



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 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: County of Imperial

Vice-Chair: City of Holtville

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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 January 25, 2024** *ACTION*
Requesting a motion to adopt
3. **ICTC Updates / Announcements**
Presented by ICTC Staff
 1. Transit Updates
 2. Transportation Planning Updates
 - CMAQ/STBG & CRP Call for Projects Discussion
 - Long Range Transportation Plan Final Report
 - FFY 22/23 & FFY 23/24 Federal & State Funded Project Obligation List
4. **Caltrans Updates/ Announcements**
Presented by Caltrans Staff
5. **SCAG Updates/ Announcements**
Presented by SCAG Staff
6. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates**
All
7. **General Discussion / New Business**
 - TAC Contact List
8. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC is tentatively scheduled for March 28, 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 JANUARY 25, 2024

Requesting a motion to adopt



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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 25, 2024

Present:

Ana Gutierrez	City of Brawley
George Galvan	City of Calipatria
Guillermo Sillas	City of Calexico
Felix De Leon	City of El Centro
Fernando L. Williams	City of Imperial
Adriana Anguis	City of Holtville
Ramiro Barajas	City of Westmorland
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Manuel Ortiz	IID

Others:

David Aguirre	ICTC
Katie Luna	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Angela Delgadillo	ICTC
Juan Manuel Cabrera	City of Brawley
Andrea Montano	City of El Centro
Liz Zarate	City of El Centro
Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Adolfo Garcia	County of Imperial
Alejandro Lopez Rangel	Caltrans
Bryan Ott	Caltrans
Nick Ventrilla	Caltrans
Maria Ibarra	Caltrans
Kevin Hovey	Caltrans
David Salgado	SCAG
Jacob Swim	Michael Baker International

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was present, and introductions were made. There were no public comments made.
2. A *motion* was made to adopt the minutes for December 14, 2023 ([Atondo/Montano](#)) **Motion Carried.**
3. **Rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair Positions**

- A motion was made by [Galvan](#) seconded by [Ortiz](#) to nominate Ms. Veronica Atondo from the County of Imperial as the Chairperson. A second motion was made by [Galvan](#) and seconded by [Ortiz](#) to nominate Ms. Adriana Anguis from the City of Holtville as the Vice-Chairperson of the ICTC TAC Committee for 2024.

4. Imperial Valley Procurement and Resource Fair – Exhibiting Opportunity

(Presented by Maria Ibarra, Caltrans)

- Caltrans District 11, in partnership with the Imperial Valley's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the City of El Centro, is hosting a Procurement and Resource Fair. (attached flyer)
- The event will take place on Thursday, March 21st, from 2 pm to 5 pm. This event will be located at MLK Pavilion in El Centro (770 Park Ave, El Centro, CA 92243).
- For any questions, please contact please reach out to the D11 Small Business Team (SB, DVBE, and DBE Programs) at d11.smallbusiness@dot.ca.gov.

5. Imperial County 2023 Long Range Transportation Plan Completion & Final Report

(Presented by Jacob Swim, Michael Baker International)

- Mr. Jacob Swim gave a brief presentation on the final report of the 2023 LRTP.
- The Final Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is available. Thank you all for participating in the LRTP process.
- Link to the LRTP website: <https://ictc-lrtp2023.org/> Here you can download the final report.
- For more information, please contact David Aguirre at davidaguirre@imperialctc.org

6. ICTC Updates / Announcements

(Presented by ICTC Staff)

a. Transit Planning Updates

- 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: Deadline to submit project applications to ICTC is January 26, 2024 at 5 pm.
- 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.
- Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project: Stage 2 is estimated to be completed by mid-February and Stage 3 should be completed by the end of March. The overall project is estimated to be completed in May 2024.
- Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC): It is anticipated that the project will start construction in July 2024.
- Bus Stop Improvement Project: 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.
- Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis: Staff are 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.
- 2022 Long Range Transportation Plan: This item will be presented to the TAC group in January, and to the Management Committee and Commission in February. To access the completed documents and draft project listing, please visit the project website located at <https://ictc-lrtp2023.org/new-page-2>.
- The Unmet Transit Needs process has begun for FY 24-25. ICTC has developed a survey for the public to use so that staff can collect data on transit needs. The

survey is posted on the ICTC website as a pop-up and at the following link: <https://www.imperialctc.org/news-and-announcements/2024-25-unmet-transit-needs-survey> The UTN Hearing will be held in the March timeframe, and a follow-up email will be sent with that information at a later time. The public will be able to provide feedback at the hearing as well, in person or via Zoom meeting.

b. Transportation Planning Updates

CMAQ/STBG & CRP Call for Projects:

- The call for projects will end tomorrow January 26, 2024. The project applications deadline to ICTC is 5:00 p.m.
- ICTC will need 8 hard copies and 1 USB.
- For any questions, please contact Katie Luna at katieluna@imperialctc.org or Marlene Flores at marleneflores@imperialctc.org

FFY 22/23 & FFY 23/24 Federal & State Funded Project Obligation List:

- Each jurisdiction gave its update.

7. Caltrans Updates / Announcements:

(Presented by: Alejandro Lopez, Caltrans)

- 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.
- 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
- March 15, 2024 – Deadline for California Transportation Commission (CTC) Requests
- 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>
- 2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7): The January 10th workshop will discuss applications, the February 6th workshop will discuss scoring rubrics, and the February 27th workshop will focus on region-specific issues for Imperial County and questions relating to the upcoming 2025 ATP Cycle. Registration link: <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>
- Tuesday, February 27, 2024 – (8:30-11:30) “Local Assistance Day” – Quarterly Webinar; A registration link with further details are available here – <https://www.localassistanceblog.com/ltapevents/local-assistance-day-statewide-webinar-3>

8. SCAG Updates / Announcements:

(Presented by: David Salgado, SCAG)

- Connect SoCal 2024 Public Comment Update: The comment period closes on 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.
- SCAG Regional Council Approves \$35 Million to Support the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Pilot Program: Congratulations to City of Calipatria as they were awarded \$1.5 million for their Delta Street Pump Station Improvements.
- 2024 Sustainability Awards Call for Nominations: 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.
- Imperial County to Use REAP Funds to Create Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District: 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.

- 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. Elected Officials and City Managers are comped on registrations.
- 2024 Go Human Community Streets Grant Program Guidelines: SCAG, with input from community stakeholders, has prepared funding guidelines and anticipates opening the Call for Applications upon Regional Council approval, in early 2024.
- 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.

9. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

- Each jurisdiction gave its update.

10. General Discussion / New Business

No new business was discussed.

Next TAC meeting will be on February 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

3. ICTC UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by ICTC Staff



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Memorandum

Date: February 14, 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 Management meeting on February 14, 2024.

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

Due to the number of project submitted, ICTC was able to evaluate all projects internally without utilizing the normal process which involves all cities participate in the scoring and ranking process. 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). The item will be presented for commission approval on the Commission agenda in February.

- 2) **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. 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 Tiongeo, 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>. *The project is estimated to be completed in May 2024.*

- 3) **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*
- 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. Staff are also pursuing funding opportunities to facilitate the possible transition of the service.*
- 6) **Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC):** *A new Intermodal Transportation Center in the City of Calexico has been part of ICTC's long range transit planning. The new Calexico ITC will serve as a regional mobility hub that will accommodate bus bays for Imperial Valley Transit in addition to private bus companies, taxis and farm labor buses. ICTC previously received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal program fund to complete the environmental and design plans of the new Calexico ITC. The environmental and design phase has been completed. *Right of Way Acquisition is underway. ICTC has already acquired 2 of the required 3 properties for the project. The City of Calexico Council approved the commencement of the eminent domain process for two of the required properties. ICTC was recently awarded multiple grants to complete the required construction efforts for the project. ICTC received grant awards from the Regional Early Action Planning**

(REAP) 2.0, Active Transportation Program (ATP) and Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Programs. Due to the anticipated State budget deficit, REAP 2.0 funding may be impacted. SCAG is working to ensure that the REAP 2.0 funding is not negatively impacted. ICTC is working with SCAG to identify possible alternative funding sources in the interim. It is anticipated the project will start construction in July 2024.

