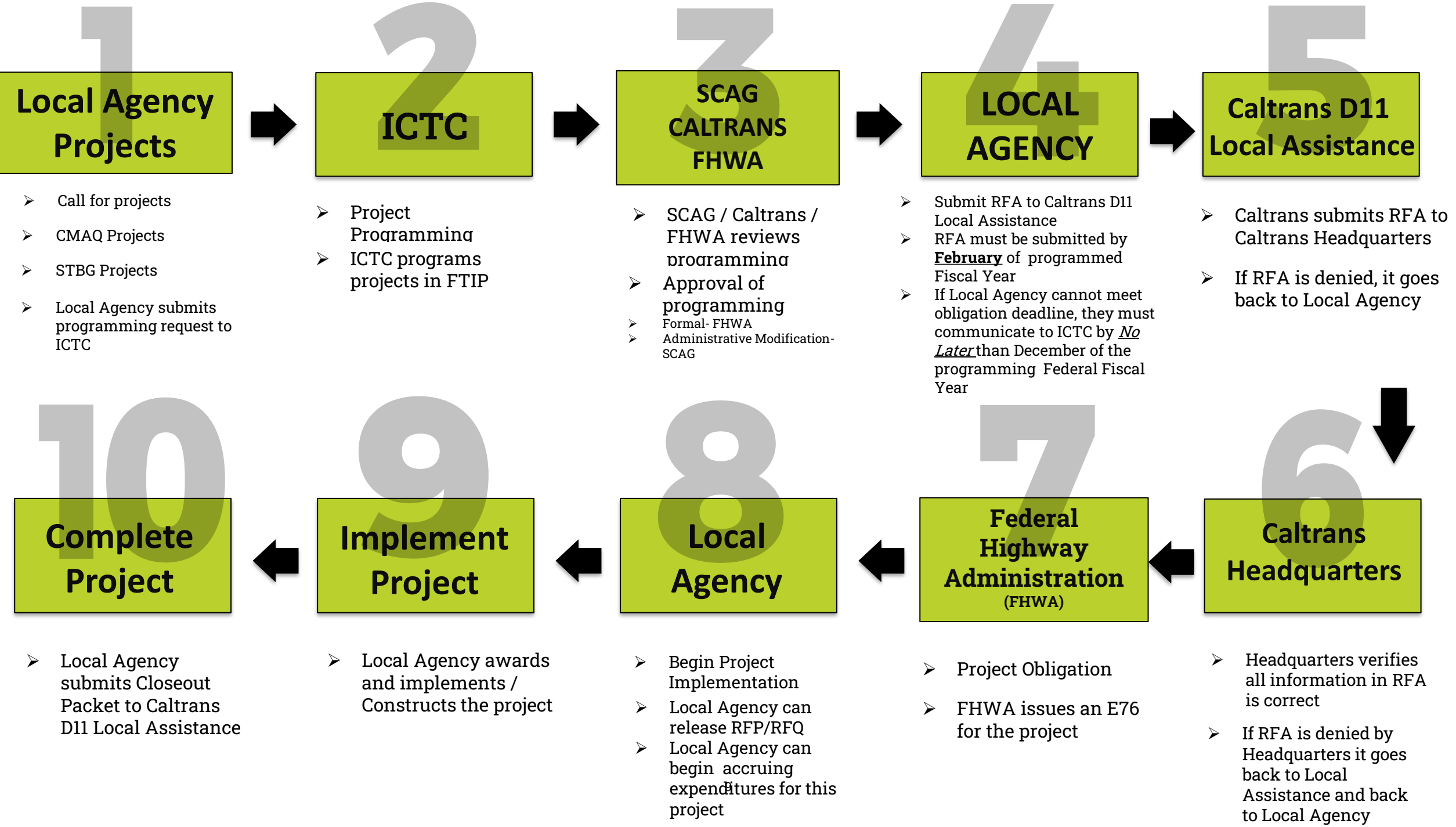
Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

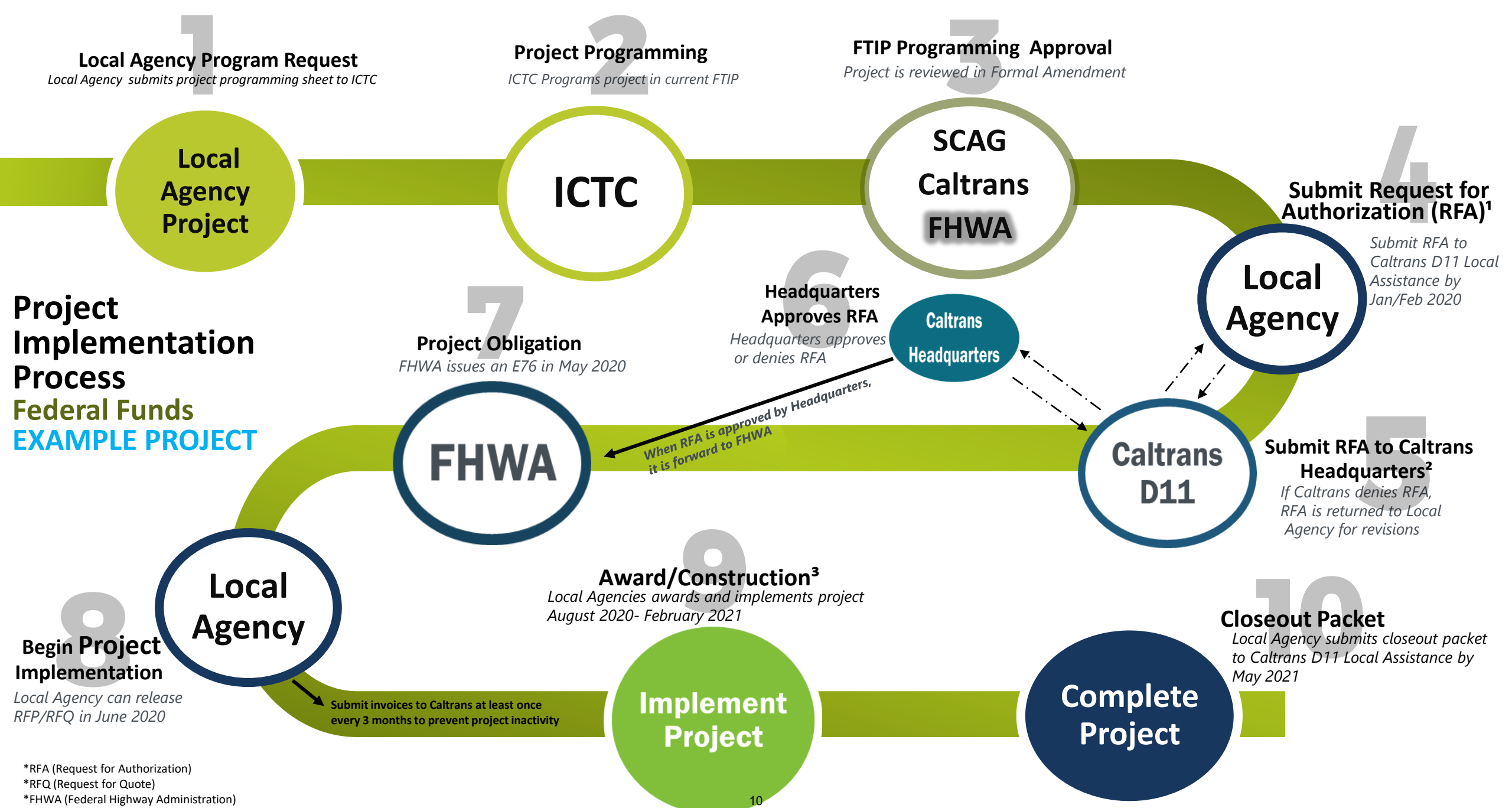
3. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Presented by ICTC Staff



