



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2023
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Hybrid - In person or Via Zoom at the ICTC Offices

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. **Action Item**
Adopt resolution authorizing remote teleconference meeting in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 *ACTION*
3. **Adoption of Minutes for January 23, 2023** *ACTION*
Requesting a motion to adopt
4. **REAP 2.0 PATH Program (Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing), Draft Application** *15 minutes*
Presented by Jessica Reyes Juarez, SCAG Associate Regional Planner
5. **ICTC Updates / Announcements** *10 minutes*
Presented by ICTC Staff
 1. Transit Planning Updates
 2. Transportation Planning Updates
 - CRRSAA Funds Update
 - Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update
 - Federal & State Project Listing for FFY 2022-23
6. **Caltrans Updates/ Announcements** *10 minutes*
Presented by Caltrans Staff
7. **SCAG Updates/ Announcements** *10 minutes*
Presented by SCAG Staff
8. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates** *10 minutes*
All
9. **General Discussion / New Business** *10 minutes*
 - Next Meeting there will be a Local Transportation Authority (LTA) Overview
10. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 23, 2023. For questions you may call Marlene Flores at (760) 592-4494 or contact by email at marleneflores@Imperialctc.org

2. ACTION ITEM

Adopt resolution authorizing teleconference meeting in accordance with Assembly Bill 361



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February 16, 2023

Technical Advisory Committee
Imperial County Transportation Commission
1503 N. Imperial Ave Suite 104
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SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings in accordance with Assembly Bill (AB) 361

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

ICTC has been conducting remote public meetings since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in compliance with Governor's Orders N-29-20 and N-08-21. Governor's Orders N-29-20 and N-08-21 suspended the Ralph M. Brown Act's requirements for teleconferencing.

AB 361 will authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency. If the Technical Advisory Committee wishes to continue to offer a remote meeting option and to comply with AB 361, ICTC will need to adopt a resolution authorizing ICTC to host teleconference meetings in accordance with AB 361, if the Governor's declaration of a statewide emergency continues.

With ICTC Counsel's direction, the Executive Director forwards this item to the Technical Advisory Committee for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the resolution of the Imperial County Transportation Commission authorizing remote meetings in accordance with the provisions of the State Assembly Bill (AB) 361.
2. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Aguirre', is written over a horizontal line.

David Aguirre
Executive Director

Attachments

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AUTHORIZING REMOTE MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS
OF STATE ASSEMBLY BILL 361.**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the County of Imperial is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Imperial County Transportation Commission and other public meetings subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”); and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of State Assembly Bill 361 (“AB 361”), section 54963(e) of the California Government Code was amended to make provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a local legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of 54953(b)(3) of the California Government Code, subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to section 8625 of the California Government Code, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in section 8558 of the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed pursuant to his authority under 8625 of the California Government Code, that a state of emergency exists with regard to the novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, the Governor clarified that the “reopening” of California on June 15, 2021 did not include any change to the proclaimed state of emergency or the powers exercised thereunder; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to section 8629 of the California Government Code to lift the state of emergency, either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Officer for the County of Imperial has recommended that the local legislative bodies that are subject to the Brown Act continue to meet remotely when possible, and that social distancing continues to provide a means by which to reduce the transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Imperial County Transportation Commission believes that it is in the best interest of the public to continue holding remote meetings during the existing state of emergency in accordance with the requirements of AB 361.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Imperial County Transportation Commission resolves as follows:

- (1) The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
- (2) A proclaimed state of emergency exists as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (3) The Local Health Officer recommends that all local legislative bodies local legislative bodies that are subject to the Brown Act continue to meet remotely when possible, and that social distancing continues to provide a means by which to reduce the transmission of COVID-19
- (4) The staff of the Imperial County Transportation Commission are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution, including implementing social distancing measures at meetings, and conducting meetings in accordance with section 54953(e) of the California Government Code, and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.
- (5) This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of thirty (30) days from adoption of the Resolution or such time the Imperial County Transportation Commission takes action to extend the time during which it may continue to meet remotely without compliance with section 54953(b)(3) of the California Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Imperial County Transportation Commission, County of Imperial, State of California, this _____ day of _____ 2021, by the following roll call vote:

_____.

Chair of the TAC

ATTEST:

CRISTI LERMA
Clerk

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 26, 2023

Requesting a motion to adopt



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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 26, 2023

Present:

Guillermo Sillas	City of Brawley
Lily Falomir	City of Calexico
George Galvan	City of Calipatria
Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Adriana Anguis	City of Holtville
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial

Others:

David Aguirre	ICTC
Virginia Mendoza	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Angela Delgadillo	ICTC
Esperanza Avila	ICTC
Andrea Montañño	City of Brawley
Juan Manuel Cabrera	City of Brawley
Angel Hernandez	City of El Centro
Andres Miramontes	City of El Centro
Felix De Leon	City of El Centro
Marco Coronel	City of Imperial
Yvonne Cordero	City of Imperial
Ismael Garcia	County of Imperial
Anna Strahan	Caltrans
Nick Ventrilla	Caltrans
Rafael Reyes	Caltrans
David Salgado	SCAG

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. A quorum was present, and introductions were made. There were no public comments made.
2. Adopted resolution authorizing remote teleconference meeting in accordance with Assembly Bill 361. ICTC requested a motion to adopt. (Atondo/Galvan). **Motion Carried.**

3. Rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair Positions:

- A motion was made by [Coronel](#) seconded by [Atondo](#) to nominate Mr. George Galvan from the City of Calipatria as the Chairperson.
- A second motion was made by [Anguis](#) and seconded by [Falomir](#) to nominate Mr. Abraham Campos from the City of El Centro as the Vice-Chairperson of the ICTC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for 2023.

4. A motion was made to adopt the minutes for December 15, 2022 ([Atondo/Campos](#)) **Motion Carried.**

5. 2023 FTIP Project Listing – Local Agency Review & Amendment Schedule

(Presented by: ICTC Staff)

- The FTIP Project Listing provides a list of all projects that have been programmed in the FTIP all the way to FFY 2025-26.
- If any changes are necessary for the project listing, please let ICTC staff know. Deadline: February 23, 2023.
- ICTC staff provided the TAC group the 2023 FTIP Amendment/Administrative Modification Schedule.

6. Caltrans Updates / Announcements:

(Presented by: Ben Guerrero & Rafael Reyes)

- The County of Imperial is currently in the Inactive list.
- January 31, 2023 – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 22/23 Requests for Authorization Obligations Due! Please submit RFA packages as soon as possible.
- Clean California Local Grant Program – Cycle 2 Call for Projects Anticipated in February 2023: <https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grants/local-grant-program>
- Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards grant: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/rc-h2b>
- The next CTC meeting is on March 22, 2023. The following will be on May 17, 2023. To submit for the May 17th CTC Meeting the deadline will be March 17, 2023.
- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant – Feb. 28, 2023: Deadline is February 28, 2023
- Local Assistance Day save the date: March 8, 2023, <https://ca-ctap.org/?pid=1611>
- CRISES Grant: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/civil-rights/crises>
- BLOG: <https://www.localassistanceblog.com/>
- Cooperative Training Assistance Program (CTAP) new training: <https://ca-ctap.org/?pid=1609>
- Mr. Guerrero provided some updates regarding the FFY 22/23 Federal Funded Project Obligation List.
- SR-98 Widening Project: Stage 2 construction has started this month. Everything is running as schedule. It should be completed by Mid-April.
- I-8 Colorado River Bridge Rehab: This project should start by February. There should be no major bridge impacts until late February.
- I-8, SR-78 Bridge Rehab at Various Locations: The project scope includes 4 bridge locations on I-8 at Brock Research Center Rd, All American Canal (left/right) Bridges and at Winterhaven Dr/4th Ave. The 2 locations on SR-78 are at Palo Verde Drain and Palo Verde Outfall bridges near Palo Verde. The project has been awarded with construction estimated to start in March 2023. Total estimated cost is \$13.2 million.

7. SCAG Updates / Announcements:

(Presented by: David Salgado)

- SCAG has been working on providing GIS trainings for the Imperial County. There has been coordination with workforce development to secure their space. There is now a stand-alone GIS department that manages all those contracts.

- For more information, please contact David Salgado at salgado@scag.ca.gov

8. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

- Each jurisdiction gave their update.

9. ICTC Updates / Announcements

(Presented by ICTC Staff)

a. Transit Planning Updates

- **Calexico On Demand:** This is an on-demand service in the City of Calexico that just started on Monday, January 9, 2023. It is limited and available to the public in the City of Calexico. It is available via app, or you can also call in using this number: 760-350-3414. The service has had over 100 riders that have utilized the service so far. The service is free until February 9, 2023.
- For more information: <https://city.ridewithvia.com/calexico-ondemand>

b. Transportation Planning Updates

- **CRRSAA Funds Update:**
 - Submit CRRSAA funds allocation by March 20, 2023.
- **Local Partnership Program (LPP) Funds Update:**
 - All agencies opted to combining cycle 3 and cycle 4 funding. Therefore, cycle 3 funding is applicable to the allocation action. If there is an allocation request, the local agency needs to submit it.
- **ATP Regional Funding Projects:**
 - The commission did take action on January 25th on the ATP approval.

10. General Discussion / New Business

No general discussion was discussed.

Next TAC meeting will be March 23, 2023, via Zoom and at the ICTC offices.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

4. REAP 2.0 PATH PROGRAM, DRAFT APPLICATION

Presented by: Jessica Reyes Juarez, SCAG



REAP 2021: Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program Funding Application

February 2023

Jessica Reyes Juarez, Associate Planner, SCAG

WWW.SCAG.CA.GOV

SCAG REAP 2.0 Program Framework - Overview

\$246 million = SCAG's region's formula share

Obligated by June 2024

Expended by June 2026

"Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities"

Accelerating infill development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled

Early Action Initiatives

- Subregional Partnership Program 2.0 (Housing Element Support)
- Sustainable Communities Program (SCP)
- Local Information Services
- Regional Data Platform

Transportation Partnership Program

- County Transportation Commission Partnership Program
- Regional Pilot Initiatives Program

Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH)

- NOFA
- HIPP Pilot Program
- RUSH Pilot Program

PATH Program Funding Areas

\$88,835,000

NOFA
(For Lasting Affordability)

- Funding for Innovative Housing Finance
- Trust Funds, Catalyst Funds

• \$45,000,000

RUSH Pilot Program
(Regional Utilities Supporting Housing)

- Non-Transportation Utilities Infrastructure Improvements

• \$35,000,000

HIPP Pilot Program
(Housing Infill on Public and Private Land)

- Scaling Up Development of Available Land
- Large Corridor-Wide or Area-Wide Infill Housing Policies and Initiatives

• \$8,835,000

Submittal Check List

- Responses must be signed by authorized representative
- All sections fully completed
- All attachments included

Application

- ☐ Section 1. Signature & Terms
- ☐ Section 2. Minimum Requirements
- ☐ Section 3. General Information
- ☒ Section 4. Evaluation Criteria
- ☐ Section 5. Administrative Provisions

Attachments

- ☐ Outcomes and Metrics
- ☐ Budget and Timeline
- ☐ Scope and Deliverables
- ☐ Project Area Maps

Selection Process

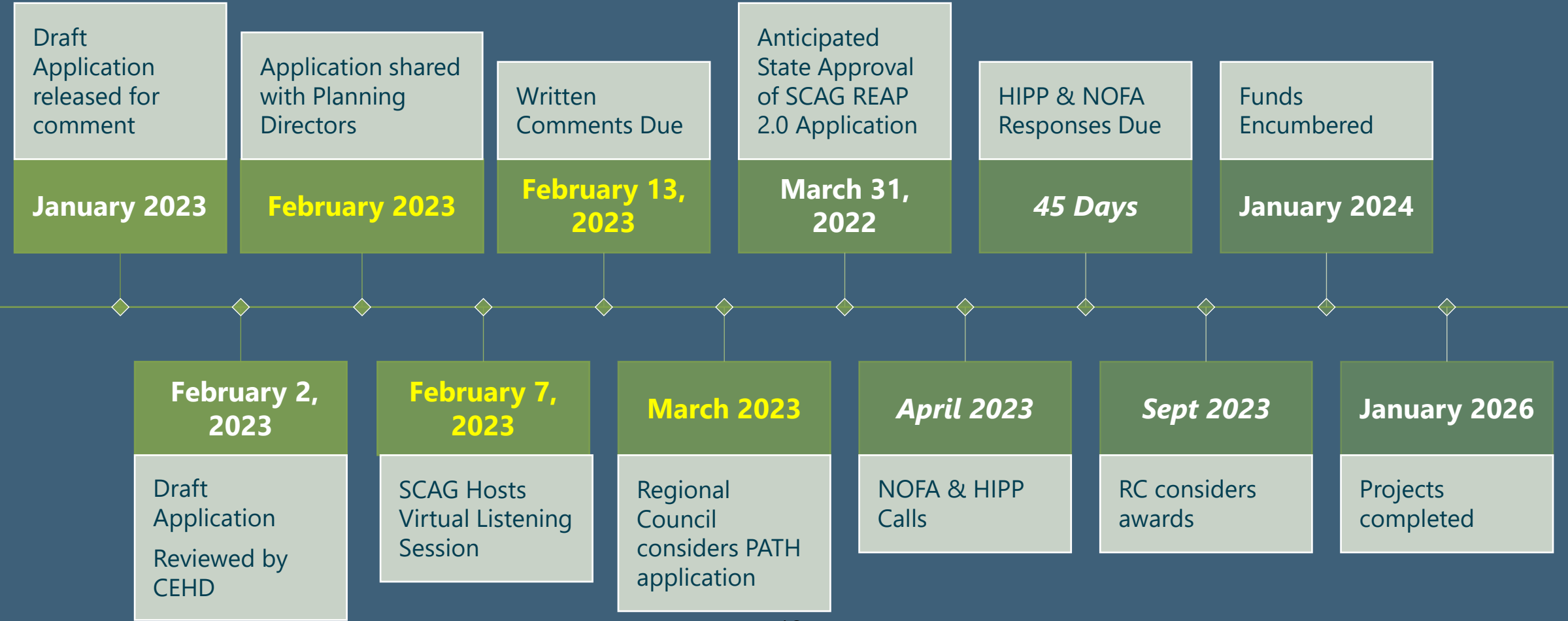
- Selection panel will use five-point scale
- A score less than one for either Criteria 1 or 2 disqualifies an application
- Technical assistance available!

