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## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**City of Calipatria  
City Hall  
125 Park St. Calipatria, CA 92233**

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024  
10:30 A.M.**

**CHAIR: ESPERANZA COLIO-WARREN**

**VICE CHAIR: DENNIS MORITA**

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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. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Management Committee Draft Minutes: December 13, 2023 Pages 4-15
- B. Receive and File:
1. ICTC Commission Minutes: December 13, 2023
  2. ICTC TAC Minutes: November 16, 2023
  3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: December 6, 2023

**V. ACTION CALENDAR**

- A. Rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair positions Page 17

It is requested that the Management Committee 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 20

It is requested that the ICTC Management Committee forward this item and the recommended project to the ICTC Board 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 project,
2. Authorize the Executive Director to coordinate the necessary agreements between Caltrans, the Imperial County Transportation Commission, and the recommended agency.

**VI. REPORTS**

- A. ICTC / LTA / IVRMA Executive Director
- ICTC Executive Director Report Page 24
- B. Southern California Association of Governments
- See attached report Page 31
- C. California Department of Transportation – District 11
- See attached report Page 34
- D. Committee Member Reports

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE**

- A. The next Management Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. tentatively at the City of El Centro.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**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

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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](http://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.
  - 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.
  - 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.

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

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**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

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**PUBLIC:**


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**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](http://ww.scag.ca.gov/connect-socal) and a copy of the plan is available for review at the SCAG Imperial Regional Office.
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  - 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.



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## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**November 16, 2023**

**Present:**

Phillip Ramirez	City of Brawley
Alan Molina	City of Calipatria
Guillermo Sillas	City of Calexico
Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Melany Amarillas	City of Holtville
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Manuel Ortiz	IID

**Others:**

David Aguirre	ICTC
Katie Luna	ICTC
Angela Delgadillo	ICTC
Juan Manuel Cabrera	City of Brawley
Andrea Montano	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
Marco Coronel	County of Imperial
Alejandro Lopez Rangel	Caltrans
Ben Guerrero	Caltrans
Liliana Silveria	Caltrans
David Salgado	SCAG
Scott Johnson	SCAG

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present, and introductions were made. There were no public comments made.
2. A *motion* was made to adopt the minutes for October 26, 2023 ([Campos/Atondo](#)) **Motion Carried.**
3. **SCAG Big Data Presentation**  
(Presented by Scott Johnson, SCAG)
  - Mr. Scott Johnson provide a presentation about the SCAG Big Data.
  - Website SCAG Regional Data Platform: <https://hub.scag.ca.gov/>

- License request form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BigDataPlatform>
- For any questions, please contact Scott Johnson at [johnsons@scag.ca.gov](mailto:johnsons@scag.ca.gov) or [list@scag.ca.gov](mailto:list@scag.ca.gov).

#### 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 December/January timeframe.
- Callexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project: The ribbon cutting took place on November 15<sup>th</sup> for the first stage of the project. The expected completion date is March 2024.

##### 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](mailto:davidaguirre@imperialctc.org).

#### 5. Caltrans Updates / Announcements:

*(Presented by: Alejandro Lopez & Ben Guerrero)*

- 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 November 1, 2023. Action is required by the County of Imperial.
- Wednesday, November 22, 2023, is the final deadline (for that January 25-26, 2024, CTC meeting).
- November 30, 2023 – Request for Letters of Support from Caltrans for 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) applications.
- Projects with Lapsing Project End Dates (PED: On November 1, 2023 the list of active Project End Dates (PED) was updated.
- Complete PED list – <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/projects>
- 2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7): Further details are available at this link – <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>
- November 6, 2023 – Deadline for Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program: A Notice of Funding Opportunity and further details are posted at this link – <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/significant>

#### 6. SCAG Updates / Announcements:

*(Presented by: David Salgado)*

- SCAG's 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit will be held on Thursday, December 7th, 8 A.M. – 2 P.M. at SHERATON GRAND LOS ANGELES. Learn more and register to attend at [scag.ca.gov/economicsummit](https://scag.ca.gov/economicsummit).

**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 December 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 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. ACTION CALENDAR

### A. Rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair positions

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





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January 4, 2024

ICTC Management Committee  
Imperial County Transportation Commission  
1503 N. Imperial Ave Suite 104  
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SUBJECT: Rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair Positions

Dear Committee Members:

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

It is requested that the Management Committee 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', written over a horizontal line.

DAVID AGUIRRE  
Executive Director

Attachment

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

IVAG / ICTC CHAIR & VICE CHAIR positions (Management Committee)
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	<u>CHAIR</u>	<u>VICE CHAIR</u>
calendar year		
2023	Calexico	Imperial
2022	Holtville	Calexico
2021	Brawley	Holtville
2020	El Centro	Brawley
2019	Holtville	El Centro
2018	Calexico	Holtville
2017	Calipatria	Calexico
2016	Imperial	Calipatria
2015	Brawley	Imperial
2014	Holtville	Brawley
2013	El Centro	Holtville
2012	County	Imperial
2011	Calipatria	County
2010	Calipatria	County
2009	Calexico	Calipatria
2008	Brawley	Calexico
2007	Holtville	Brawley
2006	County	Holtville
2005	El Centro	Calexico
2004	Calexico	Imperial

#### **Frequency of Positions**

Brawley	3 Brawley	3
Calipatria	3 Calipatria	2
Calexico	4 Calexico	4
El Centro	3 El Centro	2
Holtville	4 Holtville	4
Imperial	1 Imperial	4
Westmorland	1 Westmorland	1
County	2 County	2
IID	0 IID	0

## V. ACTION CALENDAR

### B. Coordinated Border Infrastructure Funding – Project Identification and Recommendation

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



January 5, 2024

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SUBJECT: Coordinated Border Infrastructure Funding – Project Identification and Recommendation

Dear Committee 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 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.

**CITIES OF BRAWLEY, CALEXICO, CALIPATRIA, EL CENTRO, HOLTVILLE, IMPERIAL, WESTMORLAND,  
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	Various phases still require completion	4.3M	Yes
City of Calexico	2nd Street Bridge Widening at New River	Cost Estimates were completed but need to be updated	Unknown	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	Various phases still require completion	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		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.*

It is requested that the ICTC Management Committee forward this item and the recommended project to the ICTC Board 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 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

## **VI. 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 10, 2023  
**To:** ICTC Commission Members  
**From:** David Aguirre, Executive Director  
**Re:** Executive Director's Report

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The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Management meeting on January 10, 2024.

- 1) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** *The next IMBA meeting and strategic planning session will be held in the City of Mexicali's Preparatoria y Universidad 16 de Septiembre, on January 16, 2024.*
- 2) **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.
- 3) **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>

- 4) **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.*
- 5) **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.
- 6) **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 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.*
- 7) **Bus Stop Improvement Project:** Staff are working on developing a bus stop improvement project across multiple cities throughout the county. The project consists of installing various bus shelters and potentially other amenities. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. *It is anticipated that the project will be completed within FY23-24/FY24-25.*
- 8) **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.*
- 9) **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. It is anticipated that the 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>.*

- 10) **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.*
- 12) **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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.*
- 4) **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.*

- 5) **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.*
- 6) **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.
- 7) **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/canopy-construction-at-the-calexico-west-port-of-entry-to-impact-vehicle-traffic)*
- 18) **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, to 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). A

- 19) **Orchard Road & SR115 Traffic Concept Report:** During the Commission meeting of September 2022, the Commission asked ICTC staff to follow up on the SR 115 Transportation Concept Report (TCR). ICTC staff has conducted meetings with Caltrans and County Public Works staff during the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>. ICTC staff in partnership with County and Caltrans staff are continuing discussions for short term options to deter trucks from using Orchard Road. The parties are also expected to discuss long term options as well. More information will be shared as discussions continue.
- 20) **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
<b>TOTAL Regional ATP funds</b>		<b>\$3,270,000</b>

- 21) **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.
- 22) **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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

**23) State and Federal Local funding Obligations:** Projects 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).

**24) 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](https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard_payments_rmra_cities.html)*

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**25) Funding Opportunities:**

- *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/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notice-funding-opportunity>.*

**26) Meetings attended on behalf of ICTC:**

- Various Weekly Reoccurring Calexico East POE Bridge Widening Project Meetings
- Various Weekly Project Specific Meetings
- December 4, 2023 – SCAG Region CRP and CMAQ/STBG Working group via Teams meeting
- December 5, 2023 – Calexico West Port of Entry Traffic Improvements Project Initiation Document (PID) Engagement meeting via Teams meeting
- December 6, 2023 – ICTC SSTAC meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- December 6, 2023 – CTC Reception in Riverside, CA
- December 7, 2023 – SCAG Economic Summit in Los Angeles, CA
- December 12, 2023 – SCAG & CTC Planning Directors Briefing
- December 13, 2023 – ICTC Management Committee Meeting
- December 13, 2023 – ICTC Commission/ IVRMA/LTA Meeting(s)
- December 14, 2023 – ICTC TAC Meeting
- December 21, 2023 – SANDAG Freight Stakeholders Taskforce Meeting (attended by staff)
- December 22, 2023 – SANDAG Borders Committee Meeting
- January 3, 2023 – ICTC SSTAC Meeting (attended by staff)

- January 5, 2023 – United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Advisory Committee (attended by staff)

## Memorandum

**Date:** January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**To:** ICTC Committee and Management Meeting  
**From:** David Salgado, Government Affairs Officer (GAO)  
**Re:** Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Report

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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 Management Committee

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 nearly complete. Work at the All-American Canal is anticipated to be completed by December. Work at Brock Research Center Rd has begun and nearly complete. Target start for the 4th Ave bridge is mid to late January. Total estimated cost is \$8 million. The Palo Verde locations have an anticipated start of early December. 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), Brawley(SR86) and Holtville(SR115). 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 as with one of the median island locations. The bus shelter projects in Niland, Calipatria and Holtville are nearing completion. Bus shelters have arrived and have been installed. A review of the work with punch list items (if any) will be performed soon.



## **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 January 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, Clean CA Dump Day-EC.



2. El Centro Functional/Marking Crew – Sign/landscape maintenance, Refresh school crosswalks-Heber.



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, Clean CA Dump Day-Brawley.



5. El Centro Clean CA Crew – Litter control/landscaping activities I-8/4<sup>th</sup> , SR86 in Brawley.



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 three upcoming ATP cycle 7 virtual webinars through Zoom. The January 10<sup>th</sup> workshop will be discussing applications, the February 6<sup>th</sup> workshop will be discussing scoring rubrics, and the February 27<sup>th</sup> 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 two workshops.

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](https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/financial-programming/documents/proposed-2024-draft-prep-external-063024.pdf)

Friday, January 19, 2024 – deadline for the next CTC meeting  
(March 21-22, 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 have not confirmed their UEI.

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

[www.SAM.gov](https://www.SAM.gov)

## 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>

Active Notice of Funding for Bridge Investment Program (BIP),  
Funding opportunities and deadlines:

Bridge Investment Program, Planning Project Grants and Bridge Project Grants

**Planning**

- FY 2023 + 2024: 2/19/2024
- FY 2025: 10/1/2024
- FY 2026: 10/1/2025

**Bridge Project**

- FY 2023 + 2024: 3/19/2024
- FY 2025: 11/1/2024
- FY 2026: 11/1/2025

\*2023 BIP - Bridge & Planning Category: Call for Letter of Support (LOS) – requests will be due two weeks after the FHWA’s Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is released.

Bridge Investment Program, Large Bridge Project Grants

- FY 2025: 8/1/2024
- FY 2026: 8/1/2025

For more information, see the Bridge Investment Program website:

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/bip/>

Also:

[\*Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Bridge Investment Program \(BIP\) Fact Sheet | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)\*](#)

**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. (#11 on Status Map)
2. **SR-86** from *Countryside Dr to Treshill Rd*. Relinquishment to City of El Centro, estimated completion 2026. (#12 on Status Map)





## California Transportation Commission

# SAVE THE DATE

## 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](#).

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**Wednesday, January 10, 2024**  
**1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

To participate via Zoom, please register at:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_OQ9a1DYqQUmZb8qQnMFhgg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OQ9a1DYqQUmZb8qQnMFhgg)

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**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](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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# Federal Highway Administration LOCAL AID SUPPORT

## ANNOUNCEMENT

## Upcoming USDOT Funding Resources and Opportunities

The [USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard](#) provides communities with an overview of discretionary grant opportunities that can help meet their transportation infrastructure needs. The Dashboard also includes Federal grant programs outside of DOT that may be of particular interest to [rural communities](#). The below list spotlights just a few of the currently open funding opportunities – visit the Grants Dashboard to find more or [check out the calendar of open and upcoming grant opportunities!](#)

### New and Noteworthy!

- DOT has announced \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)** discretionary grant program for FY2024. Information on [How to Apply for RAISE Grants](#) is available on the RAISE website. **The NOFO is available [here](#) and the deadline for applications is 11:59 PM EST on February 28, 2024. Selections will be announced no later than June 27, 2024.** The first RAISE program webinar is scheduled for December 19, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. ET. You may register and keep track of upcoming RAISE webinars on the [FY 2024 RAISE Webinar Series webpage](#).
- On November 30, 2023, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) [announced](#) approximately \$343 million available for [Fiscal Year 2024 All Stations Accessibility Program \(ASAP\)](#) funding to help make it easier for people with disabilities and mobility needs to access some of the nation's oldest and busiest rail transit systems through essential upgrades, such as elevators. There is no award maximum or cap for ASAP grants. A webinar for the FY24 ASAP opportunity will be held on December 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. ET. [Register](#) for the webinar.

### Opening Soon!

- [FY23 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program](#): The FRA anticipates announcing in December the availability of \$573 million in competitive, discretionary funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods. FRA will host a webinar following the NOFO release to provide a program overview for potential grantees.

- **[FY22-23 Restoration and Enhancement Grant Program](#)**: FRA will also announce the availability of \$104 million in competitive, discretionary funding for operating assistance grants for initiating, restoring, or enhancing intercity passenger rail transportation. FRA will host a webinar following the NOFO release to provide a program overview for potential grantees.

## Other Grant Opportunities

*In preparing your application for any of the above programs, be sure to read the specific Notice of Funding Opportunity and related program materials to ensure your project and organization are eligible and you are meeting other program/application requirements. General information to help prepare for DOT applications can also be found on the DOT Navigator, including [the Fiscal Year 2023 Discretionary Grant Preparation Checklist for Prospective Applicants](#).*

- FTA [announced](#) the availability of approximately **\$4.7 million in competitive grant funding to projects that improve access to vital transportation services for older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals through the [Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility \(ICAM\) pilot program](#)**, which supports projects that improve transportation coordination and enhance mobility, including access to non-emergency medical transportation. Applications will be evaluated based on criteria outlined in the [NOFO](#). **Applications are due February 13, 2024.** A webinar for the FY24 ICAM Pilot Program will be held at 3:00 p.m. ET on December 14, 2023. Registration is not required. [Join the webinar on December 14.](#)
- FHWA's [Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund \(TTPSF\)](#), which is intended to address transportation safety issues identified by federally recognized Indian Tribes, is accepting applications for its FY 2024 funding cycle until **January 15, 2024**. [Find more information here.](#)
- FHWA is accepting applications under the \$40 million **Saving Lives with Connectivity: Accelerating V2X Deployment** grant opportunity to advance connected and interoperable vehicle technologies. The initiative is focused on road safety, mobility, and efficiency through technology that enables vehicles and wireless devices to communicate with each other and with roadside infrastructure and provide warnings. V2X can contribute to the [Safe System Approach](#) adopted by the USDOT's [National Roadway Safety Strategy](#), a comprehensive approach launched in January 2022 to address the crisis of roadway deaths. [Find the NOFO here](#); **applications are due by January 17, 2024.**
- FHWA is now accepting applications for its [Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation \(ATTAIN\) Program](#), which awards funding to eligible entities to deploy, install, and operate advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity, and infrastructure return on investment. Up to \$120 million (\$60 million for FY 2023 and \$60 million for FY 2024) is set aside for the ATTAIN Program to fund grants under this NOFO. **Applications are due by February 2, 2024.**

## Non-USDOT Capacity Building Resources and Opportunities

*With the goal of passing along outside resources specifically designed to build local capacity, especially for disadvantaged urban, rural, and tribal communities, to successfully develop transportation projects and funding applications, the DOT Navigator Bulletin includes opportunities that have been shared with the Department. Their inclusion does not indicate USDOT endorsement.*

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s [Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant program \(Community Change Grants\)](#) is accepting applications for \$2 billion in grants to fund community-driven projects that address climate challenges and reduce pollution while strengthening communities through thoughtful implementation. This historic level of support will enable communities and their partners to overcome longstanding environmental challenges and implement



meaningful solutions to meet community needs now and for generations to come. There will be two tracks of funding under this opportunity. Track I will fund approximately 150 large, transformational community-driven investment grants of \$10 million - \$20 million. Track II will fund approximately 20 meaningful engagement grants of \$1 million - \$3 million. [Review the NOFO](#) for further information about the opportunities under the Community Change Grants program and details about the application process. **The NOFO is open for one year and will close on November 21, 2024, with EPA reviewing applications on a rolling basis.** Click here to [learn more about environmental justice at EPA](#).

- EPA's [Community Change Equitable Resilience Technical Assistance Program](#) consists of free design and project development assistance, community engagement, and partnership development workshops, with the intent to help eligible entities apply for the [Community Change Grants](#). Eligible projects for this technical assistance must be in a disaster-prone area and benefit a disadvantaged community. Climate resilience projects must have a direct community benefit and could include retrofits to community-serving buildings; design or redesign of public parks, open space, and waterways; redesign of streets; or other projects that address climate resilience and environmental justice. Proposed projects should address climate change impacts such as extreme heat and more intense heat islands, wildfire and wildfire smoke, floods, storms, or other impacts that pose a greater risk to disadvantaged communities. EPA intends to offer this technical assistance to up to 50 recipients nationwide and will accept requests on a rolling basis until 50 recipients have been identified. Contact [equitableresilience@epa.gov](mailto:equitableresilience@epa.gov) with questions.
- **The U.S. Department of Labor released a new funding opportunity for YouthBuild.** This funding opportunity is aligned to infrastructure workforce needs with a required focus on training young people in construction. This year, the funding opportunity has added a priority around Investing in America projects. Applicants who identify a project in their area that is funded through Investing in America and identify a partner that they can work with to prepare people for this project can receive extra funding. This means transportation agencies can help community partners in their area be more competitive by partnering with them and that workforce organizations and unions applying should seek to partner with a transportation agency. Note that unions are eligible to apply. This is a great opportunity for apprenticeship readiness programs to expand their training to disadvantaged youth and get funding for the supportive services necessary to be successful. [View the Funding Opportunity Announcement here](#); applications are due by February 1, 2024.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s [Funding Navigator](#) provides a list of funding opportunities under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and others across federal agencies to support efforts to enhance climate resiliency, energy efficiency, renewable energy integration, healthy housing, workforce development and environmental justice in HUD supported communities, programs and properties. You can use the tool to find open and upcoming opportunities, including funding status and where to apply, for funds to implement projects that reduce energy use and strengthen resiliency in communities. In the Navigator, some grants are separated into levels. This helps identify how to apply in situations where original grantees (Level 1 grantees) are tasked with making subgrants to others (Levels 2 and 3).
- **NextCity is hosting a webinar on December 13 at 1:00 p.m. ET with City Thread partners to learn about the Accelerated Mobility Playbook (AMP)** and how city governments and community organizations can work more efficiently to change the way you get around in as little as 24 months. [RSVP for the webinar here](#).

## Popular USDOT Navigator Grant Application Resources

- [Understanding Non-Federal Match Requirements](#)
- [Grant Application Checklist for a Strong Transportation Workforce and Labor Plan](#)
- [Checklist for a Strong Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and Resilience Grant Application](#)
- [Federal Tools to Determine Disadvantaged Community Status](#)
- [What Is a Benefit-Cost Analysis \(BCA\)?](#)
- [Use of DOT Funds for Public Involvement](#)