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### TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM 1503 N. IMPERIAL AVE., SUITE 104 EL CENTRO, CA 92243

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025 6:00 PM

**CHAIR: ROBERT AMPARANO** 

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### I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

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

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on any subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction, but not an item on the agenda. Any action taken because of public comments shall be limited to direction to staff. When addressing the Commission, state your name for the record prior to providing your comments. Please address the Commission as a whole, through the Chairperson. Individuals will be given three (3) minutes to address the Commission; groups or topics will be given a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes. Public comments will be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes. If additional time is required for public comments, they will be heard at the end of the meeting. Please remember to follow the Public Comment Code of Conduct: No profanity or obscenity, yelling or screaming, no slander or defamatory statements, no personal threats, or attacks, no hateful or demeaning language based on hate of a person's race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or disability, respect all people that are present or watching, obey the direction of the Chair and Secretary to the Commission.

### IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. ICTC Commission Minutes: October 22, 2025 Pages 5-20

B. Receive and file:

ICTC Management Committee Minutes: October 08, 2025
 ICTC TAC Minutes: September 25, 2025
 SSTAC Minutes October 1, 2025

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

- A. ICTC Executive Director
  - Executive Director Report Page 22
- B. Southern California Association of Governments
  - See attached report Page 29
- C. California Department of Transportation District 11
  - See attached report Page 31
- D. Commission / Committee Member Reports (if any)

### VI CLOSED SESSION CALENDAR

- A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION, Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) Granados v. Imperial County, et al, Imperial County Superior Court, Case No. ECU004066
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant Exposure to Litigation (1 matter) Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)
- D. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code § 54957)

Title: ICTC Executive Director

E. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representative: ICTC Counsel Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

F. Announcement of Closed Session Action(s)

### VII. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Employment Agreement for the Position of Executive Director Page 48

Following I CTC Counsel review, staff forward this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

- 1. Approve the Executive Director Agreement
- 2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement
- B. Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) Project Contract Change Order No. 8 and 9 Page 58

The ICTC Management Committee will meet on November 12, 2025, and it is anticipated that they will forward this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

- 1. Approve Change Order No. 8 and Change Order No. 9 to Hazard Construction Engr. LLC for the Calexico ITC Project in the Not to Exceed amounts of (\$268,491.88) and (\$38,780.75) respectively modifying the total contract value to \$13,153,858.91.
- 2. Authorize the Executive Director to sign Change Order No. 8 and 9.

### VIII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

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

### IX. MEETING DATE AND PLACE

A. The next meeting of the **Imperial County Transportation Commission** is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **January 28, 2026**, at **6:00 p.m.**, at the ICTC Offices located at 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243 and remotely via Zoom Meeting for the public and non-voting members.

### X. ADJOURNMENT

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## IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR November 12, 2025 6:00 p.m.

### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

City of Brawley
City of Calipatria
City of Calexico
City of El Centro
City of Imperial
City of Holtville
Gil Rebollar
Javier Amezcua
Lisa Tylenda
Marty Ellet
Robert Amparano
Mike Goodsell

City of Westmorland Absent

County of Imperial Martha Cardenas-Singh

County of Imperial John Hawk
Imperial Irrigation District Karin Eugenio

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Aguirre, Cristi Lerma, Marlene Flores, Maricela Galarza, Gustavo Gomez, **OTHERS PRESENT:** Geoffrey Holbrook: ICTC Counsel; David Salgado: SCAG; Ann Fox, Melina Pereira,

John Garcia: Caltrans; Manuel Soto: Jarret Walker and Associates, Jessica Padilla

PUBLIC: None

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Imperial County Transportation Commission and as listed on the agenda for the meeting held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Robert Amparano called the Commission meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

### II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were none.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

### IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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- 1. Approved the Third Modification to the agreement between ICTC and Nomad Transit, LLC (VIA) for the Calexico On Demand service in the amount of \$500,000 modifying the total contract value to \$2,998,875. The modification is contingent upon receipt of said additional funding.
- 2. Authorized the Executive Director to sign Modification No. 4.

A motion was made by Goodsell and seconded by Rebollar to approve the consent calendar as presented, roll call:

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

### V. REPORTS

A. ICTC Executive Director

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) is hosting its annual Stuff-A-Bus food drive from November 3–21 to support the Imperial Valley Food Bank. Riders who donate canned or dry food items will receive one free ride on IVT fixed route services. Donations are accepted on IVT buses and can also be dropped off at the IVT office at 792 E. Ross Road, El Centro. All collected items will be delivered to the Imperial Valley Food Bank to help prevent food insecurity in the community.
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and construction efforts associated with the development of building infrastructure are ongoing. Shade canopy improvements have also begun, in addition to site electrical and plumbing work. The project remains on schedule and is anticipated to be completed in early 2026.

- IVT Ride Service Modifications: The service began operating at its new capacity on September 2, 2025.
- Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis: The analysis is anticipated to take a year to complete. The project has kicked off, and outreach efforts have taken place. The Analysis is currently being developed. The consultant is anticipating conducting presentations highlighting proposed recommendations to the commission in November 2025.
- CTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility: Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Environmental and Design Services was released on September 26, 2025, and due on November 14, 2025. Staff also submitted multiple grant applications for the anticipated construction efforts under FTA 5339 for Bus Facilities and Low No Emission Programs.
- CMAQ and STBG Call for Projects: The Imperial County region submitted a total of 15 applications from the cities of Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial and the County of Imperial. The scoring and ranking of projects were completed by members of the ICTC TAC in June 2025. The recommendations were presented to the Management Committee in July 2025 and to the commission in July 2025. Staff forwarded the final list of recommendations to SCAG for further evaluation in July 2025. SCAG is presenting its list of recommended projects to the SCAG Transportation Committee at its November 2025 Meeting. The final recommended list of projects is anticipated to be presented for approval at the December 2025 SCAG Regional Council Meeting.
- Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA): The next IMBA and Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled to be held on November 13, 2025, in Imperial County.
- Sate Route 86(Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint: ICTC's consultant has finalized the project improvement plans and CBP will proceed with developing environmental documents and pursue funding for the construction of the facility. ICTC continues to engage in discussions with the CBP team on the next steps for the project. The project requires the finalization of the environmental documents prior to proceeding with the construction phase. CBP is currently reviewing the project with their HQ Team to attempt to secure funding.
- A complete report is on page 25 of the agenda.

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

Mr. Salgado had the following updates:

- 2025 Southern California Economic Update Set for December Joint Policy Committee: The 2025 Southern California Economic Update will take place during the SCAG Joint Policy Committees meeting on Dec. 4, at 9:30 a.m. This presentation will feature SCAG's annual economic report and analysis from the SCAG Economic Roundtable, a group of independent economists representing the region's six counties and key specialties. Following the presentation will be an in-depth discussion about the state of the region's economy moderated by former Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. More information is on the website at https://scag.ca.gov/economic-insights-data-resources.
- More information on the future leaders initiative is on the website at https://scag.ca.gov/future-leaders.
- Connect SoCal Implementation Roadshow Continues: SCAG continued to host a series of roadshow presentations on implementation of the Connect SoCal 2024

Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy with regional partners in Los Angeles County. SCAG staff presented to the Greater Los Angeles Realtors Association on Oct. 8, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee on Oct. 14, and both the Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee and the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) Goods Movement/ Transportation Committee on Oct. 28. SCAG staff will present on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at the ICTC TAC meeting at 10:00am. Please join us in hearing about how the region will continue to meet the goals of the regional plan.

- SCAG to Release Call for Projects Under the REAP 2.0 Lasting Affordability Program: On Nov. 6, the SCAG Regional Council approved updated guidelines and authorized the call for projects under the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0)-funded Programs Accelerating Transformative Housing Program (PATH) Notice of Funds Available for Lasting Affordability, Round 2. SCAG previously suballocated \$45 million through the first Lasting Affordability funding cycle to create and expand housing trusts, catalyst funds and innovative financing strategies that secure long-term affordability. This call makes an additional \$20 million available to existing housing trusts and catalyst funds. The goal is for these trusts to expand finance tools and lending products that create supply, choice, and ongoing affordability through a mix of housing types and price ranges, including those for households at or below area median income. The call for applications will open on Nov. 17, 2025, and close on Jan. 20, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.
- A complete report is on page 32 of the agenda.
- C. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)- District 11 Ms. Fox had the following updates:
  - Caltrans Grant Funding Newsletter and Letters of Support: Stay in touch with Caltrans and get updates sent directly to your inbox on current and future grant funding opportunities, including calls for Caltrans letters of support and application training webinars, by subscribing to the Caltrans Office of Strategic Investment Planning newsletter.
  - U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Grant Opportunities: The USDOT website
    provides a DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard for grant opportunities in various
    areas such as: Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART),
    Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES), and
    Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs.
  - Federal Update: Caltrans met with U.S Customs and Border Protection to provide an update in our most recent efforts to improve the movements of goods and pedestrians in Imperial County.
  - State Update: Caltrans had the opportunity to attend the 2025 Binational Delegation to Mexico City in Mexico City. This Binational Delegation provides the opportunity for participants to meet with key federal officials, including members of the Sheinbaum Administration and Mexican Senate, and diverse business industry leaders to discuss major issues.
  - A complete report is on page 44 of the agenda.

### D. Commission Member Reports

- Updates were provided by various commissioners.

### VI. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Recommendations for Imperial County
  - 1. Approved the 2026 STIP Recommendations for Imperial County, requesting to fund project development phases for the Forrester Road project and Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) activities in the following distributions:
    - a. Programmed a total of \$10,466,238 from 2026 STIP RTIP funds for the Forrester Road project as follows: \$4,385,000 for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase in FY2028/29, and \$6,081,238 for Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) in FY2030/31.
    - b. Programmed a total of \$346,000 from 2026 STIP RTIP funds for ICTC staff Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) activities as follows: \$173,000 in FY2029/30 and \$173,000 in FY2030/31.
    - c. Carried over the remaining available balance of \$19,702,762 for right-of-way and construction phases for the Forrester Road project.

A motion was made by Amezcua and seconded by Eugenio to approve Action A as presented, roll call:

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

### **Motion Carried.**

- B. Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) Project Contract Change Order No. 6
  - 1. Approved Change Order No. 6 to Hazard Construction Engr. LLC for the Calexico ITC Project in the Not to Exceed amount of (\$50,000.00) respectively modifying the total contract value to \$12,846,586.28.
  - 2. Authorized the Executive Director to sign Change Order No. 6.

A motion was made by Cardenas- Singh and seconded by Goodsell to approve Action B as presented, roll call:

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

Motion Carried.

- C. GTFS-RT Implementation Project through Cal-ITP Master Service Agreement Award Recommendation
  - 1. Approved the award of the contract for the GTFS-RT Implementation Project to Swiflty, Inc. through the Cal-ITP Master Service Agreement in the amount of a not to exceed value of \$123,578.00 through November 2028 or approximately \$41,193.00 per year.
  - 2. Authorized the Chairperson to sign the agreement.

A motion was made by Tylenda and seconded by Amezcua to approve Action C as presented, roll call:

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

Motion Carried.

### VII. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Motioned to Adjourn to Closed Session (Goodsell/Tylenda)
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code § 54957)
  Title: ICTC Executive Director
- C. Announcement of Closed Session Action(s)
  The Commission met in closed session to discuss the performance evaluation of the Executive Director. No actions were taken, but direction was given to the commissioners on how to proceed next. This item will be on the agenda for November.

### VIII. MEETING DATE AND PLACE

A. The next meeting will be on December 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the ICTC Offices, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243, and via Zoom Meeting for the public.

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

# IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF November 12, 2025 10:30 a.m.

### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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City of Brawley	Absent
City of Calexico	Benjamin Martinez
City of Calipatria	Laura Gutierrez
City of El Centro	Robert Sawyer
City of Holtville	Nick Wells
City of Imperial	Thomas Garcia
County of Imperial	Kathleen Lang
County of Imperial	Naomi Robles
Imperial Irrigation District	Manuel Ortiz
City of Westmorland	Absent
ICTC	David Aguirre

STAFF PRESENT: Esperanza Avila, Cristi Lerma, Marlene Flores, Gustavo Gomez

OTHERS PRESENT: Alejandro Lopez-Rangel, Alvin Lee, Hanh-Dung Khuu: Caltrans; David Salgado, Isabelle

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### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Kathleen Lang called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m., roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

### II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were none.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

### IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of Management Committee Draft Minutes October 08, 2025

B. Receive and File:

ICTC Commission Minutes:
 ICTC TAC Minutes:
 September 24, 2025
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- C. Adoption of Resolution No. 112501- Authorizing Application for Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities
  - Adopted the attached Resolution authorizing the application to the Director of Industrial Relations, State of California, for a Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities; and

- 2. Authorized the Executive Director, or designee, to execute the DIR Application (Form A-2) and all necessary documents related to the self-insurance approval process; and
- 3. Confirmed IVRMA's participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Workers' Compensation Joint Powers Program, effective January 1, 2026.
- D. Adoption of Resolution No. 112502 Authorizing Participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Workers' Compensation Program
  - 1. Adopted Resolution No. 112502, approving the form of and authorizing the execution of the Sixth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement; and
  - 2. Authorized participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Workers' Compensation Program for a minimum of three full program years; and
  - 3. Authorized the Executive Director, or designee, to execute all necessary documents and agreements on behalf of the Agency.
- E. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Filing of Application for Elective Coverage under Section 709 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC)
  - 1. Adopted Resolution No. 112503, authorizing the filing of an application for elective coverage under Section 709 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC) with the Employment Development Department; and
  - 2. Authorized the Executive Director, or designee, to execute all required documents and amendments related to the elective coverage program
- F. Fourth Amendment to the Agreement between the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) and Nomad Transit, LLC (Via) for the operation of the Calexico Microtransit Service funded by the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) Voucher Pilot Program and the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)
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A motion was made by Wells seconded by Gutierrez to approve the consent calendar as presented; Motion carried unanimously.

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- All ICTC Executive Directors' updates can be found on page 42.

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  - SCAG updates can be found on page 49 of the agenda.
- C. Caltrans Department of Transportation District 11
  - Caltrans updates can be found on page 52 of the agenda.
- D. Committee Member Reports
  - There were no other reports.

### VI. PRESENTATION

- A. SCAG Transportation Data Analysis Technical Assistance Program Presented by Isabelle Legare and Sean Reseigh
  - A presentation was delivered on SCAG's Transportation Data Analysis Technical Assistance (TA) Program, highlighting several key aspects. The discussion centered on SCAG's regional investment in providing technical assistance to local agencies, with the goal of empowering them with robust, data-driven planning tools. It emphasized the importance of strengthening coordination among stakeholders and advancing equity in mobility planning, ensuring that transportation solutions are inclusive and effective for all communities.

### VII. ACTION CALENDAR

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A motion was made by Martinez seconded by Sawyer for approval as presented. **Motion** carried unanimously.

- B. Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) Project Contract Change Order No. 6
  - 1. Approved Change Order No. 6 to Hazard Construction Engr. LLC for the Calexico ITC Project in the Not to Exceed amount of (\$50,000.00) respectively modifying the total contract value to \$12,846,586.28.
  - 2. Authorized the Executive Director to sign Change Order No. 6.

A motion was made by Garcia seconded by Gutierrez for approval as presented; **Motion** carried unanimously.

- C. GTFS-RT Implementation Project through Cal-ITP Master Service Agreement Award Recommendation
  - 1. Approve the award of the contract for the GTFS-RT Implementation Project to Swiflty, Inc. through the Cal-ITP Master Service Agreement in the amount of a not to exceed value of \$123,578.00 through November 2028 or approximately \$41,193.00 per year.
  - 2. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement.

A motion was made by Wells seconded by Martinez for approval as presented; **Motion** carried unanimously.

VIII. The next meeting is scheduled for **December 10, 2025**, at the City of El Centro.

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.



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### TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

### October 23, 2025

### **Present:**

Fernando Williams

Abraham Campos

Felix de León

Chandler Sinclair

Isaiah Gonzalez

Adolfo Garcia

City of Calexico

City of El Centro

City of Holtville

City of Imperial

County of Imperial

Manuel Ortiz IID

### Others:

Armando Orozco

Laura Bowen

City of Calexico

City of Calexico

City of Calexico

City of Calexico

City of Calipatria

City of Brawley

Marco Coronel

Veronica Atondo

County of Imperial

David Aguirre ICTC
Marlene Flores ICTC
Espy Avila ICTC
Ismael Garcia APCD

Manuel Soto Jarrett Walker and Associates
Alvaro Caviedes Jarrett Walker and Associates
Jessica Padilla Katherine Padilla and Associates

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.

1. Minutes were not approved. Quorum was not present

### 2. Comprehensive Operational Analysis

(Presented by Consultant Jarrett Walker Staff)

Mr. Soto presented an update on the Comprehensive Operational Analysis.

After the presentation, Committee members provided comments, Mr. Campos from the City of El Centro mentioned various community events that take place in the City of El Centro, where residents naturally gather, as ideal opportunities for consultants to conduct surveys and engage with the public.

Mrs. Padilla, from the consultancy team, noted that they have been conducting surveys throughout the County and they will continue to do so.

### 3. Caltrans Updates / Announcements

Mr. Safaie shared Caltrans updates

- Friday, November 28, 2025, is the final submittal deadline for (Allocation & Time Extensions) for the January 29-30, 2026, CTC meeting.
- Friday, November 21, 2025, at 5:00 pm is the deadline for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants. \$ 34.5 million in funding available.
- DBE program is suspended effectively on 10/3/2025. No contracts utilizing federal funds dated today and after are allowed to have a DBE contract goal.

### 4. SCAG Updates / Announcements

No updates were given.

### 5. ICTC Updates / Announcements

Mr. Aguirre and Mrs. Flores provided ICTC updates

- Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center is projected to be completed by March 2026.
- IVT Ride Now modifications increased usage of the service so far.
- RFP for the Environmental and Design Service of the new ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility has been issued on September 26, 2025, and it is due on November 14, 2025.
- SCAG will be releasing their recommendations project list for the CMAQ & STBG grants by December 2025.
- ICTC is working with Caltrans to allocate funds for the road bridge rehabilitation project at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Anza Road.
- ICTC received approval to proceed with ROW acquisition from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in June 2025. The project has it stands now, it is fully funded.
- Mrs. Flores provided a brief presentation regarding the EV Charging Feasibility Study goals and next steps.

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

Updates were given by the agencies.

### 7. General Discussion / New Business

New businesses were shared by the agencies.

The next TAC meeting will be on November 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.



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### SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Present: Voting Attendees:

Raul Cordova IC Work Training Center Monica Veliz Public Administrator

Cristiana Leal ARC

Camilo Garcia Workforce & Economic Development

Andrew Sanchez Imperial Valley College Raul Cordova IC Work Training Center

Gustavo Gómez ICTC

Non-Voting Attendees:

Jose Guillen IVT MedTrans/IVT Ride

Helio Sanchez IVT Transit
Cesar Sanchez IVT Transit
Karla Pacheo IVT ACCESS
Rosa Rojas Rooted Life

Carolina Garcia IHSS

Luis Castro Imperial County Department of Social Services

Daniel Flores Access to Independence
Vicente Montenegro Access to Independence
Alma Pioquito Public Health (ZOOM)
Denise Andrade HealthNet (ZOOM)

Alvaro Cabiene Katherine & Associates (ZOOM)
Liz Marcelion Katherine & Associates (ZOOM)
Jessical Padilla Katherine & Associates (ZOOM)
Andrea Breault Katherine & Associates (ZOOM)
Dennis Brokkes Kathrine & Associates (ZOOM)

Priscilla Baca ICTC

1. Mr. Gomez called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Introductions were made.

A quorum was present.

- 2. Minutes were adopted for May 07, 2025, and September 3, 2025. (Garcia, Sanchez), Motion was carried.
- 3. Comprehensive Operational Analysis: Presentation by Jarrett Walker & Associates

The Consulting Team for the Comprehensive Operations Analysis will be conducting surveys at the following upcoming events:

- October 23–25: Transit Stop Pop-Up Events
- October 25: Heber Fall Festival
- November 8: Brawley Cattle Call Chili Cook-Off
- November 15: Holtville Veterans Day Event
- 4. Reappointment of Voting Position;

Mr. Gomez explained to SSTAC members that several voting positions are set to expire, which includes:

- 1 position for Category 1, Potential Transit User
- 2 positions for Category 3, Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA).
- 2 Positions for Category 5, Service Providers for Limit Means.
- 5. Installations of officers:

Mr. Gomez asked if there are any volunteers or nominations for SSTAC Chairperson/Vice-Chair

- Ms. Enz has accepted to be SSTAC Chairperson.
- Mr. Hack has accepted to be SSTAC Vice-Chairperson.

(Leal, Garcia), Motion Carried.

### 6. CTSA Reports

Mr. Gomez presented the following information:

- Comprehensive operational Analysis, continuing with outreach for the next couple of months.
- The Calexico ITC is currently in the construction phase, with some delays due to recent rain. The Calexico ITC is tentatively scheduled to be completed by April 2026.
- Bus Stops Improvement project, which will include several stops in El Centro, Calipatria, and Westmorland. We are currently working on the RFP to obtain construction
- For contactless payment options and real-time bus tracking updates, we've received proposals that include a pilot program involving the installation of iPads at the front of the buses. This will allow passengers to pay using their credit cards or mobile devices. The contract is expected to be awarded in October. The project will be ongoing to implement contactless payment by the beginning of next year.
- The ICTC Maintenance and Operations Facility project currently has an RFP out for design services for the facility. We plan to acquire or construct a facility that will consolidate all operations in one location. We are in the process of finding a consultant to design the facility

Ms. Baca presented the following information:

- Attended an Event at Sunflower School to provide information on all services.
- Reached out to all high schools to share details about IVT RIDE NOW.
- Attended a fair at IVC to inform students about IVT RIDE NOW.
- Connected with case managers at Pioneers Hospital and delivered a presentation for their team.

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### 7. Transit 101

Mr. Gomez presented ICTC transit services to SSTAC members.

### 8. Transit Operator Reports:

### Imperial Valley Transit:

Mr. Sanchez had the following report:

- Service is operating normally.
- During the storm, we experienced a slight setback with the routes, but we were still able to ensure everyone arrived safely at their destination.

### **IVT Access:**

Ms. Pacheco had the following report:

- IVT Access is running as normal. IVC is back to session
- We are also working with Alegria, DayOut, El Centro, Brawley, and the Medical appointment

### IVT Ride:

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

- IVT RIDE NOW started September 2, 2025. The passenger count has gone up since the new service started.
- IVT RIDE NOW West Shores service was temporarily suspended during the storm after CHP advised that the area was inaccessible due to flooding. Once the storm passed, we were able to get our passengers the rides they needed
- IVT RIDE NOW tickets are only available for seniors and passengers with disabilities.

#### IVT MedTrans:

Mr. Guillen had the following report:

- IVT Med Trans Transportation runs four days a week (Mon–Thu or Tue–Fri), with trips to South Bay or Chula Vista every second or fourth week.

### 9. General Discussion

- SSTAC members were encouraged to present at the next SSTAC meeting. Members will be invited to give a 5-minute overview of their agencies.

### 10. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at the Imperial County Transportation Commission Office, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243.

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



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### Memorandum

Date: December 5, 2025

**To:** ICTC Commission Meeting

From: David Aguirre, Executive Director

**Re:** Executive Director's Report

The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Management Committee and Commission meeting on December 10, 2025.

- 1) Stuff-A-Bus Food Drive: Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) hosted its annual Stuff-A-Bus food drive from November 3–21 to support the Imperial Valley Food Bank. Riders who donated canned or dry food items received one free ride on IVT fixed route services. Donations were accepted on IVT buses and could also be dropped off at the IVT office at 792 E. Ross Road, El Centro. The ICTC/IVT team delivered a total quantity of 1,226 of dry and canned food items to the Imperial Valley Foodbank on November 25, 2025. ICTC appreciates the opportunity to support our community by contributing to the effort to end food insecurity.
- 2) Veterans Ride Free in November: In honor of Veterans Day, the Imperial County Transportation Commission is offering free rides throughout November to all active-duty military members and veterans with valid U.S. military ID cards. Eligible riders can enjoy complimentary transportation on Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) Fixed Route, IVT Access, IVT MedTrans, and IVT Ride Now services. Simply show your military ID to the driver and ride for free all month long. ICTC was able to provide 13 passenger trips to Veterans within the Imperial Valley many of which utilized the IVT Medtrans service to facilities in San Diego.
- 3) SAVE THE DATE ICTC General Assembly on January 22, 2026: ICTC will be hosting its General Assembly on Thursday, January 22, 2026, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Old Eucalyptus Schoolhouse. Admission for elected officials and city/county managers and distinguished guests will be complimentary. Staff are actively working to secure sponsorship opportunities to support the event. For questions or to learn more about sponsorship options, please contact Cristi Lerma. To register for the event visit the Eventbrite page at ICTC GENERAL ASSEMBLY Tickets, Thu, Jan 22, 2026 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite.
- 4) Interstate 8 Wildlife Crossing ICTC has been approached by UC Davis about the potential to partner on the development of a Wildlife Crossing across westbound I-8 near the In Ko Pah Gorge. The project currently has funding to complete the initial development of the project which includes the Project Initiation Document (PID), Project Approval and Environmental Document (PAED) and some Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PSE) activities. ICTC's potential role on the project would be to serve as a project sponsor and minor administrative support.
- 5) **Bus Stop Maintenance Program:** ICTC has been working towards developing a bus stop maintenance program for many years. Part of the program was to develop a bus stop inventory which noted the gps locations of the bus stops in addition to a description of the assets (if any) at the bus stop. Under its existing structure, the cities/county (where the bus stops are located) are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the bus stops. In return, ICTC

provides each of the cities/county funding to maintain and repair the bus stops. To provide a consolidated maintenance effort, ICTC is working with each of the cities/county to transition the maintenance and replacement of the bus stops to ICTC. ICTC will in turn utilize the funding it currently provides to the cities/county to complete the same effort. ICTC has begun the maintenance efforts associated with the bus stops for the cities of El Centro, Calexico, Calipatria, Holtville and the unincorporated communities of Seeley, Niland and Heber. ICTC is working with the cities of Imperial and Brawley to transition maintenance efforts soon.

- 6) Bus Stop Improvement Project: Staff are working on developing a bus stop improvement project across multiple cities throughout the county. The project consists of installing various bus shelters and potentially other amenities. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. ICTC released the Request for Proposals for design services for the project. ICTC is looking to begin design services soon and have construction take place within FY23-24/FY24-25. The contract was awarded at the April Commission meeting. ICTC has already participated in a kickoff meeting with the consultant and all of the effected agencies. The project design is ongoing and is anticipated to be completed in the next few months. ICTC obtained additional funding to incorporate additional bus stop locations. The new location designs are being incorporated into the overall project design. The 65% percent improvement plans have been completed and were distributed to participating agencies. ICTC has received agency comments, and the comments have been forwarded to the consultant for incorporation into the project improvement plans. The improvement plans have been finalized at the 100% completion level. Final preparation of the project specifications and contract documents plans is being completed. ICTC is working towards procurement and hopes to start construction in early 2026.
- 7) 2024 Local Partnership Program, Cycle 5: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Senate Bill 1) created the Local Partnership Program (LPP) as a program to reward and incentivize local or regional transportation agencies that have sought and received voter approval of taxes or that have imposed fees, which taxes or fees are dedicated solely for transportation improvements. The program is implemented by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The CTC adopted the 2024 LPP Program Cycle 5 Guidelines on August 15-16, 2024. As a result of the adoption of the Cycle 5 Guidelines the Call for Projects has opened. The LPP Grant funds require a one-to-one match. The Imperial County Region's estimated allocation amount for FY 2025/26 is \$524million and \$520 million for FY2026/27 for a total of \$1,044 million. ICTC received news of an increase in Cycle 5 LPP funds following CTC's redistribution of unused Incentive Funds. This action resulted in a small increase of funds for FY 2025/26, available through June 2028. To access these funds, local agencies will work with ICTC and CTC staff in submitting Nomination Packet to the CTC for approval. Local agencies have begun forwarding their allocation packages to the CTC to secure the additional funding. There is also a competitive program that is administered by the CTC. Guidelines for the program can be found at <a href="https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/local-partnership-program/2024-lpp-competitive-guidelines-adopted-resolution.pdf">https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/local-partnership-program/2024-lpp-competitive-guidelines-adopted-resolution.pdf</a>
- 8) Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC): A new Intermodal Transportation Center in the City of Calexico has been part of ICTC's long range transit planning. The new Calexico ITC will serve as a regional mobility hub that will accommodate bus bays for Imperial Valley Transit in addition to private bus companies, taxis and farm labor buses. ICTC previously received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal program fund to complete the environmental and design plans of the new Calexico ITC. The environmental and design phase has been completed. Right of Way Acquisition for the project has been completed. ICTC was awarded multiple grants to complete the required construction efforts for the project. ICTC received grant awards from the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0, Active Transportation Program (ATP) and Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant and Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Programs. ICTC recently completed the construction procurement efforts, and a contract award was issued to Hazard Construction. The project is anticipated to take a year to complete. We had a successful groundbreaking ceremony on February 28, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the project site. The Contractor continues with construction activities for the project. Demolition activities have been completed and construction efforts associated with the development of building infrastructure are ongoing. Shade canopy improvements have been mostly completed, in addition to site electrical and plumbing work. Site grading and civil onsite work will be taking place over the coming weeks. The project remains on schedule and is anticipated to be completed in early 2026.

- 9) IVT Ride Service Modifications: IVT Ride is a dial-a-ride service that is available to seniors (55 years of age or older) and persons with disabilities in the communities of Calexico, Heber, El Centro, Imperial and Brawley. The service primarily operates in an intracity capacity with the exception of the communities of El Centro, Imperial and Heber and the Westshores service which travels to the city of Brawley or the Coachella Valley. The Westshores service is also available to the general public. Due to continuing declining ridership on all IVT Ride services, staff are exploring the possibility of modifying the service to provide trips to the general public but still provide priority to the senior population. The possible modification would enable the service to capture additional passengers and implement a microtransit-like service in various communities. The possible modification would also require financial investment in technology and the development of a passenger web and mobile application. Staff anticipate bringing the further evaluated concept to the Management Committee and Commission in the coming months. Staff are also pursuing funding opportunities to facilitate the possible transition of the service. Staff provided the Commission with a presentation on August 28, 2024, with further details. There was consensus to proceed with the software development and hardware acquisition. This item received approval to proceed to further development by the commission. ICTC has received state funding to complete the software and hardware upgrades for the project. ICTC Staff developed a plan to conduct outreach (including in-person presentations and surveys) to the public about the proposed service modifications. ICTC redeveloped the service logo and finalized mobile software for anticipated use. ICTC also provided presentations about the service modifications to key stakeholders and the city councils of the affected communities. A public hearing was held on July 23, 2025 as required by law. The service began operating in its new capacity on September 2, 2025 and offered free rides to all for the first week of operation. Ridership information will be shared to the Commission periodically at the Commission meetings.
- 10) Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis: Staff were able to secure grant funding to complete a Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). The COA is a comprehensive evaluation of ICTC's existing transit services while also presenting evaluation findings and recommendations for further improvement of ICTC's existing public transit system. ICTC intends to evaluate all ICTC operated services in addition to incorporating an assessment of the feasibility of intercity passenger rail. Staff recently released the Request for Proposals to the public and issued a contract award in October 2024. The analysis is anticipated to take a year to complete. The project has kicked off, and outreach efforts have taken place. The Analysis is currently being developed. The consulting and ICTC team will be conducting outreach efforts to share the proposed recommendations.
- 11) ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility: ICTC staff have engaged with the proposed property owner's representative about ICTC's interest in the property. ICTC has also communicated with the city of El Centro regarding action items that would need to take place to facilitate the goal of the project. ICTC has also communicated with grant agencies and our Zero Emission Bus Plan engineering consultant to develop a preliminary site plan of the proposed improvements. Next steps include executing a Letter of Intent with the property owner, continuing coordination with the city of El Centro, and to begin conducting the required environmental studies like a Phase 1 Site Assessment. ICTC will also continue to work on grant opportunities to fund the acquisition of the property. A preliminary site plan has been prepared and was shared with the commission. ICTC was recently informed that it had received a funding commitment for the completion of the design/environmental phases of the project. ICTC has completed a phase 1 and 2 site assessment for the proposed site. ICTC has obtained NEPA clearance from the FTA for the acquisition of the project. During the meeting on March 26, 2025, the Commission approved the acquisition of the property pending Federal Transit Administration (FTA) concurrence. ICTC completed the acquisition of the project site in June 2025. Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Environmental and Design Services was released on September 26, 2025, and due on December 1, 2025. It is anticipated that a consultant will be selected at the Commission meeting in January 2026. Staff also submitted multiple grant applications for the anticipated construction efforts under FTA 5339 for Bus Facilities and Low No Emission Programs. ICTC was informed that it was not selected under the recent grant cycle. ICTC will continue to pursue construction funding opportunities in the immediate future.
- 12) **CMAQ and STBG Call for Projects:** SCAG implemented a call for projects for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG). The funding years associated with this call

for projects are FFY 2026-27 and FFY 2027-28. SCAG adopted the CMAQ/STBG Guidelines at its March 6, 2025, Regional Council Meeting. This item was taken to the ICTC TAC in February and was presented to the Management Committee and Commission respectively in March 2025. ICTC adopted its scoring framework at the March 2025 Commission Meeting. The Call for Projects opened on March 31, 2025, and closed on May 16, 2025, at 5 p.m. Applications were due to SCAG via its online application portal. The Imperial County region submitted a total of 15 applications from the cities of Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial and the County of Imperial. The scoring and ranking of projects were completed by members of the ICTC TAC in June 2025. The recommendations were presented to the Management Committee in July 2025 and to the commission in July 2025. Staff forwarded the final list of recommendations to SCAG for further evaluation in July 2025. SCAG is presenting its list of recommended projects to the SCAG Transportation Committee at its November 2025 Meeting. The final recommended list of projects was presented and was approved at the December 2025 SCAG Regional Council Meeting. ICTC staff will be working with SCAG and city/county staff to complete next steps associated with project delivery.

- 13) 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Anza Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project: ICTC is working with Caltrans to develop an approach towards proceeding with the development of the required environmental and engineering phases for the rehabilitation 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Anza Road Bridge Project. ICTC met with Caltrans to discuss the next steps and will begin development of the required actions to proceed with the project. ICTC will be working closely with Caltrans and the city of Calexico on further actions. ICTC is anticipating proceeding environmental analysis and design in early 2026.
- 14) Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study: ICTC recently submitted a grant application under the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) to prepare a Countywide EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study. The project will aim to identify strategic locations within the county for EV Charging Infrastructure. Caltrans is currently developing a similar project for locations along State facilities. ICTC has finalized the contract agreement with the selected firm, and a project kickoff meeting was completed on October 22, 2025. ICTC and Consultant team working on existing conditions and gathering GIS data from our region.
- 15) EV Charger Acquisition Project: Staff are working on developing an EV charger acquisition project across multiple cities throughout the county. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. Once the charger stations are acquired, ICTC will proceed with the next steps associated with the installation. ICTC released the RFP for the project on August 29, 2025. ICTC is now in the process of finalizing and reviewing the proposal submitted. The agreement was presented to the Commission and was approved at the October 2025 Commission Meeting.
- 16) **Potential HHW Site in Calipatria:** Staff are currently exploring the potential development of a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection site within the City of Calipatria. This initiative is part of our ongoing efforts to enhance environmental stewardship and promote public safety by providing residents with a dedicated and accessible location for the proper disposal of household hazardous materials. The implementation of this project is contingent upon securing appropriate grant funding, which will support the necessary infrastructure, operational costs, and community outreach efforts. Should the grant be awarded, this facility would significantly improve local access to safe and environmentally responsible HHW disposal options, thereby reducing the risk of improper waste management and its associated environmental and health impacts. Staff will continue to seek opportunities and will keep the Commission informed of any developments as they arise.
- 17) **New Border Express Route starting February 10, 2025:** Staff have coordinated the implementation of a demonstration route that will operate Monday through Friday at select times between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Paulin Bus Stop to the Calexico East POE. This is being demonstrated in anticipation of a larger scale route associated with the upcoming transit facility that is anticipated to begin when the new East POE facility is completed. There is also an additional IVC Express Trip embedded in the new service which will help alleviate some of the congestion we see on some of our IVC Express trips. **Staff will be providing updates as it pertains to the development of the service.**
- 18) Calexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center: ICTC was recently awarded \$12.6 million by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) through its Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program

(TIRCP) to acquire, design and construct a transit facility at the Calexico East Port of Entry (POE). The goal of the Calexico East POE Intermodal Transportation Center is to create a transformative transportation hub that integrates various modes of transportation including public transit buses. The facility is anticipated to offer amenities such as shade, seating, bicycle parking, signage, and travel guidance, addressing the current lack of amenities and transportation options for pedestrians crossing the border at the Calexico East POE. Additionally, this project will bring four new zero emission vehicles to provide public transit services to the area. The project will have several phases with an estimated completion date in 2030. The Master Agreement between ICTC and Caltrans was approved at the April 2025 Commission Meeting. ICTC received approval to proceed with Right of Way acquisition from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in June 2025. ICTC is working on next steps to proceed with the property acquisition and anticipates closing the transaction in January 2026.

- 19) Electronic Fare Payments: ICTC is currently pursuing the implementation of an electronic fare payment system to its fixed route transit services. The system would allow all of its fixed route buses to take card payments in addition to its existing cash payment system. ICTC has received approval to utilize grant funds and intends to proceed with the development of the project. ICTC recently received various bids from interested parties for consideration. ICTC is evaluating the responses and intends to work towards a potential contract award in January 2026.
- 20) Forrester Road Project Study Report (PSR): Caltrans District 11 has been working on a project report on behalf of ICTC. The PSR will analyze safety and operation improvements along Forrester Road between I-8 and SR86/SR78. Other improvements include the Westmorland bypass. A meeting to discuss the draft PSR took place at the ICTC offices on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 9 a.m. Further updates to the PSR are anticipated along with additional meetings to discuss the updated PSR. The updated PSR was recently completed, and the PSR was presented to the management committee and commission in September 2024. ICTC will proceed with further aspects of project development. Staff is preparing the action item to proceed with allocating the funding to proceed into the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase.
- 21) Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA): IMBA's 2025 Chair is Abel Graciano representing the Mexicali Region and Vice-Chair is David Aguirre from ICTC representing the Imperial County Region. The next IMBA meeting is scheduled to be held on January 8, 2026, in Mexicali, B.C.
- 22) State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint: State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint: In August 2017 following a year of coordination, Caltrans, the County of Imperial and ICTC met with CBP management and operations staff achieved consensus for a new conceptual alternative prepared by Caltrans. The LTA Board met on September 27, 2017; staff presented the Board with a fund request for \$1.3 million from the 5% Regional Highway Set-Aside from the Measure D allocations. A Consultant Agreement with AECOM for design and construction engineering was approved by the LTA on February 28, 2018. Following our ICTC Board meeting in late September 2020, ICTC has initiated a traffic study as required by Caltrans. Design work has been delayed due to Border Patrol's concern related to their ability to provide additional funding necessary to meet their operational requirements. On Wednesday, March 17, 2021, ICTC received confirmation from Border Patrol Headquarters in Washington D.C. that they wish to proceed with the original Canopy Design that is similar to Interstate 8 Pine Valley Checkpoint.

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

- engage in discussions with the CBP team on the next steps for the project. The project requires the finalization of the environmental documents prior to proceeding with the construction phase. CBP is currently reviewing the project with their HQ Team to attempt to secure funding.
- 23) Reap 2.0 Subregional Partnership Program: ICTC was awarded a total of \$274,133 in funding from the Reap 2.0 Subregional Partnership Program to provide technical support to our local agencies with housing planning and to facilitate housing production. ICTC has notified each of our member agencies about the funding availability. Several cities have expressed interest in the funding and staff is working with each of the agencies to further evaluate their proposed projects. Final projects have been identified and awarded by the commission. A project kickoff meeting was held with SCAG and the funding awardees. SCAG is working with the awardees to proceed with the project. The City of Calexico and City of Westmorland were able to secure additional funding from SCAG to further develop their projects.
- 24) Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) 2024 Call for Projects FFY 2023-2024 to FFY 2025/2026: The STBG, CRP and CMAQ Call for Projects began on November 9, 2023. Applications were due on Friday, January 26, 2024, at the ICTC office. All agencies were provided with guideline documentation and were encouraged to submit potential projects.

Program	Applicants	Total Value Requested by All Applicants
CMAQ	City of Imperial	\$388,000
STBG	City of Imperial, City of Brawley and City of El Centro	\$2,416,000
CRP	ICTC – City of Imperial	\$1,083,000

Due to the number of projects submitted, ICTC was able to evaluate all projects internally without utilizing the normal process which involves all cities participating in the scoring and ranking process. ICTC recommended projects to SCAG as part of the final submittal process. SCAG recently approved the list of projects anticipated to receiving funding. The project list is as follows:

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

ICTC staff will be working with local agency staff and programming all approved projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Several projects have already started development for use of the grant funds.

25) **Orchard Road & SR115 Traffic Concept Report:** During the Commission meeting of September 2022, the Commission asked ICTC staff to follow up on the SR 115 Transportation Concept Report (TCR). ICTC staff has conducted meetings with Caltrans and County Public Works staff during the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>. ICTC staff, in partnership with County and Caltrans staff, are continuing discussions for short-term options to deter trucks

from using Orchard Road. The parties are also expected to discuss long-term options as well. More information will be shared as discussions continue.

26) **San Diego & Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Strategy:** The study is posted to the ICTC website at: <a href="https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/san-diego-imperial-counties-sustainable-freight-implementation-strategy-final-report-2024-02-01.pdf">https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/san-diego-imperial-counties-sustainable-freight-implementation-strategy-final-report-2024-02-01.pdf</a>

### 27) Funding Opportunities:

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

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

Various project specific meetings are held throughout the month.

Various community presentations are held throughout the month by the Regional Mobility Coordinator Various transit community services provided throughout the month by ICTC/Imperial Valley Transit

- November 06, 2025 Health Fair- Center for Employment Training (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- November 12, 2025 ICTC Management Committee and Commission meetings at the ICTC offices
- November 13, 205 IMBA and Strategic Planning Meeting at the ICTC Office (attended by Marlene Flores, David Aguirre, and Cesar Beltan)
- November 13, 2025 IVT Green Line Ride Along (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- November 14, 2025 IVT Gold Line Ride Along (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- November 17, 2025 4 West Ride Along (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- November 17, 2025 Quarterly Meeting Ops, Safety, Dispatch, and Maintenance (attended by Gustavo Gomez and Priscilla Baca)
- November 18, 2025 Brawley Elk- Senior Apartments Fall Health Fair (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- November 18, 2025 Health Fair Westmorland Elementary (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- November 19, 2025 ICTC-IMIP Reunion in Mexicali (attended by David Aguirre, Marlene Flores, and Cesar Beltran)
- November 20, 2025 TAC Meeting at the ICTC Office
- November 20, 2025 Villa De Las Flores Health Fair (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- November 21, 2025 Lithium Valley Workforce Event (attended by Gustavo Gomez)
- December 02, 2025 IVT Ride Now Coachella Ride along (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- December 03, 2025 SSTAC Meeting at the ICTC office
- December 03, 2025 CTC Reception in Riverside (attended by David Aguirre)



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### Memorandum

Date: December 10, 2025

**To:** ICTC Committee and Management Meeting

From: David Salgado, Government Affairs Officer (GAO)

Re: Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Report

The following is a summary of the SCAG Executive Director's Report and/or Federal and State Legislature Staff Report for the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Management Committee and Regular Commission meeting for the month of DECEMBER 2025.

1. SCAG Publishes Annual Economic Report and Presents Analysis to Joint Policy Committee The "2025 Southern California Economic Update" took place during the SCAG Joint Policy Committee Meeting on Dec. 4. This annual presentation provides a comprehensive overview of the region's economic performance and outlook to inform decision making by Southern California's local and regional policymakers.

Members of SCAG's Economic Roundtable shared analysis of the region and each of the six counties in the SCAG region as well as a forecast of the economic impact of the upcoming 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. Following the presentations, former Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti moderated a conversation with panelists. Additionally, SCAG will release county specific economic development reports providing a comprehensive overview of each county's ongoing economic activity and analysis.

### 2. Regional Council Approves \$1.25 Billion in STBG/CMAQ Funding

On Dec. 4, SCAG's Regional Council approved an award of \$1.25 billion in Federal Fiscal Year 2026-27 and 2027-28 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement program funding for 132 projects throughout the region. These projects, which are expected to have an economic benefit to the region, were nominated by eligible project sponsors through their respective county transportation commissions and evaluated according to the criteria outlined in the STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines.

SCAG's role administering these funds improves regional coordination on these federal funding programs and increases representation for cities and local jurisdictions underrepresented in previous cycles. Through the project selection process, SCAG maintains alignment with the Connect SoCal Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.



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Following Regional Council approval, Project sponsors may now proceed to program projects into the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and begin the obligation process.

### 3. SCAG to Release Call for Projects Under the REAP 2.0 Lasting Affordability Program

On Nov. 6, the SCAG Regional Council approved updated guidelines and authorized the call for projects under the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0)-funded Programs Accelerating Transformative Housing Program (PATH) Notice of Funds Available for Lasting Affordability, Round 2. SCAG previously suballocated \$45 million through the first Lasting Affordability funding cycle to create and expand housing trusts, catalyst funds and innovative financing strategies that secure long-term affordability. This call makes an additional \$20 million available to existing housing trusts and catalyst funds. The goal is for these trusts to expand finance tools and lending products that create supply, choice, and ongoing affordability through a mix of housing types and price ranges, including those for households at or below area median income. The call for applications will open on Nov. 17, 2025, and close on Jan. 20, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

### 4. 2026 Regional Conference & General Assembly Save the date!

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

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

### 5. SCAG Applications SCAG Receives \$1.6 Million in Grants for Traffic Safety Programs

SCAG has been awarded \$1.6 million in grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety. The funding is for transportation safety improvements, including expansion of a web-based transportation safety data and analytical tool that utilizes traffic safety data to analyze, model, and predict traffic safety performance and risks, as well as continued work on its regional traffic safety and community engagement program, Go Human.

Southern California has some of the highest rates of injuries and fatalities in the United States among pedestrians and bicyclists. An average of five people die, and 20 people are seriously injured every day in traffic collisions in the six-county SCAG region. Pedestrians and bicyclists account for more than 34 percent of regional traffic deaths annually, despite comprising less than 10 percent of all trips.

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To: ICTC Commission Date: December 2025

From: ANN FOX

Caltrans District 11 Director

Subject: DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### **Projects**

District 11 Truck Parking and Medium/Heavy Duty ZEV Charging Station Site Assessment. California Senate Bill 671 Clean Freight Corridor Efficiency required identification of freight corridors, and the infrastructure needed to support zero-emission medium and heavy-duty vehicles. In July 2024, Caltrans completed a feasibility study that identified potential sites and conceptual plans for truck parking facilities with medium and heavy duty Zero Emission Vehicle charging stations in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Currently assessing 15 sites in the PID and developing the PEAR, PID draft, and estimates.

Status: Caltrans has initiated the Project Initiation Document (PID).

### Lithium Valley Connectivity Project - Phase 1 Project Initiation Document (PID).

Caltrans is preparing a Project Initiation Document (PID) that will identify multimodal, operational, and freight-focused improvements along SR-111, SR-115, SR-86, and SR-78 that support Phase 1 of the Lithium Valley Specific Plan. The PID will evaluate phased improvements to enable mobility for communities and goods movement as clean-energy development grows in Imperial County.

Status: District 11 continues to advance early project development activities for the Project Initiation Document (PID) that will identify multimodal, operational and freight-focused improvements along SR 111, SR 115, SR 86 and SR 78 that support Phase 1 of the Lithium Valley Specific Plan. A Public Engagement Plan is currently being developed, including an online project portal to share updates and gather community input. The PID is expected to be completed by June 2026.

FY 2025-2026 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Awards Project. Caltrans has awarded four planning grants to local partners. One being County of

Imperial: Gateway to las Americas – Mobility Improvements around the Calexico commercial Port of Entry.

Calexico East Land Port of Entry Joint Operations Systems. As the lead planning cross border planning agency, Caltrans works with ICTC and the Federal Government to improve reliability of cross border trade, reduce congestion, and reduce pollution at the California Mexico border. This project will create a commercial vehicle appointment system at the Calexico East Port of Entry. If successful, the pilot could be scaled to other POEs and potentially implemented at both northern and southern border POEs across the United States. This effort will develop a Concept of Operations for the first commercial vehicle appointment system at a land POE.

Status: Caltrans will work with the University of Riverside to support the development of the ConOps and the PID is expected to be complete in June 2026.

**SR-86 at the intersection of Black Diamond Road.** A Project Initiation Document (PID) draft is being prepared after conceptual approval for the Caltrans State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) funding to install a roundabout on SR-86 at the intersection of Black Diamond Road.

Status: The Project Initiation Document (PID) draft is being prepared.

Electrical Vehicle Electrification Feasibility Study. A Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program award was made to the Quechan Indian Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation to complete an Electric Vehicle Electrification Feasibility Study. Some of the overall project objectives are to plan and implement the Tribes' fleet transition to electric vehicles and prioritize charger locations. The Plan will analyze usage patterns, traffic flow, and accessibility to determine the most strategic zones for electric vehicle charging locations.

Status: The consultant will share a draft final report to the Advisory Committee for internal review in January 2026.

Heart of El Centro Revitalization and Connection Project Study. A Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program award was given to the City of El Centro to complete the Heart of El Centro Revitalization and Connection Project. The project aims to improve non-motorized mobility and public transit, enhance public spaces, and encourage mixed-use development to reduce reliance on single-occupancy vehicles. These measures would also accommodate growing demand for housing, improve active transportation, and provide economic and educational opportunities for the area's residents. Project will cover the City's Main

Street Corridor covering Downtown El Centro and Civic Center between the Union Pacific Railroad and Imperial Avenue.

Status: Administrative contract amendment is currently underway. The project kick-off and consultant procurement is anticipated to begin January 2026.

SR-86 and Dogwood Road Intersection Widening and Installation of Traffic Signals. Currently in design phase with a tentative updated construction start date of February 2027. Coordination with County of Imperial. Improvements are part of the mitigation measures listed under the Environmental Impact Report for the Imperial Valley Mall, the Imperial Valley Commons, and the Plaza at Imperial Valley.

Status: Consultant to send responses to Caltrans District 11 Design comments.

SR-186 Highway Realignment and Construct New Bridge over the All-American Canal (AAC). The project will replace the existing structure crossing the AAC (carrying SR-186 traffic) with a new segmental concrete bridge, including standard 12-foot lanes, 8-foot shoulders, 6-foot sidewalks, and concrete barrier railing in each direction. Access for AAC maintenance and operation will be improved. Replacement of existing bridge structure was requested by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). Ongoing coordination with U.S. BOR, Imperial Irrigation District, Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, and International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC).

Status: The Project Report was approved in September 2025

**SR-98 Pavement Rehabilitation.** Caltrans ensures the reliability and maintenance of the State Transportation System. This is a SHOPP pavement preservation anchor asset project along SR-98 (22-lane miles). Also included in the scope of the project is lighting rehabilitation, sign panel replacement, upgrades to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps, flashing beacons, census stations, traffic signals, complete street improvements, and replacing existing safety systems.

Status: Project is in the Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase with scheduled completion of December 2025.

SR-86, SR-111, and SR-115 Curb Ramps & Complete Streets. Caltrans ensures the reliability and maintenance of the State Transportation System. This is a SHOPP Complete Streets anchor asset project on various routes. Proposed complete streets improvements include fixing existing sidewalk, and constructing new sidewalks. Satellite asset improvements include ADA curb ramp upgrades, lighting systems and traffic signal upgrades, overhead sign structure rehabilitation, roadside sign panel replacements, new enhanced visibility crosswalks, and

guardrail upgrades. The project also proposes additional improvements to pavement including micro-surfacing or cold-plane and overlay for the traveled way and shoulders to preserve and extend the service life of segments on the SR-115 existing roadway.

Status: Project is in the Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase with scheduled completion of December 2025.

California-Mexico Binational Rail Strategy. This strategy aims to develop an implementation roadmap for a more efficient, competitive, equitable and sustainable binational rail system between California and Baja California. The key goals include Coordinating investments, policies and programs across the border region. Supporting California's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goal. Reducing air quality impacts and exposure in environmental justice communities. Lowering VMT for both passenger and commercial travel and establishing a long-term framework for binational rail coordination.

Status: Caltrans hired Cordoba Corporation as the consultant team. A stakeholder kickoff meeting will be scheduled soon. Stakeholder participation is encouraged and appreciated.

**Southern Border States Pooled Fund Study- AV/CV/EV Planning.** This study addresses the rapidly advancing technologies of autonomous vehicles (AV), connected vehicles (CV), and electric vehicles (EV) across the Southern Border States (TX, NM, AZ,CA) It includes" Assessing current infrastructure and planning, identifying future needs for AV,CV,EV and alternative fuels.

Status: The project is currently on hold pending FHWA support from the polled fund mechanism. All participating states have committed a combined of \$2.5 million.

California-Baja California Border Master Plan (BMP) The BMP is a binational framework focused on improving border transportation infrastructure and coordination. It aims to enhance crossing efficiency and reduce wait times. Improve freight operations via ITS. Strengthen binational rail integration. Support economic development while ensuring the secure movement of people and goods.

Status: Caltrans is preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant team.

Calexico West Pedestrian Feasibility Study This feasibility study will evaluate pedestrian enhancements that will improve the border crossing experience, improve efficiency of movement through the border, and encourage a greater number of pedestrian crossings at the Calexico West Port of Entry. This includes a

Smart Pathway with biometric facial recognition to expedite security processes, wayfinding signage with real-time border crossing information, and other pedestrian amenities. These strategies will align with the objectives set forth in the 2021 CA – Baja CA Border Master Plan and will optimize the use of existing infrastructure and projects under development with a focus on innovative and multimodal strategies for improving active transportation facilities at the Calexico West Port of Entry.

Status: Caltrans has initiated discussions with project partners, including Customs and Border Patrol. An Engagement Portal is currently being developed, and the project development team will kick-off in January 2026.

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

California Department of Technology (CDT) has determined routes along which fiber will be constructed and selected third party joint builders to design and construct these routes, in their pursuit of bringing high speed and reliable internet access to underserved areas of Imperial County. Caltrans' role is as the Permit reviewer for the joint builder's projects Permit requests. Permit applications have been received for 8 projects with 1 being cancelled and folded under another permit. 5 of the remaining 7 projects have been approved. 3 of the 5 approved projects have completed construction. Routes included: I-8 from Arizona State Line to San Diego County Line. SR86 between El Centro and Brawley. SR111 north of Brawley to Riverside County Line. SR78 from Brawley to Riverside County Line. Construction Completion of all projects: by December 2026.

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

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

**Hub 79 – Route 111 and Route 78 near Brawley.** This hub designed by Caltrans is necessary for the North/South Route roughly following the rail line parallel to Route 86 between El Centro and Brawley and Route 111 north of Brawley to Riverside County line and the Northeast/Southwest route along Route 78 from Brawley to Riverside County line. Design Complete: October 2025. Construction Completion expected February 2026.

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

Hub 181 – Along Adams Avenue near Route 86 in El Centro. This hub designed by Caltrans is necessary for the East/West Route roughly following I-8/Old Highway 80/Evan Hewes Highway and parallel railroad and the North/South Route roughly following the rail line parallel to Route 86 between El Centro and Brawley and Route 111 north of Brawley to the Riverside County line. Design Complete: October 2025. Construction Completion expected February 2026.

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

**Hub 183 - Along Route 111 north of Niland and south of Bombay Beach.** This hub designed by Caltrans is necessary for the North/South Route roughly following the rail line parallel to Route 86 between El Centro and Brawley and Route 111 north of Brawley to Riverside County line. Design Complete: October 2025. Construction Completion expected February 2026.

### MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

1. El Centro Traveled Way Crew – Fence repair: I-8/SR-111, sealing intersections: SR-86, Storm damage repair: SR-98 east of Ocotillo.



2. El Centro Functional/Marking Crew – Sign/Landscape maintenance, refresh pavement markings: SR-111/SR-115 Calipatria.



3. Midway Traveled Way Crew - Crack sealing SR-7, Brush/weed control, sidewalk repair/Holtville



4. Brawley Traveled Way Crew – Sweeping/brush control, crack sealing-SR-111/Rutherford Road, Storm damage repair: SR-78 east of Ogilby Road.



Pavement Preservation. Imperial County along I-8 from Imperial County Line (R0.0R) to 98/8 Flyover (R10.3) and 98/8 Interchange. The purpose of this project is to extend the service life of the existing asphalt concrete (AC) pavement by placing a Microsurfacing seal coat. For locations that have damaged AC, the AC will be removed and replaced by a Cold Planing (grinding) operation and the placement new the AC Pavement. Other work includes re-striping, upgrading roadway signs, shoulder backing and placing rumble strips to enhance safety. This project is in construction phase, and it is expected to be completed by December 2025. (11-2N178: IMP-8-PM R0.0R/R10.3. HM-1 Pavement Preservation).

Pavement Preservation. Imperial County along Route 111 near Brawley and Calipatria at various locations from 0.2 mile south of Route 78 to 0.4 mile south of Route 115. The purpose of this project is to extend the service life of the existing asphalt concrete (AC) pavement by placing a Microsurfacing seal coat and placing a thin rubberized hot mixed (RHMA) asphalt concrete (AC) at various locations. Locations that have damaged AC, will be removed and replaced by cold planing and placing a new layer of AC. Other work includes re-striping, upgrading roadway signs, shoulder backing and placing rumble strips to enhance safety at Various Locations. This project is in construction phase, and it is expected to be completed by December 2025. (11-2N197: IMP-111-PM 23.5/32.1. HM-1 Pavement Preservation).

Pavement Preservation. Imperial County along I-8 at various locations from 0.2 mile west of Bonds Corner Overcrossing to 0.2 mile east of Fourth Avenue Overcrossing. The purpose of this project is to improve the pavement condition and to extend the service life of the existing asphalt concrete (AC) at various ramps by placing a Microsurfacing seal coat. Other work includes shoulder backing, pavement delineation (re-striping), and install roadway signs at ramps. This stand-alone ramp pavement project completes all of the remaining ramps along IMP-8. This project is in construction phase and is expected to be completed by January 2026. (11-2N176: Microsurfacing Ramps at IMP-8-PM R50.3/R96. HM1 Pavement Preservation).

Pavement Preservation. Imperial County near Ocotillo Wells along Route 78 from San Diego County Line to north junction Route 86. The purpose of this project is extending the service life of the existing asphalt concrete (AC) by a placing a Microsurfacing seal coat and to further improve the ride quality. Other work includes placing rumble strips to prevent run-off-the road collision and cross over collision prevention and placing pavement delineation (re-stripe). This project is in construction phase, and it is expected to be completed by December 2025. (11-2N228: IMP-78-PM 0/13.2. HM-1 Pavement Preservation).

Safety Improvement Project. Imperial County along Route 86 in and near El Centro and Brawley from McCabe Road to Imperial Avenue and from I Street to 0.3 mile north of New River Bridge. The purpose of the project is to extend the service life of the existing asphalt concrete (AC) by placing a Microsurfacing seal coat. Other improvements include pavement marking and striping, rumble strips and shoulder backing. This project is in construction phase, and it is expected to be completed by January 2026. (11-2N230: IMP-86-PM 4.5/L8.5 and 20.4/21.39. HM-1 Pavement Preservation).

Safety Improvement Project. Imperial County in and near Calexico along Route 98 from 2.3 miles west of Route 111 to Evan Hewes Highway. The purpose of this projects is to mainly enhance safety for motorists by Installing rumble strips and pavement markings (re-stripe) to prevent run-off-the road collision and cross over collision prevention. This project is in construction phase, and it is expected to be completed by January 2026. (11-2N226: IMP-98 PM 30/R57.0: HM4-Safety).

Safety Improvement Project. Imperial County along Route 78 from Route 115 to East Highline Canal and from 9 miles north of Glamis to Palo Verde. The purpose of this projects is to mainly enhance safety for motorists by Installing rumble strips and pavement markings (re-stripe) to prevent run-off-the road collision and cross over collision prevention. Other work includes installing roadway signs. This project is in construction phase, and it is expected to be completed by February 2026. (11-2N225: IMP-78-PM 21.0/27.0 and 50.0/80.36. HM4 Safety).

**Bridge Preservation. Imperial County along Route 111 near Salton Sea at Clay Wash and at Frink Wash.** The purpose of this project is to repair two culvert boxes/bridges to extend their service life and to increase their service efficiency. This project is in construction phase, and it is expected to be completed by February 2026. (11-2N147: IMP-111-PM 50.56/52.43. HM-3 Bridge Preservation).

#### COMPLETED PROJECTS

Calexico West Port of Entry (POE) Travel Corridor Improvements. To improve the accessibility to Calexico West Port of Entry and mobility on city streets (including SR-111 and SR-98), Caltrans will soon complete a study with short- and long-term strategies. The short-term strategy introduces operational improvements for the new Calexico West Port of Entry (POE) focusing on channeling all southbound (SB) West POE traffic to Cesar Chavez Boulevard (Blvd) restricting entrance from the City of Calexico local street, 2nd Street (St), into the Calexico West POE. The long-term strategy proposes the realignment of 2nd Street with a 2nd Street Overcrossing bridge positioned above the existing at grade Cesar Chavez Blvd.

Status: The Project Study Report was completed and approved in June 2025.

San Diego-Imperial County "Desert Line" Feasibility Study. This study evaluated the reinstatement of freight train service on the SDAE "Desert Line" Railroad. The key goals include Reduce commercial truck traffic at port of entry and vehicle miles traveled. Decrease environmental and economic impacts from commercial vehicle idling at the border. Provide a direct a reliable freight rail connection for goods movement between the U.S. and the Tijuana/Tecate manufacturing sector.

Status: Final report was completed in June 2025.

Safety Improvement Project. San Diego County at various locations along I-8 from Route 163 to Route 125 and in Imperial County at various locations along I-8 from just west of Imperial Avenue to Dogwood Road. The purpose of these projects is to mainly enhance safety for motorists by Installing rumble strips and pavement markings (re-stripe) to prevent run-off-the road collisions. This project was completed in July 2025. (11-2N204: IMP-8-PM R36.4/R39.5 and SD-8-PM 2.9/11.7: HM4 Safety Project).

# DISTRICT 11 LOCAL ASSISTANCE REPORT

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#### \*\*\*\*\*GRANTS\*\*\*\*\*

Selected Grant Funding Opportunities are listed below. Please click on below grant links for additional information on deadlines, qualifications, submittal information, etc.

# Caltrans Grant Funding Newsletter and Letters of Support

Stay in touch with Caltrans and get updates sent directly to your inbox on current and future grant funding opportunities, including calls for Caltrans letters of support and application training webinars, by subscribing to the Caltrans Office of Strategic Investment Planning newsletter through the <u>Constant Contact link provided here</u>.

For any grant and funding-related inquiries, including requests for Caltrans letters of support or partnership, please reach out directly to Caltrans District 11 Investment Planning Manager Brian Miller at <a href="mailto:brian.miller@dot.ca.gov">brian.miller@dot.ca.gov</a>.

### U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Grant Opportunities

The USDOT website provides a DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard for grant opportunities in various areas such as: Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART), Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs. Directions, deadlines, and links to apply are <u>HERE</u>.

# U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Competitive Grants Dashboard

The USDOT Competitive Grants Dashboard provides communities with an overview of competitive grant opportunities that can help meet their transportation infrastructure needs. Designed with all communities in mind, the Dashboard identifies grant programs with rural and Tribal set-asides or match waivers available. The Dashboard also includes Federal grant programs outside of USDOT that may be of particular interest to <u>rural communities</u>. The Dashboard is updated weekly. Directions, deadlines, and links to apply are <u>HERE</u>.

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

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

# Some key programs and their deadlines:

#### 1. ACTIVE NOFOS

# FHWA Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund (TTPSF)

The Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund is a competitive, discretionary program for the development of strategic transportation safety plans by Tribes to identify transportation safety needs and how those needs will be addressed in Tribal communities. Funding will cover the following eligible activities: transportation safety plans; data assessment, improvement, and analysis; systemic roadway departure countermeasures; and other infrastructure improvements listed under 23 USC 148(a)(4).

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

# Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Traffic Safety Grant Applications for FFY 2027

The California OTS is now accepting applications from local public entities seeking traffic safety-related funding to improve local roadway and user safety. Funding is provided as one-year grants targeting OTS grant program priority areas which include impaired and distracted driving, emergency services, motorcycle safety, occupant protection, bike and pedestrian safety, police traffic services, public communications, and roadway safety and traffic records.

- \* OTS is hosting application workshops through the month of December, 2025, so please check the OTS website <u>HERE</u> for dates and location.
- \* The FFY 2027 OTS grants application opened December 1, 2025, with applications due via the Grant Electronic Management System (GEMS) **January 31, 2026**.
- \* Please visit the OTS website <u>HERE</u> for more information on the FFY 2027 grants, including the application process and GEM registration, grants manual, and OTS priority program areas.

# FHWA Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD)

Formerly known as RAISE, BUILD is a competitive program providing funding for all types of surface transportation and infrastructure projects with significant or local impacts. Eligible activities include funding for each project phase from planning to construction on transportation projects in urban and rural areas.

- \* \$1.5B expected to be made in FY26 with individual awards capped at \$25M.
- \* BUILD opened November 26, 2025, and applications are due February 24, 2026.
- \* Click link <u>HERE</u> for more information on the BUILD program and eligibility, including application criteria, program requirements, and future amendments to the NOFO.

# FHWA Bridge Investment Program (BIP)

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

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

### 2. ANTICIPATED NOFOS

# FTA Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning

Funding for TOD-related comprehensive or site-specific planning on an eligible transit project whereby the project sponsor will also be utilizing FTA's Capital Investment Grants Program funds in addition. TOD emphasizes local development in and around high-quality transit services to create compact, mixed-use communities with easy access to jobs and destination centers via transit alternatives.

- \* \$14 million in funding is expected to be made available.
- \* NOFO anticipated early in 2026 based on past cycles but pending authorization under new USDOT priorities and guidance.
- \* Please visit this link <u>HERE</u> for more Pilot for TOD Planning program information.

# FHWA Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grants (CFI)

Funding to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure and other alternative fueling infrastructure. Funding for this program is offered through two

rounds of applications.

- \* \$2.5 billion funding available over five years.
- \* CFI NOFO anticipated early 2026 based on past cycles but pending authorization under new USDOT guidance and policies.
- \* Please visit this link <u>HERE</u> for more CFI program information.

# California Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 - Statewide Projects

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

- \* The CTC is hosting workshops and trainings (both virtual and in-person) on application support and program requirements for interested applicants now through Spring, 2026. Information on these sessions can be found <a href="HERE">HERE</a> (Please note that interested applicants may attend any session regardless of location!).
- Final Cycle 8 guidelines adoption and call for projects anticipated early 2026.
- \* ATP Cycle 8 Statewide applications are due to CTC **June 22, 2026**.

# California Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Cycle 5 Programs

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

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

Further details on active and upcoming NOFOs and programs are available via this link: <u>Key Notices of Funding Opportunity (US Department of Transportation)</u>

#### Additional Grant Tool

The DOT Navigator is a resource to help communities understand how to apply for grants, and plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services. Use the search box to quickly find resources. See link <u>HERE</u>.

# <u>Title VI Nondiscrimination Program</u>

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

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

# **IMPERIAL COUNTY** STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

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CONSTRUCTION







# VII. ACTION CALENDAR A. Employment Agreement for the Position of Executive Director

Following ICTC Counsel review, staff forward this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

- 1. Approve the Executive Director Agreement
- 2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement



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December 10, 2025

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

SUBJECT: Employment Agreement for the Position of Executive Director

#### **Dear Commission Members:**

On November 12, 2025, the Commission met in closed session to discuss the employment agreement for the Executive Director position. Attached for your review is a copy of the draft employment agreement and Exhibit A.

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

- 1. Approve the Executive Director Agreement
- 2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement

In compliance with Government Code section 54953(c)(3), during the meeting when this matter is heard, staff will provide an oral summary of the recommended salary and compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits.

Sincerely

P. Robert Amparano

Chairperson

# EMPLOYMENT A GREEMENT IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT is made and entered into this December 10, 2025, by and between the Imperial County Transportation Commission ("ICTC"), a public entity, and David Aguirre ("Aguirre"), an individual.

#### WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, ICTC was established under and is governed by Division 12.8, commencing with Section 132800, of the California Public Utilities Code and other statutes relating to transportation commissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Director is the chief executive officer of ICTC and serves at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of ICTC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that Aguirre possesses the knowledge, skills, and experience to act as the Executive Director of ICTC; and

WHEREAS, Aguirre has agreed to continue to act as ICTC Executive Director.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is agreed as follows:

#### Section 1. Services.

Aguirre agrees to perform the following services as Executive Director of ICTC:

- A. The Executive Director serves as the chief executive officer of ICTC and takes direction from the Board. The Executive Director manages the daily operations of ICTC, implements and monitors Board policy, and coordinates the activities of ICTC on behalf of the Board. Aguirre shall have full executive authority to perform all duties, services, and actions necessary or advisable to carry out the policies of ICTC and the needs of ICTC and the Board. Aguirre shall diligently attend to the business of ICTC, including attendance at meetings and proper supervision of those individuals who report directly to the Executive Director. Aguirre shall provide the services in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, ICTC Bylaws, and other policies adopted by the Board.
- B. The Executive Director shall perform all the duties described on the job description attached hereto as **Exhibit** "A" and incorporated herein.

### Section 2. Compensation.

- A. In consideration of the performance of Executive Director, ICTC agrees to pay Aguirre as detailed below effective the first full pay period following December 14, 2025. Aguirre shall continue to receive payments in the same amount as he currently receives under his current employment with ICTC until payments under this contract begin.
  - 1. A salary of one hundred sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$167,000) annually. This position is an FLSA exempt, managerial position that is not entitled to overtime pay.
  - 2. Additionally, ICTC shall pay to the Executive Director a monthly car allowance of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750).
  - 3. ICTC shall pay all holidays, Paid Time Off (PTO) and any other applicable leave as that paid to ICTC employees as defined in the Personnel Policy and Procedures for ICTC. Aguirre shall receive all benefits normally provided to ICTC employees.
  - 4. In the event of termination of this Agreement by the Board, Aguirre may receive severance pay as detailed in Section 5 of this Agreement.
- B. Reimbursement: ICTC shall reimburse all reasonable and necessary travel and educational expenses for attending seminars and conferences representing ICTC as its Executive Director at meetings shall be reimbursed by ICTC.
- C. Status with ICERS: The Board and Aguirre will retain retirement membership services under the 1937 Retirement Act through the Imperial County Employees' Retirement System (ICERS). Aguirre and Board will make contributions consistent with the requirements of ICERS for employers and employees.
- D. Except as provided under this Section, ICTC shall not be responsible to pay Aguirre any compensation, out-of-pocket expenses, fees, or other remuneration.

#### Section 3. Review.

On an annual basis the Board shall identify a focused set of priority objectives for the organization and Aguirre. The Board will review the performance of the Executive Director annually. At the Board's option, a merit increase in salary of up to five percent (5%) may be considered upon each annual review.

- A. Prior to the Evaluation. Prior to the beginning of each performance evaluation cycle, Aguirre shall prepare a summary of the current year priority objectives, goals, and accomplishments for review by the Board.
- B. Contents of the Evaluation. Aguirre shall be evaluated on effective management and the progress made on the Board's annual priorities, among other factors determined by the Board.
- D. Amendments and Changes to Evaluation Process. The Board may amend or change the evaluation process as needed provided that such changes take place at the beginning of the next evaluation period.

#### Section 4. Term.

This Agreement shall commence December 10, 2025, and remain in effect for three (3) years.

#### Section 5. Termination.

- A. Either party may terminate this Agreement, without cause and with 30 days' notice.
- B. <u>Severance Pay</u>. In the event the Board terminates Aguirre without cause prior to the expiration of the employment agreement, Aguirre shall be entitled to severance pay as set forth below.
  - 1. Aguirre shall be entitled to an amount equal to six (6) months' salary.
  - 2. In the event Aguirre receives any severance pay, the amount shall be paid to Aguirre in monthly installments and shall not be paid in one lump sum. Such monthly installments shall be equivalent to the amount of Aguirre's regular monthly salary until the severance amount owed is exhausted.
  - 3. There shall be no severance pay if Aguirre elects to terminate his contract with Board.
- C. Upon termination of this Agreement, Aguirre shall immediately turn over to ICTC any and all copies of studies, reports, or analyses, whether or not completed, prepared by him in connection with this Agreement. Such materials shall become the permanent property of ICTC.
- D. <u>Termination for Cause</u>. In the event Aguirre is terminated For Cause, Aguirre will not be entitled to severance pay. However, ICTC shall pay Aguirre all wages owed through

the date of termination For Cause as well as any accrued but unused PTO time in accordance with applicable local, state and federal law. The precondition of termination For Cause is met if one or more of the following defined instances exists:

- 1. Aguirre is convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude;
- 2. Aguirre makes an intentional and material act of dishonesty, misappropriation, embezzlement, intentional fraud, or similar conduct while acting within the scope of employment;
- 3. Aguirre's willful or grossly negligent conduct results in material damage to ICTC property;
- 4. Aguirre makes threats of violence or acts of violence in the workplace;
- 5. Aguirre engages in conduct found to constitute illegal harassment, discrimination or retaliation of another employee, consultant, member representative or staff, client, customer, or independent contractor;
- 6. Aguirre is unable to perform the essential functions of his position with or without reasonable accommodations due to a disability in conformity with applicable local, state, and federal law;
- 7. Aguirre's gross negligence or intentional and willful refusal to follow the reasonable and lawful directions of the Board that Aguirre fails to cure within fifteen (15) business days of receiving written notice from the Board;
- 8. Aguirre's material non-performance or breach of this Agreement, violation of ICTC policy, or any other statutory duty owed by Aguirre to ICTC that Aguirre does not cure within fifteen (15) business days after Aguirre's receipt of written notice thereof from the Board (provided such violation is capable of cure).

#### Section 6. Representations

- A. Aguirre represents and warrants that the subject services shall be performed exclusively by him.
- B. Aguirre represents and warrants that all reports, analyses, grant applications or other documents developed under this Agreement shall become the exclusive property of ICTC.

#### Section 7. Indemnification

A. Except as provided below, ICTC shall indemnify and hold harmless Aguirre from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, as a result of acts that Aguirre performed in the course and within the scope of his employment.

- B. ICTC's obligation shall not apply in the event that claims, liabilities, losses, damages, or expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, are incurred as a result of Aguirre's acts which are intentional, grossly negligent, or undertaken outside of the course and scope of employment. ICTC's obligation shall not apply in the event that claims, liabilities, losses, damages or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, are incurred as a result of Aguirre's failure to promptly notify ICTC of any claim made or litigation filed against him; or he has settled or compromised the claim or litigation as to him without ICTC's prior written consent.
- C. Aguirre shall, as a condition precedent to receipt of such indemnification, cooperate with ICTC and its legal counsel in the defense of any related action, claim or proceeding. ICTC will otherwise defend Aguirre with its own legal counsel and shall include the payment of his reasonable attorneys' fees only in the event ICTC requires Aguirre to retain separate counsel. Should Aguirre retain separate counsel not suitable to ICTC or upon his own initiative without being required to do so by ICTC, ICTC shall have no obligation to pay Aguirre's attorneys' fees or costs.

#### Section 8. Insurance.

- A. At Aguirre's sole cost and expense, he shall obtain and keep in force at all times during this Agreement, a policy of automobile liability insurance for any automobile that he may use in connection with his duties, or traveling to conferences or meetings, with coverage that is acceptable to the Board.
- B. ICTC shall maintain Workers' Compensation coverage and any other insurance that is required under California law, for all employees, including Aguirre.

#### Section 9. Licenses and Permits.

Aguirre represents and warrants that he possesses all required licenses to perform all aspects of this Agreement, such as a valid Driver's License.

#### Section 10. Modification.

No modification, waiver, amendment, discharge, or change of this Agreement shall be valid unless it is in writing and signed by both parties.

#### Section 11. Severance.

In the event that any provision is adjudged or decreed to be invalid, such ruling shall not invalidate the entire Agreement but shall pertain only to the provision in question and the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid, binding, and in full force and effect.

#### Section 12. Non-Assignment.

Aguirre shall not assign, transfer or subcontract this Agreement nor his rights or duties under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Board. Any attempt by him to assign or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of the Board is void.

#### Section 13. Force Majeure.

Aguirre shall not be held responsible for delays in performing services as a result of acts beyond his control and without his fault or negligence, including, but not limited to, acts of God or public enemies, acts of state or local governments or public agencies, utility or telecommunication delays or failures, accidents not resulting from his negligence, fire, flood, storms, epidemics, strikes, lockouts, industrial disturbances, war, rebellion or civil strife.

#### Section 14. Notices.

All notices and communications deemed by either party to be necessary or desirable are to be in writing and given to the other party by personal delivery or sent through the U.S. mail, first class with prepaid postage, addressed as follows:

To ICTC: Chair of the Board of Commissioners

Imperial County Transportation Commission

1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104

El Centro, CA 92243

To Executive Director: David Aguirre

[on file with ICTC]

Notice shall be deemed to have been delivered upon receipt by the party. Addresses may be changed by giving written notice of such change to the other party.

#### **Section 15. Governing Law and Venue.**

- A. The rights and obligations of the parties and all interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of California.
- B. To the extent permitted by law, any action brought by either party with respect to this Agreement shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction within Imperial County.

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#### Section 16. Entire Agreement.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Aguirre and ICTC with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all previous negotiations, proposals, commitments, writings, advertisements, publications, and understanding of any nature whatsoever unless expressly included in this Agreement.

#### **Section 17. Counterparts**

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile.

#### **Section 18. Review of Agreement Terms**

This Agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel for ICTC and Aguirre has been afforded an opportunity to have this Agreement reviewed by legal counsel, and no presumption or rule that ambiguities shall be construed against the drafting party shall apply to the interpretation or enforcement of the same or any subsequent amendments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

EXECUTIVE	IMPERIAL COUNTY
DIRECTOR:	TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:
By: David Aguirre	By: Robert Amparano, Chairman

Approved as to Form:	
By: Geoffrey P. Holbrook	
ICTC Counsel	

# VII. ACTION CALENDAR AII. ACTION CALENDAR

B. Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) Project – Contract Change Order No. 8 and 9

The ICTC Management Committee will meet on November 12, 2025, and it is anticipated that they will forward this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

- 1. Approve Change Order No. 6 to Hazard Construction Engr. LLC for the Calexico ITC Project in the Not to Exceed amount of (\$50,000.00) respectively modifying the total contract value to \$12,846,586.28.
- 2. Authorize the Executive Director to sign Change Order No. 6.



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December 5, 2025

Robert Amparano, Chair Imperial County Transportation Commission 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104 El Centro, CA 92243

SUBJECT: Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) Project – Contract Change Order

No. 8 and 9

#### **Dear Commission Members:**

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) with a 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant in the amount of \$12,887,507 million for the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center project (Calexico ITC). The project involves the construction of a new intermodal transportation center in City of Calexico's downtown and will consolidate public and private transportation providers into one facility. The new facility will include a ticket booth, CCTV security cameras, security office, restrooms, approximately nine 40-foot bus parking bays, canopies over the bus waiting areas, benches, a section reserved for taxis and farm laborer buses and trailers, bicycle racks, lighting and landscaping throughout the facility, and pedestrian sidewalk and crossing improvements.

The project is also funded by several other grants including a \$1 million Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 (REAP), \$1 million Active Transportation Program Grant (ATP) and \$4.1 million Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending funds. The project also requires a small local matching contribution (approximately \$200k) associated with Construction and Construction Management efforts. The project funding has been and will be utilized for Right of Way Acquisition, Construction Management and Construction efforts.

The project began with a Feasibility/Siting Study, followed by environmental studies and project design. Prior to agreeing to a construction contract, ICTC also completed lead and asbestos testing for the existing building structures. Multiple buildings were determined to have asbestos containing materials and would require abatement protocols. The Lead and Asbestos report was included in the Scope of Work for construction activities.

In December 2024, ICTC concluded its construction procurement efforts and awarded the construction contract to Hazard Construction Engr. LLC (Hazard) at its January 2025 meeting.

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

The current committed project construction cost consists of:

Construction – Hazard Construction Engr. LLC \$12,846,586.28

(Includes previous Contract Change Orders)

Construction Management/Resident Engineering – Jacobs Engineering \$1,968,942.61

Total Construction Related Cost \$14,815,528.89

ICTC has approved a total of seven (7) change orders for the project thus far. Change Order No. 1 consisted of additional abatement efforts (\$295,495.11), Change Order No. 2 consisted of additional wrought iron fencing (\$20,680.00), Change Order No. 3 consisted of additional foundation removal efforts (\$15,643.44), Change Order No. 4 consisted of additional over excavation quantity removal efforts (\$9,792.00), Change Order No. 5 consisted of no cost adjustments to the public restroom (\$0.00), Change Order No. 1.1 which consisted of the Time Related Overhead Cost associated with the additional abatement efforts (\$11,382.63) and Change Order No. 6 consisted of the removal of additional concrete infrastructure under the existing roadway section (\$50,000.00). Change Order No. 1.1 was approved by the Executive Director under the allowable threshold previously approved by the commission.

#### Change Order No. 8 Narrative:

ICTC continues to explore opportunities to enhance the facility and provide additional transit amenities to the public. Change Order No. 8 includes the implementation of a water misting system to provide relief from the extreme heat experienced during the summer months. The misting system will be installed within the interior bus canopies and the canopy located outside of the customer service windows. The cost for the misting system includes all labor, equipment and materials including but not limited to the electrical and water distribution system, misting nozzles and pumps and fans for the building canopy section.

#### Change Order No. 9 Narrative:

During the removal of the building 1 foundations, it was determined that the unearthed footings were substantially larger and additional to what is typically expected from a building of this size and design. The as-built drawings for the building's foundations were not provided to the contractor prior to bid as they were not available and all documentation associated with the project did not indicate any additional foundation infrastructure. It was agreed by the contractor that the foundations around the perimeter and interior supports would be treated as contract work while anything beyond what could be reasonably expected would be a differing site condition. In total the contractor spent an additional 8 days removing, over excavating and recompacting the subgrade, 4 days of which will be treated as extra work.

1. Canopy and Building Misting System: Procurement, labor, materials and equipment associated with the installation of the misting system – Contract Change Order No. 8

The cost to complete the work is (\$268,491.88)

2. **Additional Over Excavation and Recompaction Efforts:** Over-excavation and recompaction of the area under Building 1 due to the unidentified interior foundations.

The anticipated cost to complete the work is Not to Exceed (\$38,780.75)

ICTC and Hazard negotiated the cost for the change orders and agreed to the recommended cost increase. The total revised construction contract would be \$13,153,858.91. The proposed fee for the change orders has been budgeted in ICTC FY 25/26 Budget. The proposed cost for the change orders is within the existing project funding threshold and no additional financial impact to ICTC is anticipated.

The ICTC Management Committee will meet on November 12, 2025, and it is anticipated that they will forward this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

- 1. Approve Change Order No. 8 and Change Order No. 9 to Hazard Construction Engr. LLC for the Calexico ITC Project in the Not to Exceed amounts of (\$268,491.88) and (\$38,780.75) respectively modifying the total contract value to \$13,153,858.91.
- 2. Authorize the Executive Director to sign Change Order No. 8 and 9.

Sincerely,

David Aguirre Executive Director