- 7) **Bus Stop Improvement Project:** Staff are working on developing a bus stop improvement project across multiple cities throughout the county. The project consists of installing various bus shelters and potentially other amenities. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. *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.*
- 8) **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.
- 9) **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.*
- 10) **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 was 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>.*

- 11) **Forrester Road Project Study Report (PSR):** Caltrans District 11 has been working on a project report on behalf of ICTC. The PSR will analyze safety and operation improvements along Forrester Road between I-8 and SR86/SR78. Other improvements include the Westmorland bypass. A meeting to discuss the draft PSR took place at the ICTC offices on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 9 a.m. Further updates to the PSR are anticipated along with additional meetings to discuss the updated PSR. *The updated PSR is anticipated to be received by early 2024.*
- 12) **Calexico Microtransit Service – Calexico On Demand:** ICTC submitted a grant application for the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) program in October of 2020. The grant application was submitted to provide a clean energy microtransit service in the city of Calexico. In early 2021, ICTC was notified of its grant award of \$1 Million to fund the pilot microtransit service. The microtransit service will operate as an on-demand service available to provide trips to the general public within the boundaries of the city of Calexico. The award required that ICTC fund and operate the service for a minimum of 4 years. ICTC partnered with Via Transportation, an experienced transportation operator to operate the service. ICTC and Via began the development of the project including service criteria, marketing information, and operational criteria. ICTC obtained approval from the CMO program to commence the service. ICTC kicked off the service on January 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.*
- 13) **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.*
- 14) **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.*
- 15) **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.

- 16) **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)*
- 17) **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.
- 18) **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

- 19) **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.

- 20) **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.*
- 21) **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).
- 22) **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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- 23) **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-notice-funding-opportunity>.
- 24) **Meetings attended on behalf of ICTC:**
 - Various Weekly Reoccurring Calexico East POE Bridge Widening Project Meetings
 - Various Weekly Project Specific Meetings
 - 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
- January 22, 2024 – Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Meeting, attended by Teams meeting
- January 22, 2024 – SCAG Region CRP and CMAQ/STBG Working Group Meeting, attended by Teams meeting
- January 24, 2024 – ICTC Commission Meeting (attended by staff)
- January 25, 2024 – ICTC TAC Meeting (attended by staff)
- January 25, 2024 – IVRMA TAC Meeting (attended by staff)
- January 26, 2024 – California Transportation Commission Meeting (attended by staff via zoom)
- January 26, 2024 – SANDAG Borders Committee Meeting
- January 31, 2024 – SCAG Regional Transit TAC Meeting
- January 31- February 2, 2024 – California Society of Municipal Finance Officers Conference (attended by staff)
- February 1, 2024 – SCAG Regional Council
- February 6, 2024 – 2025 ATP Workshop, attended by staff via Zoom
- February 6, 2024 – LTA Oversight Committee Meeting in the ICTC office and via zoom
- February 6, 2024 – CALCOG Board Meeting, attended via zoom
- February 7, 2024 – ICTC SSTAC Meeting, attended by staff
- February 8, 2024 – SANDAG Freight Stakeholders Taskforce
- February 9, 2024 – Imperial County Broadband Planning Committee, attended by staff

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 shoulder widening 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/SR115 to Church Street South Brown Avenue Roadway and Pedestrian Facilities Improvement Project between Main Street/SR115 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: *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)*

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**

4. CALTRANS UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by Caltrans Staff



DISTRICT 11 LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER (DLAE) UPDATES Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) February 22, 2024

Contact: Alex Lopez-Rangel, 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)

Inactive Projects

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

The Inactive project lists were updated **January 30, 2024**. Action is required by the County of Imperial, as well as these four cities: Brawley, Calexico, Holtville, and Imperial.

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>

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 23/24 Requests for Authorization

Funding Requests for Authorization (RFA) during this federal fiscal year were due by January 31, 2024.

Any agency missing 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 to prevent delivery failures.** A final deadline for the grace period will be announced shortly.

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 completed or approved for time extensions during the specified and agreed-upon timeframe to avoid de-obligation of funds.

On **February 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



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.)

The City of Westmorland must renew UEI registration and can check [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) for instructions.

To confirm a UEI, 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. Highlighted below is a currently open funding opportunity –

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant

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.

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



DISTRICT 11 LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER (DLAE) UPDATES

Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

February 22, 2024

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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/inflation-reduction-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

- March 7, 2024 1:00-2:00pm
- April 4, 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>

5. SCAG UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by SCAG Staff

Memorandum

Date: February 8th, 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 February 2024.

1. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: *GO HUMAN COMMUNITY STREETS PROGRAM*

On Jan. 9, SCAG *Go Human* opened the Call for Applications for the 2024 *Go Human Community Streets Grant Program*. With funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), the Community Streets Program provides grant funding to eligible community organizations to implement local traffic safety strategies through community engagement activities. The program will award approximately 12 eligible applicants up to \$30,000 in grant funding to implement traffic safety projects in the SCAG region. Community-based organizations, nonprofits and social enterprises are eligible to apply. SCAG staff held office hours and an application webinar (available on YouTube) for interested applicants. The Call for Applications closes Friday, Feb. 9. To learn more about the program, review the Program Guidelines.

2. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT, CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY, CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM (CRP)

SCAG is now accepting project nominations through March 29 for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) for the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023 through FFY 2026. County transportation commissions are coordinating with local agencies and other eligible entities within their counties to prioritize and submit project nominations. Local agencies should confer with their respective county transportation commissions for county-specific application deadlines.

For more information on project eligibility, visit SCAG's STBG/CMAQ and CRP websites.

3. 2024 SCAG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications for the 2024 SCAG Scholarship Program are now open. The program offers a \$4,000 scholarship for up to 9 high school or community college students from the SCAG region interested in pursuing planning or public service-related careers. Applications are due electronically on March 22. More information is available on the SCAG website.

4. PROPOSED STATE BUDGET WOULD CUT FUNDING FOR REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

The February Regional Council meeting agenda included an informational item on Governor Gavin Newsom's proposed state budget, which proposes a reduction of \$300 million for the Regional Early Action Planning program of 2021 (REAP 2.0). SCAG released a statement urging the governor to reconsider these funding cuts, which would severely limit cities' and counties' ability to address the state's housing affordability crisis. In the past year, SCAG has awarded more than \$192 million in REAP 2.0 funding across the six-county region to projects designed to thoughtfully, strategically and sustainably accelerate housing production. These projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply and providing more affordable housing options.

SCAG is working to assess the specific impacts of the proposed cuts and will partner with key stakeholders to use the state budget approval process to advocate for the protection of critical housing programs funded by REAP 2.0.

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 DELGATE 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.

8. GREENPRINT DATA STANDARDS APPROVED

Today, the SCAG Regional Council adopted data standards to govern the future development and use of the SoCal Greenprint tool. The Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee convened during the second half of 2023 to inform the creation of these data standards, which define parameters for identifying, evaluating, maintaining, updating and communicating the purpose of data in SoCal Greenprint data and mapping tool. In January, the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee advanced proposed data standards to the Regional Council with a recommendation to adopt.

9. MARCH JOINT POLICY MEETINGS TO REPLACE REGULAR POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SCAG staff will present proposed approaches to revisions for Connect SoCal 2024 and the Draft PEIR to a Joint Policy Committee meeting on March 7. The Joint Policy Committee meeting will be conducted from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., before the Regional Council meeting, replacing the regularly scheduled March policy committee meetings.

6. CITIES AND COUNTY PLANNING/ PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES