



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, January 25, 2024
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: In person at the ICTC Offices or Via Zoom for Non -Voting Members & the Public

Chairperson: City of Calipatria

Vice-Chair: City of El Centro

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Introductions**
2. **Adoption of Minutes for December 14, 2023** *ACTION*
Requesting a motion to adopt
3. **Rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair Positions** *ACTION*
4. **Imperial Valley Procurement and Resource Fair - Exhibiting Opportunity** *INFORMATION ITEM*
Presented by Maria Ibarra, Caltrans
5. **Imperial County 2023 Long Range Transportation Plan Completion & Final Report** *PRESENTATION*
Presented by Michael Baker International
6. **ICTC Updates / Announcements**
Presented by ICTC Staff
 1. Transit Updates
 2. Transportation Planning Updates
 - CMAQ/STBG & CRP Call for Projects Discussion
 - FFY 22/23 & FFY 23/24 Federal & State Funded Project Obligation List
7. **Caltrans Updates/ Announcements**
Presented by Caltrans Staff
8. **SCAG Updates/ Announcements**
Presented by SCAG Staff
9. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates**
All
10. **General Discussion / New Business**
11. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC is tentatively scheduled for February 22, 2024. For questions you may call Marlene Flores at (760) 592-4494 or contact by email at marleneflores@imperialctc.org

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 14, 2023

Requesting a motion to adopt



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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.
- Calexico 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>
- 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.

6. **SCAG Updates / Announcements:**

(Presented by: David Salgado)

- 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-social 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.

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.

3. ROTATION OF CHAIR AND VICE- CHAIR POSITIONS

ICTC Technical Advisory Committee Chairs		
Year	Chair	Vice-Chair
2023	Calipatria	El Centro
2022	Brawley	Calipatria
2021	El Centro	Brawley
2020	County	Brawley
2019	El Centro	Calexico
2018	Calexico	Calipatria
2017	Brawley	Holtville
2016	Imperial	Brawley
2015	County	Imperial
2014	Holtville	County
2013	Brawley	Holtville
FY 2011-12 (and half of 2012-13)	Imperial	El Centro
FY 2010-11	Calexico	Imperial
FY 2009-10	Holtville	Calexico
FY 2008-09	El Centro	Holtville
FY 2007-08	County	El Centro
FY 2006-07	Imperial	County
FY 2005-06	IID	Imperial

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice-Chair</u>
Brawley	3	3
Calexico	2	2
Calipatria	1	2
El Centro	3	3
Holtville	2	3
Imperial	3	3
IID	1	0
Westmorland	0	0
County	3	2

**4. IMPERIAL VALLEY
PROCUREMENT AND
RESOURCE FAIR –
EXHIBITING OPPORTUNITY**

Presented by Maria Ibarra, Caltrans

Procurement & Resource Fair



IMPERIAL VALLEY



Caltrans District 11, in partnership with the Imperial Valley Small Business Development Center and the City of El Centro, presents the Imperial Valley Procurement and Resource Fair in El Centro.

Please join us for this valuable event!



Caltrans purchasers and partners will have a list of goods and contracts they are looking to procure as well as upcoming opportunities for Small Businesses.



Before the networking starts, we will have presentations from APEX Accelerators and the Small Business Development Center on how to do business with the government agencies.



This event provides a great networking opportunity for your small business.

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 21, 2024
FROM 2:00PM TO 5:00PM



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sports Pavilion,
770 Park Ave El Centro, CA 92243

CONNECT WITH:

- Caltrans District 11 Purchasers
- Agency Partners
- Construction Primes
- Architectural & Engineering Primes



Please register

to attend this free event!



**5. IMPERIAL COUNTY 2023
LOCAL RANGE
TRANSPORTATION PLAN
COMPLETION & FINAL
REPORT**

6. ICTC UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by ICTC Staff



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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.

- 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*
- 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).

- 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

FFY22/23 Federal/State Funded Project Obligation List

Updated on 10/27/2023

Federal funding Obligations: The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Authorization to Caltrans Local Assistance. Projects must obligate (E-76) federal funds in FFY 2022/23. (Starting October 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2023)							
State Funded Allocations: The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Allocation to Caltrans Local Assistance for State approval during FY 2022/2023 (Starting July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023)							
Agency	Project ID	Federal Project ID (FPN)	Project Name	Funding Type	Programming Phase	Federal/STATE Amount in FY 2022/23 (in 000's)	Obligation Status/ Notes
Brawley	IMP220601	CML-5167(046)	Traffic Signal Synchronization & Intelligent Transportation Systems on Main St. from Western Ave. to Best Ave., and on 8th St. from Main St. to B St.	CMAQ	CON	\$700	
Brawley	IMP210601		Main Street Improvements from First Street to 9th Street.	EARMARK	CON	\$2,674	Out to bid.
Brawley	N/A		Improvements on C St from Western Ave to First St, Steven St from Evelyn Ave to Richard Ave, and Ronald St from Evelyn Ave to Richard Ave.	LPP	CON	\$327	Working on the bid packet. Project has been approved by acting city engineer. Ready to go out to bid. Local funds being used: \$326
Brawley		CML 5167 (047)	Rehabilitation of C Street from 1st Street to Imperial Avenue	CRRSAA	CON	\$97	CRRSAA funds. Local match SB1 funds \$729,807 Request of Allocation submitted May 30, 2023
Calexico	IMP191001		Weakley Street Improvements between Scaroni Blvd. and Portico Blvd. (paving of dirt road).	CMAQ	CON	\$155	RFA anticipated to be submitted July 2023 *Project has EPSP
Calexico	IMP220602		Sidewalk Improvement Project on Grant Street between Pierce Avenue and Emilia Drive, Calexico Street between Adler Avenue to Kloke Avenue, Van de Graaf between Cole Boulevard and Calexico 10 Theaters	CMAQ	CON	\$230	RFA anticipated to be submitted end of July
Calexico	IMP220609	STBGL-5168 (035)	Cole Boulevard between M.L. King and Boweker Road Rehabilitation Project	STBG	CON	\$1,416	E-76 7/28/2023
Holtville	IMP220605	CML-5174(035)	East 9th Street Pedestrian Improvements Project from Ash Avenue to Oak Avenue	CMAQ	CON	\$400	
Holtville	IMP2206012	STPL-5174(034)	West 9th Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project Between Melon Road and Olive Avenue	STBG	ENG	\$53	RFA submitted 5/23/23 NOTE: This project is tied to a Local Partnership Program (LPP) Project. Local Agency Funds added to FY22/23 (PE Agency funds \$7 are LPP funds from Cycle 3). Agency CON Funds in FY 23/24 amount of \$89 are LPP from Cycle 3 and Cycle 4. Received E-76
Imperial	IMP220606	CML 5134(026)	Aten Boulevard Class II Bike Lane from Vilore Way to Austin Road	CMAQ	CON	\$404	RFA under approval process. RFA packet was submitted on 6/12/23
Imperial	IMP2206013	STBGL-5134 (027)	Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project Between Vilore Way and Old SR-86	STBG	CON	\$1,136	RFA under approval process. RFA packet was submitted on 6/12/23
						\$7,592	

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PE- Design
R/W- Right of Way
RFA- Request for Authorization
CMAQ- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
STBG- Surface Transportation Block Grant

FFY23/24 Federal Funded Project Obligation List

Updated on 10/27/2023

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Agency	Project ID	Federal Project ID (FPN)	Project Name	Funding Type	Programming Phase	*Federal Amount in FY 2023/24 (in 000's)	Obligation Status/ Notes
Brawley	IMP220608		At B Street Eastern Avenue to Palm Avenue Description Street Improvements (Resurfacing the pavement) along B Street from Eastern Avenue to Palm Avenue.	STBG	PE	\$51	Design is ongoing. Pending to submit exhibit 3A.
Brawley	IMP230701		From to Intersection of Main Street and 8th street, install traffic signal mast arm assembly, LED safety lighting, curb bulb out, median curb nose, ADA curb ramps, high visibility crosswalks, and pavement markings.	HSIP	PE	\$42	Pending follow-up with STC for the design.
Brawley	IMP230702		From to Install roadway lighting, guardrails, chevron curve warning signs, rumble strips, roadway striping, pavement markings, and outside shoulderwidening on Dogwood road from 550 ft south of Mead Road to 750 ft. north of Mead Road.	HSIP	PE & R/W	\$154	Will speak with STC they are assisting them with that project. Doesn't know when they are going to submit the exhibit 3A.
Calipatria	IMP220603		At South Brown Avenue Main Street/SR 115 to Church Street South Brown Avenue Roadway and Pedestrian Facilities Improvement Project between Main Street/SR 115 to Church Street. Improve pedestrian connectivity and improve the existing deteriorated conditions of the roadway.	CMAQ	CON	\$1,649	
Calipatria	IMP220610		At Main St. Lake Avenue to International Blvd Roadway Improvements on Main Street between Lake Avenue and International Boulevard	STBG	CON	\$298	
El Centro	IMP220604		At Imperial Ave. Ocotillo Dr. to Main St Imperial Ave. Traffic Signal Synchronization from Ocotillo Dr. to Main St.	CMAQ	PE	\$85	Pending RFP & Exhibit 3A. On track.
Holtville	IMP220612		At 9th Street Melon Road to Olive Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on 9th Street between Melon Road and Olive Avenue	STBG	CON	\$587	
Imperial County	IMP220607		From to Various Locations Main Street Improvements from SR 111 to Memphis Ave. (South Side) and Isis Ave. Improvements from Main St. to Third St. (sidewalk, ADA ramps, curb, gutter, infill paving, and bicycle lane) in the community of Niland.	CMAQ	PE	Local Funds only. Refer to project sheet	Pre-CON next week.
Imperial County	IMP220614		At Bowker Road McCabe Rd. to Ross Rd. Bowker Road Rehabilitation from McCabe Rd. to Ross Rd.	STBG	CON	\$1,666	Design is ongoing. Finish audit report by May.
Westmorland	IMP230102		From to The City of Westmorland Pedestrian Improvements Project will consist of construction/installation of new sidewalk (including gap completion) and new ADA ramps, where none exist, for the safety and convenience of the walking public. Also, streetlights may be installed where needed for nighttime safety of pedestrians	CMAQ	PE	Local Funds only. Refer to project sheet	
						\$2,395,532	

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CMAQ- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
STBG- Surface Transportation Block Grant

*Refer to attached project sheet for complete funding details

FY23-24 State Funded Project Obligation List

Updated on 10/27/2023

State Funded Allocations: <i>The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Allocation to Caltrans Local Assistance for State approval during FY 2023/2024 (Starting July 1, 2023, thru June 30, 2024)</i>						
Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Funding Type	Programming Phase	*State Amount in FY 2023/24 (in 000's)	Obligation Status/ Notes
Calipatria	IMP230703	From to Install new sidewalk and associated improvements on Bonita Place between South Brown Avenue and Southeast Avenue. The project also includes the removal and replacement of existing sidewalk.	ATP	PE	\$88	
El Centro	IMP230601	At Imperial Avenue various locations to Various locations Pedestrian crossing improvements along Imperial Avenue.	ATP	CON	\$882	
					\$135,970	

CON- Construction
PE- Design
R/W- Right of Way
RFA- Request for Allocation
ATP- Active Transportation Program
LPP- Local Partnership Program

***Refer to attached project sheet for complete funding details**

7. CALTRANS UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

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DISTRICT 11 LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER (DLAE) UPDATES

Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

January 25, 2024

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Inactive Projects

Projects must be billed within the specified and agreed-upon timeframe to avoid de-obligation of funds.

The Inactive project list was updated **January 22, 2024**. Action is required by the County of Imperial and these five cities: Brawley, Calexico, Holtville, Imperial, and Westmorland.

A complete list of Inactive Projects – <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/inactive-projects>

Please notify Caltrans with any anticipated submittal date for a forthcoming inactive project invoice.

FHWA now requires status updates quarterly. Email the Local Assistance Program Support Analyst, Alma Sanchez, at Alma.Sanchez@dot.ca.gov

The new invoice Form 5A form was updated as of September 2023. Please use the file from this link –

<https://forms.dot.ca.gov/v2Forms/servlet/FormRenderer?frmID=DOTLAPM5A>

January 31, 2024 – Deadline for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 23/24 Requests for Authorization

Funding Requests for Authorization (RFA) during this federal fiscal year are due before **January 31, 2024**.

Any agency expecting to miss this deadline must immediately contact the Caltrans Imperial Area Engineer, Alejandro Lopez-Rangel, to further coordinate any pending RFA submittal: 858-229-1721.

Note the **Obligation Authority (OA) funds for redistribution are dwindling faster than in prior years.** Also, make sure that funds are programmed appropriately. **Send any RFA packages as soon as possible.**

Please transmit all RFA details on *LAPM* Exhibit 3-A (and use the newest version from January 2022) –

<https://forms.dot.ca.gov/v2Forms/servlet/FormRenderer?frmID=LAPM3A>

March 15, 2024 – Deadline for California Transportation Commission (CTC) Requests

Please review this linked schedule of deadlines and prepare requests for California Transportation Commission (CTC) approval during the May 16-17, 2024, CTC meeting –

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

When possible, do not wait to submit requests. **Caltrans District 11 must receive all documents at least two months prior to the desired CTC meeting date.**

Friday, **March 15, 2024**, is the final deadline (for that May 16-17, 2024, CTC meeting).

Projects with Lapsing Project End Dates (PED)

Project phases must be complete or approved for time extensions during the specified and agreed-upon timeframe to avoid de-obligation of funds.

On **January 1, 2024** the list of active Project End Dates (PED) was updated.

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

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

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



Webinars: Bridge Investment Program

January 12, 2024 by Caltrans Division of Local Assistance

Planning and Bridge Project Grants

LIVE Q&A Session

Thursday, January 25, 2024

11:00 am – 12:00 pm PT

[Zoom Webinar link](#)

Benefit Cost Analysis Tool

LIVE Q&A Session

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

11:00 am -12:00 pm PT

[Zoom Webinar link](#)

On December 20, 2023, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) opened the FY 2023 through FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) – Planning and Bridge Project Grants. The NOFO was published on Grants.gov and can be accessed through the following link: [BIP – Planning and Bridge NOFO](#). Additional information on the program can be found on the [BIP Webpage](#).

FHWA is working to develop two (2) pre-recorded overviews of the FY 2023 through FY 2026 NOFO for BIP – Planning and Bridge Project Grants, one recording will focus on Planning grants and the second will focus on Bridge Project grants. These overviews will be posted as soon as they are available on the [BIP Webpage](#).

Before joining the session, it is requested that participants review the NOFO, the prerecorded overviews (when available), and the updated Questions and Answers which all can be found on the [BIP Webpage](#). Also, participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance of the sessions to the official BIP Mailbox at bridgeinvestmentprogram@dot.gov. The LIVE Question and Answer Sessions will address the pre-submitted questions and any others asked during the session as time permits. In addition to the questions and answers, topics that will be discussed include, general information on the grant opportunities, the narrative and application templates, and the BCA tool.

Please [email the official BIP Mailbox with questions or comments.](#)

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April 3, 2023
In "Webinar/Workshop"

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June 13, 2023
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[Every Day Counts - Project Bundling Peer Exchange Webinars](#)
May 11, 2022
In "Webinar/Workshop"



California Transportation Commission

SAVE THE DATE

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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2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7)

The CTC is developing guidelines for the 2025 Active Transportation Program (ATP) cycle. Statewide workshops have started, with opportunities to participate live on-site and remotely.

Further details are available at this link – <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Renewals Due!

For every Local Agency, the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) expires annually and on different dates.

An Agency must reverify on the [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) website 4-6 weeks before a UEI expires. No Requests for Authorization will be processed if a UEI is flagged as invalid. (If Caltrans cannot verify a UEI, the Local Agency might have opted-out of public view; if so, please send Caltrans a snapshot of the UEI from [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) as verification.)

Westmorland and the County of Imperial need to renew their respective UEI registrations. They can check [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) for instructions. Agencies confirming a UEI, please click this UEI SmartSheet link below, and enter information in the yellow columns –

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

Expiring soon: Holtville (March 15, 2024) and El Centro (March 22, 2024)

For assistance, please contact the Caltrans Imperial Area Engineer, Alejandro Lopez-Rangel: 858-229-1721.

USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard – <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard>

This Dashboard provides communities with an overview of discretionary grant opportunities that can help meet 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 USDOT that may be of particular interest to rural communities.

The Dashboard is updated weekly. This list below spotlights a few currently open funding opportunities –

- Western Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) Closing Date: **January 31, 2024** – [Apply Here](#)
- Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program Closing Date: **February 2, 2024** – [Apply Here](#)
- **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grants** Closing Date: **February 28, 2024** – [Apply Here](#)

November 21, 2024 – Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Due!

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.



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Applications are now open, which the EPA is accepting on a rolling basis. Final deadline to apply is November 21, 2024.

Applications are divided into two tracks:

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

Entities eligible to apply under this NOFO:

- A partnership between two community-based non-profit organizations
- A partnership between a community-based non-profit organization and one of the following:
 - A federally recognized Tribe
 - A local government (includes regional and intra-state agencies)
 - 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, wildfire events, and wood heater emissions.
- 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 supporting 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

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

- Tribes – \$300 million for projects benefitting Tribal communities.
- Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities – \$50 million for projects benefitting small and rural areas that lack fixed, legally determined geographic boundaries.
- U.S. Southern Border Communities – Consistent with the longstanding EPA commitment to addressing transborder pollution challenges, \$100 million for projects benefitting non-Tribal disadvantaged communities within 100 kilometers north of the U.S.-Mexico border.

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

Program NOFO:

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



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

Access the new Cooperative Training Assistance Program (CTAP) website to register for subsidized, practical training for transportation professionals in California's cities, counties, tribal and regional transportation agencies. Send any questions to the CTAP Registrar: CA-CTAP@csus.edu

Familiar courses include the **Federal Aid Series and the Resident Engineers Academy, which fill quickly!**

Schedule is available here – <https://ca-ctap.org/?pid=1609> Recordings of several trainings are online.

The Active Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) offers customized training at no cost. The following link has more information – <https://caatpresources.org/1502>. To request training, contact ATRC@csus.edu

For questions about additional training opportunities, please contact the District 11 Local Assistance Training Coordinator, Alma Sanchez, via email at Alma.Sanchez@dot.ca.gov or by phone 619-987-0766.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 – (8:30-11:30) “Local Assistance Day” – Quarterly Webinar

Caltrans Division of Local Assistance has posted a 2024 schedule of the quarterly “Local Assistance Day” statewide webinar events, which are meant to inform tribal and local government agencies, Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, and Metropolitan Planning Organizations about these topics:

- Obligations and Obligation Authority
- FHWA Build a Better Mousetrap Innovation
- Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)
- Cooperative Training Assistance Program
- UC Berkeley “TechTransfer” Training

A registration link with further details are available here –

<https://www.localassistanceblog.com/ltapevents/local-assistance-day-statewide-webinar-3>

Future dates (8:30-11:30)

May 8, 2024 – Wednesday

August 13, 2024 – Tuesday

November 5, 2024 – Tuesday

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. www.dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/guidance-and-oversight/title-vi



CALTRANS DIVISION OF
LOCAL ASSISTANCE



Preliminary Environmental Study Question & Answer Session

First Thursday of Each Month

- February 1, 2024 1:00-2:00pm
- March 7, 2024 1:00-2:00pm

Provided by DIVISION OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE

Office of Environmental Compliance and Outreach

WHO: Open for local public agencies, consultants, California Tribes, and Caltrans staff.

WHAT: Ask an Environmental Compliance & Outreach expert how to fill out the Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) for transportation projects, and other PES related questions.

WHERE: Online. No registration required. Access the following link to attend: <https://cadot.webex.com/cadot/j.php?MTID=mad14e2d6befe1a67a1f38d237fd6dbf0>

8. SCAG UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017
T: (213) 236-1800 www.scag.ca.gov

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.



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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



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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).

9. CITIES & COUNTY PLANNING/ PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES