



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, December 14, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.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 November 16, 2023** *ACTION*
Requesting a motion to adopt
3. **Local Roadway Safety Plan Imperial County Presentation** *15 minutes*
Presented by Kyle McGowan, AICP
Transportation Planner with Kimley-Horn on behalf of Imperial County
4. **ICTC Updates / Announcements** *10 minutes*
Presented by ICTC Staff
 1. Transit Updates
 2. Transportation Planning Updates
 - CMAQ/STBG & CRP Call for Projects Discussion
5. **Caltrans Updates/ Announcements** *10 minutes*
Presented by Caltrans Staff
6. **SCAG Updates/ Announcements** *10 minutes*
Presented by SCAG Staff
7. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates** *10 minutes*
All
8. **General Discussion / New Business** *10 minutes*
9. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC is tentatively scheduled for January 25, 2023. For questions you may call Angela Delgadillo at (760) 592-4494 or contact by email at angeladelgadillo@imperialctc.org

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Requesting a motion to adopt



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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 or 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 15th 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.

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.

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.

3. LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN IMPERIAL COUNTY PRESENTATION

Presented by Kyle McGowan, AICP
Transportation Planner with Kimley-Horn on
behalf of Imperial County

Local Roadway Safety Plan Imperial County



Presentation to the Imperial County Transportation Commission TAC
December 14, 2023
9:00 AM

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Overview
- Project Purpose
- Countywide Safety Background and Trends
- Potential Emphasis Areas
- Potential Site Visit Areas
- Next Steps

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Project Overview

What is a Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP)?

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.

An LRSP:

- Creates a framework to systematically identify and analyze safety problems and recommend safety improvements.
- Offers a proactive approach to addressing safety needs and demonstrates agency responsiveness to safety challenges.
- Is a program organized and funded by Caltrans
- Is necessary to receive Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding and makes County competitive for other grant funding opportunities
- Is aligned with the Caltrans Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)

The Caltrans Strategic Highway Safety Plan addresses the **4Es** of traffic safety:
Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and Emergency Services

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Project Purpose

- Build off previous crash analysis finalized in 2020 (SSAR)
- Understand the factors that contribute to collisions
- Develop strategies to reduce traffic injuries
- Develop an action plan to prioritize safety improvements
- Increase Imperial County's competitiveness for safety funding



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Role of Stakeholder Group

- Provide insight on safety issues in Imperial County
- Share your local knowledge of the area (including locations where you've seen "near-misses")
- Give input on specific locations to study further
- Help to develop potential safety improvements at specific locations and countywide
- Provide comments to draft report document

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Grant Opportunities

Highway Safety Improvement
Program (HSIP)

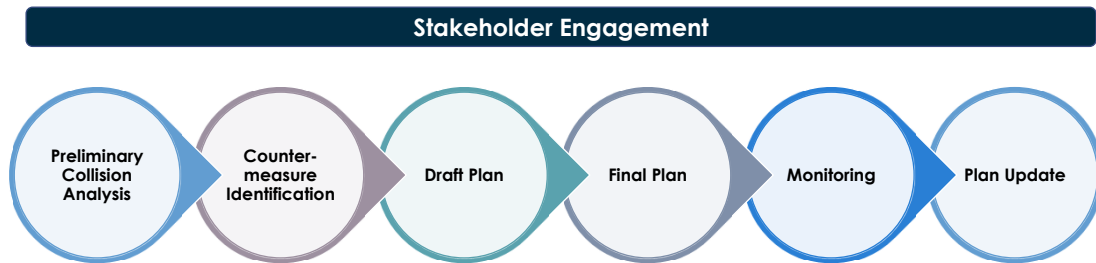


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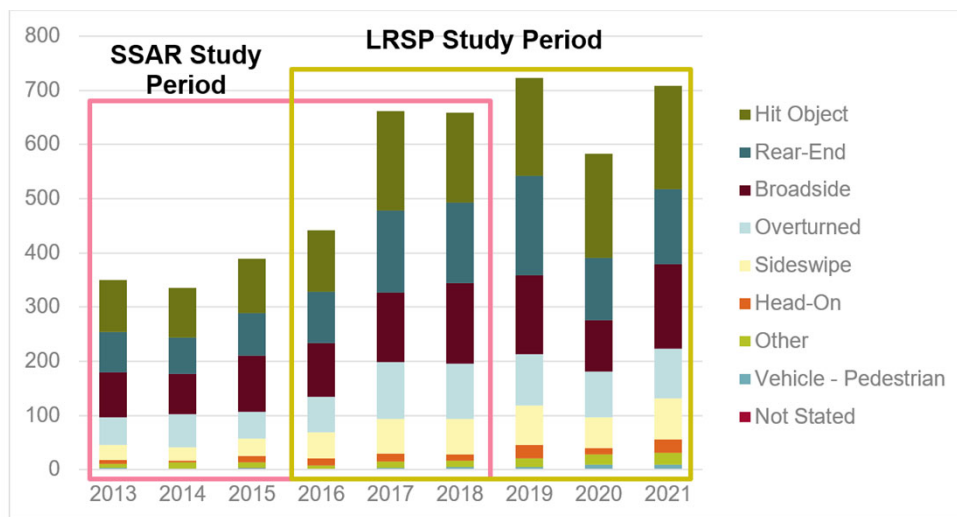
Project Process



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Countywide Crash Analysis

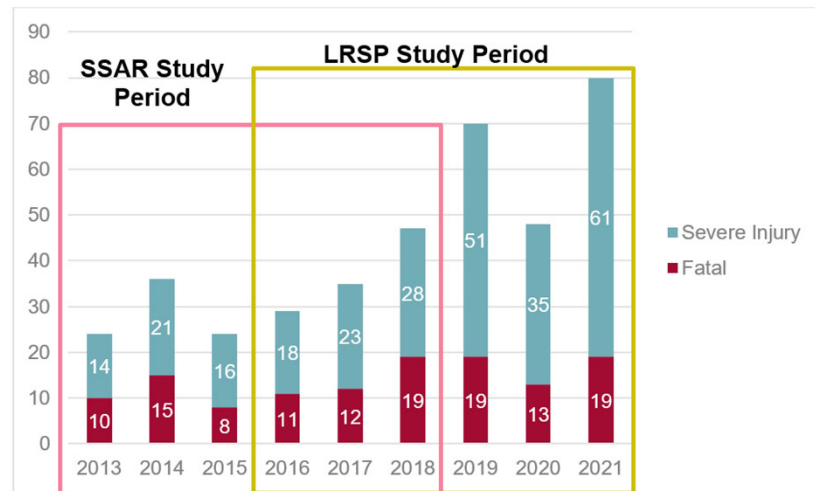
Collision Type by Year (2013-2018 and 2016-2021)



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Countywide Crash Analysis

Fatal and Severe Injury Collision (2013-2018 and 2016-2021)



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Countywide Crash Analysis

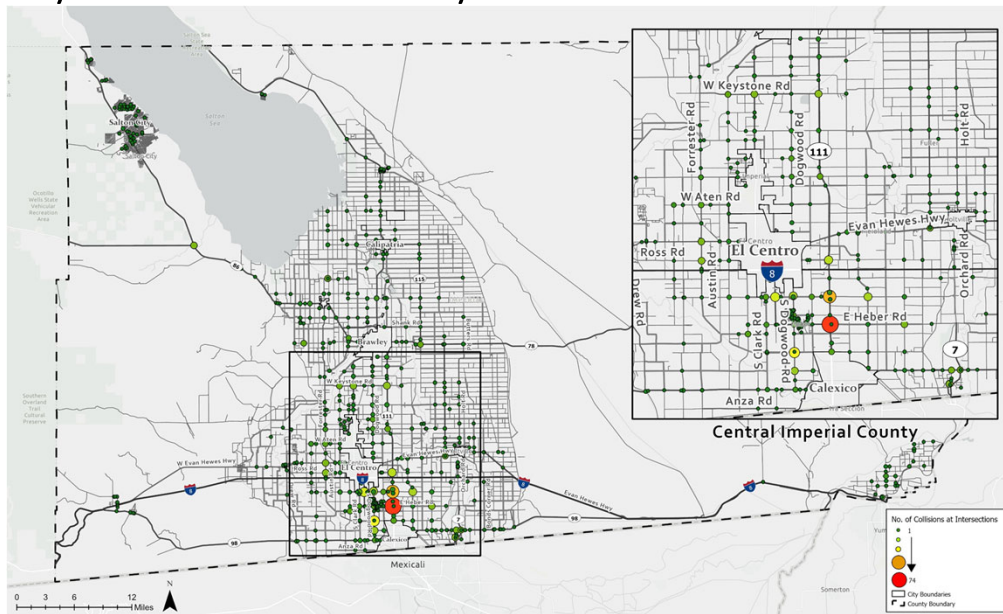
Fatal and Severe Injury Collisions Categorized by Modes Involved

(2013-2018 and 2016-2021)

Involved With	# of Fatal Collisions (2013-2018)	# of Severe Injury Collisions (2013-2018)	# of Fatal Collisions (2016-2021)	# of Severe Injury Collisions (2016-2021)
Other Motor Vehicle	34	55	40	91
Non-Collisions (Overturned)	18	24	18	51
Fixed Object	13	27	20	51
Pedestrian	5	1	10	7
Other Object	-	3	-	8
Bicycle	1	2	3	2
Parked Motor Vehicle	2	3	1	2
Motor Vehicle on Other Roadway	1	4	-	3
Animal	1	1	1	-
Train	-	-	-	1

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Countywide Crash Analysis



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Potential Emphasis Areas

- Run off road crashes
- Commercial vehicles
- Intersection Improvements
- Aggressive Driving Behaviors

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Potential Site Visit Locations

No.	Location Name	No. of Collisions (2016-2021)
Signalized Intersections		
1	Old Highway 111 & Worthington Rd	12
2	Pitzer Rd & McCabe Rd	10
Unsignalized Intersections		
3	Dogwood Rd & Cole Rd	18
4	Old Highway 111 & Keystone Rd	17
5	Forrester Rd & Ross Rd	16
6	Barbara Worth Rd & Heber Rd	15
7	Gentry Rd & Walker Rd	14
8	Willoughby Rd & Kloke Rd	8
Arterial Segments		
9	Dogwood Rd: Ralph Rd to Harris Rd	10
10	Forrester Rd: South of Aten Road	7
11	Austin Rd: Aten Rd to Evan Hewes Hwy	7
Collector Segments		
12	Austin Rd: Keystone Rd to Weaver Rd	13
13	Huff Rd: Hetzel Rd to Adair Rd	7
Local Street Segments		
14	Alamo Rd: State Hwy 115 to Melon Rd	8
15	Old Highway 111: Harris Rd to Ralph Rd	5

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Next Steps

- Site Visits
- Countermeasure Development and Prioritization
- Draft and Final Plan by March 2024

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Questions and Comments

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4. ICTC UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by ICTC Staff



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Memorandum

Date: December 2, 2023
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 December 13, 2023.

- 1) **Transit Data Update:** *At the request of the commission, staff has prepared the following data table noting ridership for all services. The data compares Calendar Year 2019 (pre-pandemic) and the current Calendar Year 2023.*

Service	CY2019	CY2023*
Imperial Valley Transit (Fixed)	699,867	573,991
IVT Blue Line	11,505	2,898
IVT Green Line	11,029	3,699
IVT Gold Line	13,233	6,484
IVT Access	28,125	11,266
IVT Ride	54,432	23,121
IVT Medtrans	5,350	1,315

***Pending data for months of November and December**

Services continue to grow in ridership post pandemic restriction. The free fares program has certainly contributed to the increase in ridership.

