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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGENDA

**LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
1503 N. IMPERIAL AVE., SUITE 104
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**WEDNESDAY, January 24, 2024
6:00 PM**

CHAIR: MIKE GOODSSELL

VICE CHAIR: LUIS PLANCARTE

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

IV. CLOSED SESSION CALENDAR

- A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION
(1 matter) (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2))
- C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code § 54957)
Title: ICTC Executive Director
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representative: Eric Havens
Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director
- E. Announcement of Closed Session Action(s)

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Pages 5-16

- A. ICTC Commission Minutes: December 13, 2023
- B. Receive and file:
 - 1. ICTC Management Committee Minutes: December 13, 2023
 - 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: December 14, 2023
 - 3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: December 06, 2023
- C. Callexico Intermodal Transportation Center – Property Acquisition APN 058-482-002 – 237 Heffernan Avenue, Callexico, CA 92231 Page 18

ICTC Staff forwards this item to the ICTC Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:
 - 1. Approve the acquisition of real property identified as APN 058-482-002/237 Heffernan Avenue, Callexico, CA 92231 in the amount of \$1,980,000.00.
 - 2. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the Certificate of Acceptance on behalf of ICTC and any other documents required to complete the acquisition.

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. Rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair Positions Page 21

It is requested that the Commission take any appropriate action in the consideration of the rotation and assignment of the two positions.
- B. Coordinated Border Infrastructure Funding – Project Identification and Recommendation Page 24

The ICTC Management Committee forwards the following recommendations to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:
 - 1. Approve the recommendation of CBI funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the selected agency and selected project.
 - 2. Authorize the Executive Director to coordinate the necessary agreements between Caltrans, the Imperial County Transportation Commission, and the recommended agency.

VII. INFORMATION CALENDAR

- A. Attain grant submittal – proposed IVT Ride general public conversion

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

- A. ICTC Executive Director Page 29
 - Executive Director Report
- B. Southern California Association of Governments Page 36
 - See attached report
- C. California Department of Transportation – District 11 Page 39
 - See attached report
- D. Commission / Committee Member Reports (if any)

IX. MEETING DATE AND PLACE

- A. The next meeting of the **Imperial County Transportation Commission** will be held on **Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 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.

X. ADJOURNMENT

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

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IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR December 13, 2023
6:00 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Brawley	George Nava
City of Calipatria	Maria Nava-Froelich
City of Calexico	Absent
City of El Centro	Martha Cardenas-Singh
City of Imperial	Robert Amparano
City of Holtville	Mike Goodsell
City of Westmorland	Xavier Mendez
County of Imperial	Absent
County of Imperial	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Absent

STAFF PRESENT: David Aguirre, Cristi Lerma, Maricela Galarza, Katie Luna, Angela Delgadillo

OTHERS PRESENT: Eric Havens: Counsel; Gustavo Dallarda, Everett Townsend: Caltrans, David Salgado: SCAG

PUBLIC:

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, December 13, 2023, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

[Chair Goodsell](#) called the Commission meeting to order at 6:22 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were none.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The public comment was regarding inputting a bus stop and transportation to the encampments in Holtville. She stated that she could not get to the campgrounds through IVT Access because there was no bus stop within the corridor. Furthermore, she explained if there was a bus stop at the campgrounds, it may be able to relieve other programs, such as Medical.

IV. CLOSED SESSION CALENDAR

A. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by [Cardenas-Singh](#) and seconded by [Amparano](#) to approve the closed session, roll call:

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

Motion Carried.

- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (1 matter) (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2))
- C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code § 54957)
Title: ICTC Executive Director
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representative: Eric Havens
Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director
- E. Announcement of Closed Session Action(s)
Mr. Havens stated the following:
- The Commission met in a closed session regarding CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2)) direction was given, no action was taken.
 - The Commission met in a closed session regarding PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code § 54957) Title: ICTC Executive Director direction was given, no action was taken.
 - The Commission did not meet in a closed session CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54957.6).

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. ICTC Commission Minutes: November 08, 2023
- B. Received and filed:
1. ICTC Management Committee Minutes: November 08, 2023
 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: November 16 2023
 3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: November 01, 2023

A motion was made by [Nava](#) and seconded by [Nava-Froelich](#) to approve the consent calendar as presented, roll call:

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

Motion Carried.**VI. REPORTS**

- A. ICTC Executive Director
- Transit Data Update: At the request of the commission, staff has prepared the following data table noting ridership for all services. The data compares the Calendar Year 2019

(pre-pandemic) and the current Calendar Year 2023. Services continue to grow in ridership post-pandemic restriction. The free fares program has certainly contributed to the increase in ridership.

- Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project Ribbon Cutting Event, November 15, 2023: GSA, ICTC, and regional partners celebrated the completion of the Calexico East Land Port of Entry's new bridge expansion - Stage 1 with a Ribbon Cutting celebration. It is anticipated that the remaining stages will be completed by Spring 2024. For additional information regarding this project visit the ICTC website at: <https://www.imperialctc.org/projects/calexico-east-port-of-entry-bridge-expansion>
- Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) Free Fares Program: ICTC was able to secure a second grant to provide free fares for all services except the Calexico on Demand service.
- Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC): ICTC has already acquired 2 of the required 3 properties for the project.
- 2022 Long Range Transportation Plan: The Final Draft LRTP was recently finished for public review before final development. It is anticipated that the document adoption will be in the January timeframe. To access the completed documents and draft project listing, please visit the project website located at <https://ictc-lrtp2023.org/new-page-2>.
- All other updates are on the Executive Director report on page 22 of the agenda.

B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

- SCAG DRAFT Connect SoCal 2024: The plan was developed through a four-year planning process involving rigorous technical analysis, extensive stakeholder engagement, and robust policy discussions with local elected leaders. Information about the draft plan can be found at ww.scag.ca.gov/connect-socal and a copy of the plan is available for review at the SCAG Imperial Regional Office.
- SCAG 2024 Save the Date: 2024 Regional Conference & General Assembly: SCAG will host the 59th annual Regional Conference & General Assembly on May 2-3, 2024, at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert.
- SCAG 2024 General Assembly Delegate and Alternate Selection: SCAG sends an email to all cities asking for respective councils to take action to appoint a specific General Assembly Delegate and an Alternate. Only the selected Delegate and Alternate will be allowed to vote at the conference. All elected officials are invited to attend the SCAG General Assembly and Annual Conference. Elected Officials and City Managers are comped on registrations.
- All other updates are on the SCAG report on page 37 of the agenda.

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

- Gustavo Dallarda is retiring at the end of December and Everett Townsend will take over as interim.
- Ann Fox is currently in Sacramento filling a post as Chief of planning and modal programs. Roy Abboud will be the planning director for District 11 until Ann returns.
- Howard Anton has been selected as the new division Chief maintenance, engineering, and asset management.
- SR-98 Widening Project: It is on track to complete the current stage. Stage 3 is underway with completion estimated in January 2024. Completion of Stage 4 is estimated for Spring 2024.
- I-8, SR-78 Bridge Rehab at Various Locations: On locations 5 and 6, at Palo Verde Drain and Palo Verde Outfall bridges near Palo Verde, on Monday traffic control has started and it is being done with a signal.
- I-8 Roadside Safety Improvements: The expected completion date is Spring 2024.

- Clean California Projects: The bus shelters have been installed in Niland, Calipatria, and Holtville. Pending the delivery of the shelters to be installed in Brawley.
 - Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): Calipatria, Westmorland, and Imperial County have not confirmed their UEI.
 - All other updates are on the Caltrans report on page 39 of the agenda.
- D. Commission Member Reports
- Updates were provided by various commissioners.
- VII.** The next meeting will be on January 24, 2023, 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 7:21 p.m.

**IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF December 13, 2023
10:30 a.m.**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Brawley	Tyler Salcido
City of Calexico	Esperanza Colio-Warren
City of Calipatria	Laura Gutierrez
City of El Centro	Absent
City of Holtville	Nick Wells
City of Imperial	Absent
County of Imperial	Absent
County of Imperial	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Manuel Ortiz
City of Westmorland	Absent
ICTC	David Aguirre

STAFF PRESENT: Cristi Lerma, Maricela Galarza, Katie Luna, Angela Delgadillo

OTHERS PRESENT: Alejandro Lopez, Bryan Ott, Nick Ventrilla: Caltrans, David Salgado: SCAG

The following minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Imperial County Transportation Commission Management Committee and as listed on the agenda for the meeting held Wednesday, December 13, 2023, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Colio-Warren called the meeting to order at 10:28 a.m., roll call was taken, and a quorum was not present. The meeting began with reports.

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. ACTION CALENDAR

A quorum was not present. No action was taken.

VI. REPORTS**A. ICTC Executive Director**

- Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:
 - All ICTC Executive Directors updates can be found on page 53.

- B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
- Mr. Salgado had the following updates:
 - SCAG DRAFT Connect SoCal 2024: The plan was developed through a four-year planning process involving rigorous technical analysis, extensive stakeholder engagement, and robust policy discussions with local elected leaders. Information about the draft plan can be found at www.scag.ca.gov/connect-socal and a copy of the plan is available for review at the SCAG Imperial Regional Office.
 - SCAG 2024 SAVE THE DATE! 2024 REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY: SCAG will host the 59th annual Regional Conference & General Assembly on May 2-3, 2024, at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert.
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 - SCAG updates can be found on page 68.
- C. Caltrans Department of Transportation – District 11
- Mr. Lopez Rangel had the following updates:
 - SR-98 Widening Project: Stage 3 is underway with completion estimated in January 2024. Completion of Stage 4 is estimated for Spring 2024.
 - I-8, SR-78 Bridge Rehab at Various Locations: Work at Brock Research Center Rd has begun and is anticipated to be completed by December 2023.
 - I-8 Roadside Safety Improvements: Work at the All-American Canal is anticipated to be completed by December. Work at Brock Research Center Rd has begun and is nearly complete. The Palo Verde locations have an anticipated start of early December.
 - Clean California Projects: Bus shelters have been delivered to the cities.
 - SR-111 Roadside Improvements: The construction start date is January 2024.
 - SR-86/Customs & Border Protection Checkpoint Expansion: The environmental studies are being prepared by ICTC/CBP and will soon be sent for review. Caltrans will assist ICTC in coordinating upcoming meetings. Caltrans has received all the required documents.
 - Project Study Report: Forrester Road Improvements: The document is anticipated to be completed by early spring of 2024.
 - 2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7): <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>
 - California Transportation Commission (CTC) Allocation and Approval Requests: *Friday, January 19, 2024 – deadline for the next CTC meeting (March 21-22, 2024)*
 - Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): *Calipatria, Westmorland, and Imperial County have not confirmed their UEI.*
 - All Caltrans updates can be found on page 70.

VII. The next meeting is scheduled for **January 10, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.** tentatively at the City of Calipatria and via Zoom Meeting for non-voting members and the public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.



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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 14, 2023

Present:

Phillip Ramirez	City of Brawley
George Galvan	City of Calipatria
Guillermo Sillas	City of Calexico
Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Jesus Villegas	City of Holtville
Adriana Anguis	City of Imperial
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Manuel Ortiz	IID

Others:

David Aguirre	ICTC
Katie Luna	ICTC
Angela Delgadillo	ICTC
Rom Medina	City of Brawley
Juan Manuel Cabrera	City of Brawley
Edgar Self	City of Calipatria
Andrea Montano	City of El Centro
Liz Zarate	City of El Centro
Felix De Leon	City of El Centro
Fernando L. Williams	City of Imperial
Yvonne Cordero	City of Imperial
Adolfo Garcia	County of Imperial
Monica Soucier	County of Imperial
Francisco Olmedo	County of Imperial
Ismael Garcia	County of Imperial
Alejandro Lopez Rangel	Caltrans
Denis Salin	Caltrans
Bryan Ott	Caltrans
Nick Ventrilla	Caltrans
Michaela Howard	Caltrans
David Salgado	SCAG
Kyle McGowan	Kimley-Horn

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present, and introductions were made. There were no public comments made.

2. A *motion* was made to adopt the minutes for November 16, 2023 ([Montano/Atondo](#)) **Motion Carried.**

3. Local Roadway Safety Plan Imperial County Presentation

(Presented by Kyle McGowan, Kimley-Horn on behalf of Imperial County)

- Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) is a statewide data-driven traffic safety plan that coordinates the efforts of a wide range of organizations to reduce traffic accident fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.
- For more information please contact him at kyle.mcgowan@kimley-horn.com

4. ICTC Updates / Announcements

(Presented by ICTC Staff)

a. Transit Planning Updates

- Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) FREE FARES PROGRAM: ICTC received a second grant to keep the Free Fares Program. It is expected to cover until the June/May timeframe.
- Callexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC): In the final stages of this project. It is expected to break ground in the June/July timeframe.
- 2022 Long Range Transportation Plan: The public comment period has finished, and it is expected to have the Final draft completed and taken to the board in the January timeframe.

b. Transportation Planning Updates

CMAQ/STBG & CRP Call for Projects:

- The application process is not final, but a draft version is attached for your reference.
- Please also review the scoring criteria for this new call. Attached you can also find the scoring criteria from the 2022 Call for Projects for your reference.
- Local Agencies are recommended to come prepared with a list of their potential projects for the next meeting for discussion.
- There were also discussions about choosing one Regional Project for this call for projects, so consider this when making your decision.
- For any questions, please contact David Aguirre at davidaguirre@imperialctc.org.

5. Caltrans Updates / Announcements:

(Presented by: Alejandro Lopez)

- 2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7): <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>
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6. SCAG Updates / Announcements:

(Presented by: David Salgado)

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7. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

- Each jurisdiction gave its update.

8. General Discussion / New Business

No new business was discussed.

Next TAC meeting will be on January 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



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SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

December 06, 2023

Present

Voting Attendees:

Mike Hack	Consumer
Kathleen Lang	California Health & Wellness
Raul Cordova	WTC
Camilo Garcia	Imperial County Workforce Department
James Dalke	Imperial Valley College
Karina Leon	Access to Independence
Sarah Enz	Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
Cristina Leal	ARC- Imperial Valley
Gustavo Gomez	CTSA-ICTC

Non-Voting Attendees:

Helio Sanchez	IVT
Cesar Sanchez	IVT
Jose Guillen	IVT MedTrans
Karla Pacheco	IVT Access
Karla Aguilar	IVT Ride
Michelle Soto	CCS
Katie Luna	ICTC
Esperanza Avila	ICTC

1. Ms. Enz called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. **A quorum was present.**
2. Introductions were made.
 - Hybrid meeting.
3. Minutes were adopted for September 06, 2023([Hack](#), [Cordova](#)) October 04, 2023([Hack](#), [Leal](#)), & November 01, 2023([Hack](#), [Leon](#)), **Motion Carried.**
4. CTSA Reports:
Mr. Gomez had the following updates:
 - In November, there was little activity.

- Presented at the Advisory Council Meeting with AAA. Discussed information on all transportation services.
- IVT Ride/Access are continuing to help Alegria with transportation.
- Continuing to assist in sign-ups for IVT Ride and Access via phone and In-person.
- Staff are available for any questions or concerns regarding any of the services.
- Staff is also available to provide brochures and information to any agency that requests it,

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- Upcoming bus stop improvements project on the way.
- Calexico ITC Transportation Center is in the final stages of completed the grant agreement with the FTA. Construction is expected to break ground by June 2024
- Possibly integrating technology improvements to our OnDemand services, similar to Calexico OnDemand. Logistics are still in the works.

5. FY 2024-25 Master Needs List

- Mr. Gustavo discussed the current Master Needs list and mentioned that changes can be done to the list.
- Ms. Enz revised the list with the group and decided to remove the following:
 - SSTAC supports the construction of the following terminal that will be located in the City of Calexico.
- SSTAC members were encouraged to take a look at the list and suggest any potential changes to it during the January meeting to get it finalized for the UTN process.

6. Transit Operator FY 2023-24 Reports:

Imperial Valley Transit.

- Services are running busier than usual.
- IVC transit is running great.
- Continuing outreach about services
- Free Faires are still ongoing.

IVT Access

- Working with Alegria patients.
- IVC will be on break and service will be slower than usual.

IVT Ride

- Services are busier than usual.
- Attending more outreach.
- AAA covering ride charges.

IVT MedTrans

- Services is busier than normal.
- Free fairs until further notice

7. General Discussion

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8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. (**Enz**) **Motion Carried**
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 03, 2024, at the Imperial County Transportation Commission Office, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- C. Callexico Intermodal Transportation Center – Property Acquisition
APN 058-482-002 – 237 Heffernan Avenue, Callexico, CA 92231

Approve the acquisition of real property identified as APN 058-482-002/237 Heffernan Avenue, Callexico, CA 92231 in the amount of \$1,980,000.00.

Authorize the Chairperson to sign the Certificate of Acceptance on behalf of ICTC and any other documents required to complete the acquisition.



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January 19, 2024

Mike Goodsell, Chairman
Imperial County Transportation Commission
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El Centro, CA 92243

SUBJECT: Callexico Intermodal Transportation Center – Property Acquisition APN 058-482-002 – 237 Heffernan Avenue, Callexico, CA 92231

Dear Commission Members:

ICTC has been working towards the development of a new Intermodal Transportation in the city of Callexico since 2014. The Callexico Intermodal Transportation Center has been a priority of ICTC's long range transportation planning efforts. ICTC has been incrementally completing various elements associated with the project like the project feasibility study, design and environmental studies. The project design and environmental clearance were completed in 2021. Since the completion of the design and environmental phases, ICTC has been working towards acquiring the necessary funding to complete the right of way acquisition and construction efforts for the project.

In 2023, ICTC was able to secure multiple grants (Active Transportation Program - ATP, Regional Early Action Planning Program – REAP 2.0 and Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity – RAISE) to complete the right of way acquisition and construction efforts for the project. The project required the acquisition of 3 properties to proceed with construction efforts. ICTC has successfully acquired two of the three required properties for the project. ICTC has successfully negotiated a price for the remaining property known as APN 058-482-002 which is owned by System II, LLC. The negotiated price for the acquisition of the property is \$1,980,000.00. ICTC has previously received direction from the Commission to proceed with the acquisition. ICTC also completed the required protocols to obtain authorization to proceed with the transaction by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

ICTC is in the final phases of the development of a Request for Proposals for Construction Management/Resident Engineering Services. It is anticipated that construction activities will begin in the summer months of 2024.

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IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

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Sincerely,



DAVID AGUIRRE
Executive Director

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

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It is requested that the Commission take any appropriate action in the consideration of the rotation and assignment of the two positions.



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January 11, 2024

Mike Goodsell, Chairperson
Imperial County Transportation Commission
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SUBJECT: Rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair Positions

Dear Commission Members:

The ICTC Commission has historically rotated the Chair and Vice Chair positions from amongst the member agencies. Both positions serve for a period of approximately one year. Attached is a review of Chair positions since 2004.

It is requested that the Commission take any appropriate action in the consideration of the rotation and assignment of the two positions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Aguirre', is placed above the printed name.

DAVID AGUIRRE
Executive Director

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

IVAG / ICTC CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRS

	CHAIR	VICE CHAIR
calendar year		
2023	Holtville	County
6-22 to 12-22	Calipatria	Holtville
1-22 to 5-22	Calexico	Calipatria
2021	El Centro	Calexico
2020	Brawley	El Centro
2019	Imperial	Brawley
2018	County	Imperial
2017	Calipatria	County
2016	Holtville	Imperial
2015	IID	Holtville
2014	Westmorland	IID
2013	County	Westmorland
2012	El Centro	County
2011	Holtville	El Centro
2010	Brawley	Calipatria
2009	Imperial	Holtville
2008	Calexico	Imperial
2007	Calipatria	Calexico
2006	Brawley	Calipatria
2005	Westmorland	Brawley
2004	Imperial	Westmorland

Previous number of appointments from 2004 to the present			
Brawley	3	Brawley	2
Calipatria	3	Calipatria	1
Calexico	1	Calexico	2
El Centro	2	El Centro	2
Holtville	3	Holtville	3
Imperial	3	Imperial	3
Westmorland	2	Westmorland	2
County	2	County	3
IID	1	IID	1

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

B. Coordinated Border Infrastructure Funding – Project Identification and Recommendation

Approve the recommendation of CBI funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the selected agency and selected project.

Authorize the Executive Director to coordinate the necessary agreements between Caltrans, the Imperial County Transportation Commission, and the recommended agency.



January 19, 2024

Mike Goodsell, Chair
Imperial County Transportation Commission
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SUBJECT: Coordinated Border Infrastructure Funding – Project Identification and Recommendation

Dear Commission Members:

As a part of the Calexico West Port of Entry (POE) Expansion project, SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Boulevard were widened and improved to serve the POE expansion to the west. Caltrans completed construction on SR-98 between VV Williams and Ollie Avenue in March 2018, and the City of Calexico completed the Cesar Chavez Boulevard widening in October 2019. Caltrans has continued to work on the widening of SR-98 between Ollie Avenue and Rockwood Avenue. Cost overruns in the right-of-way phase for the SR-98 project have resulted in a \$1 million funding shortfall.

The Imperial County Local Transportation Authority (ICLTA) authorized a funding exchange where the ICLTA assisted Caltrans with \$1 million in regional set aside funds in exchange for \$2 million of Corridor Border Infrastructure (CBI) funds out of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program. The \$2 million CBI STBG funds may be utilized on an existing or new transportation type project inclusive but not limited to roadway or bridge type improvement projects. Projects utilizing CBI funds also need to be associated with an international border, facilitate/expedite cross border motor vehicle and cargo movements, and be located within 100 miles of an international land border amongst other program requirements.

A 20% local match will be required to use the \$2 million CBI STBG funds; therefore, a \$500,000 local match will be required to fulfill the use of the \$2 million CBI STBG funds. At a minimum, the region will be able to utilize the funds to construct a \$2.5 million dollar project. ICTC has been working with our local agencies towards identifying eligible projects to potentially utilize the funds. The proposed \$2 million does not have a specific timeline for use and implementation but the funding should be utilized as quickly as possible. It would be ICTC's goal to utilize the funds towards a regionally significant project versus distributing the funds across multi jurisdictions increasing the effectiveness of the funding.

To complete the proposed transaction, a new Cooperative Agreement will be necessary between Caltrans and ICTC/Agency utilizing the funding.

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IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

Project considerations have been compiled from all ICTC member agencies. Lead agencies have expressed interest in \$2M Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) Program funds and would be able to provide the corresponding matching funds for their corresponding project listed below. Any funds above the proposed \$2 Million in CBI funds will be the responsibility of the local agency to produce. All projects listed have been identified by the lead agency as a project of regional significance; however, some projects have stronger nexus to CBI funding requirements than others. Meeting CBI requirements is an important requirement in the selection of the project. The ability to deliver the proposed project and available local funding is also an important requirement in the selection of the project.

Project List for Consideration				
Agency	Project Name	Work Completed	Proposed Project Cost	Match Funding Commitment
City of Brawley	Best Road Rehabilitation Project from Main Street to Ganado Road	Various phases still require completion	2.89M	Yes
City of Calexico	2nd Street/All American Canal Bridge Replacement (West of Calexico West POE)	Project would require all phases to be completed	\$4-5M	Yes
City of Calexico	2nd Street Bridge Widening at New River (West of Calexico West POE)	Project has improvement plans that require an update. All other phases require completion.	\$4-\$6M	Yes
City of Calipatria	Sidewalks along Hwy 111	Various phases still require completion	Unknown	No
City of El Centro	Imperial Avenue Extension South Phase 4	Environmental (NEPA) cleared	Unknown	Yes
City of El Centro	SR86 Southbound Lane #2 Widening between Wake Avenue and Danenberg Drive	Various phases still require completion	Unknown	Yes
City of El Centro	Signal Light at SR86 and 12 Street	Various phases still require completion	1.5M	Yes
City of El Centro	Dogwood Road Widening (4 Lane Arterial between I-8 and Ross Road)	Various phases still require completion. Preliminary Planning Study underway.	Unknown	Yes
City of Holtville	Sidewalks along Hwy 115	Various phases still require completion	Unknown	No

City of Imperial	P Street/Clark Road Rehabilitation Project from Aten Blvd. to Worthington Road (including work in the County of Imperial)	Preliminary costs completed	Unknown	Yes
City of Westmorland	SR86 & Martin Road Signalization	Various phases still require completion	Unknown	Yes
County of Imperial	Picacho Road Bridge Replacement	Design in progress & CEQA & NEPA in progress	\$4-\$5M	Yes
County of Imperial	Drew Road Bridge***	Design in progress.		Yes

****The County of Imperial has expressed interest in seeking CBI funds for the Picacho Road Bridge Replacement to redirect local funds towards the improvements to Drew Road Bridge. The Drew Road Bridge project currently has 90% design completed. The County of Imperial can commit to deliver the Drew Bridge Project by February 2025 if granted CBI funding for Picacho Road Bridge.*

The ICTC Management Committee met on January 10, 2024, to discuss the projects that potentially met all the criteria of CBI funding requirements. The Management Committee provided a short list for the Commission to consider in order of priority.

1. Priority to the City of Calexico for their 2nd Street/All American Canal Bridge Replacement project or their 2nd Street Bridge Widening at the New River project.
2. Second Priority to the City of El Centro for their Dogwood Road Widening project.
3. Third Priority to the County of Imperial for their Picacho Road Replacement project.

The ICTC Management Committee forwards the following recommendations to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the recommendation of CBI funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the selected agency and selected project.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to coordinate the necessary agreements between Caltrans, the Imperial County Transportation Commission, and the recommended agency.

Sincerely,



DAVID AGUIRRE
Executive Director

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Attachments

VII. INFORMATION CALENDAR

- A. Attain grant submittal – proposed IVT Ride general public conversion

VIII. 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: January 19, 2024
To: ICTC Commission Members
From: David Aguirre, Executive Director
Re: Executive Director's Report

The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Commission meeting on January 24, 2024.

- 1) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** *An IMBA meeting and strategic planning session was held in the City of Mexicali's Preparatoria y Universidad 16 de Septiembre, on January 16, 2024. At the strategic planning meeting, the committee developed the schedule for the year. The following dates are tentatively scheduled for IMBA in 2024.*
 - *March 14th – Imperial County*
 - *May 9th – Mexicali*
 - *July 11th – Imperial County*
 - *September 12th – Mexicali*
 - *November 14th (Strategic Planning and IMBA meetings) – Imperial County*
- 2) **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 are due on Friday, January 26, 2024, at the ICTC office. All agencies have been provided guideline documentation and have been encouraged to submit potential projects.*

Program	Total Amount Available	Amount Requested by All Applicants
CMAQ	\$342,000	Pending
STBG	\$1,560,000	Pending
CRP	\$1,056,000	Pending

Technical staff representing all the cities and county will be participating in a scoring and ranking meeting on February 7, 2024, at the ICTC offices. ICTC will be recommending projects to SCAG as part of the final submittal process. ICTC staff will be working with local agency staff and programming all approved projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

- 3) **Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Pilot Program (RUSH):** *The City of Calipatria was awarded \$1.5 million for their Delta Street Pump Station Improvements. The funding recommendations were approved by SCAG Regional Council at their last meeting on January 4, 2024.*

- 4) **Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project:** The Project proposes to widen the bridge over the All-American Canal at the U.S./Mexico border approximately 0.7 miles south of State Route (SR) 7. The project proposes to widen the existing structure by adding four lanes: Two New Northbound Auto Lanes and Two New Northbound Commercial Vehicle Lanes. In May 2018, Caltrans and ICTC received \$3,000,000 from the California Transportation Commission and the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the project. In June 2018, Caltrans completed a Project Initiation Document (PID). In Fall of 2018, the PA/ED phase was initiated by Caltrans, technical studies for the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) document under Caltrans as the NEPA lead are in progress and is scheduled for completion in May 2020. In December 2018, ICTC was awarded \$20 million under the U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD discretionary grant program to complete the Design-Build construction phase. ICTC subsequently received TCEP in the amount of \$7.4 Million for construction efforts. The design portion of the project is complete. The project construction is underway, and construction was anticipated to be completed at the beginning of 2023 but suffered delays due to the issuance of the presidential permit. Approximately 87% of construction efforts have been completed. The project was temporarily placed on hold for 6 months due to the issuance of the presidential permit to relocate the border fence. The Presidential Permit was received on July 7, 2023. The project is estimated to be completed in May 2024.

On November 15, 2023, GSA, ICTC, and regional partners celebrated the completion of Stage 1 of the project with a Ribbon Cutting celebration. ICTC Executive Director David Aguirre led the ceremony. Speakers included ICTC Chair Mike Goodsell, CBP Calexico Port Director Roque Caza, GSA Pacific Rim Region Public Buildings Service Deputy Regional Commissioner Amanda Sweeney, FHWA Senior Project Engineer Tay Dam, Caltrans District 11's South County and Trade Corridor Director Nikki Tiongco, CTC Commissioner Clarissa Reyes Falcon, and Head Counsel of the Mexican Consulate in Calexico Tarcisio Montes de Oca. The event concluded with the anticipated Ribbon Cutting followed by media opportunities. For additional information regarding this project visit the ICTC website at: <https://www.imperialctc.org/projects/calexico-east-port-of-entry-bridge-expansion>

- 5) **Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) FREE FARES PROGRAM:** On August 7, 2020, the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) announced the implementation of a **Free Fares Program** for various Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) services. Eligible services include IVT Fixed Route, IVT Circulators (Blue, Green and Gold Lines), IVT ACCESS and IVT RIDE (El Centro, Imperial, Heber, Brawley, Calexico, Westshores). All passengers are eligible to benefit from the Free Fares Program. The fares are subsidized by a State of California grant and fare contributions to IVT RIDE passengers by the County of Imperial's Area Agency for the Aging (AAA). *ICTC was able to secure a new grant to provide free fares for all its transit programs. Due to the previous labor issues, ICTC implemented free fares for all services to assist with the inconvenience to the public. The labor issues have since been resolved but ICTC will continue to offer free fares to the public until further notice. ICTC was also able to secure a second grant to provide free fares for all services with the exception of the Calexico On Demand service.*
- 6) **IVT Ride Potential 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 anticipates 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.
- 7) **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,

taxi 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 is underway. ICTC has already acquired 2 of the required 3 properties for the project. The City of Calexico Council approved the commencement of the eminent domain process for two of the required properties. ICTC was recently 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 Programs. ICTC recently participated in a press conference with Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz to announce the award of the RAISE grant. It is anticipated the project will start construction in July 2024.*

- 8) **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 has just released the Request for Proposals for design services for the project. It is anticipated that the project will be completed within FY23-24/FY24-25.*
- 9) **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 is currently working on the development of the Request for Proposals (RFP) and it is anticipated that the RFP will be released in the coming months.
- 10) **EV Charger Installation Project:** Staff are working on developing an EV charger installation project across multiple cities throughout the county. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. *It is anticipated that the project will be completed within FY23-24/FY24-25.*
- 11) **2022 Long Range Transportation Plan:** The ICTC in its capacity as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency is responsible for leading the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in Imperial County. The last update to the LRTP was conducted in 2013. ICTC staff completed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to prepare a full update of the Imperial County LRTP. Michael Baker International was the selected consultant. The goal of the LRTP is to provide the following:
 - Identify and promote the relationship between the transportation system to existing and future land use and community comprehensive plans and programs.
 - Provide guidance to promote the improvement of multi-modal transportation circulation of people and goods, using both motorized and non-motorized transportation modes, new technologies and infrastructure facilities.
 - Recommendations and guidance to provide a safe, efficient, accessible, socially equitable and cost-effective transportation system.
 - Ensure compliance with state and federal transportation planning regulations.
 - Develop recommendations that ensure environmentally sustainable planning practices.

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

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

Virtual and pop-up outreach events were held in the month of July to inform the public of the upcoming draft document and the opportunity to provide input. The draft LRTP is currently under review and was presented to

TAC and the Steering Committee at the end of August. The completed draft LRTP public review and comments period ended on September 6, 2023. *The Final Draft LRTP has been released for public review prior to final development. The final document adoption will take place in the month of February 2024. To access the completed documents and draft project listing, please visit the project website located at <https://ictc-lrtp2023.org/new-page-2>.*

- 12) **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 is anticipated to be received by early 2024.*
- 13) **Calexico Microtransit Service – Calexico On Demand:** ICTC submitted a grant application for the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) program in October of 2020. The grant application was submitted to provide a clean energy microtransit service in the city of Calexico. In early 2021, ICTC was notified of its grant award of \$1 Million to fund the pilot microtransit service. The microtransit service will operate as an on-demand service available to provide trips to the general public within the boundaries of the city of Calexico. The award required that ICTC fund and operate the service for a minimum of 4 years. ICTC partnered with Via Transportation, an experienced transportation operator to operate the service. ICTC and Via began the development of the project including service criteria, marketing information, and operational criteria. ICTC obtained approval from the CMO program to commence the service. ICTC kicked off the service on January 9th, 2023, and intends to have a formal event to celebrate the kickoff of the service as soon as approval is received by the CMO. The service was free for all passengers until February 9th, 2023. Further information about the service can be viewed on the website: <https://city.ridewithvia.com/calexico-ondemand>. *The service has averaged 180 passengers per day since the removal of the free fares and has been well received. ICTC has been working with CMO to obtain additional funding for the project. ICTC was awarded an additional \$500,000 to be utilized for operations of the service and additional service hours. The contract amendment with the operator was approved at the June 23 meeting.*
- 14) **State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint:** State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint: In August 2017 following a year of coordination, Caltrans, the County of Imperial and ICTC met with CBP management and operations staff achieved consensus for a new conceptual alternative prepared by Caltrans. The LTA Board met on September 27, 2017; staff presented the Board with a fund request for \$1.3 million from the 5% Regional Highway Set-Aside from the Measure D allocations. A Consultant Agreement with AECOM for design and construction engineering was approved by the LTA on February 28, 2018. Following our ICTC Board meeting in late September 2020, ICTC has initiated a traffic study as required by Caltrans. Design work has been delayed due to Border Patrol's concern related to their ability to provide additional funding necessary to meet their operational requirements. On Wednesday, March 17, 2021, ICTC received confirmation from Border Patrol Headquarters in Washington D.C. that they wish to proceed with the original Canopy Design that is similar to Interstate 8 Pine Valley Checkpoint.

As discussed, and confirmed with Border Patrol, ICTC will only provide the remaining funds we had available (February 2021) of approximately \$1.3 million to complete the traffic study, 100% design plans, and construction of the canopy, lighting related to the canopy, and traffic related improvements required by Caltrans. Border Patrol is committed to paying for all other construction-related costs and Border Patrol will lead the construction contract. Border Patrol, Caltrans and ICTC are having weekly meetings toward completing design plans and obtaining Caltrans Permits and Environmental Clearance. The improvement plans have been prepared in final draft form and have been submitted to Caltrans for review.

- 15) **Bus Stop along Cole Road west of Highway 111 in the City of Calexico:** *ICTC received a request through its Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process asking for the installation of bus stop improvements along Cole Road west of Highway 111 in the City of Calexico. ICTC and the City of Calexico were able to work together to have the bus shelter and associated infrastructure improvements installed. The bus stop is now open for public use.*

- 16) **Clean California Bus Stop Improvement Project:** Through Clean California Round 1 Funding, Caltrans was able to secure funding to complete bus stop and shelter improvements in the communities of Niland, Calipatria, Brawley and Holtville along various state routes. Caltrans, ICTC and the communities worked together to identify locations, in addition to reviewing possible secondary amenities such as trash enclosures. Construction activities for the new bus stop improvements began on March 13, 2023. The project bus stop improvements were completed in November/December 2023.
- 17) **Funding for Phase II of the Calexico West Port of Entry:** As previously noted, Congress authorized \$98 million for Phase 1. The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) began construction for Phase 1 in December 2015 with completion now scheduled for July 2018. Phase 2A was awarded in the amount of \$191million and will include six additional northbound privately-owned vehicle (POV) inspection lanes, permanent southbound POV inspection, expanded secondary inspection and adding a pre-primary canopy, new administration building, and employee parking structure. *Funding for phase 2B was awarded in the amount of \$103.4 million. Work for phase 2B will include demolition of the old port building and construction of the new pedestrian building. The total estimated investment for the Calexico West POE improvements are \$416.2 million. Construction efforts for the West Port of Entry are anticipated to begin on September 26, 2022. Noticing information pertaining to lane closures and closure times, adjustments to the East Port of Entry passenger vehicle operating hours and other items have been distributed and shared via multiple media outlets including ICTC's website at [Canopy construction at the Calexico West Port of Entry to impact vehicle traffic | Imperial County Transportation Commission \(imperialctc.org\)](https://www.imperialctc.org)*
- 18) **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.
- 19) **Regional Active Transportation Program:** ICTC staff has been working with staff from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in the development of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) guidelines. The ATP is funded from various federal and state funds including the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), State Highway Account, and Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S). The approved California Transportation Commission 2023 ATP (Cycle 6) program guidelines divide the funds into state and regional shares. State funds are available through a competitive application process. Applicants that are unsuccessful at the state level are considered for regional funds. Regional ATP funds are administered by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO). SCAG is Imperial County's MPO. Per SCAG's 2023 ATP Regional Guidelines, county transportation commissions may assign up to 20 points to each statewide project application deemed consistent and meeting eligibility requirements. ICTC staff has completed the adoption process of the scoring methodology. ICTC staff received state scoring of ATP applications from Imperial County and presented staff recommendations to TAC members on December 15, 2022. Projects are underway at various stages by the agencies. Staff recommendations were approved at the January Commission meeting. See the table below for further information.

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

- 20) **San Diego & Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Strategy:** San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and ICTC received a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for a Sustainable Freight

Implementation Strategy for both counties. The goal with the strategy is to help transition the freight sector in San Diego and Imperial Counties to sustainable technologies, operations, infrastructure over the next 30 years. The strategy will systematically implement multimodal freight projects and policies, seek to pilot innovation technologies, create a workforce development toolkit, and identify potential funding sources for implementation. The area of study includes communities adjacent to major freight infrastructure in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Environmental justice areas, as defined by AB617, will be a particular focus and include the Portside Environmental Justice Communities, the International Border Community, and Calexico-El Centro-Heber corridor. This plan kicked off in February 2022 and is expected to be completed March 2024. Public engagement has been instrumental in the creation of this strategy, participants of Imperial County have included County Public Works department, Work Force Development, Comité Civico del Valle, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation, among others. Strategy outcomes are scheduled to be presented to SANDAG and ICTC groups as well as community organizations such as IMBA and AB617 meetings starting in June in Imperial County.

- 21) **State Route 98 Widening from Ollie to Rockwood:** As part of the Calexico West POE Expansion project, SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Boulevard were widened and improved to serve the expansion to the west. Caltrans' SR-98 work between VV Williams and Ollie Avenue was completed in March 2018, and the Cesar Chavez Blvd. Widening was completed in October 2019. Caltrans has completed the design and right of way phase for SR-98 Widening between Rockwood Avenue and Ollie Avenue. On June 24, 2020, CTC authorized construction funding. The total project cost is estimated at \$7 million using a combination of 2016 Earmark Repurposing, Demonstration, Traffic Congestion Relief, ICTC and local funds. The construction start date was delayed due to environmental impacts and other utility projects in progress within the project area. Construction of the project began on August 6, 2021. The existing contractor of the project has been removed. Caltrans has secured a new temporary contractor to complete the project improvements from Ollie Avenue to Highway 111. Caltrans completed Phase 1 in late November. *Phase 2 of the project commenced on January 9th, 2023. The portion of the project that consisted of the north side of Highway 98 between Highway 111 and Ollie Avenue has been completed. Caltrans is now working on completing the east side of Highway 98 between Highway 111 and Rockwood Avenue.*
- 22) **State and Federal Local funding Obligations:** Projects programmed in programmed in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019/2020 were fully obligated according to Caltrans Local Assistance. Beginning October 1, 2020, agencies can move forward with request for authorization (RFA) for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) programmed in FFY 2020/2021. Other state funding also included in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) include the Active Transportation Program (ATP).
- 23) **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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- 24) **Funding Opportunities:**
 - For a complete list of California specific grant opportunities go to <https://www.grants.ca.gov/>.
 - [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2023 through FY 2026 Bridge Investment Program, Planning and Bridge Project Grants](#)
 - For a complete list of federal transportation grant opportunities go to <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>.

25) Meetings attended on behalf of ICTC:

- Various Weekly Reoccurring Calexico East POE Bridge Widening Project Meetings
- Various Weekly Project Specific Meetings
- December 21, 2023 – SANDAG Freight Stakeholders Taskforce Meeting (attended by staff)
- December 22, 2023 – SANDAG Borders Committee Meeting
- January 3, 2024 – ICTC SSTAC Meeting (attended by staff)
- January 4, 2024 – SCAG Regional Council Meeting via zoom meeting
- January 10, 2024 – ICTC Management Committee meeting in the City of Calipatria and via zoom
- January 10, 2024 – 2025 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Workshop via zoom (attended by staff)
- January 10, 2024 – AB 617 Calexico-Heber-El Centro meeting via zoom meeting (attended by staff)
- January 10, 2024 – Calexico State of the City Address in the City of Calexico
- January 11, 2024 – ICTC / Via Meeting at the ICTC offices
- January 16, 2024 – IMBA and Strategic Planning meetings in the City of Mexicali and via zoom meeting
- January 17 & 18, 2024 – Imperial County Registrar of Voters Form 700, State of Economic Interest e-filing webinar (attended by staff)
- January 19, 2024 – Mobility 21 Joint Advisory Board & Board Meetings in Los Angeles, attended by phone
- January 19, 2024 – CTC CEOs/SCAG Meeting in Los Angeles, attended by Teams meeting

Memorandum

Date: January 5th, 2023
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 Management Committee and Regular Commission meeting for the month of January 2024.

1. Connect SoCal 2024 Public Comment Update

As part of the public comment period for the draft Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, SCAG hosted 15 briefings with elected officials in Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. In all, 229 local elected officials, city and county staff and stakeholders participated in the briefings, where SCAG leadership shared details of the draft Connect SoCal 2024 and discussed implementing the plan's vision for a more resilient and equitable future. Following SCAG presentations, attendees asked questions about projects in their respective counties and provided critical feedback on the draft Connect SoCal 2024. The comment period closes Jan. 12, after which staff will review comments and revise the draft accordingly; the Regional Council is expected to consider the final Connect SoCal 2024 for adoption in April 2024..

2. SCAG Regional Council Approves \$35 Million to Support the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Pilot Program

On Jan. 4, SCAG's Regional Council approved funding recommendations for the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Pilot Program (RUSH), funding 12 projects for a total of \$35 million. RUSH invests in utility infrastructure planning and capital improvements to support jurisdictions in meeting the housing production goals defined in the 6th Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, local housing elements and REAP 2.0 program objectives. Project awards include infrastructure planning projects and programs, such as green infrastructure plans and capital projects that address current and future utility restrictions in housing development by upgrading infrastructure for sewer, water, stormwater and dry utility systems to enable infill housing. Congratulations to City of Calipatria as they were awarded \$1.5 million for their Delta Street Pump Station Improvements.

3. 2024 Sustainability Awards Call for Nominations

SCAG is now accepting nominations for the 2024 SCAG Sustainability Awards, SCAG's annual recognition of plans and projects that exemplify core principles of sustainability. These plans and projects are integral to accomplishing the goals of the Connect SoCal Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and promoting a cleaner, healthier and happier Southern California.

The Sustainability Awards are open to governmental agencies, non-governmental agencies, community-based organizations, non-profits, universities and more. Projects that span multiple agencies, sectors and geographies, applicants are encouraged to submit a joint entry. Submittals include projects completed or adopted between Jan. 1, 2020, and Jan. 10, 2023. The winners of the SCAG Sustainability Awards will be presented at the 2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Resort & Spa in Palm Desert on May 2. Nominations will be accepted through Jan. 12.

4. Imperial County to Use REAP Funds to Create Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District

On Dec. 19, 2023, the Imperial County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution of Intention to form the County of Imperial Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) to finance affordable housing and the construction, repair, acquisition and maintenance of capital improvements, including the acquisition and remediation of land for such improvements. The draft EIFD's boundaries, which include the Lithium Valley and Salton Sea area, target areas with high potential for economic development. The draft EIFD encompasses approximately 61,658 acres with an existing assessed property value of \$617 million. The resolution proposes a Public Financing Authority, comprising members from the Board of Supervisors and public appointees. The first public hearings are scheduled for the first quarter of 2024. The development of the EIFD is funded by SCAG allocations from the Regional Early Action Planning grant program.

5. SCAG 2024 SAVE THE DATE! 2024 REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SCAG will host the 59th annual Regional Conference & General Assembly on May 2-3, 2024, at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert. Mark your calendars to join Southern California's most influential leaders, innovators and policymakers for collaborative, solution-oriented discussions on fostering change and addressing challenges in our communities. Subscribe to updates from SCAG for information about registration as we get closer to the event.

6. SCAG 2024 General Assembly Delegate and Alternate Selection

Please keep an eye out for the SCAG General Assembly Delegate selection email. SCAG sends an email to all cities asking for respective councils to take action to appoint a specific General Assembly Delegate and an Alternate. Only the selected Delegate and Alternate will be afforded an opportunity to vote at the

conference. All elected officials are invited to attend the SCAG General Assembly and Annual Conference. Elected Officials and City Managers are comped on registrations.

7. 2024 Go Human Community Streets Grant Program Guidelines

SCAG secured a grant in the amount of \$1,354,475 from the California State Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to conduct an eighth round of Go Human safety programming and engagement across the region, approved by the Regional Council on October 5, 2023. With this funding, SCAG plans to launch the 2024 Go Human Community Streets Grant Program (Community Streets Program) to provide resources to local community-based organizations to implement traffic safety strategies. The Community Streets Program seeks to award approximately \$354,000 to organizations in the region. SCAG, with input from community stakeholders, has prepared funding guidelines and anticipates opening the Call for Applications upon Regional Council approval, in early 2024.

8. SCAG to Sponsor Two RHNA Reform Bills

The Regional Council, in a vote at its January 2024 meeting, authorized staff to pursue two legislative bill concepts related to Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) reform. The first bill would establish procedures for the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to publicize data sources, analyses and methodology, and require HCD to convene a panel of experts to advise HCD on its assumptions, data and analyses, before making its final determination for a region. The second bill would reinstate a trade and transfer option of RHNA units between two jurisdictions, setting limitations so trades continue to advance state housing objectives.

SCAG's advocacy will include securing an author in the California State Legislature for these bills while calling on individual cities and councils of governments to support these legislative efforts. The concepts in this legislative platform grew out of SCAG's stakeholder engagement and resulting official comment letter to HCD on the RHNA reform process, then prioritized by action of the Legislative/Communication and Membership Committee (LCMC).

California Department of Transportation



To: ICTC Commission

Date: January 2024

From: EVERETT TOWNSEND (Acting)
Caltrans District 11 Director

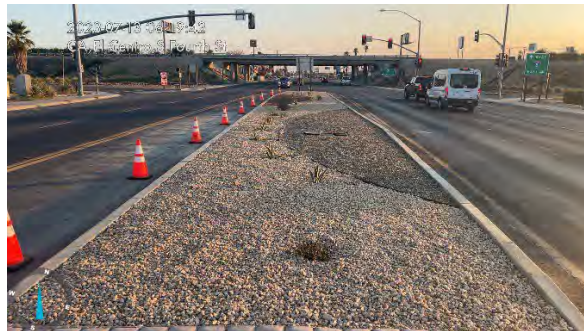
Subject: **DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

CONSTRUCTION

1. **SR-98 Widening Project:** As part of the Calexico West POE Expansion project, SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Blvd were widened and improved to serve the expansion to the west. SR-98 work between VV Williams and Ollie Avenue was completed in March 2018, and the Cesar Chavez Blvd widening was completed in October 2019 by the City of Calexico. Construction for stage 1 of the SR-98 eastbound widening between Rockwood Avenue and Ollie Avenue was completed in November 2022. The construction of Stage 2 (westbound SR-98 from SR-111 to Ollie Ave) is now substantially complete. Stage 3 is underway with completion estimated in January 2024. Completion of Stage 4 is estimated for Spring 2024. The total project cost is estimated at \$8.2 million.
2. **I-8, SR-78 Bridge Rehab at Various Locations:** The project includes 4 bridge locations on I-8 at Brock Research Center Rd, All American Canal (left/right) Bridges and at Winterhaven Dr/4th Ave. The 2 locations on SR-78 are at Palo Verde Drain and Palo Verde Outfall bridges near Palo Verde. Work has begun at the I-8 location over the All-American Canal, bridge deck work is complete with painting in progress on both the EB and WB structures. Painting at the All-American Canal is anticipated to be completed by March. Work at Brock Research Center Rd has completed. Target start for the 4th Ave bridge is mid to late March. Total estimated cost is \$8 million. The Palo Verde locations have started. These bridge repairs will install a long-term automated traffic control signal at both locations for reversible 1 way traffic throughout the duration of construction.



3. **I-8 Roadside Safety Improvements:** This project is implementing various safety improvements at various locations on I-8 between Silsbee Rd and Anderholt Rd. The scope includes slope paving, gore paving and rumble strip installations. Construction activities are underway and estimated completion is spring 2024. The total project cost is estimated at \$4.6 million.
4. **Clean California Projects:** District 11 has been working on several Clean CA Projects in Imperial County. They include bus shelter improvements in Niland(SR111), and bus shelter installations in Calipatria(SR111) and Holtville (SR115). Construction on these Clean CA bus shelter projects have been completed. The Brawley bus shelter (SR86) is in progress. Additionally, median island improvements in El Centro(SR86) and a gateway beautification project at SR-7/Nina Lee Rd just north of the Calexico Port of Entry are also included as part of this effort. The gateway project is complete along with three (3) of the median island improvements.



PROJECT DELIVERY

1. **SR-111 Roadside Improvements:** This project will be implementing improvements at various locations on SR-111 between Heber Rd and Niland. The scope includes upgrading guardrail, ADA curb ramps and rumble strip installations. The project cost is estimated at \$11 million and was advertised in August and awarded in October. Construction start date is February 2024.
2. **SR-186 All-American Canal Bridge:** This project proposes to construct a new bridge over the All-American Canal (AAC). The new bridge will improve safety and better facilitate international and interregional movement of

people, goods and services. A 2019 feasibility study proposed 8 alternatives including a no-build option. The following stakeholders have been identified, Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe, US BIA, US BOR, IID, International Boundary and Water Commission, County of Imperial, Union Pacific Railroad and US GSA. Preliminary Design of the bridge is underway, as well as environmental studies. *Project Milestones: Project Approval/Environmental Clearance 12/2024. The Anticipated funding fiscal year for construction is 2027/28.*

MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

1. El Centro Traveled Way Crew – Sweeping I-8/SR111, lateral support SR111, Guidepost installation/SR-98.



2. El Centro Functional/Marking Crew – Sign/landscape maintenance/SR-111, Refresh pavement markings/SR-86.



3. Midway Traveled Way Crew – Crack sealing SR98, storm response/repairs, fence repair I-8, sidewalk repair-Holtville.



4. Brawley Traveled Way Crew – Sweeping/brush control, mowing and dig outs / paving/SR-86/Salton City.



5. El Centro Clean CA Crew – Litter control/landscaping activities I-8/4th , I-8/All American Canal.



6. **SR-86/Customs & Border Protection (CBP) Checkpoint Expansion:** AECOM has submitted a revised concept plan with a standard acceleration lane from the secondary inspection facility and it has been approved. The environmental studies are being prepared by ICTC/CBP and will soon be sent for review. Caltrans will assist ICTC in coordinating upcoming meetings.

Caltrans has received all required documents from AECOM except the QMP, SIQMP, and the environmental document. Caltrans will proceed with the 0 phase. A series of permits will be required for existing traffic control at the checkpoint, for the inspection operations and equipment within the facility, and for a temporary checkpoint while the project is in construction. A new Freeway Maintenance Agreement will be required for the portion of the existing canopy that is within Caltrans ROW.

PLANNING AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE

1. **Project Study Report: Forrester Road Improvements** - This study is developing various improvements for Forrester Road (I-8 to SR 78/86). It is being prepared as Project Study Report – Project Development Support (PSR-PDS) and identifies improvements that can proceed to the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase of the project development process. The project creates a truck bypass to the City of

Westmorland using local roads, proposes passing lanes in the new River area, and makes improvements to the Forrester Road intersections at Ross Road and Evan Hewes Highway. The environmental designation has been determined and the Environmental Branch is currently updating the PEAR to reflect this new list of priorities. The document is anticipated to be completed by early spring of 2024.

2. **Feasibility Studies: District 11 Truck Parking and Medium/Heavy Duty ZEV**

Charging Station Site Assessment – The purpose of this study is to identify potential sites, assess site feasibility, and develop conceptual planning plans for four future truck parking facilities and Medium Duty/Heavy Duty (MD/HD) Zero Emission (ZEV) charging and fueling stations in San Diego and Imperial counties primarily along corridors identified by the Senate Bill (SB) 671 Clean Freight Corridor Efficiency Assessment. The study will also support regional and local efforts to advance MD/HD ZEV including the San Diego and Imperial County Sustainable Freight Implementation Strategy. The study completion is estimated for summer 2024.

Calexico East Land Port of Entry Joint Operations Systems- This study will develop a concept for a joint operation system for the Calexico East Port of Entry (POE), which will also debut the first land POE appointment system for commercial vehicles and potentially passenger vehicles. Using current border conditions, the system will allow commercial vehicle border users to pay for a designated appointment window to cross the border. This first-in-the-nation application will be piloted initially for commercial vehicles and could be expanded to passenger vehicles. If successful, this pilot has the potential to be scalable by expanding to other POE and could be utilized at other POEs along the northern and southern borders in the United States. The study completion is estimated for summer 2024.

3. **Local Assistance:**

2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7)

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is developing guidelines for the 2025 Active Transportation Program (ATP) cycle. Statewide workshops have started (please see attachments). There are two upcoming ATP cycle 7 virtual webinars through Zoom. The February 6th workshop will be discussing scoring rubrics and the February 27th workshop will focus on region specific issues for Imperial County and questions relating to the upcoming 2025 ATP Cycle. Registration is required for the first workshop.

Further details are posted at this link:

<https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>

California Transportation Commission (CTC) Allocation and Approval Requests

Please review this linked schedule of due dates and prepare requests for California Transportation Commission (CTC) approval accordingly. Caltrans District 11 needs all documents at least two months before the CTC meets.

dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/financial-programming/documents/proposed-2024-draft-prep-external-063024.pdf

Friday, March 15, 2024 – deadline for the next CTC meeting
(May 16-17, 2024)

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

UEI's expire annually and on different dates for each agency. Local agencies need to reverify in the SAM.gov website 4-6 weeks before UEI expires. No E-76's will be processed if a UEI is marked invalid. If Caltrans can't verify a UEI, it may be that the local agency opted out of public view, if this is the case, please provide Caltrans a snapshot of the UEI (from SAM.gov) as verification.

Westmorland and Imperial County need to renew their UEI registration. They can check SAM.gov for instructions to renew. Agency also needs to confirm their UEI, please go to the UEI Smartsheet (link below) and enter information in the yellow columns to confirm the UEI:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=339b738857f44033b2e7d9a95742c38d>

****Heads up - UEI expiring soon: Holtville (3/15/2024) & El Centro (3/22/2024)**

For assistance, please contact Area Engineer, Alejandro Lopez-Rangel at Alejandro.lopez-rangel@dot.ca.gov or (858) 229-1721.

www.SAM.gov

Inactive Projects

Projects must be billed within the specified and agreed-upon timeframe to avoid de-obligation of funds. The Inactive project list was updated on December 20, 2023.

A complete list of Inactive Projects –

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/inactive-projects>

Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a new Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants program (Community Change Grants), announced via a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), for approximately \$2 billion dollars in Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will be focused on community-driven initiatives to be responsive to community and stakeholder input. They are designed to deliver on the transformative potential of the IRA for communities most adversely and disproportionately impacted by climate change, legacy pollution, and historical disinvestments.

Applications are now open, which EPA is accepting on a rolling basis.

Deadline to apply is November 21, 2024.

Applications are divided into two (2) tracks:

- Track one is focused on community driven investments for change with \$1.96b for 150 projects at \$10m to 20m each.
- Track two is focused on meaningful engagement for equitable governance with \$40m for 20 projects at \$1m to \$3m each.

Entities eligible to apply under this NOFO:

- A partnership between two community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs).
- A partnership between a CBO and one of the following:
 - o a Federally-Recognized Tribe
 - o a local government (includes regional and intra-state agencies)
 - o an institution of higher education

Eligible activities under this NOFO:

- Climate resiliency and adaptation
- Mitigating climate and health risks from urban heat islands, extreme heat, wood heater emissions, and wildfire events
- Community-led air and other (including water and waste) pollution monitoring, prevention, and remediation
- Investments in low- and zero-emission and resilient technologies and related infrastructure
- Workforce development that supports the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants
- Reducing indoor toxics and indoor air pollution
- Facilitating the engagement of disadvantaged communities in state and federal advisory groups, workshops, rulemakings, and other public processes

Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants (Continued)

Out of the \$2 billion in funding, EPA has identified five Target Investment Areas:

- * Tribes in Alaska: \$150m for projects benefitting Indian Tribes in Alaska including funds for cleanup of contaminated lands.
- * Tribes: \$300m for projects benefitting Tribal communities in the other states.
- * Territories: \$50m for projects benefitting disadvantaged communities in United States' territories
- * Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities: \$50m for projects benefitting small and rural areas that lack fixed, legally determined geographic boundaries
- * U.S.-Southern Border Communities: Consistent with EPA's longstanding commitment to addressing transborder pollution challenges, \$100m for projects benefitting non-Tribal disadvantaged communities within 100 kilometers north of the U.S.-Mexico border."

Program/NOFO: <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program>

Announcement: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-2-billion-fund-environmental-and-climate-justice>

EPA is offering grant technical assistance to applicants, including requirements for community engagement and governance plans, community strength plans, and readiness approach.

The USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard provides communities with an overview of discretionary grant opportunities that can help meet their transportation infrastructure needs. Designed with all communities in mind, the Dashboard identifies grant programs with set-asides or match waivers available for rural and Tribal governments. The Dashboard also includes federal grant programs outside of DOT that may be of particular interest to rural communities.

* <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard>

* The Dashboard is updated weekly. This list below spotlights just a few of the currently open funding opportunities.

* Program: Western Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP)

Closing Date: January 31, 2024

Funding: \$2,225,000

[Apply Here](#)

* Advanced Transportation technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program
Closing Date: February 2, 2024
Funding: \$120,000,000
[Apply Here](#)

* RAISE Discretionary Grants
Closing Date: February 28, 2024
Funding: \$1,500,000,000
[Apply Here](#)

Title VI Nondiscrimination Program

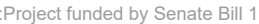
Local agencies must comply with all Title VI requirements (LAPM Section 9.2).
Title VI compliance is subject to review at any time.

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

RELINQUISHMENTS

1. **SR-86** from SR-111 to Countryside Dr, West Ralph Rd to Calle Estrella, and just east of Brandt Rd to SR-78. Relinquishment to County of Imperial, estimated completion 2026. (#15 on Status Map)
2. **SR-86** from Countryside Dr to Treshill Rd. Relinquishment to City of El Centro, estimated completion 2026. (#16 on Status Map)

STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS



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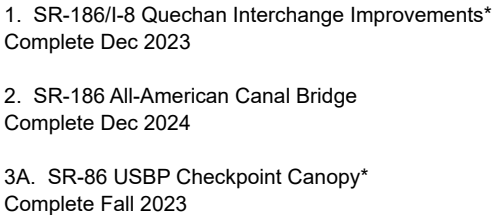
GSA: General Services Administration

48: Port of Entry

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Questions can be directed to (619) 688-6699
ct.public.information.d11@dot.ca.gov

Date:10/18/2023



3B. SR-86 USBP Checkpoint Canopy*
Complete Fall 2023

4. Bridge Rehab Projects on I-8 and SR-78
Begin Construction March 2023, Complete Spring 2024
5. Calexico East POE Bridge Widening
Design/Build Begin Mar 2021, Complete June 2023
6. SR-86/Dogwood Road Intersection Improvements C
7. SR-98 Widening Phase 1C Ollie Ave to Rockwood A
Complete Winter 2023



10. Forrester Road Improvements PSR
11. SR-78/Mesquite Mine
12. Feasibility Study - Truck Parking & Med/Heavy Duty ZEV Charging Station Site Assessment
13. Feasibility Study - Calexico East Land Port of Entry Joint Operations Systems
14. Feasibility Study - Desert Line

15. SR-86 Relinquishment to County of Imperial
Date Estimate 2026

16. SR-86 Relinquishment to City of El Centro
Date Estimate 2026

* The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is a partner in this study/projects, although not the lead agency.





California Transportation Commission

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2025 Active Transportation Program Central Workshop

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming California Transportation Commission Central Workshop for the Active Transportation Program (ATP). This workshop will be held in a virtual setting. Registration information and workshop agenda/details will be posted in advance of each workshop on the [ATP website](#).

Tuesday, February 6, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

To participate via Zoom, please register at:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B877Gwd6TmKUqzrXcvM0Kg

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2025 Active Transportation Program Branch Workshop Imperial County

The Active Transportation Program Branch workshops focus on Program education, region-specific issues and questions relating to the upcoming 2025 ATP Cycle. These workshops are specific to a county/region; therefore, are not mandatory for all stakeholders to participate.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

2:00pm – 4:00pm

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

To participate virtually, please use the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87118241478?pwd=wR7hct4YME34TvF5ZJnlmgKW98wpWp.1>

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