*RFA (Request for Authorization)
 *RFQ (Request for Quote)
 *FHWA (Federal Highway Administration)
 *RFP (Request for Proposal)

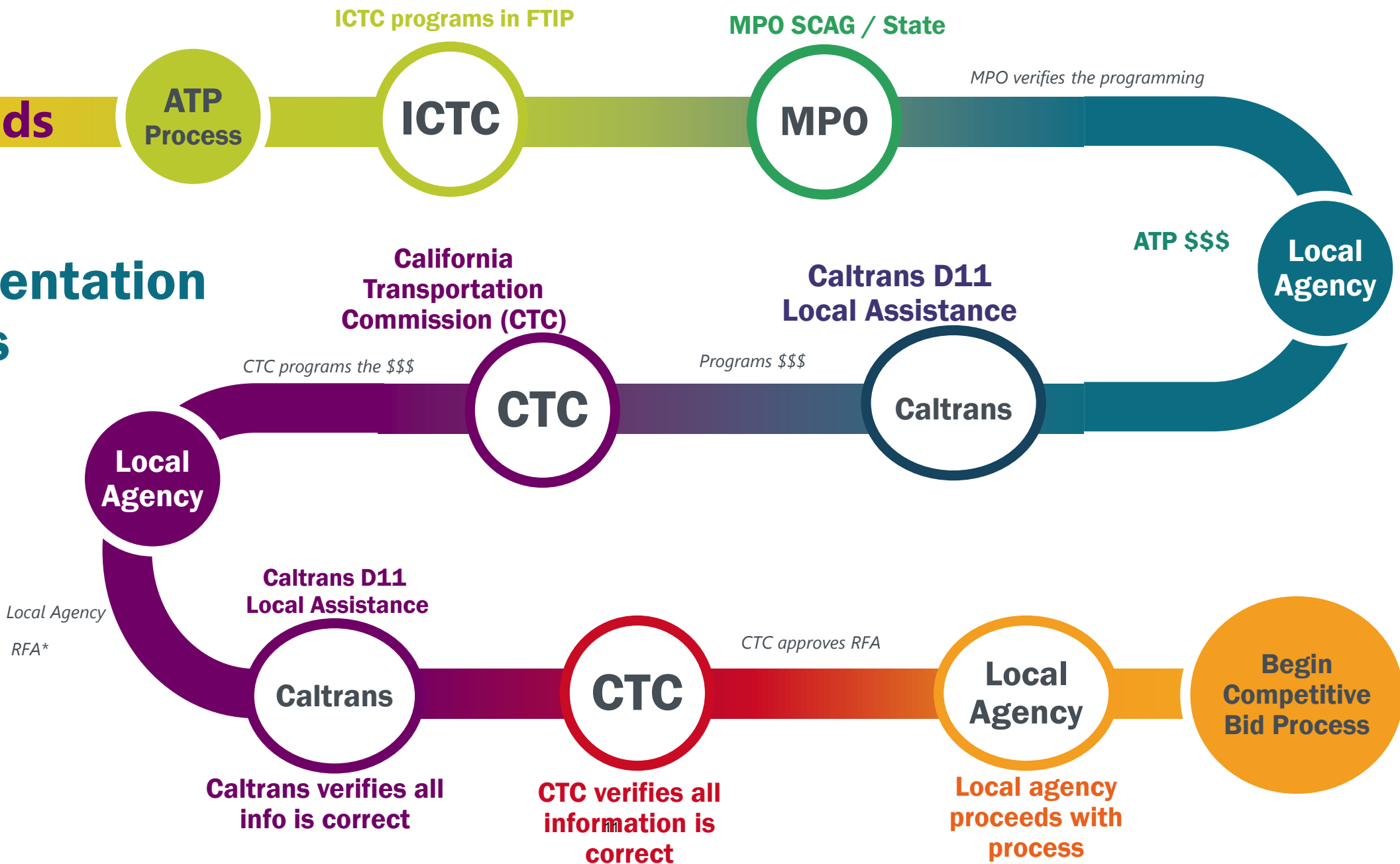




*RFA (Request for Authorization)
 *RFQ (Request for Quote)
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 *RFP (Request for Proposal)

State Funds

Project Implementation Process



*RFA (Request for Allocation)
*Caltrans (D11 Local Assistance)
*RFQ (Request for Quote)
*RFP (Request for Proposal)

4. ICTC UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by ICTC Staff

FFY22/23 Federal Funded Project Obligation List

Updated on 2/22/23

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	Federal Project ID (FPN)	Project Name	Funding Type	Programming Phase	Federal Amount in FY 2022/23 (in 000's)	Obligation Status/ Notes
Brawley	IMP220601	CML 5167(046)	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	Agency is working on Environmental comments for the PES form. Needs ROW certification
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	No information
Calexico	IMP220609		Cole Boulevard between M.L. King and Boweker Road Rehabilitation Project	STBG	CON	\$1,416	No information
Holtville	IMP220605	CML 5174(035)	East 9th Street Pedestrian Improvements Project from Ash Avenue to Oak Avenue	CMAQ	CON	\$400	FPN was requested on 11/28/22
Holtville	IMP2206012	STPL 5174(034)	West 9th Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project Between Melon Road and Olive Avenue	STBG	ENG	\$53	FPN was requested on 11/15/22
Imperial	IMP220606	CML 5134(026)	Aten Boulevard Class II Bike Lane from Vilore Way to Austin Road	CMAQ	CON	\$404	FPN was requested on 2/8/23
Imperial	IMP2206013		Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project Between Vilore Way and Old SR-86	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: May 19, 2023
To: ICTC Commission Members
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 May 24, 2023.

- 1) **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 and is currently developing a new grant application to expand the program. Due to the previous labor issues, ICTC implemented free fares for all services to assist with the inconvenience to the public. The labor issues have since been resolved but ICTC will continue to offer free fares to the public until further notice.*
- 2) **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. It is anticipated that the project will be completed within FY23-24.
- 3) **EV Charger Installation Project:** Staff are working on developing an EV charger installation project across multiple cities throughout the county. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. It is anticipated that the project will be completed within FY23-24.
- 4) **FY 2023-24 Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process:** *The Imperial County Transportation Commission has collected public feedback on public transportation needs. This involves funding for various public transit services. ICTC had previously posted an online survey and physical surveys were available on our vehicles for passengers to complete. The public hearing took place on April 6, 2023, at 3 p.m. at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting. The UTN Findings meeting took place on April 24, 2023, at 3 p.m. at ICTC offices and via zoom. The UTN findings were presented to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council on May 3, 2023 and the Management Committee on May 10, 2023. This item is included on the May 24, 2023, agenda with a recommendation for approval.*
- 5) **Calexico Microtransit Service – Calexico On Demand:** ICTC submitted a grant application for the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) program in October of 2020. The grant application was submitted to provide a clean

energy microtransit service in the city of Calexico. In early 2021, ICTC was notified of its grant award of \$1 Million to fund the pilot microtransit service. The microtransit service will operate as an on-demand service available to provide trips to the general public within the boundaries of the city of Calexico. The award required that ICTC fund and operate the service for a minimum of 4 years. ICTC partnered with Via Transportation, an experienced transportation operator to operate the service. ICTC and Via began the development of the project including service criteria, marketing information, and operational criteria. ICTC obtained approval from the CMO program to commence the service. ICTC kicked off the service on January 9th, 2023, and intends to have a formal event to celebrate the kickoff of the service as soon as approval is received by the CMO. The service was free for all passengers until February 9th, 2023. Further information about the service can be viewed on the website: <https://city.ridewithvia.com/calexico-ondemand>. The service has averaged 150 passengers per day since the removal of the free fares and has been well received. *A service celebration ceremony was held on May 11, 2023, in the city of Calexico. Speakers included Calexico Mayor Raul Ureña, Tomas Oliva, Congressman Raul Ruiz's Office, David Aguirre, Executive Director of ICTC, Krista Glotzbach, Head of Western U.S. Partnerships at Via (TransitTech provider for Calexico On Demand), and Joey Juhasz-Lukomski, Clean Mobility Options. The event included a ride along, during which Mayor Raul Ureña and officials from the community and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) were able to experience the service.*

- 6) **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, and 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. To access the documents, please visit the project website located at <https://ictc-lrtp2023.org/new-page-2>. The Consultant team has draft listing of Projects and Program listing and has conducted one-on-one meetings with local agencies for input. The draft list Projects and Programs were reviewed by the Steering Committee on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. *Project list evaluation has been initiated by the Consultant and additional project follow-up is being conducted by the lead agency.*

Spring outreach activities for the Long Range Transportation Program have been completed in conjunction with community events for the following days:

- *El Centro Annual Air Show: March 11, at 8:30 a.m. 2024 Bennet Road, El Centro*
- *Children's and Family Health Fair: Wednesday, March 15, at 1:30 p.m. Grace Smith School Gym, 9 East 4th Street, Niland*
- *Calexico Wellness Center Health Fair: March 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. 420 Heffernan Avenue, Calexico*

- *Cesar Chavez Celebration Festival: Thursday, March 30, at 2 p.m. Rockwood Avenue Promenade in Downtown Calexico*
- *42nd Annual Children's Fair: Saturday, April 1, at 10 a.m. Bucklin Park, 8th Street and Ross Avenue, El Centro*

The outreach events resulted in over 600 comments from community members throughout Imperial County. A steering committee meeting was held on March 30, 2023, with Caltrans, County of Imperial, SCAG and ICTC staff. A technical advisory committee meeting with all City, County, IID and Caltrans staff took place on April 25, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. The project prioritization process is underway and the current list is posted on the project page located at <https://ictc-lrtp2023.org/>.

- 7) **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.*
- 8) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** *An IMBA meeting was held on April 13, 2023, in the City of Mexicali at Cety's University. This meeting was led by the economic development agencies Consejo de Desarrollo Economico de Mexicali (CDEM) and Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation (IVEDC). This meeting focused on binational water and energy topics. The next IMBA meeting is scheduled in Imperial County on June 8, 2023.*
- 9) **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 mid-2023. Approximately 80% of construction efforts have been completed. A ribbon cutting ceremony is anticipated to take place in the May/June timeframe. The project is temporarily on hold due to the issuance of the presidential permit to relocate the border fence. The Presidential Permit is anticipated to be received in the month of May 2023.*
- 10) **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, and 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 and obtaining Caltrans Permits and Environmental Clearance. ICTC, CBP and AECOM recently conducted a job walk of the project site and discussed various project design items. Updated project improvements plans are anticipated to be received in May 2023. The improvement plans will be submitted to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Caltrans for review and comment.

- 11) **Bus Stop along Cole Road west of Highway 111 in the City of Calexico:** *ICTC received a request through its Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process asking for the installation of bus stop improvements along Cole Road west of Highway 111 in the City of Calexico. ICTC and the City of Calexico were able to work together to have the bus shelter and associated infrastructure improvements installed. The bus stop is now open for public use.*
- 12) **Clean California Bus Stop Improvement Project** – Through Clean California Round 1 Funding, Caltrans was able to secure funding to complete bus stop and shelter improvements in the communities of Niland, Calipatria, Brawley and Holtville along various state routes. Caltrans, ICTC and the communities worked together to identify locations, in addition to reviewing possible secondary amenities such as trash enclosures. Construction activities for the new bus stop improvements began on March 13, 2023.
- 13) **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)*
- 14) **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 by Management Committee and Commission on November 9, 2022.

- 15) **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.*
- 16) **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 received state scoring of ATP applications from Imperial County and presented staff recommendations to TAC members on December 15, 2022. Staff recommendations were approved at the January Commission meeting. See the table below for further information. *Next steps include approval of the projects by SCAG and ultimately the California Transportation Commission during their June 2023 meeting.*

TABLE 2		
Agency	Project Name	Total ATP Funds Requested
City of Calipatria	Bonita Place Pedestrian Safety Project	\$997,000
City of El Centro	Pedestrian Improvement Project – various locations on Main Street	\$1,200,000
ICTC	Pedestrian Improvements for the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center	\$1,073,000
TOTAL Regional ATP funds		\$3,270,000

- 17) **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. The environmental phase has been completed. *Design was completed in the month of April 2022 and Right of Way Acquisition is underway. The city of Calexico Council approved the commencement of the eminent domain process for two of the required properties. ICTC is exploring funding opportunities to complete the required construction efforts and to complete Right of Way acquisition. On Friday, March 24, 2023, the property that was purchased by ICTC was destroyed by a fire. ICTC was able to set up barricades for the building to avoid loitering and any further damage.*
- 18) **San Diego & Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Strategy:** San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and ICTC received a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for a Sustainable Freight Implementation Strategy for both counties. The goal with the strategy is to help transition the freight sector in San Diego and Imperial Counties to sustainable technologies, operations, infrastructure over the next 30 years. The strategy will systematically implement multimodal freight projects and policies, seek to pilot innovation technologies, create a workforce development toolkit, and identify potential funding sources for implementation. The area of study includes communities adjacent to major freight infrastructure in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Environmental justice areas, as defined by AB617, will be a particular focus and include the Portside

Environmental Justice Communities, the International Border Community, and Calexico-El Centro-Heber corridor. This plan kicked off in February 2022 and is expected to be completed March 2024. Public engagement has been instrumental in the creation of this strategy, participants of Imperial County have included County Public Works department, Work Force Development, Comité Civico del Valle, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation, among others. *Strategy outcome is scheduled to be presented to SANDAG and ICTC groups as well as community organizations such as IMBA and AB617 meetings starting in June in Imperial County.*

- 19) **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 has forwarded proposed concepts for bus stop improvements at the two locations to the city staff. ICTC is looking at opportunities to include the bus stops as part of a larger bus stop improvement project.*

- 20) **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. Caltrans completed Phase 1 in late November. Phase 2 of the project commenced on January 9th, 2023. Phase 2 of the project is anticipated to be completed in the May 2023 timeframe.*

- 21) **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).

- 22) **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
For RMRA remittance advice by counties visit: https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard_payments_rmra_counties.html

- 23) **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 on 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

24) 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; The SBBC has participated in the development of a Digital Equity Best Practices Checklist and Imperial County Broadband Priority Routes. *The grant Cycle 1 has one (1) pending invoice waiting for approval. Budget Recap:*

Cycle 1: 2017-2020

Original Grant Amount: \$450,000.00

Total Reimbursements Received to Date: \$233,070

- **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 February 3, 2023, there is a remaining grant balance of \$44,639. Of the \$49,398, \$38,908 is the remaining contract balance for SCS Engineers. IVEDC Staff provided an update at the Commission meeting on September 28, 2022.*

25) Meetings attended on behalf of ICTC:

- Various Weekly Reoccurring Calexico East POE Bridge Widening Project Meetings
- Various Weekly Project Specific Meetings
- April 19, 2023 – Caltrans Imperial County Transportation Briefing in El Centro
- April 21, 2023 – Mobility 21 Board and Advisory Board meetings via zoom meeting
- April 24, 2023 – Unmet Transit Needs Second Meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- May 1, 2023 – Meeting with Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz at the ICTC offices
- May 3, 2023 – ICTC Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- May 4-5, 2023 – SCAG General Assembly and Regional Council in La Quinta, CA
- May 9, 2023 – AB 617 Meeting in Heber, CA (attended by staff)
- May 10, 2023 – ICTC Management Committee Meeting at the County of Imperial (attended by staff)

- May 10, 2023 – Imperial County Association of Realtors Luncheon and presentation in El Centro, CA
- May 11, 2023 – Calexico on Demand Celebration event in Calexico, CA
- May 17, 2023 – Gillig facility trip in Livermore, CA
- May 17-18, 2023 – California Transportation Commission meeting in San Francisco, CA
- May 17, 2023 – Unleashing the Power of Recruitment Outreach: How to Expand Your Candidate Pool training (attended by staff)
- May 18, 2023 – SB 1343: Prevention of Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation employee training (attended by staff)

5.CALTRANS UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by Caltrans Staff



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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 **May 5, 2023**. Action is required by the County of Imperial, as well as these two cities: Brawley and El Centro.

June 9, 2023 is the deadline to submit Inactive invoices or justification. District 11 must receive complete and accurate invoices to prevent de-obligation of federal funds! Verify through 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 the 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 – Now Past Due!

Funding Requests for Authorization (RFA) during this federal fiscal year were 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>

May 31, 2023 – “Clean California” Local Grant Program: Cycle 2 – Project Applications Due!

Please note that **the deadline to apply has been extended to May 31, 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. **All application workshop recordings are online** as well.

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

June 7, 2023 – Local Assistance Day Statewide Webinar (8:30 – 11:30)

This quarterly webinar series includes information sharing, local project delivery policies, processes, and procedures, as well as facilitates peer-exchange of best practices and understanding about deadlines.

Enroll at this link – <https://apps.cce.csus.edu/sites/cce/reg/?CID=5103>

2023 PREPARATION SCHEDULE
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (CTC) MEETINGS
AGENDA ITEM(S) DUE DATES

Prepared by:
OFFICE OF CTC LIAISON
DIVISION OF FINANCIAL PROGRAMMING
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

As of:
July 2022

2023 California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting Schedule	Local Agency Submits Off System Funds Requests, Program Amendments, and Time Extensions to Caltrans Districts	District Submits Off System and On System Requests to HQ Divisions	HQ Divisions Submit Final Off System and On System Requests to Budgets	Final Agenda Language Due From HQ Divisions to Office of CTC Liaison	Final Book Items Due from HQ Divisions to Office of CTC Liaison
Date and Location:	10:00 AM District & CTC	10:00 AM HQ Divisions	5:00 PM Email to HQ Budgets	10:00AM Email to CTC Liaison	10:00 AM Email to CTC Liaison Email: CTCLiaison@dot.ca.gov
Jan 25-26 - Sacramento	Mon, Nov 28, 22	Mon, Dec 5, 22	Mon, Dec 12, '22	Wed, Dec 21, '22	Thu, Dec 22, '22
Mar 22-23 - Los Angeles	Mon, Jan 23, 23	Mon, Jan 30, 23	Mon, Feb 6, '23	Wed, Feb 15, '23	Thu, Feb 16, '23
May 17-18 - Bay Area	Mon, Mar 20, 23	Mon, Mar 27, 23	Mon, Apr 3, '23	Wed, Apr 12, '23	Thu, Apr 13, '23
June 28-29 - Sacramento	Mon, May 1, 23	Mon, May 8, 23	Mon, May 15, '23	Wed, May 24, '23	Thu, May 25, '23
Aug 16-17 - San Diego	Mon, Jun 19, 23	Mon, Jun 26, 23	Mon, Jul 3, '23	Wed, Jul 12, '23	Thu, Jul 13, '23
Oct 18-19 - Central Valley	Mon, Aug 21, 23	Mon, Aug 28, 23	Tue, Sep 5, '23	Wed, Sep 13, '23	Thu, Sep 14, '23
Dec 6-7 - Riverside	Mon, Oct 9, 23	Mon, Oct 16, 23	Mon, Oct 23, '23	Wed, Nov 1, '23	Thu, Nov 2, '23

* No Scheduled Meeting in: February, April, July, September and November



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Preparation Schedule for California Transportation Commission (CTC) Allocation Requests

Please review the preceding schedule of deadlines and prepare requests for California Transportation Commission (CTC) approval during the August 16-17, 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, **June 16**, 2023, is the final deadline (for that August 16-17, 2023, CTC meeting).

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 **May 1, 2023** the list of active Project End Dates (PED) was updated.

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

The newest PED Extension Tool provides a streamlined process to request PED extensions on existing projects. This tool simplifies the PED extension process for Local Public Agencies and allows the Office of Project Management Oversight to track and monitor project statuses. Agencies may request PED extensions now using this form without completing a *Local Assistance Procedures Manual* Exhibit 3-A (Project Authorization/Adjustment Request). The tool is located on the DLA Project Management Oversight website.

For questions regarding this PED Extension Tool, please contact the Division of Local Assistance (DLA) Office of Project Management Oversight at Project.End.Dates@dot.ca.gov

To initiate an extension, or for further assistance, please contact Alma Sanchez at Alma.Sanchez@dot.ca.gov

Reconnecting Communities: “Highways to Boulevards” Pilot Program

Projects will fund the conversion of key underutilized highways in the State into multi-modal corridors to reconnect communities divided by transportation infrastructure. These legacy impacts will be addressed through community-based transportation planning, design, demolition, and/or reconstruction of city streets, parks, or other infrastructure. **A call for projects and further details will be posted soon** via this link –

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/rc-h2b>

July 10, 2023 – Deadline for Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

The United States Department of Transportation has announced a new “Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program, with \$5 billion in funding for five years. The SS4A program will consider regional, local, and Tribal projects through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.

A Notice of Funding Opportunity, workshop dates, and further details are posted at this link –
<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>



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July 14, 2023 – California Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Grant

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has a new Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems (C.R.I.S.E.S.) grant with \$10 million of pilot program funds that will support partnerships between city, county, and/or tribal governments, as well as other community organizations, to provide emergency response services that lessen the reliance on law enforcement as first responders in crises unrelated to fire department or emergency medical services. Applications will be released soon. This CDSS C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant website has all information –

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/civil-rights/crises>

August 1, 2023 – FHWA Deadline for Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP)

The Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP) is a competitive grant program with the goal of reducing Wildlife Vehicle Collisions while improving habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species. The WCPP provides funding for construction and non-construction projects.

A Notice of Funding Opportunity, workshop dates, and further details are posted at this link – <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/wildlife-crossings>

August 18, 2023 –USDOT Deadline for PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program

The USDOT Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program helps make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk costal infrastructure.

A Notice of Funding Opportunity, workshop dates, and further details are posted at this link – <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/protect/discretionary>

June 1, 2023 – Annual Deadline for *Local Assistance Procedures Manual Exhibits 9-B & 9-C!*

Reminder to submit a completed “Local Agency Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Annual Submittal Form” (Exhibit 9-B) and a “Local Agency Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Annual Certification Form” (Exhibit 9-C) *before June 1, 2023*, for Federal Fiscal Year 23/24 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024) per *Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM)* Chapter 9, Sections 9.3 and 9.6.

Action is required by the County of Imperial, along with these four cities:

Brawley, Calipatria, Holtville, and Imperial.

Failure to submit the completed forms delays processing of Requests for Fund Authorization (E-76).

Link to the *Local Assistance Procedures Manual* – dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/guidelines-and-procedures/local-assistance-procedures-manual-lapm

Link to the *Local Assistance Procedures Manual* forms – dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/forms/local-assistance-procedures-manual-forms



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Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) Program

This Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) program provides an opportunity to address significant challenges for transportation facilities that serve federal and tribal lands. FHWA is anticipating the next call for applications in summer 2023 – <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/significant>

2023 Local Assistance Publication Updates

Caltrans has released updates to the 2023 *Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM)* and the *Local Assistance Program Guidelines (LAPG)*. All changes appear in Local Programs Procedures (LPP) 22-01 – <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/lpp/lpp22-01.pdf>

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal and Methodology

As a reminder, *Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM)* Exhibit 9-F must accompany every invoice that involves payment to a DBE subcontractor. <http://www.localassistanceblog.com/2021/10/06/annual-disadvantaged-business-enterprise-goal>

Division of Local Assistance Blog (LAB)

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

Cooperative Training Assistance Program (CTAP) – New Learning Opportunities! (“live” & virtual)

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 the Federal Aid Series and the Resident Engineers Academy, both of which fill quickly. “Live” on-site classroom delivery will be returning soon. Please enroll early!

Schedule is available here – <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.

Title VI Nondiscrimination Program Civil Rights Academy (online)

Title VI & Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) training was online February 1-2, 2023, which covered *Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM)* requirements to comply with best practices, as well as relevant federal regulations. Course recording will be made available. Presentations are on this webpage – <https://apps.cce.csus.edu/portal/fileShareView.cfm?forumID=6304>



Informational Webinar

BUILD AMERICA BUY AMERICA

✓ **Date: May 31, 2023**

✓ **Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am PT**

- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) California Division are presenting an informational webinar to share recent changes on Buy America requirements resulting from the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. No. 117-58, and the Build America Buy America (BABA) Act, Sec. 70914.

BABA requires extension of Buy America preferences on construction materials (non-ferrous metals, plastic/polymer-based products, glass, optical glass, lumber, or drywall) be permanently incorporated in Federal-aid projects.

- BABA requirements became effective on all projects authorized by FHWA on or after 11/10/2022.
- This webinar is open to all local agencies and registration is required.

**Scan QR Code or
[click here to register](#)**





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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://californialtap.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



Expires – Upon Issuance of LPP

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Updates

I. BACKGROUND

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Caltrans came together in December 2020 for a technical assistance visit. A FHWA Technical Assistance Report was issued in April 2021 after the visit. The report contained several observations and recommendations to improve how the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program is carried out. Led by Caltrans Office of Civil Rights, Caltrans will revise the current DBE practice. Statewide, Caltrans will have the same voice on the DBE program. Caltrans Division of Construction will publish a new version of the Standard Specifications with revisions on portions of the DBE practice.

The Division of Local Assistance (DLA) will align with the Division of Construction and update the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) accordingly. Specifically, the revision to the LAPM includes “Termination and Replacement of DBE firms” and “Commercially Useful Function”. These revisions are also necessitated by the [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking released by FHWA on July 21, 2022](#).

II. POLICY

For federally-funded projects advertised after the publication date of this Office Bulletin, Local Public Agencies (LPAs) are required to follow the procedures described in LAPM Chapter 9 and related exhibits for termination and replacement of DBE firms for any justifiable reason. LPAs must evaluate every DBE firm that participates in a federally-funded project for Commercially Useful Function.

III. PROCEDURE

The following documents are created/updated to incorporate the revised policy and procedures associated with this Office Bulletin:

Chapter / Exhibit	Changes that supersede current publications
LAPM Chapter 9 Civil Rights and DBE	Section 9.7: DBE Participation on Contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercially Useful Function revised Section 9.8: Good Faith Efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Termination and Substitution of DBE Subcontractors revised
LAPM Chapter 16 Administer Construction Contracts	Section 16.9: DBE subsection revised



Exhibit 10-R A&E Boilerplate Agreement Language	Article XVIII DBE Participation revised
Exhibit 12-G Required Federal-Aid Contract Language	DBE Section revised
LAPM 9-J DLA Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Commercially Useful Function Evaluation	New form
LAPM 9-K DLA Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Joint Check Agreement Request	New form

DLA and LPAs must follow the new updated LAPM and related exhibits upon publication of this Office Bulletin.

IV. APPLICABILITY/IMPACTS

This Office Bulletin applies to all federal-aid projects that have sub-contracting opportunities.

Recommended: Original signature on file May 1, 2023

 Wenyi Long, Senior Transportation Engineer Date
 Office of Guidance & Oversight

Approved: Original signature on file May 1, 2023

 Mack Yenjai, Chief (Acting) Date
 Office of Guidance & Oversight



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PROMPT PAYMENT CERTIFICATION

I. BACKGROUND

Since March 2020, the Division of Local Assistance (DLA) incorporated Exhibit 9-F: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Running Tally of Payments in the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) for required use on Local Public Agency (LPA) federal-aid projects. The purpose of Exhibit 9-F is to keep a running tally of actual payments to DBE firms for work the prime contractor or consultant committed to them at the time of contract award per the requirements of 49 CFR 26.37(c).

In compliance with 49 CFR 26.29(a), CBPC 7108.5, and CCC 3321, DLA created Exhibit 9-P: Prompt Payment Certification to monitor compliance by prime contractors to promptly pay its subcontractors and subconsultants. Exhibit 9-P is used to capture monthly prime contractor and consultant's actual payments to all its DBE and non-DBE subcontractors and subconsultants.

The new Exhibit 9-P collects the same DBE information as Exhibit 9-F; therefore, Exhibit 9-F will be phased out.

II. POLICY

Effective September 1, 2023, the new Exhibit 9-P: Prompt Payment Certification will replace Exhibit 9-F. LPAs are to require all prime contractors or consultants to use Exhibit 9-P until the prime contractor or consultant completes all DBE and non-DBE subcontracting or material supply activity on any federal-aid funded project. This change aligns closer with the requirements in 49 § CFR 26.29(a), 49 CFR § 26.37(c), BPC 7108.5, and CCC 3321.

This change additionally requires Caltrans to effectuate changes in the LAPM at Chapters 9 and 16 in addition to Exhibits 10-R and 12-G. See Section IV for details.

III. PROCEDURE

For projects awarded on or after March 1, 2020, but before September 1, 2023:

No later than the 10th of the month following the month in which payments were made, the prime contractor or consultant must submit an invoice for payment along with Exhibit 9-F: Monthly Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Payment to the Caltrans Business Support Unit at Business.Support.Unit@dot.ca.gov. Also, provide a copy to the LPA administering the contract.

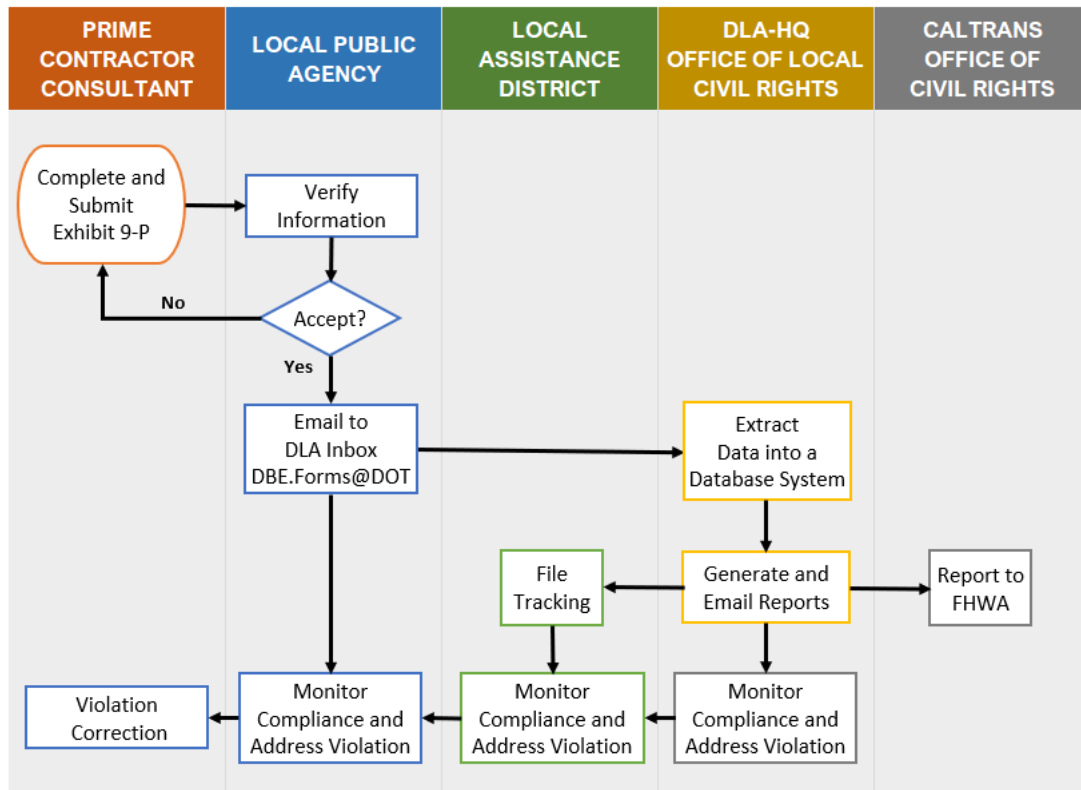
For projects awarded on or after September 1, 2023:

Exhibit 9-F is no longer required. Instead, by the 15th of the month following the month in which payments were made, the prime contractor or consultant must now submit Exhibit 9-P to the LPA administering the contract. If the prime contractor or consultant does not make any payments to subcontractors, supplier(s) and/or manufacturers they must report “no payments were made to subs this month” and write this visibly and legibly on Exhibit 9-P.

A failure to complete the Prompt Pay reporting requirement may result in the withholding of the prime contractor or consultant’s next progress payment and/or final payment. Additionally, Caltrans may require the LPA to issue a corrective action plan and/or it may require the LPA to suspend the contract in whole or in part if the prime contractor or consultant does not make up the shortfall.

LPA’s must verify all Exhibit 9-P information, monitor compliance with prompt payment requirements for DBE and non-DBE firms, and address any shortfalls to the DBE commitment and prompt payment issues until the end of the project. The LPA must email a copy of Exhibit 9-P to DBE.Forms@dot.ca.gov before the end of the month after receiving the Exhibit 9-P from prime contractor or consultant.

The following swim lane diagram shows the process of monitoring compliance by prime contractors to promptly pay its subcontractors and generating the Running Tally of Actual Attainment summary reports.





IV. APPLICABILITY/IMPACTS

This Office Bulletin applies to all federal-aid projects that have sub-contracting opportunities.

The following documents are updated to incorporate the revised policy and procedures associated with this Office Bulletin:

Chapter / Exhibit	New text (supersedes existing text)
<p>LAPM Chapter 9.6 Prompt Payment Certification [New subsection]</p>	<p>For projects awarded on or after September 1, 2023: the prime contractor or consultant must submit Exhibit 9-P to the LPA administering the contract by the 15th of the month following the month of any payment(s). If the prime contractor or consultant does not make any payments to subcontractors, supplier(s) and/or manufacturers they must report “no payments were made to subs this month” and write this visibly and legibly on Exhibit 9-P.</p> <p>A failure to complete the Prompt Pay reporting requirement may result in the withholding of the prime contractor or consultant’s next progress payment and/or final payment. Additionally, Caltrans may require the LPA to issue a corrective action plan and/or it may require the LPA to suspend the contract in whole or in part if the prime or consultant does not make up the shortfall.</p> <p>LPA’s must verify all Exhibit 9-P information, monitor compliance with prompt payment requirements for DBE and non-DBE firms, and address any shortfalls to the DBE commitment and prompt payment issues until the end of the project. The LPA must email a copy of Exhibit 9-P to DBE.Forms@dot.ca.gov before the end of the month after receiving the Exhibit 9-P from prime contractor or consultant.</p>
<p>LAPM Chapter 9.7 Running Tally of Actual Attainments</p>	<p>For projects awarded on or after March 1, 2020, but before September 1, 2023: No later than the 10th of the month following the month of any payment(s), the prime contractor or consultant must submit an invoice for payment along with Exhibit 9-F: Monthly Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Payment to the Caltrans Business Support Unit at Business.Support.Unit@dot.ca.gov. Provide a copy to the LPA administering the contract.</p> <p>For projects awarded on or after September 1, 2023: Exhibit 9-F is no longer required. Instead, by the 15th of the month following the month of any payment(s), the prime contractor or consultant must now submit Exhibit 9-P to the LPA administering the contract. If the prime contractor or consultant does not make any payments to subcontractors, supplier(s) and/or manufacturers they must report “no payments were made to subs this month” and write this visibly and legibly on Exhibit 9-P.</p>



<p>LAPM Chapter 16.9 DBE, Role of the RE Activity 5</p>	<p>Ensure Running Tally of Actual Attainments</p> <p>For projects awarded on or after March 1, 2020, but before September 1, 2023: No later than the 10th of the month following the month of any payment(s), the prime contractor or consultant must submit an invoice for payment along with Exhibit 9-F: Monthly Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Payment to the Caltrans Business Support Unit at Business.Support.Unit@dot.ca.gov. Provide a copy to the LPA administering the contract.</p> <p>For projects that are awarded on or after September 1, 2023: Exhibit 9-F is no longer required. Instead, by the 15th of the month following the month of any payment(s), the prime contractor or consultant must now submit Exhibit 9-P to the LPA administering the contract. If the prime contractor or consultant does not make any payments to subcontractors, supplier(s) and/or manufacturers they must report “no payments were made to subs this month” and write this visibly and legibly on Exhibit 9-P.</p>
<p>Exhibit 10-R Article XVIII DBE Participation L.</p>	<p>For projects awarded on or after March 1, 2020, but before September 1, 2023: No later than the 10th of the month following the month of any payment(s), the CONSULTANT must submit an invoice for payment along with Exhibit 9-F: Monthly Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Payment to the Caltrans Business Support Unit at Business.Support.Unit@dot.ca.gov. Provide a copy to the LOCAL AGENCY administering the contract.</p> <p>For projects awarded on or after September 1, 2023: Exhibit 9-F is no longer required. Instead, by the 15th of the month following the month of any payment(s), the CONSULTANT must now submit Exhibit 9-P to the LOCAL AGENCY administering the contract. If the CONSULTANT does not make any payments to subconsultants, supplier(s), and/or manufacturers they must report “no payments were made to subs this month” and write this visibly and legibly on Exhibit 9-P.</p>
<p>Exhibit 10-R Article XXXI Prompt Payment from the Local Agency to Consultant</p>	<p>ARTICLE XXXI PROMPT PAYMENT</p> <p>A. PROMPT PAYMENT FROM THE LOCAL AGENCY TO CONSULTANT The LOCAL AGENCY shall make all project progress payment within 30 days after receipt of an undisputed and properly submitted payment request from CONSULTANT on a professional service contract. If the LOCAL AGENCY fails to pay promptly, the LOCAL AGENCY shall pay interest to the CONSULTANT, which accrues at the rate of 10 percent per annum on the principal amount of a money judgment remaining unsatisfied and pro-rated as necessary. Upon receipt of the payment request, the LOCAL AGENCY shall act in accordance with both of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The LOCAL AGENCY shall review each payment request as soon as feasible after receipt to verify it is a proper payment request. (2) The LOCAL AGENCY must return any payment request deemed improper by the LOCAL AGENCY to the CONSULTANT as soon as feasible, but not later than seven (7) days, after receipt. A request returned pursuant to this paragraph shall include documentation setting forth in writing the reasons why it is an improper payment request. <p>B. PROMPT PAYMENT CERTIFICATION For projects awarded on or after September 1, 2023: the CONSULTANT must now submit Exhibit 9-P to the LOCAL AGENCY administering the contract by the 15th of the month following the month of any payment(s). If the CONSULTANT does not make any payments to subconsultants, supplier(s), and/or manufacturers they must report “no payments were made to subs this month” and write this visibly and legibly on Exhibit 9-P.</p>



	<p>The LOCAL AGENCY must verify all Exhibit 9-P information, monitor compliance with prompt payment requirements for DBE and non-DBE firms, and address any shortfalls to the DBE commitment and prompt payment issues until the end of the project. The LOCAL AGENCY must email a copy of Exhibit 9-P to DBE.Forms@dot.ca.gov before the end of the month after receiving the Exhibit 9-P from the CONSULTANT.</p>
<p>Exhibit 12-G 1(G) Running Tally of Attainments</p>	<p>For projects awarded on or after March 1, 2020, but before September 1, 2023:</p> <p>No later than the 10th of the month following the month of any payment(s), the Contractor must submit an invoice for payment along with Exhibit 9-F: Monthly Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Payment to the Caltrans Business Support Unit at Business.Support.Unit@dot.ca.gov. Provide a copy to the Local Agency administering the contract.</p> <p>For projects that are awarded on or after September 1, 2023:</p> <p>Exhibit 9-F is no longer required. Instead, by the 15th of the month following the month of any payment(s), the prime contractor must now submit Exhibit 9-P to the Local Agency administering the contract. If the Contractor does not make any payments to subcontractors, supplier(s) and/or manufacturers they must report “no payments were made to subs this month” and write this visibly and legibly on Exhibit 9-P.</p>
<p>Exhibit 12-G 10. Prompt Payment from the Agency to the Contractors</p>	<p>10. PROMPT PAYMENT</p> <p>A. FROM THE AGENCY TO THE CONTRACTORS</p> <p>The Local Agency shall make all project progress payment within 30 days after receipt of an undisputed and properly submitted payment request from the Contractor on a professional service contract. If the Local Agency fails to pay promptly, the Local Agency shall pay interest to the Contractor, which accrues at the rate of 10 percent per annum on the principal amount of a money judgment remaining unsatisfied and pro-rated as necessary. Upon receipt of the payment request, the Local Agency shall act in accordance with both of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Local Agency shall review each payment request as soon as feasible after receipt to verify it is a proper payment request. 2. The Local Agency must return any payment request deemed improper by the Local Agency to the Contractor as soon as feasible, but not later than seven (7) days, after receipt. A request returned pursuant to this paragraph shall include documentation setting forth in writing the reasons why it is an improper payment request. <p>B. PROMPT PAYMENT CERTIFICATION</p> <p>For projects awarded on or after September 1, 2023:</p> <p>The Contractor must submit Exhibit 9-P to the Local Agency administering the contract by the 15th of the month following the month of any payment(s). If the Contractor does not make any payments to subcontractors, supplier(s) and/or manufacturers they must report “no payments were made to subs this month” and write this visibly and legibly on Exhibit 9-P.</p> <p>The Local Agency must verify all Exhibit 9-P information, monitor compliance with prompt payment requirements for DBE and non-DBE firms, and address any shortfall to the DBE commitment and prompt payment issues until the</p>



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Exhibit 9-P: Prompt Payment Certification	New Exhibit

Recommended: Original signature on file May 1, 2023
 Hau Doan, Senior Transportation Engineer Date
 Office of Guidance & Oversight

Approved: Original signature on file May 1, 2023
 Mack Yenjai, Chief (Acting) Date
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6. SCAG UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Memorandum

Date: May 24, 2023
To: ICTC Regular Committee 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 Committee meeting for the month of May 2023.

1. SCAG CONFERENCE PREVIEWS CONNECT SOCAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY: On May 4-5, local leaders from throughout Southern California convened for SCAG’s 58th annual Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, CA.

Nearly 1,000 local and regional leaders are gathering today and tomorrow in Palm Desert for the Southern California Association of Governments’ (SCAG) 2023 Regional Conference & General Assembly, one of the largest events of its kind in the United States. As the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization, SCAG represents six counties, 191 cities and a population of nearly 19 million.

This year’s conference featured discussions on each of the four main areas of SCAG’s 2024 Connect SoCal Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy update: mobility, housing, the environment and the economy. This plan update – anticipated to be adopted next year – is a compass for local projects to achieve a regional vision for meeting the mobility, environmental and quality-of-life needs for Southern California over the next 25 years.

“Each year, our General Assembly is an opportunity to have meaningful discussions on the challenges we face as a region and what we need to do to address them. As we build toward our 2024 Connect SoCal plan, the input we gather from the region’s top thought leaders will play a vital role in developing effective strategies for the future,” said Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director.

Today, gas prices are high, goods movement has changed after the pandemic and the region overall faces challenges in meeting state air-quality mandates. New vehicle technology, sustainable public transportation and land-use planning that better connects where people work and live are all seen as

critical elements in addressing the region’s challenges.

This week’s event also included an interactive display showcasing zero-emission and near-zero emissions cars and trucks, charging infrastructure and electric-powered bicycles.

“Electric vehicles already play a bigger role than any of us could have dreamed of a decade ago. We can only imagine the possibilities moving forward, particularly in our region where the transportation challenges are as complex as they are,” said Jan Harnik, a Palm Desert City Councilmember and outgoing President of SCAG’s Regional Council.

Among the other highlights of this year’s SCAG Regional Conference & General Assembly:

- Election of SCAG’s new leadership for 2023-2024.
- Presentation of SCAG’s 2023 Sustainability Award, honoring seven innovative projects from across the region when it comes to integrating technology and creative thinking to build healthier, more vibrant communities.
- The 7th Annual Student Showcase, which recognized innovative student projects in various areas of regional planning.

2. 2023 SCAG Toolbox Tuesday MAY 16, 2023 - 12:30pm to 2:30pm:

GIS MODELING AND ANALYTICS IN REGIONAL PLANNING

SCAG, as a nation’s largest Metropolitan Planning Organization, is responsible for developing long-range plans for a region encompassing 6 counties and 191 cities. To support its regional planning process, SCAG develops regional geospatial dataset that are utilized in assessing how well the region is moving forward on implementing policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions as well as determine future mobility, environmental, housing and economic challenges. SCAG’s regional geospatial dataset includes not only the parcel-based land use data of general plan, specific plan, zoning and existing land use information (over 5 million parcels in the region), but also growth, resource areas, transportation and other value-added geospatial products. To handle its large-scale data, SCAG streamlined the geospatial data processing and visualization workflow by leveraging ArcGIS with GIS programming, which offers benefits in time and cost savings as well as data quality and standardization.

In this session, speakers will share their experiences and best practices in utilizing ArcGIS and GIS programming to streamline SCAG’s geospatial data development, spatial analysis and visualization process. This session will also provide demos on how to leverage Python and other programming tools in streamlining the GIS workflow, such as regional land use data processing and Data/Map Book productions.

3. SCAG Kicks Off Public Outreach Initiatives for Connect SoCal 2024

Every four years, SCAG updates its visionary plan for the future of the region, Connect SoCal. This process is now underway, and we want to hear from our stakeholders.

Please join us at a public workshop or pop-up event to learn more about the plan, ask questions and provide input. The purpose of these events is to gather input from each community to establish planning priorities for the next 20 to 30 years.

Workshops will be held throughout SCAG’s six-county region to provide a variety of opportunities to connect with us. We expect to add more events soon, so please look out for updates.

Find a workshop or pop-up event near you at scag.ca.gov/connect-social-workshops.

In addition to the workshops and pop-ups, you can share your thoughts on important issues affecting our region by taking a short survey.

4. Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice Call Reminder - Applications Due Monday, May 15! The Sustainable Communities Program Call for Civic Engagement, Equity and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEEJ) applications are due Monday, May 15 at 5 p.m.

This Call for Applications awards funding and direct technical assistance - determined by a competitive evaluation process for projects within the categories of Housing and Land Use Strategies, and Multimodal Communities, that achieve multiple objectives:

- 1) Accelerating infill development
- 2) Affirmative furthering fair housing
- 3) Reducing vehicle miles traveled
- 4) Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- 5) Supporting implementation of the adopted Connect SoCal

This is a competitive Call for Applications, with an estimated budget of \$5 million available through REAP 2.0 and Senate Bill 1.

Partnerships

This initiative prioritizes funding for Priority Populations that are disadvantaged and historically underserved, and encourages partnerships between local governments and community-based organizations. SCAG developed a Jamboard to support the connection of potential project partners/co-applicants.

5. Go Human Resources Available to Support National Bike Month

National Bike Month is recognized in May to encourage more people to bike, celebrate those who do, and help make bicycling safer and more enjoyable. Go Human works towards these goals year-round by making resources available, convening partners, sharing information and centering mobility justice across the region.

Throughout National Bike Month, Go Human will further amplify its resources and invest in local, community-led safety strategies across the region:

- 6. Calexico “Project Roll-Out” Rockwood Promenade:** As part of a SCAG Sustainability Grant award the City of Calexico is working to implement the Calexico Rockwood Ave. Promenade closure. A consultant team worked to conduct outreach and develop designs to close Rockwood Ave. between First and Second Streets in downtown Calexico to create an inviting walkable space. The project will be implemented over the coming weeks highlighting the benefits of providing an accessible safe space to convene. In addition to the promenade the City of Calexico was successful in securing a grant from Bloomberg to create incorporate an “artistic” component to the closure. The city painted a resurfaced street using a design derived from a competitive process. The promenade is set to be in place for 6 months once fully implemented.