- 2) **Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project Ribbon Cutting Event, November 15, 2023:** *GSA, ICTC, regional partners celebrated the completion of the Calexico East Land Port of Entry's new bridge expansion - Stage 1 with a Ribbon Cutting celebration. ICTC Executive Director David Aguirre led the ceremony on November 15, 2023, at 9 a.m. 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. ICTC would like to thank all its partners for the continued coordination efforts throughout the life of this project. 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>*

- 3) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** *The next IMBA meeting and strategic planning session will be held in the City of Mexicali, tentatively on January 16, 2024. More information will be disseminated as soon as possible.*
- 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 1 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.*
- 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.*
- 9) **2022 Long Range Transportation Plan:** The ICTC in its capacity as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency is responsible to lead 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 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 be 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 the end of December 2023.*
- 11) **Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program Funds:** *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. 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(s).*

Project List for Consideration		
Agency	Project Name	Work Completed
City of Brawley	Best Road Rehabilitation Project from Main Street to Ganado Road	
City of Calexico	2nd Street/All American Canal Bridge Replacement	
	2nd Street Bridge Widening at New River	Cost Estimates were completed but need to be updated
City of Calipatria	Sidewalks along Hwy 111	

City of El Centro	Imperial Avenue Extension South Phase 4	Environmental (NEPA) cleared
City of Holtville	Sidewalks along Hwy 115	
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
City of Westmorland	SR86 & Martin Road Signalization	
County of Imperial	Picacho Road Bridge Replacement	Design in progress & CEQA & NEPA in progress
	Drew Road Bridge***	

***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. ICTC will be working with each of the agencies to obtain updates on proposed projects. An action item will be presented to the Management Committee and Commission in the coming months.

- 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 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 meeting.
- 13) **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 83% 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 has restarted construction activities. It is anticipated that the overall project will be completed during the middle portion of 2024 calendar year.*

- 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/canopy-construction-at-the-calexico-west-port-of-entry-to-impact-vehicle-traffic)*
- 18) **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) 2022 Call for Projects – FFY 2022/2023 to FFY 2024/2025:** The STBG and CMAQ Call for Projects began on November 18, 2021. The approved 2022 CMAQ & STBG Guidelines are posted on the ICTC website at <http://www.imperialctc.org/call-for-projects/>. Applications were submitted on Friday, February 25, 2022, to ICTC office. All agencies submitted with the exception of the City of Westmorland and IID. A total of 10 STBG and 11 CMAQ applications were received by ICTC. Funding requests exceed the CMAQ and STBG amounts available for the three (3) fiscal years.

Program	Total Amount Available	Amount Requested by All Applicants
CMAQ	\$5,222,306	\$9,136,697
STBG	\$7,706,117	\$16,640,508

Technical staff representing all the cities and county participated in a scoring and ranking meeting on March 17, 2022, at the ICTC offices. This item was approved by the Commission on April 27, 2022. ICTC staff worked with local agency staff and programmed all approved projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Additionally, in response to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) corrective action of future CMAQ and STBG funds, ICTC staff has worked with member agency staff and completed a mini call for projects for FFY 2025/26 CMAQ and STBG funds. On Thursday, October 6th all member agencies reviewed and ranked projects submitted for FFY2025/26 funding. Project list recommendation was reviewed and approved by Management Committee and Commission on November 9, 2022.

- 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 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.
- 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. Staff recommendations were approved at the January Commission meeting. See the table below for further information. *Next steps include approval of the projects by SCAG and ultimately the California Transportation Commission during their June 2023 meeting.*

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

- 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 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.*
- 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
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- 25) **Partnerships with IVEDC:** Southern Border Broadband Consortium (SBBC): SBBC continues to work with local stakeholders to identify, prioritize and advance broadband infrastructure and improvement projects; facilitate and promote broadband education community wide using survey data; work with the Boys and Girls Club of IV and the Workforce Development Board to create Digital Literacy Centers throughout Imperial County; The SBBC has participated in the development of a Digital Equity Best Practices Checklist and Imperial County Broadband Priority Routes. Cycle 2 Broadband grant amount is \$600,000. Reimbursement for the cycle 2 grant have been submitted to CPUC and are awaiting payment.
- 26) **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-notices-funding-opportunity>.

27) Meetings attended on behalf of ICTC:

- Various Weekly Reoccurring Calexico East POE Bridge Widening Project Meetings
- Various Weekly Project Specific Meetings
- November 2, 2023 – SCAG Regional Council meeting
- November 7, 2023 – IVT Quarterly Meeting for Operations, Safety, Dispatch and Maintenance at the ICTC offices
- November 8, 2023 – ICTC Management Committee meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- November 8, 2023 – ICTC Commission meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- November 10, 2023 – Veterans Day Walk community service
- November 13, 2023 – FY 2024 Annual Work Plan kickoff meeting with ICTC and FTA via Teams meeting
- November 15, 2023 – East Port of Entry Bridge Widening project Ribbon Cutting event on the new bridge
- November 16, 2023 – Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council presentation at the AAA offices
- November 16, 2023 – ICTC Technical Advisory Committee meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- November 17, 2023 – Mobility 21 Board meeting (joint with Advisory Board) via zoom meeting
- November 17, 2023 – CTC CEOs meeting via Teams meeting
- November 17, 2023 – Imperial County Broadband Planning Committee meeting via Teams meeting
- November 28, 2023 – CalSTA Strategic Plan Stakeholder Meeting #1 via webex webinar
- November 29, 2023 – SCAG Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee Meeting via zoom meeting
- 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

5. CALTRANS UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by Caltrans Staff



DISTRICT 11 LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER (DLAE) UPDATES Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting December 14, 2023

Contacts: Alejandro Lopez-Rangel, Local Area Engineer,
Alejandro.Lopez-Rangel@dot.ca.gov or 858-229-1721

Caltrans Local Assistance Blog (LAB) has additional resources and updates –
[LocalAssistanceBlog.com](https://localassistanceblog.com)

Local Assistance:

2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7)

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is developing guidelines for the 2025 Active Transportation Program (ATP) cycle. Statewide workshops have started (please see attachments). There are two upcoming ATP cycle 7 virtual webinars through Zoom. The January 10th workshop will be discussing applications and the February 6th workshop will be discussing scoring rubrics. Registration is required for both workshops. Further details are in the two attached fliers and posted at this link –

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

California Transportation Commission (CTC) Allocation and Approval Requests

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

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

Friday, January 19, 2024 – deadline for the next CTC meeting
(March 21-22, 2024)

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

UEIs 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-76s 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.

Calipatria, 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 or (858) 229-1721.

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.*

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



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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](#).

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

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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

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6. SCAG UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by SCAG Staff

Memorandum

Date: December 13th, 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 meeting for the month of December 2023.

1. SCAG's 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 8 A.M. – 2 P.M. SHERATON GRAND LOS ANGELES

On Thursday, Dec. 7th, SCAG held the 14th annual Southern California Economic Summit at the Sheraton Grand in downtown Los Angeles. The theme of this year's summit was "Accelerating the Region." Southern California is uniquely rich in both natural and economic resources. Keynote speaker Greg Lindsay, from "Cornell Tech," provided great insight into the potential AI and augmented reality has at an urban scale. From generating new jobs to creating efficiency gains for commuters, shipping and travel, a strong regional transportation system has economic benefits for all of the nearly 19 million people in the region. Southern California has the resources to accelerate its economy toward stability, growth and prosperity—and can build momentum with regional collaboration toward shared goals.

2. SCAG DRAFT Connect SoCal 2024

Every four years, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) updates Connect SoCal, Southern California's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy for the six-county region—as required by federal and state regulations. The Draft Connect SoCal 2024 plan is now available for public review and comment through Jan. 12, 2024.

This Draft Connect SoCal 2024 outlines a vision for a more resilient and equitable future, with policies and strategies for achieving the region's shared goals through 2050. The plan was developed through a four-year planning process involving rigorous technical analysis, extensive stakeholder engagement and robust policy discussions with local elected leaders. Information about the draft plan can be found at www.scag.ca.gov/connect-socal and a copy of the plan is available for review at the SCAG Imperial Regional Office.



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3. 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.

4. 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. CITIES & COUNTY PLANNING/ PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES