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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

**LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025
6:00 PM**

CHAIR: ROBERT AMPARANO

VICE CHAIR: KARIN EUGENIO

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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.

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

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Public Hearing for IVT RIDE rebranding/restructuring and fare increase Pages 5-10

In accordance with Federal Transit Administration guidelines, the public hearing notice was published in the Imperial Valley Press on June 20, 2025, and July 5, 2025, and online on their website. The notice is also published on the ICTC and IVT RIDE websites, and notices were posted inside service vehicles. Additionally, staff have been presenting at social service agencies and city council's/board of supervisor's meetings.

A presentation will now be provided by the Executive Director. Following the presentation, we are prepared to receive any public comments.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. ICTC Commission Minutes: June 25, 2025 Pages 12-23
- B. Receive and file:
1. ICTC Management Committee Minutes: June 11, 2025
 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: May 22, 2025
 3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: May 7, 2025
- C. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Transportation Services FY24-25 ICTC grant application Page 25

The ICTC Management Committee met on July 9, 2025, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

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

- D. State of Good Repair Grant Program, FY 2025-26 Page 29

The information pertaining to this item was not completely available and was not forwarded to the Management Committee for consideration. Therefore, Staff forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to take any actions necessary on behalf of the ICTC for the purposes of obtaining FY 2025-26 financial assistance, provided by the State of California Department of Transportation under the State of Good Repair Grant Program.

VI. REPORTS (Up to 5 minutes per staff report)

- A. ICTC Executive Director
- Executive Director Report Page 33
- B. Southern California Association of Governments
- See attached report Page 41
- C. California Department of Transportation – District 11
- See attached report
- D. Commission / Committee Member Reports (if any)

VII. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. Adjustments to IVT RIDE Service – Implementation of Service Changes – Adjustments to Service Name and Logo, Fare Collection and Value Modifications, Accessibility to the General Public Adjustments and Service Hour Modifications Page 46

The information pertaining to this item was not completely available and was not forwarded to the Management Committee for consideration. Therefore, Staff forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorize Staff to implement the adjustments noted in the NEW CONDITIONS SECTION of TABLE 1 to the IVT Ride Service and transition the service to IVT Ride Now. Begin operation of the new IVT Ride Now service beginning September 2, 2025.

- B. 2025 Call for Projects – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Programming Project List – FFY 2026/27 to FFY 2027/28 Page 52

The ICTC Management Committee met on July 9, 2025, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

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

- C. Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) Project – Contract Change Order No. 3 and Contract Change Order No. 4 Page 59

The information pertaining to this item was not completely available and was not forwarded to the Management Committee for consideration. Therefore, Staff forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve Change Order No. 3 and Change Order No. 4 to Hazard Construction Engr. LLC for the Calexico ITC Project in the amount of (\$15,643.44) and (\$9,792.00) respectively modifying the total contract value to \$12,785,203.65.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to sign Change Order No. 3 and Change Order No. 4.

- D. Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)/Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) Administration, Operations and Maintenance Center – Grant Applications and Matching Funds Commitment Page 65

The information pertaining to this item was not completely available and was not forwarded to the Management Committee for consideration. Therefore, Staff forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the resolution noting the contribution of the required local match funds for the Bus and Bus Facilities grant (\$10,977,000) and the Low or No Emission Program grant (\$11,575,499). Local Matching Funds will only be required should ICTC be successful in the grant award.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to sign any applicable grant documentation, certification and assurances and any other documents required to complete the acceptance of a grant award.

- E. Approval of Reimbursement Agreement between the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) and the County of Imperial – Imperial County Transportation Model (ICTM) Updates – Lithium Valley Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) – Modification 1 Page 69

The information pertaining to this item was not completely available and was not forwarded to the Management Committee for consideration. Therefore, Staff forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Reimbursement Agreement Modification 1 between the County of Imperial and ICTC to reimburse ICTC for any cost associated with the completion of the required transportation modeling services. Said Modification will increase the funding capacity to a total value of \$150,000.00. Said services are to be completed by Caltrans.
- F. Approval of Contract- Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) - IVT/IVT Access/IVT Ride/IVT MedTrans– Public Outreach and Marketing Services – FY's 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28 Page 80

The information pertaining to this item was not completely available and was not forwarded to the Management Committee for consideration. Therefore, Staff forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorize the Chairman to execute the IVT Public Outreach and Marketing Services Agreement with Conveyor Group, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$450,000 for a three-year term (\$150,000 per fiscal year) effective August 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

VIII. MEETING DATE AND PLACE

- A. The next meeting of the **Imperial County Transportation Commission** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 24, 2025, 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.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing for IVT RIDE rebranding/restructuring and fare increase

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IVTRIDE NOW

*Senior Dial-A-Ride to General Public
Microtransit Adjustment*



Agenda

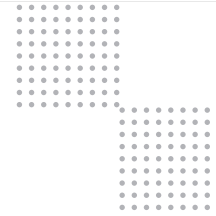


- *Current IVT Ride Areas of Concern*
- *Comparison: Existing/Future Service Conditions*
- *Service Area per City*
- *IVT Ride Now Mobile Application*
- *Next Steps and Action Plan*

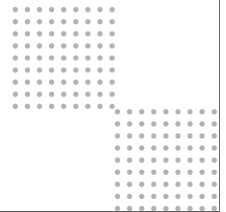




- The IVT Ride service, is exclusively available to seniors (55 years of age or older) or persons with disabilities. The service currently experiences low use due to its limited approved use. The primary objective is to enhance use levels and ensure the sustainability of the service for the benefit of the communities it serves.
- The service currently exclusively employs manual scheduling, utilizing minimal assistance from scheduling software. The objective is to integrate advanced technology to enhance operational efficiency and improve service availability.
- Inefficiencies and low ridership have restricted the ability to enhance services and meet farebox recovery targets. The objective is to increase ridership, broaden service availability to the public, and provide effective and efficient services.



ICTC Plans to implement adjustments to the IVT Ride service



COMPARISON

Existing Conditions

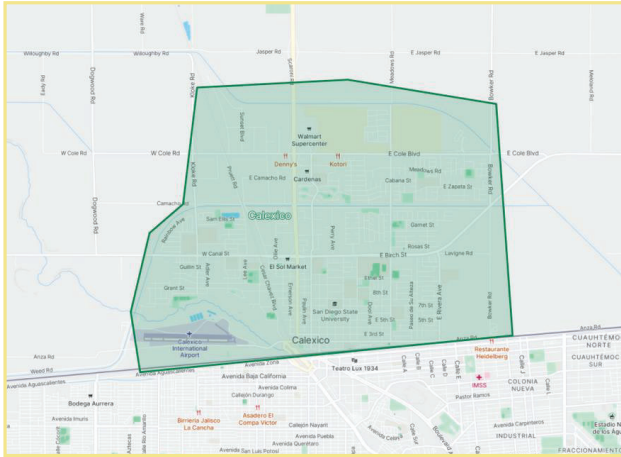
- Service is currently available in the following areas: El Centro-Heber-Imperial, Brawley, Calexico and Westshores
- Different service hours depending on the City.
Ie. El Centro M-F 7:00AM to 6:00PM,
Calexico M-F 7:00AM to 5:00PM
*Weekend Hours also vary by service area
- Each City has a different fare structure, varying from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per trip
- All trips are scheduled by phone via the IVT Ride Dispatch Center.
- Only accept cash in person payment.
- Only available for seniors or persons with disabilities.

Proposed/Future Conditions

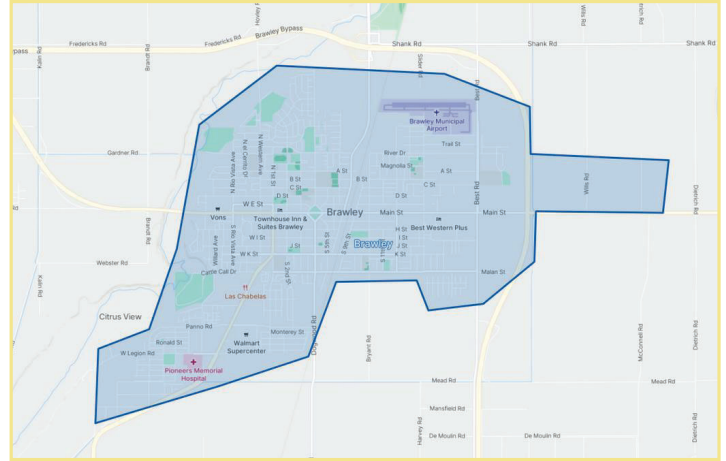
- All the service areas will have the same service hours M-F from 6:00AM to 6:00PM Sat-Sun 7:00AM to 2:00PM.*
- A new mobile application will be integrated into the service to further trip booking opportunities.
- Unify the fare structure for all the service areas. (\$2.00 General Public, \$1.00 Seniors and persons with disabilities).
- Service is open to the general public. Seniors will still be able to schedule a trip via phone by calling the dispatch center, in addition to also having access to the mobile application.
- Payment for trips can be made using cash or via the mobile application.

*Westshores will continue with existing services days and hours.

SERVICE AREAS



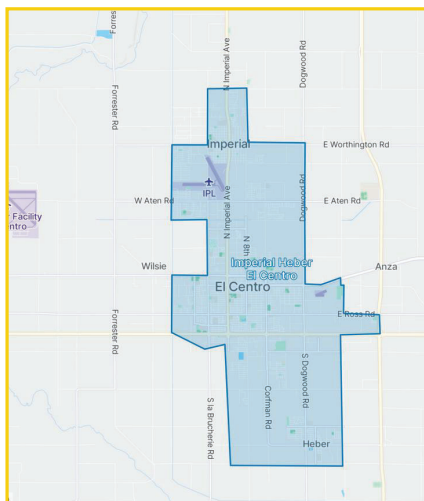
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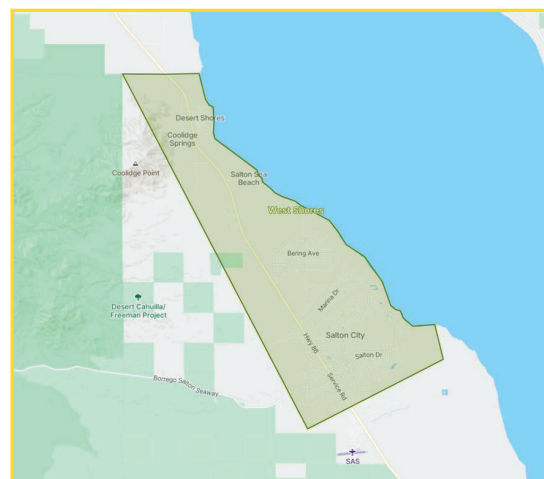
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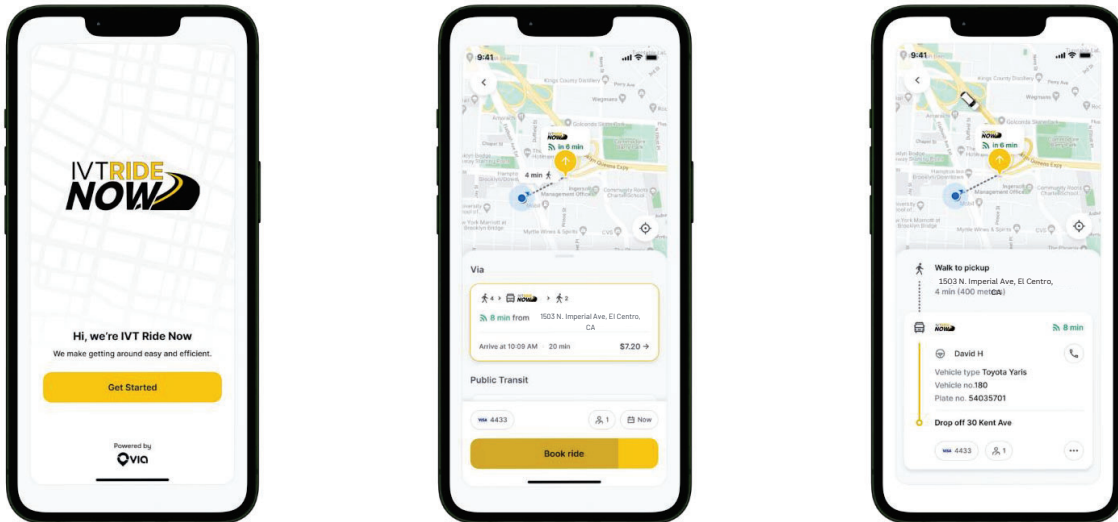
El Centro/Heber/Imperial



Westshores



IVTRIDE NOW APP



Next Steps & Action Plan



- Conduct Council/Board Presentations to each of the impacted service areas (El Centro/Heber/Imperial, Brawley, Calexico, and West Shores). Also conduct presentations to other organizations that utilize the IVT Ride service regularly (Alegria in Calexico, AAA Nutrition Sites, Day Out Centers).
- Conduct a Public Hearing to obtain feedback from the public about the proposed change to the service.
- Begin Operating the service under the general public service umbrella. Start operation of new service by September 2nd, 2025.
- Continue to conduct regular outreach for new service during service implementation timeframe.





THANK YOU

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V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. ICTC Commission Minutes: June 25, 2025
- B. Receive and file:
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 - 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: May 22, 2025
 - 3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: May 7, 2025

IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR JUNE 25, 2025
6:00 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Brawley	Gil Rebollar
City of Calipatria	Javier Amezcua
City of Calexico	Lisa Tylanda
City of El Centro	Sonia Carter
City of Imperial	Robert Amparano
City of Holtville	Absent
City of Westmorland	Ana Beltran (Zoom)
County of Imperial	John Hawk
County of Imperial	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Karin Eugenio

STAFF PRESENT: David Aguirre, Cristi Lerma, Esperanza Avila, Gustavo Gomez, Michelle Bastidas
OTHERS PRESENT: Eric Havens: ICTC Counsel; Ann Fox, Melina Pereira, John Garcia: Caltrans
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 Wednesday, June 25, 2025, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

[Chair Amparano](#) called the Commission meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were none.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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| A. | ICTC Commission Minutes: | May 28, 2025 |
| B. | Receive and file: | |
| 1. | ICTC Management Committee Minutes: | May 14, 2025 |
| 2. | ICTC TAC Minutes: | April 26, 2025 |
| 3. | ICTC SSTAC Minutes: | April 2, 2025 |
| C. | Specific Transit Operator Fiscal Reports FY 2023-24 for Imperial Valley Transit, IVT Access, IVT Ride and IVT MedTrans | |
| 1. | Received and filed the Specific Transit Operator Fiscal Reports FY 2023-24; IMPERIAL VALLEY TRANSIT, IVT ACCESS, IVT RIDE and IVT MedTrans | |

- D. FY 2025-26 Tenth Revision to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); ICTC - Quechan Indian Tribe - Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transit Authority (YCIPTA) for Turquoise Route #10 and Blue Route #5
1. Authorized the Chairperson to sign the Tenth Extension to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA), The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) and the Quechan Indian Tribe for the continued implementation and operation of a regional connector bus service (YCAT Turquoise #10) between Yuma AZ, Winterhaven and El Centro, California; and, a circulator route from Yuma with stops in the eastern Imperial County area (YCAT Blue #5) effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and provide a not to exceed subsidy to the Quechan Tribe and YCIPTA in an amount of \$242,350.02.

A motion was made by [Carter](#) and seconded by [Tylenda](#) 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	Absent
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Hawk	Yes
County of Imperial Singh	Absent
City of Westmorland	Zoom
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

V. REPORTS

A. ICTC Executive Director

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- ICTC has been working towards developing a bus stop maintenance program for a few years. Part of the program was to develop a bus stop inventory which noted the GPS locations of the bus stops in addition to a description of the assets (if any) at the bus stop. Under its existing structure, the cities/county (where the bus stops are located) are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the bus stops. In return, ICTC provides each of the cities/county funding to maintain and repair the bus stops. To provide a consolidated maintenance effort, ICTC is working with each of the cities/county to transition the maintenance and replacement of the bus stops to ICTC. ICTC will in turn utilize the funding it currently provides to the cities/county to complete the same effort. ICTC is anticipating beginning the maintenance efforts in July 2025.
- The contractor continues with construction activities on the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center project. Project demolition activities have been completed, and grading efforts are underway.
- ICTC is working on redeveloping the service logo for the IVT Ride service, in addition to building the mobile software for anticipated use. The project is proposed to go live in September 2025. ICTC will be completing presentations about the service modifications to key stakeholders and the city councils of the affected communities and will also be conducting a public hearing to finalize the modifications to the service. The public hearing is scheduled to take place prior to the July 2025 commission meeting.
- ICTC has completed a phase 1 and 2 site assessment for the proposed site of the ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility. ICTC has obtained NEPA clearance from the FTA for the acquisition of the project. During the meeting on March 26, 2025, the

Commission approved the acquisition of the property pending FTA concurrence. Staff obtained FTA concurrence and as of this week has closed escrow and have acquired the property. Consequently, the next phase of Design and Environmental will begin soon with the development of a Request for Proposals. Additionally, a zone change will need to take place.

- The Imperial County region submitted a total of 15 CMAQ & STBG 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 and it is anticipated that a priority list of projects will be submitted to the commission in July 2025. Recommendations are due to SCAG on August 1, 2025.
- Staff has issued the RFP for the Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study, and the procurement process is anticipated to close on July 7, 2025. ICTC is working towards a July 2025 award.
- ICTC is proceeding with allocation of Right of Way Funding with the CTC in June 2025 for the Calexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center. ICTC is working on the next steps to have the proposed property appraised and to work towards acquisition.
- All ICTC Executive Directors' updates can be found on page 68

B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

- Updates can be found on the SCAG report on page 76 of the agenda.

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

Ms. Fox had the following updates:

- Please join California's Transportation Reauthorization Work Group to help us determine priorities in the next bill. Sign up for biweekly updates federal-liaison@dot.ca.gov. Next webinar is July 8th, 9:00am-11:00am.
- Caltrans has been working with their congressional representatives to provide statewide priorities and projects for the upcoming Surface Transportation Reauthorization.
- Caltrans participated in the Binational Bridges and Border Crossing Group in Mexico City, Mexico on June 10-11. Sponsored by US DOS and SRE. Caltrans provided updates on SR-11/Otay Mesa East and Calexico West Port of Entry. Mexican Customs (Aduanas) is now in charge of port infrastructure and operation but will use military (SEDENA).
- Dina A. El-Tawansy has been selected as our new Caltrans District Director. Her leadership experience spans three Districts and Multiple Divisions. Currently she serves as the Caltrans Bay Area (D4) District Director and will start on her new role on July 7th.
- There are several grant opportunities currently available including the Safe Streets and Roads for All, Bridge Investment Program, and FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Program.
 - a. 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 are on page 86 of the agenda.
 - b. The FFY 2026 NOFO is now open with the deadlines for (1) large bridge project grant applications due August 1, (2) regular bridge project grant applications due November 1, and (3) planning project grant applications due October 1.

- c. FHWA Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A): The FFY 2025 NOFO is now open with applications due June 26.
 - All other updates can be found on page 79
- D. Commission Member Reports
 - Updates were provided by various commissioners.

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. ICTC Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget, Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Mr. Aguirre provided a presentation to commissioners and answered any questions.

- 1. Adopted the Draft ICTC Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget for FY 2025/2026.

A motion was made by [Rebollar](#) and seconded by [Amezcu](#) to approve Action A 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	Absent
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Hawk	Yes
County of Imperial Singh	Absent
City of Westmorland	Zoom
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

Motion Carried.

VII. MEETING DATE AND PLACE

- A. The next meeting will be on July 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the ICTC Offices, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243, and via Zoom Meeting for the public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting Adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were none.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A quorum was not present. No action was taken.

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

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

B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

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

C. Caltrans Department of Transportation – District 11

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

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

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

A quorum was not present. No action was taken.

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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



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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 22, 2025

Present:

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

Others:

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

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

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

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

3. Caltrans Updates/Announcements

(Presented by Caltrans Staff)

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

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

4. SCAG Updates / Announcements

No updates were given

5. ICTC Updates / Announcements

(Presented by ICTC Staff)

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

6. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

Updates were given by the agencies.

7. General Discussion / New Business

No new business was discussed.

The next TAC meeting will be on June 26, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.



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SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES May 07, 2025

Present

Voting Attendees:

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

Non-Voting Attendees:

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

1. Mr. Hack called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. **A quorum was present.**
2. Introductions were made.
 - Hybrid meeting.
3. Minutes were adopted for March 5, 2025, and April 2, 2025 (**Enz, Cordova**) **Motion Carried.**
4. CTSA Reports:
Mr. Aguirre had the following information:
 - The SSTAC findings letter has been completed. The UTN public hearing took place on April 7, 2025, followed by the findings meeting on April 28, 2025. We are finalizing designs for the Bus Stop Improvement Project, which includes shade and seating at the bus stop in front of the El Centro library, with construction procurement

starting soon. Additionally, we will explore transportation needs in northern Imperial County and add an express route from Calexico to IVC and back in the evening.

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

Ms. Baca presented the following information:

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

5. Transit Operator FY 2024-25 Reports:

Imperial Valley Transit:

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

IVT Access:

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

IVT Ride:

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

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

IVT MedTrans:

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

6. General Discussion

- Dr. Sanchez confirmed that IVC will be on summer vacation, resulting in a significant drop in ridership. The annual transportation survey conducted by the office will yield valuable insights and information.

7. Adjournment

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

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The ICTC Management Committee met on July 9, 2025, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

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



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July 17, 2025

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

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

Dear Commission Members:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

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

The ICTC Management Committee met on July 9, 2025, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

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

Sincerely,



David Aguirre
Executive Director

DA/

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By: _____
Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
CRISTI LERMA
Secretary to the Commission

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

D. State of Good Repair Grant Program, FY 2025-26

The information pertaining to this item was not completely available and was not forwarded to the Management Committee for consideration. Therefore, Staff forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to take any actions necessary on behalf of the ICTC for the purposes of obtaining FY 2025-26 financial assistance, provided by the State of California Department of Transportation under the State of Good Repair Grant Program.



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July 14, 2025

Robert Amparano, Chairman
Imperial County Transportation Commission
1503 N. Imperial Avenue, Suite 104
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SUBJECT: State of Good Repair Grant Program, FY 2025-26

Dear Commission Members:

The State of Good Repair Program (SGR) provides funds for use on a variety of transit infrastructure repair and service improvement projects. These projects are primarily transit capital projects or services to maintain or repair a transit operator's existing transit vehicle fleet or transit facilities, including the rehabilitation and/or modernization of the existing vehicles or facilities and/or the design, acquisition, and construction of new vehicles or facilities that improve existing transit services. The program is administered by the State of California's Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

In previous years, ICTC has successfully applied for funding through this program for the anticipated replacement of transit operation vehicles. For the FY 2025-26 funding, ICTC is seeking funding in the amount of \$352,457.00 through this program to provide funding for the replacement of transit operation vehicles. No matching funds are required.

The application process requires the submittal of a resolution from the Commission authorizing the Executive Director to act on behalf of the Commission in order to submit our request for these funds in a timely manner.

Information pertaining to this item was not available for the Management Committee Meeting, therefore Staff forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to take any actions necessary on behalf of the ICTC for the purposes of obtaining FY 2025-26 financial assistance, provided by the State of California Department of Transportation under the State of Good Repair Grant Program.

Sincerely,

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

David Aguirre
Executive Director
Attachment

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

RESOLUTION # _____

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE
REGIONAL ENTITIES APPROVING PROJECT LIST
FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (SB1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act 2017, established the State of Good Repair (SGR) program to fund eligible transit maintenance, rehabilitation and capital project activities that maintain the public transit system in a state of good repair; and

WHEREAS, the Imperial County Transportation Commission is an eligible project sponsor and may receive and distribute State Transit Assistance - State of Good Repair Program (SGR) funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies) for eligible transit capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit capital projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (2017) named the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as the administrative agency for the SGR; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing SGR funds to eligible recipients (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, the Imperial County Transportation Commission wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to the Executive Director and/or his designee;

WHEREAS, the Imperial County Transportation Commission approves the project list for the PUC 99313 apportionment.

WHEREAS, the Imperial County Transportation Commission concurs and approves the project list from the operators for the PUC 99314 apportionment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Imperial County Transportation Commission approves the region's State of Good Repair project list for **FY 2025-26**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Imperial County Transportation Commission that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all SGR funded transit capital projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director and/or his designee be authorized to execute all required documents of the SGR program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

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

BY: _____
Chairperson

ATTEST:

BY: _____
CRISTI LERMA
Secretary to the Commission

V. REPORTS

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



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Memorandum

Date: July 16, 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 Commission meeting on July 23, 2025.

- 1) **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.
- 2) **Bus Stop Improvement Project:** Staff are working on developing a bus stop improvement project across multiple cities throughout the county. The project consists of installing various bus shelters and potentially other amenities. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. 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 the fall of 2025.**
- 3) **Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC):** A new Intermodal Transportation Center in the City of Calexico has been part of ICTC's long range transit planning. The new Calexico ITC will serve as a regional mobility hub that will accommodate bus bays for Imperial Valley Transit in addition to private bus companies, taxis and farm labor buses. ICTC previously received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal program fund to complete the environmental and design plans of the new Calexico ITC. The environmental and design phase has been completed. Right of Way Acquisition for the project has been completed. ICTC was awarded

multiple grants to complete the required construction efforts for the project. ICTC received grant awards from the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0, Active Transportation Program (ATP) and Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant and Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Programs. ICTC recently completed the construction procurement efforts, and a contract award was issued to Hazard Construction. The project is anticipated to take a year to complete. We had a successful groundbreaking ceremony on February 28, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the project site. **The Contractor continues with construction activities for the project. Project demolition activities have been completed, and grading efforts are underway, in addition to the services associated with the onsite building.**

- 4) **IVT Ride Service Modifications:** IVT Ride is a dial-a-ride service that is available to seniors (55 years of age or older) and persons with disabilities in the communities of Calexico, Heber, El Centro, Imperial and Brawley. The service primarily operates in an intracity capacity with the exception of the communities of El Centro, Imperial and Heber and the Westshores service which travels to the city of Brawley or the Coachella Valley. The Westshores service is also available to the general public. Due to continuing declining ridership on all IVT Ride services, staff are exploring the possibility of modifying the service to provide trips to the general public but still provide priority to the senior population. The possible modification would enable the service to capture additional passengers and implement a microtransit-like service in various communities. The possible modification would also require financial investment in technology and the development of a passenger web and mobile application. Staff anticipate bringing the further evaluated concept to the Management Committee and Commission in the coming months. Staff are also pursuing funding opportunities to facilitate the possible transition of the service. Staff provided the Commission with a presentation on August 28, 2024, with further details. There was consensus to proceed with the software development and hardware acquisition. This item received approval to proceed to further development by the commission. ICTC has received state funding to complete the software and hardware upgrades for the project. ICTC Staff are currently working on developing a plan to conduct outreach (including in-person presentations and surveys) to the public about possible service modifications. **ICTC has redeveloped the service logo, in addition to finalizing the mobile software for anticipated use. The project is proposed to go live in September 2025. ICTC will be completing presentations about the service modifications to key stakeholders and the city councils of the affected communities and will also be conducting a public hearing to finalize the modifications to the service. The public hearing is scheduled to take place prior to the July 2025 commission meeting.**
- 5) **Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis:** Staff was able to secure grant funding to complete a Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). The COA is a comprehensive evaluation of ICTC's existing transit services while also presenting evaluation findings and recommendations to further improvement of ICTC's existing public transit system. ICTC intends to evaluate all ICTC operated services in addition to incorporating an assessment of the feasibility of intercity passenger rail. Staff recently released the Request for Proposals to the public and issued a contract award in October 2024. **The analysis is anticipated to take a year to complete. The project has kicked off and outreach efforts have taken place. The Analysis is currently being developed.**
- 6) **ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility:** ICTC staff has engaged with the proposed property owner's representative about ICTC's interest in the property. ICTC has also communicated with the city of El Centro regarding action items that would need to take place to facilitate the goal of the project. ICTC has also communicated with grant agencies and our Zero Emission Bus Plan engineering consultant to develop a preliminary site plan of the proposed improvements. Next steps include executing a Letter of Intent with the property owner, continuing coordination with the city of El Centro, and to begin conducting the required environmental studies like a Phase 1 Site Assessment. ICTC will also continue to work on grant opportunities to fund the acquisition of the property. A preliminary site plan has been prepared and was shared with the commission. ICTC was recently informed that it had received a funding commitment for the completion of the design/environmental phases of the project. **ICTC has completed a phase 1 and 2 site assessment for the proposed site. ICTC has obtained NEPA clearance from the FTA for the acquisition of the project. During the meeting on March 26, 2025, the Commission approved the acquisition of the property pending Federal Transit Administration (FTA) concurrence. ICTC completed the acquisition of the project site in June 2025. Staff are currently developing the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Environmental and Design Services. Staff's goal is to release the RFP in August 2025. Staff was also able to submit multiple grant**

applications for the anticipated construction efforts under the FTA 5339 for Bus Facilities and Low No Emission Programs.

- 7) **CMAQ and STBG Call for Projects:** SCAG implemented a call for projects for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG). The funding years associated with this call for projects are FFY 2026-27 and FFY 2027-28. SCAG adopted the CMAQ/STBG Guidelines at its March 6, 2025, Regional Council Meeting. This item was taken to the ICTC TAC in February and was presented to the Management Committee and Commission respectively in March 2025. ICTC adopted its scoring framework at the March 2025 Commission Meeting. The Call for Projects opened on March 31, 2025, and **closed on May 16, 2025**, at 5 p.m. Applications were due to SCAG via its online application portal. **The Imperial County region submitted a total of 15 applications from the cities of Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial and the County of Imperial. The scoring and ranking of projects was completed by members of the ICTC TAC in June 2025. The recommendations were presented to the Management Committee in July 2025 and it is anticipated that a priority list of projects will be submitted to the commission in July 2025. Upon acceptance, Staff will submit the list of projects to SCAG for further evaluation.**
- 8) **2nd Street/Anza Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project:** ICTC is working with Caltrans to develop an approach towards proceeding with the development of the required environmental and engineering phases for the rehabilitation 2nd Street/Anza Road Bridge Project. **ICTC met with Caltrans to discuss the next steps and will begin development of the required actions to proceed with the project. ICTC will be working closely with Caltrans and the city of Calexico on further actions. ICTC is anticipating proceeding environmental analysis and design in early 2026.**
- 9) **Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study:** ICTC recently submitted a grant application under the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) to prepare a Countywide EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study. The project will aim to identify strategic locations within the county for EV Charging Infrastructure. Caltrans is currently developing a similar project for locations along State facilities. **Staff has issued the RFP for the project and the procurement process is anticipated to close in late June 2025. ICTC received multiple responses and is working on the final steps for potential contract award.**
- 10) **EV Charger Acquisition Project:** Staff are working on developing an EV charger acquisition project across multiple cities throughout the county. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. Once the charger stations are acquired, ICTC will proceed with the next steps associated with the installation. **It is anticipated that the project will be completed in FY 2025-26.**
- 11) **Local Transportation Authority (LTA), Measure D Program:** A publication highlighting agency projects completed in FY 2022/23 and FY 2023/24 using Measure D funds was published in the Imperial Valley Press on Saturday, May 17, 2025, and again on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. The LTA Local Taxpayer Supervisory Committee (LTSC) has requested in previous years that this information be published annually to ensure transparency, public awareness, and accountability in the use of Measure D funds. Our goal is to continue this effort moving forward, ensuring that the public remains informed about the ongoing investment and impact of Measure D in our communities.
- 12) **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.
- 13) **New Border Express Route starting February 10, 2025:** Staff have coordinated the implementation of a demonstration route that will operate Monday through Friday at select times between the 3rd and Paulin Bus Stop

to the Calexico East POE. This is being demonstrated in anticipation of a larger scale route associated with the upcoming transit facility that is anticipated to begin when the new East POE facility is completed. There is also an additional IVC Express Trip embedded in the new service which will help alleviate some of the congestion we see on some of our IVC Express trips. **Staff will be providing updates as it pertains to the development of the service.**

- 14) **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 have the proposed property appraised and to work towards acquisition.**
- 15) **Imperial County CTC Town Hall and Tour:** ICTC and the County of Imperial in coordination with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) conducted a CTC Town Hall Meeting in Imperial County on April 24, 2025, at the City of El Centro Library. The CTC Town Hall Meeting provided the opportunity for Imperial County residents to communicate with CTC while also providing the opportunity for Imperial County local agencies to share project achievements and potential transportation infrastructure needs. Presentations and Q&A were provided by the cities of Brawley, Calexico, El Centro, Imperial, the County of Imperial, Caltrans and the ICTC. The California Transportation Commission is responsible for programming and allocating funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail, transit and active transportation improvements throughout California. ICTC and County of Imperial staff also hosted a tour of Lithium Valley and the Calexico West Port of Entry the following day. Overall, it was a successful turnout and positive experience for everyone involved. ICTC appreciates the support and participation of Imperial County agencies.
- 16) **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 September 2025.**
- 17) **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.**
- 18) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** The IMBA Strategic Planning and regular meetings were held on January 9, 2025, in the City of Mexicali at the CDEM Offices. The rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair was done during the Strategic Planning Meeting. IMBA's 2025 Chair is Abel Graciano representing the Mexicali Region and Vice-Chair is David Aguirre from ICTC representing the Imperial County Region. **The next IMBA is scheduled to be held in Imperial County on September 11, 2025, in Mexicali.**
- 19) **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.**

- 20) **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.**
- 21) **Calexico Microtransit Service – Calexico On Demand:** ICTC submitted a grant application for the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) program in October of 2020. The grant application was submitted to provide a clean energy microtransit service in the city of Calexico. In early 2021, ICTC was notified of its grant award of \$1 Million to fund the pilot microtransit service. The microtransit service currently operates as an on-demand service available to provide trips to the general public within the boundaries of the city of Calexico. The award required that ICTC fund and operate the service for a minimum of 4 years. ICTC partnered with Via Transportation, an experienced transportation operator to operate the service. ICTC and Via began the development of the project including service criteria, marketing information, and operational criteria. ICTC obtained approval from the CMO program to commence the service. ICTC kicked off the service on January 9th, 2023. Further information about the service can be viewed on the website: <https://city.ridewithvia.com/calexico-ondemand>. ICTC was awarded an additional \$500,000 to be utilized for operations of the service and additional service hours through the CMO program in late 2023. ICTC was recently awarded a grant from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program in the amount of \$520k to continue funding operations for the service. ICTC was also able to secure an additional grant through the CMO program to continue funding the service. ICTC also received an additional funding commitment to further continue the service beyond the current grant funding received.
- 22) **2024 Local Partnership Program, Cycle 5:** The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Senate Bill 1) created the Local Partnership Program (LPP) as a program to reward and incentivize local or regional transportation agencies that have sought and received voter approval of taxes or that have imposed fees, which taxes or fees are dedicated solely for transportation improvements. The program is implemented by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The CTC adopted the 2024 LPP Program Cycle 5 Guidelines on August 15-16, 2024. As a result of the adoption of the Cycle 5 Guidelines the Call for Projects has opened. The LPP Grant funds require a one-to-one match. The Imperial County Region's estimated allocation amount for FY 2025/26 is \$524million and \$520 million for FY2026/27 for a total of \$1,044 million. There is also a competitive program

that is administered by the CTC. Guidelines for the program can be found at <https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/local-partnership-program/2024-lpp-competitive-guidelines-adopted-resolution.pdf>

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

- 23) **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) 2024 Call for Projects – FFY 2023-2024 to FFY 2025/2026:** The STBG, CRP and CMAQ Call for Projects began on November 9, 2023. Applications were due on Friday, January 26, 2024, at the ICTC office. All agencies were provided with guideline documentation and were encouraged to submit potential projects.

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

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

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

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

- 24) **Regional Active Transportation Program:** The ATP is funded by various federal and state funds including the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), State

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

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

- 25) **Orchard Road & SR115 Traffic Concept Report:** During the Commission meeting of September 2022, the Commission asked ICTC staff to follow up on the SR 115 Transportation Concept Report (TCR). ICTC staff has conducted meetings with Caltrans and County Public Works staff during the week of October 17th. ICTC staff, in partnership with County and Caltrans staff, are continuing discussions for short term options to deter trucks from using Orchard Road. The parties are also expected to discuss long-term options as well. More information will be shared as discussions continue.
- 26) **Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project:** The project construction efforts are now complete, and the project is now in the closeout phase. For additional information regarding this project visit the ICTC website at: <https://www.imperialctc.org/projects/calexico-east-port-of-entry-bridge-expansion>.
- 27) **San Diego & Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Strategy:** The study is posted to the ICTC website at: <https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/san-diego-imperial-counties-sustainable-freight-implementation-strategy-final-report-2024-02-01.pdf>
- 28) **State Legislation for Transportation Funding – SB 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA):** According to the California League of Cities, overall local streets and roads allocations to cities and counties from the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) and the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) are projected to climb 14.8% in the current fiscal year, 2021-22, above last year, reflecting a rebound from peak impacts of the pandemic in 2020. For the budget year 2022-23, allocations are projected to grow 10.8% over the current year. This presumes that if the scheduled July 1 cost-of-living fuel tax increase is suspended, the Legislature will backfill any revenue impacts to local governments as leaders have pledged. The estimates are based on new statewide tax revenue estimates released by the California Department of Finance with the Governor's 2022-23 Proposed Budget. The county estimates were prepared in collaboration with the California State Association of Counties.
For RMRA remittance advice by cities visit: https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard_payments_rmra_cities.html
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- 29) **Funding Opportunities:**
- **LPP Cycle 5 Call-for-Projects:** LPP Cycle 5 is expected to include about \$72M/per year made up of Federal and State funding. The funding/programming years include the 25/26 and 26/27 fiscal years.
 - Schedule and major milestones can be found at: <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/local-partnership-program/local-partnership-program-formulaic>
 - For a complete list of California specific grant opportunities go to <https://www.grants.ca.gov/>

- For a complete list of federal transportation grant opportunities go to <https://www.transportation.gov/infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act>

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

Various project specific meetings are held throughout the month.

Various community presentations are held throughout the month

Various transit community services provided throughout the month

- June 18, 2025 – CMAQ & STBG Scoring and Ranking meeting at the ICTC offices
- June 25, 2025 – ICTC, IVRMA and LTA meetings at the ICTC office
- June 26, 2025 – ICTC TAC Meeting at the ICTC offices
- June 26, 2025 – IVRMA TAC Meeting at the ICTC offices
- June 26-27, 2025 – CTC Meeting in Sacramento (attended by Gustavo Gomez)
- June 27, 2025 – SANDAG Borders Committee in San Diego
- June 29-July 2, 2025 – SHRM Conference in San Diego (attended by Cristi Lerma)
- July 2, 2025 – ICOE Student Training (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- July 2, 2025 – Knightscope QBR via Zoom (attended Espy Avila)
- July 2, 2025 – Presentation Day Out (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- July 3, 2025 – 51S Ride Along (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- July 7, 2025 – Ride Along-IVT Green Line (attended by Priscilla)
- July 9, 2025 – ICTC Management Committee meeting at the ICTC offices
- July 9, 2025 – AB 617 Community Steering Committee meeting via zoom meeting
- July 10, 2025 – Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance meeting in Calexico with a tour of Gateway Park (attendee by Marlene Flores, Cesar Beltran and Espy Avila)
- July 10, 2025 – Caltrans Binational Rail Strategy Kick-off Meeting in San Diego
- July 14-17, 2025 – NTI Procurement II Training-Risk Assessment and Basic Cost of Price Analysis in Philadelphia (attended by Gustavo Gomez)
- July 14, 2025 – Staff Meeting
- July 15, 2025 – IVRMA Administrative meeting
- July 15, 2025 – City of Brawley Council Meeting for IVT RIDE NOW presentation (attended by Marlene Flores)
- July 15, 2025 – City of El Centro Council Meeting for IVT RIDE NOW presentation
- July 16, 2025 – City of Calexico Council Meeting for IVT RIDE NOW presentation
- July 16, 2025 – District 11 Obligation Plan meeting via Teams

Memorandum

Date: July 2, 2025
To: ICTC Committee and Management Meeting
From: David Salgado, Government Affairs Officer (GAO)
Re: Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Understanding the Barriers

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

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

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

Apprenticeships as a Pathway Forward

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

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

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

Inclusive Regional Economy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VII. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. Adjustments to IVT RIDE Service – Implementation of Service Changes – Adjustments to Service Name and Logo, Fare Collection and Value Modifications, Accessibility to the General Public Adjustments and Service Hour Modifications

The information pertaining to this item was not completely available and was not forwarded to the Management Committee for consideration. Therefore, Staff forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorize Staff to implement the adjustments noted in the NEW CONDITIONS SECTION of TABLE 1 to the IVT Ride Service and transition the service to IVT Ride Now. Begin operation of the new IVT Ride Now service beginning September 2, 2025.



July 17, 2025

Robert Amparano, Chairman
Imperial County Transportation Commission
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El Centro, CA 92243

SUBJECT: Adjustments to IVT RIDE Service – Implementation of Service Changes –
Adjustments to Service Name and Logo, Fare Collection and Value Modifications,
Accessibility to the General Public Adjustments, Service Area Adjustments and
Service Hour Modifications

Dear Commission Members:

IVT RIDE is currently a public paratransit service bus system in service since 2014, and is designed for seniors and transit dependent persons, for access to medical facilities, clinics and other services. IVT RIDE operates in Brawley, Calexico, Imperial, El Centro, Heber and West Shores. Apart from the El Centro/Heber/Imperial and Westshores Service, the service is an Intracity service meaning it only operates within its community and does not cross community boundaries. The vehicles operated are ramp or lift equipped minibuses designed to accommodate passengers with physical or cognitive disabilities. Currently, the service operates 7 days a week (depending on location), with an advanced reservation system. The fare structure for each of the locations also varies based on location.

ICTC continues to monitor and consider adjustments to all Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) services in efforts to provide the best possible service to the residents of the Imperial County. In addition, ICTC is required to meet farebox recovery requirements. ICTC continues to conduct outreach for the service in addition to developing/implementing various marketing campaigns. The IVT Ride service continues to suffer from significant inefficiencies in addition to low ridership and usage. Due to continued struggles with the service, ICTC must consider significant modifications to the service to ensure the service can continue to operate.

Staff identified various proposed amendments to the IVT Ride service model to possibly extend the life of the service. The following proposed amendments were reviewed by the Commission at the September 2024 Commission Meeting.

- Open the service to the general public
- Continue to allow Seniors and Persons with Disabilities to complete advanced bookings for the service
- Acquire/Implement a Mobile Rider Application for curb-to-curb pickups/drop-offs
- Acquire/Implement electronic payment opportunities for reservations made through the Rider Application
- Acquire/Implement the hardware required to operate the service such as dispatch software and driver tablets
- Implement adjustments to the IVT Ride website and service marketing materials

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

The Commission also provided approval to staff to implement a service mobile application at the September 2024 Commission Meeting. All services will have access to the mobile application which will be available on apple and google play stores. The mobile application will allow passengers to book on-demand trips while also allowing users to pay for their trip via the mobile app. Cash payments will continue to be accepted on all service vehicles.

The proposed adjustments to the service would enable IVT Ride to transition to a microtransit-like service, similar to the Calexico On Demand service. The Calexico On Demand service has seen significant ridership and demand and has proven to be extremely successful. In accordance with FTA and ICTC guidelines, ICTC is required to properly notice and conduct a public hearing to obtain public feedback pertaining to any transit service modifications. **The public hearing will be held at the July 23, 2025, ICTC commission meeting.**

ICTC has been working with its software developer VIA to develop the mobile application. ICTC has also developed the framework to transition the IVT Ride Service from its current framework to the proposed new framework and branding known as **IVT Ride Now**. All vehicles will be rebranded to reflect the IVT Ride Now Logo, the service website will also be modified to reflect the new brand and logo. Dispatch/Customer Service hours will not be modified because of the service modifications. Dispatch/Customer Service is currently available on Monday through Friday from 5:45 am to 7:00 pm, Saturday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. The existing dispatch/customer service phone number will also remain.

The following are the current conditions and proposed changes.

TABLE 1		
Service Availability		
Service	Current Conditions	New Conditions -IVT Ride Now
IVT Ride Brawley, El Centro, Imperial, Heber and Calexico	Seniors (55 Years of Age or Older) and persons with disabilities eligible for the ADA Paratransit Service	General Public, Seniors (55 Years of Age or Older) and persons with disabilities eligible for the ADA Paratransit Service
IVT Ride Westshores	Available to the General Public	No Change
Service Hours		
Service	Current Conditions	New Conditions – IVT Ride Now
IVT Ride Brawley	Monday through Friday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Sunday – No Service	Monday through Friday 6:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 7:00 am – 2:00 pm
IVT Ride El Centro, Heber and Imperial	Monday through Friday 6:30 am – 6:00 pm Saturday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm Sunday – No Service	Monday through Friday 6:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 7:00 am – 2:00 pm
IVT Ride Calexico	Monday through Friday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Saturday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Monday through Friday 6:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 7:00 am – 2:00 pm
IVT Ride Westshores	Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm (Tuesday operates to Brawley or the Coachella Valley and Thursday locally)	No Change

Service Fares		
Service	Current Conditions	New Conditions – IVT Ride Now
IVT Ride Brawley	\$1.50 Seniors/Persons with Disabilities	\$2.00 General Public \$1.00 Seniors/Persons with Disabilities
IVT Ride El Centro, Heber and Imperial	\$1.25 El Centro \$.75 within Heber/Imperial, \$1.75 Heber/Imperial to El Centro	\$2.00 General Public \$1.00 Seniors/Persons with Disabilities
IVT Ride Calexico	\$1.00 Seniors/Persons with Disabilities	\$2.00 General Public \$1.00 Seniors/Persons with Disabilities
IVT Ride Westshores	\$2.00 within Westshores, \$2.50 to Brawley/Coachella Valley	\$2.00 - \$2.50 General Public \$1.00 Seniors/Persons with Disabilities
Service Area		
Service	Current Conditions	New Conditions – IVT Ride Now
IVT Ride Brawley	Brawley City Boundaries	Slight Change to include SDSU Brawley Campus
IVT Ride El Centro, Heber and Imperial	El Centro, Heber and Imperial City Boundaries	No Change
IVT Ride Calexico	Calexico City Boundaries	No Change
IVT Ride Westshores	Unincorporated Areas (Westshores, Desert Shores, Salton City)	No Change

Prior to implementation, ICTC conducted rider surveys and outreach, and will continue engaging the public through additional outreach, surveys, presentations to each of the impacted cities and senior groups.

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1. Authorize Staff to implement the adjustments noted in the NEW CONDITIONS SECTION of TABLE 1 to the IVT Ride Service and transition the service to IVT Ride Now.
 - Adjust the service branding to IVT Ride Now.
 - Make the service available to the general public.
 - Adjust services hours to Monday through Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday 7:00 am to 2:00 pm (with the exception to Westshores Service)
 - Adjust the fare structure to \$2.00 General Public (\$2-\$2.50 Westshores) and \$1.00 for Seniors/Persons with Disabilities
 - Adjust the Service Area Boundary for the city of Brawley
 - Begin operation of the new IVT Ride Now service beginning September 2, 2025.

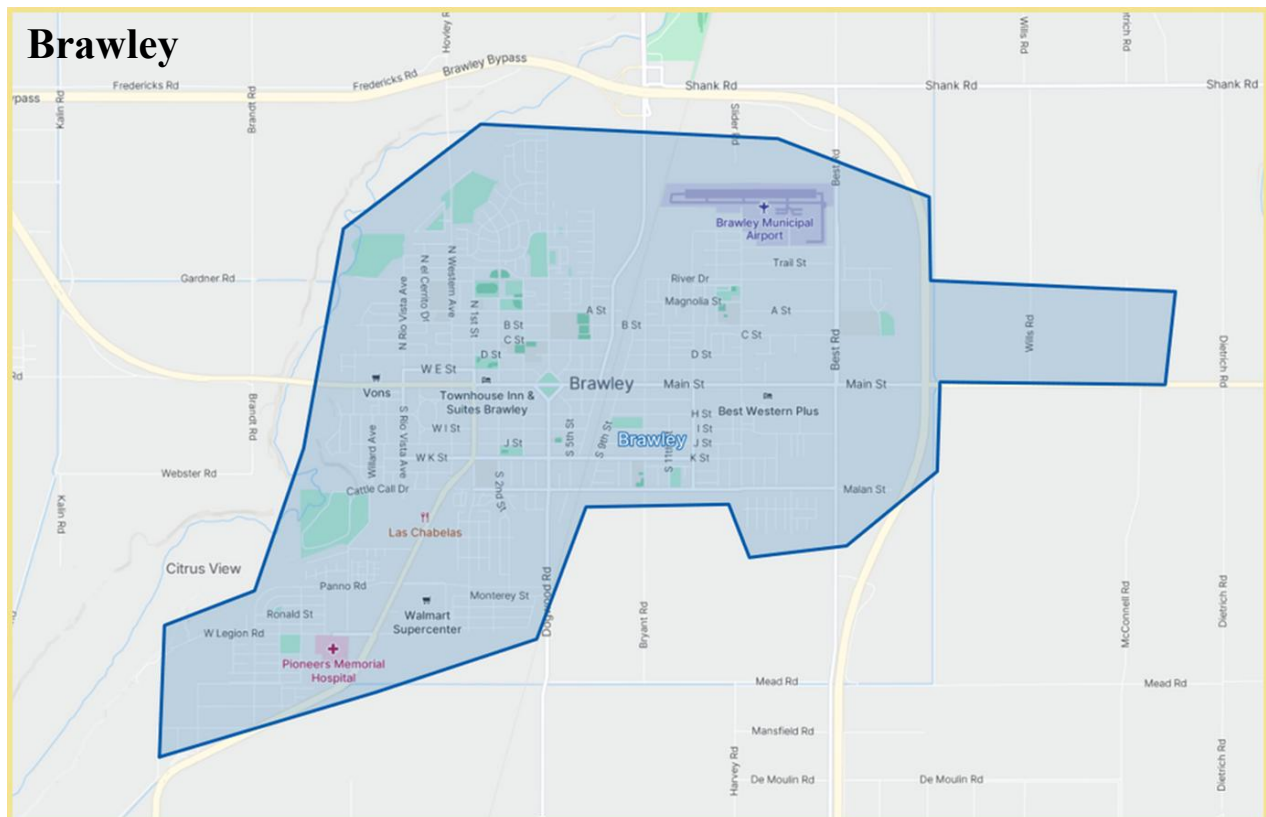
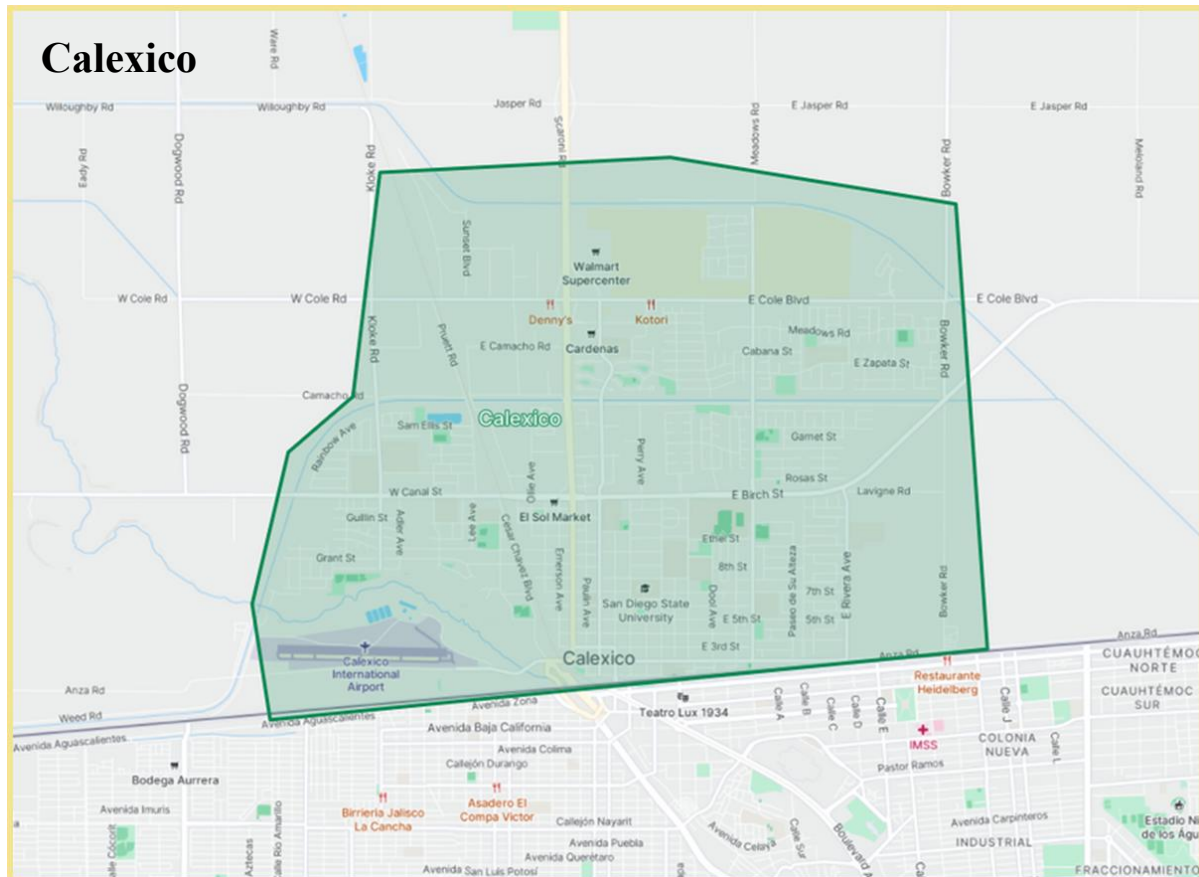
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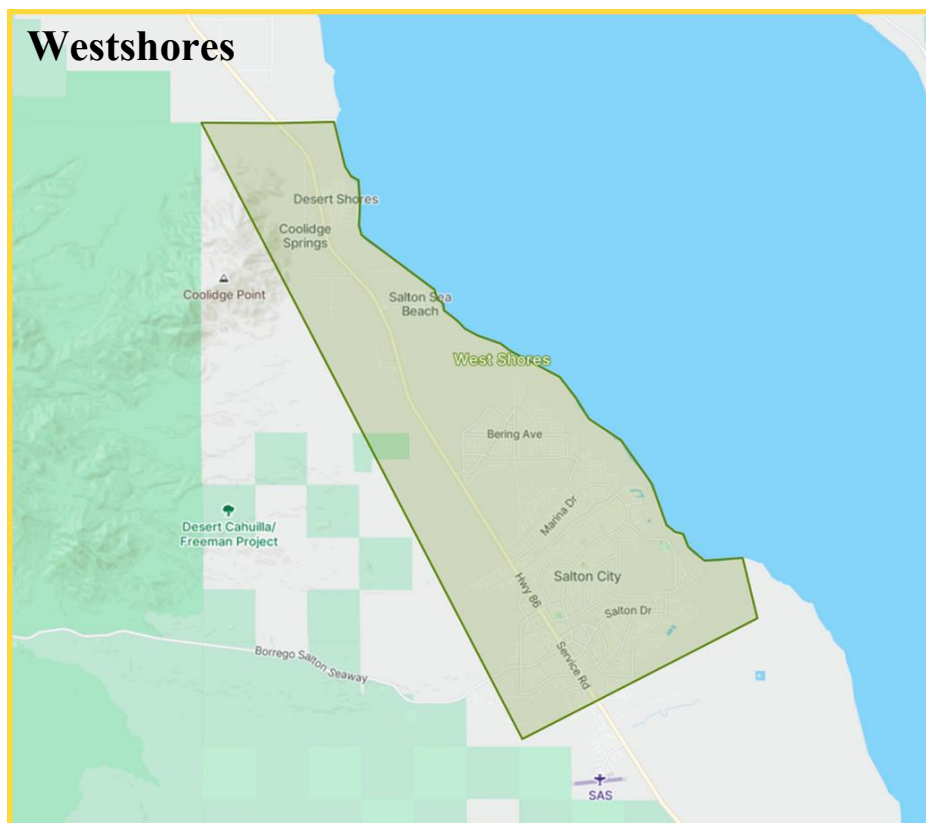
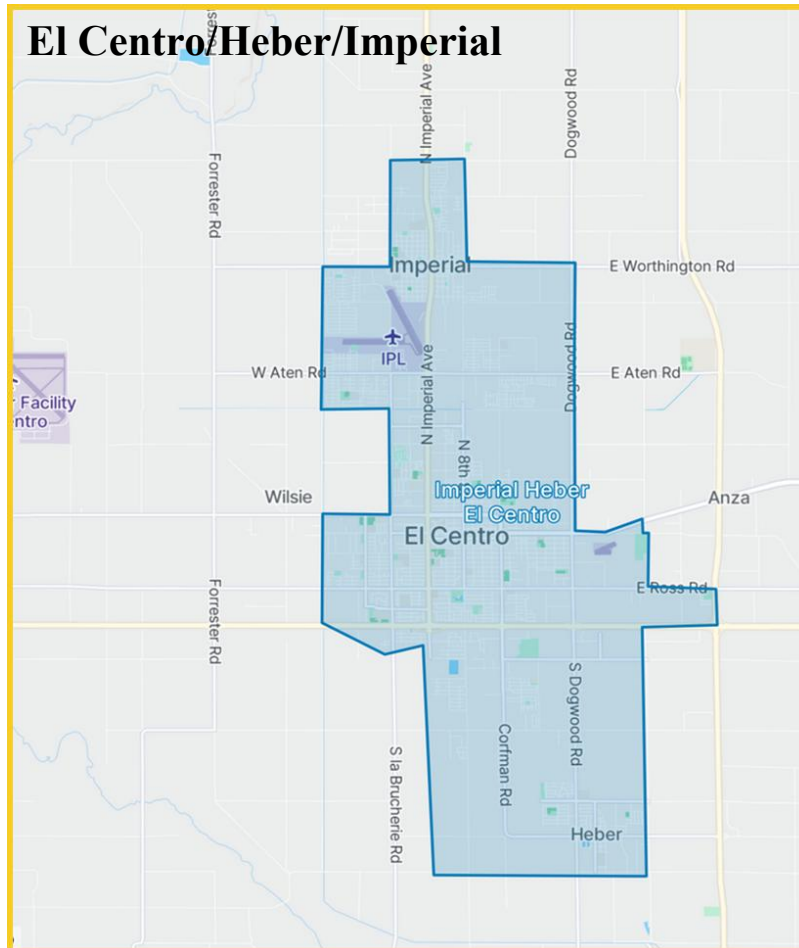


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Executive Director

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Service Areas





VII. ACTION CALENDAR

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

The ICTC Management Committee met on July 9, 2025, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

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



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

Dear Commission Members:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The SCAG Call for Project Nominations ended on May 16, 2025. In all, fifteen (15) projects were received totaling \$24.2 million. ICTC received projects from the cities of Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, and County of Imperial.

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

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

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

The Technical Advisory Committee met on June 26, 2025, for discussion and completed a set of recommendations to submit to the ICTC Management Committee and Commission. The ICTC Management Committee met on July 9, 2025, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

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

Sincerely,



David Aguirre
Executive Director

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Attachment A
2025 CMAQ Project Original Distribution

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

Attachment B
2025 CMAQ Proposed Funding

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

Attachment C
2025 STBG Project Original Distribution

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

Attachment D

2025 STBG Proposed Funding

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

VII. ACTION CALENDAR

- C. Callexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) Project – Contract Change Order No. 3 and Contract Change Order No. 4

The information pertaining to this item was not completely available and was not forwarded to the Management Committee for consideration. Therefore, Staff forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve Change Order No. 3 and Change Order No. 4 to Hazard Construction Engr. LLC for the Callexico ITC Project in the amount of (\$15,643.44) and (\$9,792.00) respectively modifying the total contract value to \$12,785,203.65.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to sign Change Order No. 3 and Change Order No. 4.



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July 17, 2025

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Imperial County Transportation Commission
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SUBJECT: Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) Project – Contract Change Order No. 3 and Contract Change Order No. 4

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.

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The current committed project construction cost consists of:

Construction – Hazard Construction Engr. LLC (Includes previous Contract Change Orders)	\$12,759,768.21
Construction Management/Resident Engineering – Jacobs Engineering	\$1,968,942.61
Total Construction Related Cost	\$14,728,710.82

ICTC has approved a total of two (2) change orders for the project thus far. Change Order No. 1 consisted of additional abatement efforts (\$295,495.11) and Change Order No. 2 consisted of additional wrought iron fencing (\$20,680.00).

Change Order No. 3 Narrative:

During demolition activities for the existing buildings and building foundations, unidentified concrete slabs were encountered that required removal. Based on the locations of the slabs relative to the foundations it was agreed that they were left behind from a previous structure. The foundations required removal to ensure that the transit center infrastructure was not compromised and could be constructed per the project improvement plans. In addition to the unidentified concrete slabs under the buildings, during the removal of the parking lot AC pavement the contractor identified an additional slab and footings which were determined to be left from a previous building prior to the parking lot being paved. The slab and footings required removal to ensure that the transit center infrastructure was not compromised and could be constructed per the project improvement plans.

Change Order No. 4 Narrative:

The construction of the new building requires over excavation for the entire footprint. Due to the concrete foundation and footings, it was determined that the over excavation should extend 5 feet beyond the building footprint. The total quantity of over excavation is an area of approximately 960 square feet. The project was bid anticipating an over excavation area of 1,174 square feet. The additional quantity of over excavation extends the total square footage to 2,134 square feet. The actual final quantity will be field verified and adjusted based on the actual value. The Contractor has agreed to use the original bid item price per square foot.

Change Order No. 3 and Change Order No. 4 consists of additional construction efforts related to the removal of unidentified concrete footings and slabs and over excavation activities. The following are the items that are included in Change Order No. 3 and Change Order No. 4.

1. **Removal of concrete slabs and unidentified concrete foundations:** Removal and disposal of the buried concrete slabs under building 1, the parking lot area on the northwest portion of the site and the buried AC pavement under building 3 – Contract Change Order No. 3

The cost to complete the work is (\$15,643.44)

2. **Additional Over Excavation Efforts:** Over excavation of 5' beyond the building footprint for an area of 960. This is an overall increase in quantity to the original bid item from 1,174SF to 2,134SF – this quantity is estimated, and final payment will be based on field measurement of the in-place product. The final over-excavated area will be paid at the original unit bid item price (\$10.20/SF) - Contract Change Order No. 4

The cost to complete the work is (\$9,792.00)

ICTC and Hazard negotiated the cost for the change orders and agreed to the recommended cost increase. The total revised construction contract would be **\$12,785,203.65**. 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 information pertaining to this item was not completely available and was not forwarded to the Management Committee for consideration. Therefore, Staff forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve Change Order No. 3 and Change Order No. 4 to Hazard Construction Engr. LLC for the Calexico ITC Project in the amount of (\$15,643.44) and (\$9,792.00) respectively modifying the total contract value to \$12,785,203.65.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to sign Change Order No. 3 and Change Order No. 4.

Sincerely,



David Aguirre
Executive Director



CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 03 – Buried Concrete and AC Slabs SUP. NO 0
PROJECT Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) SHEET 1 of 1
FEDERAL Aid No. CMLATP-6471(014) CONTRACT No. 2401001 FTA Project No. CA-2024-052

TO Hazard Construction Engr LLC, CONTRACTOR
You are directed to make the following changes from the plans and specifications or do the following described work not included in the plans and specifications on this contract.
NOTE: This change order is not effective until approved by Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)
Description of work to be done, estimate of quantities, and prices to be paid. (Segregate between additional work at contract price, agreed price, and force account.) Unless otherwise stated, rates for rental equipment cover only such time as equipment is actually used and no allowance will be made for idle time. **Change Requested by: Engineer**

Compensating the Contractor to perform additional work associated with the following items:

EXTRA WORK AT FORCE ACCOUNT:

Site Demolition (PCO #3)

- Removal and disposal of the buried concrete slabs under building 1, the parking lot area on the northwest portion of the site and the buried AC pavement under building 3.

Cost of Extra Work at Force Account**\$15,643.44**

There will be no adjustment to the contract time due to this change.

Estimated Cost: Decrease: \$ _____ Increase: \$ 15,643.44

By reason of this order the time of completion will be adjusted as follows: **No time adjustment**

Submitted By: Anton Petrov, Resident Engineer Date: 07.15.2025

Approval Recommended By: David Aguirre, ICTC Program Manager Date: _____

Approved By: David Aguirre, ICTC Executive Director Date: _____

We the undersigned contractor, have given careful consideration to the change proposed and hereby agree, if this proposal is approved, that we will provide all equipment, furnish all materials, except as may be otherwise noted above, and perform all services necessary for the work above specified, and will accept as full payment therefore the prices shown above.

Accepted, Date: 7/15/25 Contractor: Hazard Construction Engr LLC

By: Jason A. Mordhorst, President Title: Jason A. Mordhorst, President

NOTE: If you, the Contractor, do not sign acceptance of this order, your attention is directed to the requirements of the specifications as to proceeding with the ordered work and filing a written protest within the time therein specified.



Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC)
Contract #2401001
CCO # 04 – Building Pad Over-ex Quantity

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 04 – Building Pad Over-ex Quantity SUP. NO 0

PROJECT Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) SHEET 1 of 1

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You are directed to make the following changes from the plans and specifications or do the following described work not included in the plans and specifications on this contract.

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Description of work to be done, estimate of quantities, and prices to be paid. (Segregate between additional work at contract price, agreed price, and force account.) Unless otherwise stated, rates for rental equipment cover only such time as equipment is actually used and no allowance will be made for idle time. **Change Requested by: Engineer**

ADDITIONAL WORK AT CONTRACT PRICE:

1. **Bid Item 10** – Over excavation of 5' beyond the building footprint for an area of 960SF. This is an overall increase in quantity to the original bid item from 1,174SF to 2,134SF. The final over-excavated area will be paid at the original unit bid item price (\$10.20/SF)

The estimated cost of this additional quantity is **\$9,792**

There will be no adjustment to the Contract time by reason of this Change Order.

Estimated Cost of Additional Work at Contract Price**\$9,792**

Estimated Cost: Decrease: \$ _____ Increase: \$ 9,792

By reason of this order the time of completion will be adjusted as follows: **No Adjustment**

Submitted By:  Date: _____
Anton Petrov, Resident Engineer

Approval Recommended By: _____ Date: _____
David Aguirre, ICTC Program Manager

Approved By: _____ Date: _____
David Aguirre, ICTC Executive Director

We the undersigned contractor, have given careful consideration to the change proposed and hereby agree, if this proposal is approved, that we will provide all equipment, furnish all materials, except as may be otherwise noted above, and perform all services necessary for the work above specified, and will accept as full payment therefore the prices shown above.

Accepted, Date: 7/9/25 Contractor: Hazard Construction Engr LLC

By:  Title: Jason A. Mordhorst, President

NOTE: If you, the Contractor, do not sign acceptance of this order, your attention is directed to the requirements of the specifications as to proceeding with the ordered work and filing a written protest within the time therein specified.

VII. ACTION CALENDAR

- D. Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)/Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) Administration, Operations and Maintenance Center – Grant Applications and Matching Funds Commitment

The information pertaining to this item was not completely available and was not forwarded to the Management Committee for consideration. Therefore, Staff forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the resolution noting the contribution of the required local match funds for the Bus and Bus Facilities grant (\$10,977,000) and the Low or No Emission Program grant (\$11,575,499). Local Matching Funds will only be required should ICTC be successful in the grant award.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to sign any applicable grant documentation, certification and assurances and any other documents required to complete the acceptance of a grant award.



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SUBJECT: Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)/Imperial Valley Transit (IVT)
Administration, Operations and Maintenance Center – Grant Applications and
Matching Funds Commitment

Dear Commission Members:

ICTC has been working towards the development of a permanent home office location for ICTC/IVT since its inception. The primary goal for the facility is to house all ICTC related entities (ICTC, ICLTA, IVRMA and SAFE), in addition to all IVT (IVT, IVT Ride, IVT Access, IVT Medtrans and Calxico On Demand) operations and maintenance functions. Between all ICTC/IVT related entities, there are approximately 100 employees which include administration, operations supervision, safety, dispatchers, drivers, utility workers and mechanics.

In addition, to developing a location to house all ICTC/IVT staff, ICTC also considered the proximity of the proposed location to existing transit operations. The 7th and State (El Centro Transit Terminal) is the focal point of IVT services. The location required significant consideration to eliminate excessive deadhead cost to operate transit services. The location also needed to be centrally located to encourage and facilitate equitable accessibility to the public for all ICTC-related agencies. Access to the facility via public transit routes was a strong consideration when evaluating possible locations. Additional evaluation criteria included identifying a location with enough capacity that allowed ICTC/IVT to continue to grow and to integrate next generation technology for its vehicle fleet. ICTC will also be exploring the possibility of integrating public charging and a hydrogen fueling station at the location.

ICTC/IVT existing facilities are not owned by ICTC as it is currently using four (4) separate locations to complete daily operations, all locations are undersized, and the existing transit maintenance and operations yard does not have the necessary resources and amenities needed for daily operation and is not suitable for next generation buses and system expansion. The current transit system operates utilizing approximately seventy (70) transit vehicles including various administration and maintenance vehicles. ICTC completed a facility program that provided the framework of what ICTC/IVT needed for existing and future growth inclusive of next generation technologies.

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ICTC was able to complete the acquisition of the property in June 2025. ICTC had previously secured funding to complete the environmental and design services for the project. ICTC is working to develop the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the services and is anticipating the release of the RFP in August 2025. The environmental and design services are expected to take over a year to complete. The completion of the environmental services will also allow ICTC to complete the required zone change for the property.

ICTC has also begun developing grant applications to pursue construction funding for the facility. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) released and concluded a Notice of Funding Opportunity: Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Program under the 5339 program. ICTC was able to submit a grant application for the bus facility excluding any zero-emission infrastructure under the Bus and Bus Facilities Program and a grant application under the Low or No Emissions Program including zero emission infrastructure. The Low or No Emission Program application includes the construction of a Hydrogen Fueling Facility and Equipment, Workforce Development and Training and EV Chargers for Battery Electric Vehicles.

The proposed project cost under the Buses and Bus Facilities Program (excluding zero emission infrastructure) is anticipated to be \$49,685,000. The requested grant funds for the Buses and Bus Facilities Program are \$39,748,000 with a required local match of \$10,977,000. The proposed project costs under the Low or No Emission Program (including the facility construction) are anticipated to be \$63,440,495. The requested funds for the Low or No Emission Program are \$51,865,996 with a required local match of \$11,575,499.

The ICTC/IVT Administration, Operations and Maintenance Facility project has been a priority for ICTC since its inception. ICTC has been setting aside funding for the project and is prepared to meet the matching requirements as necessary. The matching funds will only be required if ICTC is issued a grant award. Grant award notifications should be issued by the end of the calendar year.

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

1. Approve the resolution noting the contribution of the required local match funds for the Bus and Bus Facilities grant (\$10,977,000) and the Low or No Emission Program grant (\$11,575,499). Local Matching Funds will only be required should ICTC be successful in the grant award.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to sign any applicable grant documentation, certification and assurances and any other documents required to complete the acceptance of a grant award.

Sincerely,



DAVID AGUIRRE
Executive Director

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION
UNDER FTA SECTION 5339 (49 U.S.C. SECTION 5339) AND COMMITMENT OF
REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration (Administration) to support capital assistance projects under Section 5339 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 9050.1A**); and

WHEREAS, the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) desires to apply for such financial assistance for the construction of a new administrative, operations, and maintenance facility to support regional transit services; and

WHEREAS, the FTA 5339(c) program requires local funding match, and ICTC affirms its commitment and ability to fulfill the local share funding requirement through available funds; and

WHEREAS, ICTC has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with regional stakeholders, including other public transportation providers and social service agencies, in developing the proposed project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the ICTC does hereby authorize Executive Director or his designee, to file and execute all necessary applications on behalf of ICTC with the Federal Transit Administration to aid in the financing of the aforementioned capital project pursuant to Section 5339 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 9050.1A**), as amended.

1. That Executive Director or his designee, is authorized to execute and file all certification of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other document required by the Administration and/or the FTA.
2. That Executive Director or his designee, is authorized to provide additional information as the Administration may require in connection with the application for the Section 5339 project.
3. That the Executive Director or his designee, is authorized to contribute the required matching funds to further develop the project as required.

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

By: _____
Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
CRISTI LERMA
Secretary to the Commission

VII. ACTION CALENDAR

- E. Approval of Reimbursement Agreement between the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) and the County of Imperial – Imperial County Transportation Model (ICTM) Updates – Lithium Valley Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) – Modification 1

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1. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Reimbursement Agreement Modification 1 between the County of Imperial and ICTC to reimburse ICTC for any cost associated with the completion of the required transportation modeling services. Said Modification will increase the funding capacity to a total value of \$150,000.00. Said services are to be completed by Caltrans.



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July 17, 2025

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SUBJECT: Approval of Reimbursement Agreement between the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) and the County of Imperial – Imperial County Transportation Model (ICTM) Updates – Lithium Valley Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) – Modification 1

Dear Commission Members:

The County of Imperial is in the final phases of completing its Lithium Valley Specific Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). As a component of the effort, the County of Imperial is required to complete transportation modeling to analyze the effects of the anticipated improvements associated with the Lithium Valley development. Transportation Modeling is a tool that is utilized to evaluate transportation impacts due to current and anticipated modifications to a specific area. The County of Imperial seeks to obtain the information to determine the anticipated impacts due to the Lithium Valley Development.

Caltrans has obtained modeling software and staff who can complete modeling efforts. Caltrans has also developed and owns a version of the Imperial County modeling database. The County of Imperial and Caltrans have discussed the need to complete transportation modeling updates due to the Lithium Valley development. Caltrans has agreed to complete the modeling efforts, however, would need to be reimbursed for the staff time cost associated with the effort.

To proceed with any project specific effort where Caltrans is providing support, the requesting agency is required to have a valid master agreement, in addition to agreeing to a Project Implementation Order (PIO) which would need to be executed between Caltrans and the requesting agency. As the Imperial County's Regional Agency, Caltrans is requesting that the PIO be issued between Caltrans and ICTC. ICTC currently has a Master Agreement with Caltrans and has executed various PIO's for varying past efforts. ICTC is a regional agency that represents all its member agencies, therefore should a similar effort be requested by another member agency, ICTC could utilize the PIO to complete any additional modeling efforts.

Caltrans has developed a PIO between Caltrans and ICTC to complete the required modeling efforts. Prior to proceeding with the services, Caltrans will issue an invoice for the anticipated effort and ICTC will pay the requested amount.

The ICTC Board approved the reimbursement agreement between ICTC and the County of Imperial at the February 2025 Commission Meeting. The reimbursement agreement was fully executed on March 4, 2025. The reimbursement agreement noted a not to exceed value of \$100,000.00.

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ICTC recently received the invoice from Caltrans to complete the required services. The invoice notes a value of \$110,456.00. ICTC is requesting an amendment to the existing reimbursement agreement to increase the reimbursement allowable expense to \$150,000.00. The adjusted value will allow ICTC to proceed with the payment of \$110,456.00 as requested by Caltrans and provide future funding opportunities should they be required. Should additional funds not be required, they will not be utilized.

All deliverables will be completed and submitted to the County of Imperial by Caltrans. ICTC will act only as the pass-through entity. ICTC will immediately invoice the County upon issuance of payment to Caltrans. The costs of the efforts will be completely borne by the County of Imperial, therefore there is no financial impact on ICTC as it relates to this effort.

The item was introduced after the completion of the Management Committee meeting in the month of July 2025. Therefore, ICTC Staff forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after any public comment, if any:

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Sincerely,



DAVID AGUIRRE
Executive Director

1 **MODIFICATION #1 TO REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT**
2 **(IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION)**

3 THIS MODIFICATION TO REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT (“Modification”), made and
4 entered into effective the ____ day of _____, 2025, by and between the County
5 of Imperial, a political subdivision of the State of California, by and through its Executive Office
6 (“COUNTY”) and **Imperial County Transportation Commission**, a County Transportation
7 Commission formed and existing pursuant to Public Utilities Code §§ 132800 *et. seq.* (“ICTC”)
8 (individually, “Party;” collectively, “Parties”).

9 **RECITALS**

10 **WHEREAS**, COUNTY and ICTC entered into a Reimbursement Agreement dated March 4,
11 2025, through Imperial County Minute Order No. #34 (“Agreement”) for costs associated with the
12 production of ICTM data as it relates to the Lithium Valley Programmatic Environmental Impact Report
13 (“PEIR”) (“PROJECT”); and

14 **WHEREAS**, during the course of the performance of that Agreement, the Parties became aware
15 that it would require additional costs for the production of the ICTM data for the performance of the
16 Agreement; and

17 **WHEREAS**, COUNTY desires to amend the Agreement according to the terms and in the
18 manner set forth herein.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of their mutual covenants, COUNTY and
20 CONSULTANT agree to the following:

21 1. Paragraph 3.1 of the AGREEMENT is deleted and a new Paragraph 3. shall be added to Read:

22 County agrees to reimburse ICTC for the costs associated with providing pertinent ICTM data for
23 the PEIR. Such reimbursement shall be in the form of a payment made directly to ICTC, in an
24 amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).

25 *Original Reimbursement amount:* \$100,000.00

26 *Modification # 1 Cost (Current):* \$ 50,000.00

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2. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

County of Imperial

Imperial County Transportation Commission

By: _____
John Hawk, Chairman,
Imperial County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Robert Amparano, Chairman
ICTC Board

ATTEST:

Cynthia Medina, Clerk of the Board,
County of Imperial, State of California

Cristi Lerma
Secretary to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Mistelle Abdelmagied
Assistant County Counsel

Eric Havens
ICTC Counsel

REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Imperial County Transportation Commission

THIS REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), made and entered into the 4th day of March, 2025, by and between the **COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**, a political subdivision of the state of California, by and through its Executive Office ("COUNTY"), and **IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**, a County Transportation Commission formed and existing pursuant to Public Utilities Code §§ 132800 *et seq.* ("ICTC") (individually, "Party;" collectively, "Parties") shall be as follows:

RECITALS

WHEREAS, ICTC has historically contracted with CalTrans for the costs associated with producing the Imperial County Transportation Model ("ICTM"); and

WHEREAS, County is in need of ICTM data in preparation for its Lithium Valley Programmatic Environmental Impact Report ("PEIR") ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, a Project Implementation Order ("PIO") will be executed between ICTC and Caltrans to complete necessary ICTM work.

WHEREAS, County agrees to reimburse ICTC for the costs associated with the production of ICTM data as it relates to the PEIR.

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNTY and ICTC have and hereby agree to the following:

1. RECITALS.

Parties certify that to the best of their knowledge, the above recitals are true and correct. The recitals are hereby adopted and incorporated within this Agreement.

2. CONTRACT COORDINATION.

2.1. COUNTY's Executive Officer, or his/her designee, shall be the representative of COUNTY for all purposes under this Agreement. COUNTY's Executive Officer, or his/her designee, is hereby designated as the Contract Manager for COUNTY. He/she shall supervise the progress and execution of this Agreement.

2.2. ICTC shall assign a single Contract Manager to have overall responsibility for the progress and execution of this Agreement. Should circumstances or conditions subsequent to the

1 execution of this Agreement require a substitute Contract Manager for any reason, the
2 Contract Manager designee shall be subject to the prior written acceptance and approval of
3 COUNTY's Contract Manager.

4 **3. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES.**

5 **3.1.** County agrees to reimburse ICTC for the costs associated with providing pertinent ICTM
6 data for the PEIR. Such reimbursement shall be in the form of a payment made directly to
7 ICTC, in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

8 **4. ICTC RESPONSIBILITIES.**

9 **4.1.** ICTC agrees to provide all pertinent ICTM data needed in preparation for County's PEIR
10 Project.

11 **4.2.** ICTC shall provide all information, approvals, and authorizations necessary for COUNTY
12 to make the reimbursement payment as stated in Section 3.

13 **4.3.** ICTC will assist as needed to coordinate between Caltrans and the COUNTY for
14 deliverables and other associated necessities. Caltrans will be completing the necessary work
15 through ICTC as requested by the COUNTY.

16 **5. TERM OF AGREEMENT.**

17 This Agreement shall commence on the date first written above, and shall remain in effect until the
18 completion of the Project, unless otherwise terminated as provided for herein. Either Party may terminate
19 this Agreement without cause by providing the other Party with 30 days' prior written notice.

20 **6. INDEMNIFICATION.**

21 Each Party shall hold harmless and indemnify the other and its officers, officials, employees, and
22 volunteers from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expense, costs (including without
23 limitation costs and fees of litigation) of every nature arising out of or in connection with its failure to
24 comply with any of its obligations contained in this Agreement, except such loss or damage which was
25 caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the other Party.

26 **7. INSURANCE.**

27 Parties agree to procure and maintain insurance coverages sufficient to cover their respective
28 risks.

1 **8. NOTICES AND REPORTS.**

2 **8.1.** All notices and reports under this Agreement shall be in writing and may be given by
3 personal delivery or by mailing by certified mail, addressed as follows:

4 COUNTY

5 County of Imperial
6 County Executive Office
7 Attn: Contract Manager
8 940 W. Main Street, Suite 208
9 El Centro, CA 92243

ICTC

Imperial County Transportation
Commission
Attn: Contract Manager
1503 N. Imperial Ave., Ste 104
El Centro, CA 92243

8 **8.2.** Notices and reports under this Agreement may be given by personal delivery or by
9 mailing by certified mail at such other address as either Party may designate in a notice
10 to the other Party given in such manner. Any notice given by mail shall be considered
11 given when deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as provided
12 herein.

13 **9. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**

14 This Agreement contains the entire agreement between COUNTY and ICTC relating to the
15 transactions contemplated hereby and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements,
16 understandings, provisions, negotiations, representations, or statements, either written or verbal.

17 **10. ASSIGNMENT.**

18 Neither this Agreement nor any duties or obligations hereunder shall be assignable by ICTC
19 without the prior written consent of COUNTY.

20 **11. MODIFICATION.**

21 No modification, waiver, amendment, discharge, or change of this Agreement shall be valid
22 unless the same is in writing and signed by the Party against whom the enforcement of such modification,
23 waiver, amendment, discharge, or change is or may be sought.

24 **12. CAPTIONS.**

25 Captions in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not define,
26 describe or limit the scope or the intent of this Agreement or any of the terms thereof.

27 **13. PARTIAL INVALIDITY.**

28 If any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void,

1 or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being
2 impaired or invalidated in any way.

3 **14. GENDER AND INTERPRETATION OF TERMS AND PROVISIONS.**

4 **14.1.** Words and expressions in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders.
5 Words and expressions in the singular include the plural and words and expressions in
6 the plural include the singular.

7 **14.2.** ICTC, as used in this Agreement or in any other document referred to in or made a part
8 of this Agreement, shall likewise include both singular and the plural, a corporation, a
9 partnership, individual, firm or person acting in any fiduciary capacity as executor,
10 administrator, trustee or in any other representative capacity or any other entity.

11 **14.3.** All covenants herein contained on the part of ICTC shall be joint and several if more than
12 one person, firm, or entity executes the Agreement.

13 **15. WAIVER.**

14 No waiver of any breach or of any of the covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall be
15 construed to be a waiver of any other breach or to be consent to any further or succeeding breach of the
16 same or any other covenant or condition.

17 **16. CHOICE OF LAW.**

18 **16.1.** The laws of the State of California shall govern this Agreement.

19 **16.2.** This Agreement is made and entered into in Imperial County, California.

20 **16.3.** Any action brought by either Party with respect to this Agreement shall be brought in a
21 court of competent jurisdiction within Imperial County.

22 **17. AUTHORITY.**

23 **17.1.** Each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of ICTC represents and warrants
24 that:

25 **17.1.1.** He/She is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of
26 ICTC;

27 **17.1.2.** Such execution and delivery is in accordance with the terms of the Articles of
28 Incorporation or Partnership, any by-laws or Resolutions of ICTC; and

17.1.3. This Agreement is binding upon ICTC in accordance with its terms.

17.2. ICTC shall deliver to COUNTY evidence acceptable to COUNTY of the foregoing within thirty (30) days of execution of this Agreement.

18. **COUNTERPARTS.**

This Agreement and any subsequent modifications may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed shall be an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. No counterparts shall be effective until all Parties have executed a counterpart hereof.

19. **REVIEW OF AGREEMENT TERMS.**

Both Parties have had the opportunity to review this Agreement with their respective 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 thereto.

20. **NON-APPROPRIATION.**

20.1. All obligations of COUNTY are subject to appropriation of resources.

20.2. This Agreement is valid and enforceable only if sufficient funds are made available to COUNTY for the purposes of this Agreement. In addition, this Agreement is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, conditions, or any statute enacted by Congress, State Legislature, or COUNTY, and any regulations prescribed therefrom, that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this Agreement.

20.3. If sufficient funds for the Agreement are not appropriated, this Agreement may be amended or terminated in order to reflect said reduction in funding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

County of Imperial

Imperial County Transportation Commission

By: 

John Hawk, Chairman
Imperial County Board of Supervisors

By: 

Robert Amparano, Chairman
ICTC Board

ATTEST:

By: Blanca Acosta 03-06-25
Blanca Acosta
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Cristi Lerma
Cristi Lerma
Secretary to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: Mistelle Abdelmagied
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By: Eric Havens
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VII. ACTION CALENDAR

- F. Approval of Contract- Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) - IVT/IVT Access/IVT Ride/IVT MedTrans– Public Outreach and Marketing Services – FY’s 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28

The information pertaining to this item was not completely available and was not forwarded to the Management Committee for consideration. Therefore, Staff forwards this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorize the Chairman to execute the IVT Public Outreach and Marketing Services Agreement with Conveyor Group, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$450,000 for a three-year term (\$150,000 per fiscal year) effective August 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.



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SUBJECT: Approval of Contract – Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) - IVT/IVT Access/IVT Ride/IVT MedTrans – Public Outreach and Marketing Services – FY's 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28

Dear Commission Members:

In 2022, the Commission awarded two separate three-year contracts for marketing and outreach activities related to the different Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) transit services. Spectrum Advertising was selected to manage marketing for IVT Ride, while Conveyor Group was responsible for IVT/IVT Access, and IVT MedTrans. Both contracts included extensive bilingual public outreach, as well as the development and maintenance of branded materials including logos, brochures, and ADA-compliant, bilingual websites.

ICTC recently completed a competitive procurement process for a single comprehensive marketing services contract covering all IVT-branded services: IVT, IVT Access, IVT Ride, and IVT MedTrans. The scope of work for the new contract includes development of service brochures, photography and video production, website maintenance and updates, social media strategy and content development, production of promotional items and media buys.

The RFP was posted on the ICTC website; however, given the limited number of qualified marketing firms in the region, a low response was anticipated. Conveyor Group was the only firm to submit a proposal by the established deadline. ICTC conducted outreach to potential marketing firms to generate interest in the project. While only one proposal was received, ICTC staff conducted a full evaluation in accordance with procurement regulations. The proposal was determined to be fully responsive and demonstrated a clear understanding of meeting ICTC's marketing and outreach needs.

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Conveyor Group is a certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), supporting ICTC's ongoing commitment to equitable contracting. Their proven experience in delivering effective bilingual outreach strategies, combined with past performance on IVT, IVT Access, and IVT MedTrans projects, reinforces their ability to continue providing high-quality service for ICTC transit programs.

Based on their technical qualifications, prior performance, and comprehensive approach, ICTC staff recommend awarding the three-year marketing services contract to the Conveyor Group.

Proposed Contract Value:

Conveyor Group: \$450,000.00 / 3 Years = \$150,00.00/Year

All costs associated with the proposed contract are as needed and the total value of the contract may not be realized if not required. Should there be any proposed services that ICTC elects not to proceed with, ICTC will not bear any costs. A portion of the cost associated with the services are considered eligible marketing expenses under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and may be reimbursed by ICTC.

The original Request for Proposal, scope of work and all exhibits referenced are available for review at the ICTC administrative offices by request.

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Sincerely,



David Aguirre
Executive Director