	Evaluation Criteria	Points Possible	% of Total
1	Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact	25	31.25
1.1	Accelerate Infill Development that facilitates Housing supply, Choice, and Affordability	15	
1.2	Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)	5	
1.3	Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled	5	
2	Include Equitable Targeted Outreach	10	12.5%
2.1	Priority Populations Engagement	5	
2.2	Inclusive, Diverse & Equitable Engagement	5	
3	Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness	25	31.25
3.1	Local Policy Commitment	5	
3.2	Partnerships or Financial Match	5	
3.3	Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness	15	
4	Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities	10	12.5%
4.1	Priority Populations	5	
4.2	Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefit	5	
5	Contributes to Regional Transformative Change	10	12.5%
5.1	Innovative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply	5	
5.2	Advancing Regional Diversity	5	
16	Total	80	100%

Calls for Applications

Each Call Opened Separately	April 2023 (<i>Anticipated</i>)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness review	Late May - Early June
Final Scores Determined	Mid-Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council Considers Funding Awards	September

Program Milestones



Draft Funding Application

- Access the draft application at: www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021
- Email Questions to Jacob Noonan at noonan@scag.ca.gov

OTHER Updates - SCP Call 4 Call for Applications

Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice

- \$5 million Competitive
- Cities & Counties are eligible
- Sample eligible uses include Housing & Land Use Strategies & Multimodal Communities
- Call for Applications will be released Spring 2023



THANK YOU

For more information, visit:

<https://scag.ca.gov/reap2021>

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Jessica Reyes Juarez, Associate Regional Planner
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[TEMPLATE] PROGRAM APPLICATION

[Add short description for the specific funding area the application is for: NOFA, HIPP, or RUSH].

Issued: [TBD]

Submit completed applications along with all required attachments to: housing@scag.ca.gov

Responses due by 5:00 p.m. on [MONTH, DAY], 2023

Applications can be submitted at any time during the application period. SCAG will consider all applications submitted during the application period received at the closing time and day.

More information at: www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021

Submit questions or request additional information by email with “PATH Application” in the subject line to: housing@scag.ca.gov

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to: housing@scag.ca.gov

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Introduction

[A short description for the specific funding area in the PATH Program the application will be used for will be included. The PATH Program funding areas include: the NOFA For Last Affordability, the Housing Infill on Public and Private lands (HIPP) Pilot Program, and the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Pilot Program. Information on the PATH Program and the three funding areas is in the PATH Program Guidelines, which are available online at: www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021] [State REAP 2.0 Program Guidelines are available at: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/docs/grants-and-funding/MPO-REAP-2-0-Final-Guidelines.pdf>]

Office Hours

SCAG staff is available to respond to questions and discuss proposed projects. Staff will begin holding weekly office hours in February 2023. An applicant does not need to have a project fully developed to participate in one-on-one consultations. Efforts will be made to accommodate meeting requests. There is no limit to the number of meetings possible. Interested applicants can visit SCAG’s REAP 2021 webpage at: www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021 to schedule an appointment.

Please email questions to housing@scag.ca.gov with the subject line “PATH Application.” Inquiries made by any other means will not be answered. Effort will be made to respond within two (2) business days. During each call for applications, staff will post all questions received along with responses. This will be done in batches on the REAP 2021 webpage.

Feedback on an application or a proposed project shared by SCAG staff should not be considered an indication the proposed application or project will be awarded funding.

Selection Process

Each of the three funding areas in the PATH Program will begin with a call for applications. The application will be made available when the call is announced. The call will specify the period of time during which applications will be accepted. While each call is open, an applicant may amend a response that has been submitted up to the response due date and time (close of the call). Once the call is closed, not further amendments are allowed. Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of SCAG's technical assistance that is available. More information is provided below and at www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021.

SCAG staff will review all responses received during an open call in two (2) stages: 1) Completeness (see the application submittal checklist) and 2) Technical Scoring and Evaluation.

The Completeness review evaluates completeness of the application and compliance with the submittal requirements. If all requirements are not met, SCAG staff will notify the applicant that the application is incomplete and will not be considered. Submitted application materials will not be returned. Results of the Completeness review are final and may not be appealed. SCAG may, in its sole discretion, request clarification of any portion of an application from the applicant and its applicant team.

Applications that pass Completeness review move to Technical Scoring and Evaluation, which evaluates projects based on the Project Application Scoring Criteria. All complete applications will be evaluated by a selection panel consisting of subject matter experts using the scoring rubric and evaluation criteria provided in Section 3 and Section 4 of the application. The selection panel may request additional information from applicants related to the scoring criteria. The selection panelists' scores for each application will be compiled to produce the final score. The selection panel will then meet to determine the final ranking of applications. Applicants will be notified of their score and ranking and provided an opportunity to appeal. Selected applications will be issued a conditional award letter and recommended for funding to the Regional Council. All conditional awards are provisional until approved by the Regional Council.

Selection Process Timelines

The call for applications for each specific funding area will be announced in early 2023, following the state approval of the PATH program and the SCAG Regional Council authorization to release the call. State approval is anticipated by March 31, 2023, while the Regional Council is scheduled to consider approving the calls at its March meeting. Based on these dates, the following timelines have been developed for each funding area, subject to change.

NOFA

Call Issued	April 2023 (Anticipated)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness Review	Late May – Early June
Final Scores Determined	Mid-Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council considers Funding Awards	September

HIPP Pilot Program

Call Issued	April 2023 (Anticipated)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness Review	Late May – Early June
Final Scores Determined	Mid-Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
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RUSH Pilot Program

Call Issued	Late Spring (following the utility industry forum)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness Review	Early Summer
Final scores determined	Mid- Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council considers Funding Awards	September

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Application

To be considered for the *[insert specific funding area in PATH]* Program, the applicant must be eligible and file a completed application with all required attachments before the close of the call for applications.

Submittal Checklist

Please check each box in the lists below as each is completed.

The application includes the following sections, which must be filled out completely:

- ☐ Section 1. Application Terms and Signature
- ☐ Section 2. Minimum Requirements
- ☐ Section 3. Contact Information and Project Description
- ☐ Section 4. Evaluation Criteria
- ☐ Section 5. Administrative Provisions

The following attachments must accompany the completed application (templates are provided):

- ☐ Outcomes and Metrics
- ☐ Budget and Timeline (that meets the encumbrance and expenditure deadlines)
- ☐ Scope and Deliverables
- ☐ Project Area Maps (one map identifying Disadvantaged Communities and another map establishing all work will be completed in infill areas per the definition)
- ☐ Letter of Support (from a third-party organization that the project meets local housing needs)

Submittal Instructions

Submit the completed application and all required attachments to: housing@scag.ca.gov

The email subject line should be labeled in the following format: "PATH Application_Applicant Name_Project Name". The applicant should attach the following to the email as individual, completed files: 1) Application (Signed, PDF), 2) Budget – Timeline – Scope – Deliverable – Measurable Outcomes (Excel Workbook), 3) Project Maps (PDF), 5) Letter of Support (PDF), and 6) Disclosures (Signed, PDF).

Responses are due by 5:00 p.m. on [MONTH, DAY], 2023

Applications can be submitted at any time while the call is open. SCAG will consider all responses submitted during the open call as received at the closing time and day.

Technical Assistance Available

While each call is open, an applicant may amend a response that has been submitted up to the response due date and time (close of the call). Once the call is closed, not further amendments are allowed.

Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of SCAG's technical assistance during the open call, which includes information posted on the REAP 2021 webpage, assistance with questions during weekly office hours, and the option to schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss the application, proposed project(s), and submittal requirements.

For information about technical assistance available, visit www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021.

Section 1. Application Terms and Signature

A person duly authorized to sign for the organization (city manager, general manager, executive director, planning director or equivalent) must sign and certify the application. If this application is selected for funding, the information contained in this application will become the foundation of a funding agreement with SCAG. Applicants should be aware that SCAG may place stipulations on the project as a condition of the approval. These will be noted at the time of the funding recommendation. SCAG can also withdraw funding if the agency does not comply with the terms of the funding agreement.

Funding available under this Program Application is dependent upon SCAG's receipt of Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) funds from the State of California. In the event funds offered through this Program Application are not available, SCAG, at its sole discretion, may terminate its obligations resulting from this Program Application.

SCAG reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any and all applications in whole or in part.

Acceptance by SCAG of an application under this Program Application constitutes agreement by the applicant as to all terms, conditions, requirements, and rules of the application but does not constitute a contract or commitment of any kind.

- ☐ I confirm that I have reviewed the Submittal Checklist and that all application sections and required attachments have been filled out completely and will be submitted together following the Submittal Instructions.
- ☐ To the best of my knowledge, all information contained in this application is true and correct. If awarded funding from SCAG, I agree that I will adhere to the program guidelines, as well as provide a local resolution evidencing authorization to execute a funding agreement and receive funds.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Title

Organization Name

Issued _____

Section 2: Minimum Requirements

The following requirements establish eligibility to apply.

Section 1.1: Eligibility

The applicant must meet the following criteria:

[Application will include the eligibility requirements for the specific funding area: NOFA, HIPPP, RUSH. Refer to the PATH Program guidelines, Sections 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4 for the eligibility criteria specific for each funding area]

Section 1.2: Project Meets Infill Definition

Eligible projects must be entirely located in infill areas per the definition.

Is your project located in an infill area, as defined in Section 3.2 of the PATH Program Guidelines? [Insert link to definition].

☐ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please describe how the project location meets the definition of infill. Priority Growth Areas (PGAs) (apart from Spheres of Influence) can be used as reference to identify eligible areas, but the totality of the project area must still meet the infill definition. (PGAs are discussed in Chapter 3 of the Connect SoCal 2020 Plan) [1,000-word limit]

Once you have done this, please follow the instructions [instructions for creating and saving an area map will be provided] to create and download a map of your project area that identifies how all activities will meet the definition of infill. This map must accompany your submitted application.

If your project area does not meet the definition of infill, do not proceed. Your project is not eligible.

Section 3: Contact Information and Project Description

Section 3.1: Applicant Information

Agency or Organization Name: _____

Jurisdiction (if applicable): _____

Description of Agency/Organization or Mission Statement: _____

Address: _____

Application Contact: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Applications Submitted: _____

If multiple applications for funding are submitted by your organization, please discuss below your prioritization for the applications. If no other applications are submitted, mark "N/A". [1,000-word limit]

Section 3.2: Project Name and Location

Project Name: _____

Project Location**: _____

**For projects applying to Scaling Up Development of Available Land, please provide addresses and APNs. For projects applying to Corridor-Wide or Area-Wide Infill Housing Policies and Initiatives, please provide project area boundaries.

Subregion or COG: _____ County: _____

Estimated Project Costs: _____

Requested Amount: _____

Local Match/Other Sources (Not Required): _____

Issued _____

Section 3.3: Project Description

[Applicants will be prompted to include a description of the proposed project fitting within the specific funding area eligible uses] [1,000-word limit]

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Section 4: Evaluation Criteria (Scored)

All applications that meet the minimum requirements in Section 2 will be scored on how the project meets: (1) the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Key Priorities, and (2) provides Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts in relation to the following criteria. The maximum number of points possible for each criterion is provided in the chart below. More detail on each of the criteria is provided below as well as in Section 3.2 of the PATH Program Guidelines.

Evaluation Criteria		Points Possible	Percent of Total
1	Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact	25	31.25%
1.1	Accelerate Infill Development that facilitates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing supply, - Choice, and - Affordability 	15	18.75%
1.2	Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)	5	6.25%
1.3	Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled	5	6.25%
2	Include Equitable Targeted Outreach	10	12.50%
2.1	Priority Populations Engagement	5	6.25%
2.2	Inclusive, Diverse & Equitable Engagement	5	6.25%
3	Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness	25	31.25%
3.1	Local Policy Commitment	5	6.25%
3.2	Partnerships or Financial Match	5	6.25%
3.3	Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Experience completing similar projects – Plan for ensuring project is completed on time and budget – Approach for ensuring cost effective use of funding 	15	18.75%
4	Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities	10	12.50%
4.1	Priority Populations	5	6.25%
4.2	Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefit	5	6.25%
5	Contributes to Regional Transformative Change	10	12.50%
5.1	Innovative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply	5	6.25%
5.2	Advancing Regional Diversity	5	6.25%
Total		80	100%

4.1. Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact (25 Points)

The following set of questions will ask you to describe how the project is a *Transformative Planning and Implementation Activity* (See definition [link to definition]) providing a *Significant Beneficial Impact* that leads to a substantial change in land use patterns, equity, and travel behaviors. Your response must attain a point score for this criterion to be considered for funding. A score of less than one (1) disqualifies the application.

Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities means:

Housing, planning, infrastructure investments supporting Infill development that facilitates Housing supply, choice and affordability, and other actions that enable meeting Housing goals that also result in Per Capita vehicle miles traveled reductions, including accelerating Infill development, supporting residents through realizing Multimodal Communities, shifting travel behavior through reducing driving, and increasing transit ridership.

Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities are meant to address these goals together and to lead to changes in land use patterns and behaviors. Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities shall be in furtherance of all of the following:

- a. *State Planning Priorities, as described in Section 65041.1 of the Government Code.*
- b. *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing pursuant to Section 8899.50 of the Government Code.*
- c. *Facilitating Housing Element compliance for the sixth cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment pursuant to Section 65302 of the Government Code prepared in accordance with Article 10.6 (commencing with Section 65580) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code.*
- d. *A region's Sustainable Community Strategy, as described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65080 of the Government Code, or Alternative Planning Strategy, as described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65080 of the Government Code, as applicable.*

Significant Beneficial Impact means:

Demonstrating the potential to meet the REAP 2.0, Connect SoCal, and PATH program objectives by establishing and supporting the infrastructure for accelerating housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT by transforming current corridor-wide or area-wide housing policies, site planning, financial models, predevelopment and development processes, and homeownership patterns in a significant and quantifiable manner. Significant beneficial impacts must lead to substantial changes in land use patterns and travel behaviors.

In demonstrating significant beneficial impacts, applicants may consider rates of change (e.g., percent increase over a baseline), the magnitude of impact relative to variables or targets, the proportion of need achieved, and the impact relative to past trends, policies, and practices. Variables or targets may include but are not limited to benefitting households by income group; Regional Housing Needs Assessment; housing units (new construction, preservation/conservation, and rehabilitation); density; infrastructure; infrastructure capacity and accessibility; public space; community amenities; investments; Vehicle Miles

Traveled reduction goals or targets; regional or local equity policies and programs included in an adopted RTP/SCS; and GHG reduction goals or targets.

4.1.1 Accelerate Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability (15 points)

A. In your response describe how the project accelerates infill development that facilitates housing supply (5 Points). Describe how the project will increase the capacity to achieve housing units. This can be described as, but is not limited to, increased unit capacity in existing and newly zoned residential/mixed-use areas, permitting process improvements and standardizations, and other means of increasing the ability to deliver new housing. In your response, address how the project supports achieving the RHNA. [1,000-word limit]

B. In your response describe how the project accelerates infill development that facilitates housing choice (5 Points). Describe how the project will expand the types of housing possible. This can include, but is not limited to, increasing the ability to achieve housing types not common but for which there is an identified need in the community. Some examples of housing types include 2-4 unit properties, townhomes, limited-equity and shared equity co-operatives, and mid- and large scale apartments and condominium projects. In your response, address how the project supports achieving the jurisdiction's 6th cycle RHNA allocation. [1,000-word limit]

C. In your response describe how the project accelerates infill development that facilitates housing affordability (5 Points). Describe how the project will increase the range of rental and sales price points for housing with an emphasis on assuring lasting affordability for housing at extremely low, very low, low, and moderate ranges. In your response, address how the project supports achieving the jurisdiction's 6th cycle RHNA allocation. [1,000-word limit]

4.1.2 Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH) (5 points)

In your response describe how the proposed project combats discrimination, overcomes patterns of segregation, and fosters equitable and inclusive communities. Please include meaningful actions that address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with integrated and balanced living patterns, and transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity. [1,000-word limit]

4.1.3 Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled (5 points)

In your response describe how the proposed project promotes development that reduces vehicle miles travelled and aligns housing production in infill locations consistent with the state's climate targets and goals discussed in the California AB32 Climate Change Scoping Plan (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/ab-32-climate-change-scoping-plan>) [1,000-word limit]

Points	Measure
5	Exceptional - directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are high.
4	Strong - directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are moderate.
3	Suitable – directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are uncertain.
2	Limited – indirectly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are low.
1	Weak – indirectly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are uncertain.
0	Disqualified – does not meet the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives, and transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are negligible.

4.2. Equitable Targeted Outreach (10 Points)

The response must attain a point score for this criterion to be considered for funding. A score of less than one (1) disqualifies the application.

4.2.1 Engagement with Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities (5 points)

Describe the Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities within the project area and outside of the project area that will be served by the project. [1,000-word limit]

4.2.2 Inclusive, Diverse, and Equitable Engagement (5 points)

Describe the project's approach to developing equitable community engagement strategies, what the proposed strategies include, and how community organizations and/or community leaders will be engaged early in the project to inform the proposed engagement strategies. In your response describe how members of disadvantaged and historically underserved communities have been or will be engaged throughout the proposed project and how their input will shape the project. [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	Exceptional – includes an explicit description of how stakeholders will be involved, and specifically from affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
4	Strong - includes a description of how applicant will involve stakeholders, and specifically from affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
3	Suitable – loosely describes how stakeholders will be involved, including from affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
2	Limited – how stakeholders will be involved is generally described with general details on how affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
1	Weak – engagement is minimal but includes outreach to affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
0	Disqualified – does not include equitable targeted outreach.

4.3. Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness (25 Points)

4.3.1 Local Policy Commitment (5 points)

Describe how the local policy environment facilitates or supports the funding uses proposed and will accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT. [1,000-word limit]

4.3.2 Partnerships or Financial Match (5 points)

Please describe, as applicable, other sources of funding and partnerships invested in the project. For other funding, please include the funding sources and terms. For partnerships, please describe the nature of the partnerships and long-term commitments from the various organizations. In your response, please describe how the project could leverage or act as a catalyst for additional investment. [1,000-word limit]

4.3.3. Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness (15 Points)

Describe how your organization will ensure the project is successfully completed by January 30, 2026, and how cost-effective means will be incorporated.

- A. *Experience completing similar projects.* Describe your organization's experience completing similar projects. If the proposed project will be completed by an applicant team, describe the experience for each organization on the team. (5 Points) [1,000-word limit]

- B. *Plan for ensuring project is completed on time and budget.* Please outline your organization’s plan to ensure the project is completed on time and on budget. In your response, please discuss how your organization or applicant team will address timing delays or cost overruns. (5 Points) [1,000-word limit]

- C. *Cost Effectiveness.* Please describe the approach for ensuring cost effective uses of the funding requested. Please refer to the scope and budget when discussing how the proposal best utilizes the funding to achieve desired outcomes. Your response should correspond to the information provided in the budget & timeline, scope and deliverables, and outcomes and metrics. (5 Points) [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	Exceptional - Clearly demonstrates extensive local policy, community support, and/or financial investments. Applicant has extensive experience and approach for ensuring the project will be completed successfully. Clearly demonstrates ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
4	Strong - Clearly demonstrates an amount of policy, partnerships, and/or financial investments. Applicant has experience and approach for ensuring the proposed project is completed successfully demonstrating ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
3	Suitable - Demonstrates a commitment to policy, partnership, or financial support. Applicant has experience and reasonably demonstrates ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
2	Limited - Demonstrates a commitment to policy, partnership, or financial support. Demonstrates ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
1	Weak – Includes possible partnerships, supporting policies, and options for building local capacity. Uncertain about ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
0	No evidence – lacks partnerships, policy match, or local capacity. Uncertain about ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.

4.4. Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities (10 Points)

4.4.1 Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities (5 points)

Identify targeted disadvantaged and historically underserved communities the project will serve. These communities should correspond to the map provided as an attachment to this application (See Section 1.1. Checklist) [include link to instructions for completing and saving a map for the project].

Please reference Section 3.2.4 of the PATH Guidelines to view definitions for these communities as identified by the REAP 2.0 Guidelines. List all Census Tract data below:

- ☐ SB535 Disadvantaged Communities (CalEnviroScreen 4.0): _____
- ☐ SCAG Communities of Concern: _____
- ☐ TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas (High segregation and poverty, low resource, and moderate resource communities): _____
- ☐ AB 1550 Communities: _____

4.4.2 Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Disadvantaged Community Benefits (5 points)

Describe the proposed project and how it benefits Disadvantaged Communities, and how it addresses and intends to repair historic and/or current inequities related to housing security, including housing affordability and reducing displacement and/or expanding access to higher resourced communities. [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	Exceptional – will produce tangible benefits for disadvantaged communities, repair historic and/or current inequities related to housing affordability and reduce displacement.
4	Strong – will support disadvantaged communities, improve housing affordability, and reduce displacement.
3	Suitable - will loosely support disadvantaged communities, improve housing affordability, and reduce displacement.
2	Limited – includes some support for disadvantaged communities, minimal improvement in housing affordability or reducing displacement.
1	Weak – indirectly supports disadvantaged communities and does not improve housing affordability or reduce displacement.
0	No evidence - the project does not support disadvantaged communities or has potential to negatively affect housing affordability or increase displacement without providing acceptable mitigation.

4.5. *Contributes to Regional Transformative Change (10 Points)*

In your responses below, describe how the project achieves regional goals with an emphasis on innovations advancing and expanding the conditions necessary to scale housing supply, choice, and affordability to meet the 6th Cycle RHNA, implement SCAG's 2020 adopted Connect SoCal, and meet community needs for housing across the Southern California region. Proposals within similar built environments will be evaluated against one another to ensure projects selected reflect the geographic diversity of the SCAG region.

4.5.1 *Innovative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply (5 Points)*

Describe how the project incorporates innovative approaches to advance and expand the conditions necessary to scale housing supply, choice, and affordability locally, and in relation to the Southern California region. [1,000-word limit]

4.5.2 *Advancing the Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) (5 Points)*

Describe how the project implements the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) of the Connect SoCal plan (<https://scag.ca.gov/read-plan-adopted-final-connect-socal-2020>, beginning on Page 48) to facilitate infill development accelerating housing supply, choice, and affordability. In your response describe how the project incorporates SCS, and related, strategies and tools. Also, please describe how the project can be applied in similarly built contexts. [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	Exceptional – Implements the SCS, uses innovative approaches, can be applied in similarly built contexts.
4	Strong – Implements the SCS, uses innovative approaches, might be possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
3	Suitable – Implements the SCS, approaches are somewhat innovative, might be possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
2	Limited – Implements the SCS, approaches are somewhat innovative, most likely not possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
1	Weak – Implements the SCS, approaches are not innovative, most likely not possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
0	No Evidence – does not implement the SCS or incorporate innovative approaches, most likely not possible to apply in similarly built contexts.

Section 5: Administrative Provisions

SCAG's Rights and Responsibilities

SCAG reserves the right to change the requirements and policies described in this Program Application at SCAG's sole discretion. SCAG is responsible only for what is expressly stated in the Program Application, any authorized written addenda, and any posted Questions and Answers. Such addenda shall be made available to each person or organization via SCAG's REAP 2021 webpage (www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021). It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure, prior to submission, that their application reflects the most recent addenda information, program requirements, and policies. By submission of an application, each applicant acknowledges receipt of all addenda, if any, that are emailed or posted on the SCAG REAP 2021 website. SCAG is not responsible for and shall not be bound by any representations otherwise made by any individual acting or purporting to act on its behalf if those representations conflict with Program Application requirements.

SCAG'S Discretion

SCAG reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any application that is incomplete, out of order, lacks required attachments, or contains other content errors, inconsistencies, misrepresented information, or other deficiencies. Forms provided in the Program Application must be used and information provided otherwise may be disregarded at SCAG's discretion. SCAG reserves the right to waive disparities in a proposal if the sum and substance of the application is present. Furthermore, SCAG reserves the right to terminate this program at any time without prior notice.

Cost of Application Preparation

The cost of application preparation shall be borne by the applicant. In no event shall SCAG be liable for any expenses incurred in the preparation and submission of the application.

Application is Property of SCAG

Once submitted, each application becomes the property SCAG and becomes a public record. SCAG is not liable for the public disclosure of any information contained in an application.

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5. ICTC UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by ICTC Staff

FFY22/23 Federal Funded Project Obligation List

Updated on 10/21/2022

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)							
Agency	Project ID	Federal Project ID (FPN)	Project Name	Funding Type	Programming Phase	Federal 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	Agency is working on Environmental comments for the PES form. Needs ROW certification
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	No information
Calexico	IMP220609		Cole Boulevard between M.L. King and Boweker Road Rehabilitation Project	STBG	CON	\$1,416	No information
Holtville	IMP220605	CML 5174(035)	East 9th Street Pedestrian Improvements Project from Ash Avenue to Oak Avenue	CMAQ	CON	\$400	FPN was requested on 11/28/22
Holtville	IMP2206012	STPL 5174(034)	West 9th Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project Between Melon Road and Olive Avenue	STBG	ENG	\$53	FPN was requested on 11/15/22
Imperial	IMP220606	CML 5134(026)	Aten Boulevard Class II Bike Lane from Vilore Way to Austin Road	CMAQ	CON	\$404	FPN was requested on 2/8/23
Imperial	IMP2206013		Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project Between Vilore Way and Old SR-56	STBG	CON	\$1,136	No information
						\$4,339	

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



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Memorandum

Date: February 10, 2023
To: ICTC Committee 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 Committee meeting on February 15, 2023.

- 1) **FY 2023-24 Unmet Transit Needs Survey:** The Imperial County Transportation Commission is collecting public feedback on public transportation needs. This involves funding for various public transit services. You are invited to provide your feedback by completing our survey before 5:00 PM on March 03, 2023. The survey can be found on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UTNSurvey2324>. Survey links are also available on all of our services websites. ICTC has also prepared physical surveys available on our vehicles for passengers to complete.
- 2) **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 and has been well received.*
- 3) **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.*
- 4) **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 will be held at the ICTC offices on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 2 p.m.*

- 5) **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 has 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.

- 6) **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)*
- 7) **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.*

- 8) **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.*
- 9) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** The February 9, 2023, IMBA meeting was held in the City of El Centro at the ICTC offices. The meeting included updates on Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening project, Calexico West Port of Entry Phase 2A and 2B, education updates by IVC, SDSU Imperial Valley Campus and Mexicali partners. Presentations on the Gateway of the America's were provided by developers. *The next IMBA meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2023, in the City of Mexicali. The meeting will be available via Zoom and in-person.*
- 10) **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.*

TABLE 2		
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

- 11) **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

Outreach activities for the Long Range Transportation Program have been scheduled in conjunction with community events for the following days:

- Heber Fall Festival: Saturday, October 29, at 4 p.m. Tito Huerta Park, 1165 Palm Avenue, in Heber
- Holtville Farmers Market & Street Fair: Saturday, November 5, at 11 a.m. following the annual Veterans Day Parade at Holt Park, 121 W. 5th St., in Holtville
- Brawley Cattle Call Chili Cook-off: Saturday, November 5, at 5 p.m. on Main Street and Plaza Park, in Brawley

The Consultant has completed drafts of the Existing Conditions technical memorandum and Transportation Issues and Strategies technical memorandum. To access the documents, please visit the project website located at <https://ictc-lrtp2023.org/new-page-2>. The Consultant team has draft listing of Projects and Program listing and has conducted one-on-one meetings with local agencies for input. The draft list Projects and Programs were reviewed by the Steering Committee on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. *Project list evaluation has been initiated by the Consultant and additional project follow-up is being conducted by the lead agency.*

- 12) **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 the City of Calexico's private transit operators, taxis and farm labor buses. ICTC received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal program fund to complete the environmental and design plans of the new Calexico ITC. ICTC staff is in the process of completing the contract award for a consultant firm that will complete the environmental and design phase. Currently, ICTC staff is completing the Caltrans award review process with multiple Caltrans' departments. The ICTC Board adopted the agreement with Psomas on September 26, 2018. The environmental phase has been completed. *Design was completed in the month of April 2022 and Right of Way Acquisition is underway. The city of Calexico Council approved the commencement of the eminent domain process for two of the required properties. ICTC is exploring funding opportunities to complete the required construction efforts.*
- 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 is anticipated to be completed in mid-2023. Approximately 80% of construction efforts have been completed. A ribbon cutting ceremony is anticipated to take place in the April / May timeframe.*
- 14) **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.

- 15) **Potential Bus Stop in Calipatria:** ICTC has evaluated all of its fixed route service routes to attempt to provide service to the east side of Calipatria. Staff conducted time trials as well utilized several types of buses to verify buses would not have issues with other existing stops within proposed routes. Potential stops for the area include a stop along Commercial Avenue and potentially another stop near Alexandria Street. Staff is proposing to utilize its IVC Express route to potentially service the area. ICTC and City staff have begun coordination to implement infrastructure associated with the bus stop(s). *ICTC has begun utilizing the IVC Express route to service both bus stops along the east side (intersection of Bonita Place and Commercial Avenue) and (intersection of Alexandria Street and Brown Avenue) of Calipatria. The City of Calipatria has engaged its engineering team to review applicable infrastructure needs. ICTC has received a proposed cost to complete the infrastructure improvements. ICTC has forwarded proposed concepts for bus stop improvements at the two locations to the city staff. Further coordination is required.*
- 16) **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 of its transit programs. ICTC is currently working on program rollout.*
- 17) **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 to 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 will commence on January 9th, 2023.*
- 18) **State and Federal Local funding Obligations:** Projects programmed in programmed in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019/2020 were fully obligated according to Caltrans Local Assistance. Beginning October 1, 2020, agencies can move forward with request for authorization (RFA) for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) programmed in FFY 2020/2021. Other state funding also included in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) include the Active Transportation Program (ATP).
- 19) **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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- 20) **State Legislation for Transportation Funding – SB 1 Local Partnership Program (LPP):** Local Partnership Program is comprised of formulaic program and competitive programs. The Local Partnership Formulaic Program (LPFP) funds share distributions for Cycle 3 are in the amount of \$1,549,000. Cycle 3 LPFP funds must be programmed and allocated in FY 2022-2023 and before June 30, 2023. The Program guidelines require a 50% match, project nomination forms must be collected by ICTC and submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for programming approval. Subsequently, the cities/county must submit allocation request to the CTC for use of funds. A one-time extension is allowed for allocation approval by the CTC for up to 12 months. If both programming, allocation, and/or time extension is approved by June 30, 2023, funds will lapse.

ICTC staff is preparing to initiate the funding distribution discussion with member agency staff at the TAC meeting on August 25, 2022. Upon review and recommendations received by TAC members, project nomination forms will be gathered and presented to the ICTC Management and Commission in the September or October meetings.

The following is the link to the 2019 Local Partnership Program guidelines:

http://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/lpp/docs/062719+Amended_LPP%20Guidelines.pdf

21) 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; and develop a preferred scenario for 98% deployment in Imperial County and present to the California Advanced Service Fund and the CPUC. *The grant Cycle 1 has one (1) pending invoice waiting for approval. Budget Recap:*

Cycle 1: 2017-2020

Original Grant Amount: \$450,000.00

Total Reimbursements Received to Date: \$233,070

- **The Brawley Transit Corridor Brownfield Assessment:** ICTC in partnership with IVEDC received a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Communitywide Assessment Grant award of \$300,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Assessment Program. This assessment is focused along the transit circulator route within the 13-mile Imperial Valley Transit's (IVTs) Brawley Gold Line Transit Route and the Brawley Transit Center that serves as the IVTs North Imperial County transfer terminal. The commercial corridors in the target assessment area include over 100 known commercial properties and suspected historical gas station sites with known or suspected underground tanks in the target area. ICTC is the fiscal agent and has developed an MOU which will define roles and responsibilities (Audits, Administration and Project Management) of ICTC and IVEDC. SCS Engineers Tasks include the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and project management plan as required by EPA. *As of February 3, 2023, there is a remaining grant balance of \$44,639. Of the \$49,398, \$38,908 is the remaining contract balance for SCS Engineers. IVEDC Staff provided an update at the Commission meeting on September 28, 2022.*

22) Meetings attended on behalf of ICTC:

- Various Weekly Reoccurring Calexico East POE Bridge Widening Project Meetings
- Various Weekly Project Specific Meetings
- January 9-12, 2023 – Program Management for Transit Training via zoom (attended by staff)
- January 17-20, 2023 – FTA Triennial Workshop via zoom meeting (attended by staff)
- January 19, 2023 – SCAG Regional Council (RC) District 1 Election via zoom meeting
- January 20, 2023 – Mobility 21 Board Meeting (Joint with Advisory Board) at Metro in Los Angeles
- January 20, 2023 – CTC CEOs and SCAG Meeting at Metro in Los Angeles
- January 25, 2023 – ICTC Commission and LTA Meetings at the ICTC Offices and via zoom meeting
- January 26, 2023 – SANDAG Freight Stakeholders Taskforce via zoom meeting and the Sustainable Freight Implementation Strategy: Focus Group (attended by staff)
- January 26, 2023 – ICTC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- January 26, 2023 – Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency (IVRMA) TAC Meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- January 30-31, 2023 – Mobility 21 Sacramento Delegation Trip
- January 31, 2023 – CMAQ/STBG Compliance Action Plan (CAP) Working Group Meeting via zoom meeting
- February 1, 2023 – ICTC Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- February 2, 2023 – SCAG Regional Council Meeting via zoom meeting
- February 6, 2023 – Dogwood Road Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony by County of Imperial
- February 9, 2023 – Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA) Meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- February 9, 2023 – SB 671 Workgroup Meeting via zoom meeting
- February 10, 2023 – Senator Padilla Meet and Greet via zoom meeting

6.CALTRANS UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by Caltrans Staff



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Inactive Projects

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

The “Inactive” and “Future Inactive” project list was updated **February 10, 2023**. Action is required by the County of Imperial.

February 3, 2023 was the deadline to submit Inactive invoices or justification. District 11 must receive complete and accurate invoices to prevent de-obligation of federal funds! Verify through the “Inactive” link shown below for Inactive Project dates. **Any agency that does not invoice before “Inactive” status must submit a justification on the spreadsheet available for download through this updated link –**

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/inact/justification-inactive-projects-blank-form-20220208.xlsx>

Caltrans will communicate adverse actions, acceptance, or denial of the project justifications.

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

Note: An invoice is not cleared from either “Inactive” or “Future Inactive” lists until paid by the State Controller’s Office. Provided local agencies adhere to the format described in Chapter 5 of the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM), invoices typically are paid by check within 60 days of receipt (or 50 days if paid through Electronic Funds Transfer).

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

January 31, 2023 – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 22/23 Requests for Authorization – Now Past Due!

Funding Requests for Authorization (RFA) during this federal fiscal year were due by January 31, 2023.

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

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

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

March 7, 2023 – Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards Pilot Program Workshop

Projects will fund the conversion of key underutilized highways in the State into multi-modal corridors to reconnect communities divided by transportation infrastructure. These legacy impacts will be addressed through community-based transportation planning, design, demolition, and/or reconstruction of city streets, parks, or other infrastructure. **A call for projects and further details will be posted soon** via this link –

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/rc-h2b>

April 28, 2023 – “Clean California” Local Grant Program: Cycle 2 – Project Applications Due!

The Clean California Local Grant Program is offering a second funding cycle! The program will continue providing communities with funding to beautify and improve public spaces that include streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers. **Application workshops will be announced soon** as well.

For more information, please click <https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grants/local-grant-program>



Division of Local Assistance Program Funding Opportunities Webinar

by Caltrans Division of Local Assistance



CALTRANS DIVISION OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES WEBINAR SERIES

Friday, February 24, 2023

9:30 am – 11:00 am PT

The Division of Local Assistance is holding a series of information sessions to provide local public agencies updates of funding opportunities, along with key deadlines for new and existing programs.

Presentations provided by Caltrans Division of Local Assistance's

- Office of Federal Programs
- Office of State Programs
- Clean California Local Grant Program

Register today for this free informational webinar!

2023 MEETING SCHEDULE
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Adopted June 29, 2022

~~**JANUARY 25(W) – JANUARY 26(TH), 2023 – ROCKLIN**~~

FEBRUARY 2023 – NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING

~~**MARCH 22(W) – 23(TH), 2023 – LOS ANGELES AREA**~~

APRIL 2023 – NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING

April 12(W) & 13(TH) – Town Hall Meeting – Redding

TBD – Joint CTC/CARB/HCD Meeting — TBD

MAY 17(W) – 18(TH), 2023 – BAY AREA

JUNE 28(W) – 29(TH), 2023 – SACRAMENTO

JULY 2023 – NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING

AUGUST 16(W) – 17(TH), 2023 – SAN DIEGO

SEPTEMBER 2023 – NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING

September 20(W) & 21(TH) – Town Hall Meeting – San Benito

OCTOBER 18(W) – 19(TH), 2023 – CENTRAL VALLEY

TBD – Tri-State Meeting –

NOVEMBER 2023 – NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING

TBD – Joint CTC/CARB/HCD Meeting – TBD

DECEMBER 6(W) – 7(TH), 2023 – RIVERSIDE



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Preparation Schedule for California Transportation Commission (CTC) Allocation Requests

Please review the preceding schedule of meetings and prepare requests for California Transportation Commission (CTC) approval during the May 17-18, 2023, CTC meeting.

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 17, 2023**, is the final deadline (for that May 17-18, 2023, CTC meeting).

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant – Feb. 28, 2023

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for 2023. RAISE helps communities complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects. **Deadline is February 28, 2023.** See details online –

<https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants>

California Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Grant (Pilot)

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has a new Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems (C.R.I.S.E.S.) grant with \$10 million of pilot program funds that will support partnerships between city, county, and/or tribal governments, as well as other community organizations, to provide emergency response services that lessen the reliance on law enforcement as first responders in crises unrelated to fire department or emergency medical services. Applications will be released soon. This CDSS C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant website has all information –

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/civil-rights/crises>

Projects with Lapsing Project End Dates (PED)

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

On **February 1, 2023** the list of active project end dates was updated. To avoid expiration, action is required by the City of Imperial and the County of Imperial.

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

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

Division of Local Assistance Blog (LAB)

The Caltrans Local Assistance Blog (LAB) clarifies and contributes to successful delivery of transportation projects using federal resources – LocalAssistanceBlog.com

March 8, 2023 – “Save the Date” for Local Assistance Day Statewide Webinar (agenda on next page)

The Caltrans Division of Local Assistance in partnership with the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies Group will host another free, quarterly statewide webinar on **March 8, 2023, 8:30 – 12:30 PST**. Subjects include information sharing, local project delivery policies, processes, and procedures, as well as facilitating peer-sharing of best-practices. **Registration – <https://apps.cce.csus.edu/sites/cce/reg/?CID=5102>**

Previous webinar recordings and materials – <https://ca-ctap.org/?pid=1611>

Local Assistance Day Statewide Webinar

Date: March 8, 2023

Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Online: Zoom - [Register at CA-CTAP.org](https://register.ca-ctap.org)



Hosts	Caltrans Division of Local Assistance & CalRTPA Group Chair Ryan Niblock		
Facilitation	Sacramento State College of Continuing Education		
Audience	RTPA Group Members, Local & Tribal Agencies, and Partners		
Agenda estimated start and closing times.			
Time	Item	Topic	Presenter
8:20 am	Virtual access open for audience.		
8:30 am	1.0	Welcome & Agenda RTPA Moderator - 2022-23 FY Attendee Feedback	Kevan Shafizadeh, CSUS Dean of Engineering & Computer Science Ryan Niblock, RTPA Chair Daniel Burke, DLA Office of Guidance and Oversight
8:45 am	1.1	Division of Local Assistance Federal & State Programs Updates	Robert Peterson, Office of Federal Programs Cathy McKeon, Office of State Programs Gretchen Chavez, Clean CA Local Grant Program
10:00 – 10:10 am	Break		
10:10 am	1.2	Caltrans Internal Audits Office Government/Non-profit Indirect Cost Rate & Single Audit Submittal Status	Gerald Lee, DOT CIAO
10:40 – 10:45 am	Break		
10:45 am	1.3	Audience Feedback Enter recommendations in the Q&A Field	Daniel Burke, DLA Kevan Shafizadeh, CSUS
11:00 am	1.4	Section 106 Programmatic Agreement & Public Resource Code 5024 Memorandum of Understanding Renewal	David Price, Caltrans HQ Cultural Resources Unit
11:55 am – 12:00 pm	1.5	Closing Comments	Ryan Niblock, RTPA Chair Division of Local Assistance
Next Local Assistance Statewide Webinar: June 7, 2022			

Caltrans Division of Local Assistance: Caltrans.DLA@dot.ca.gov



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June 1, 2023 – Annual Deadline for *Local Assistance Procedures Manual* Exhibits 9-B & 9-C!

Reminder to submit a completed “Local Agency Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Annual Submittal Form” (Exhibit 9-B) and a “Local Agency Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Annual Certification Form” (Exhibit 9-C) *before June 1, 2023*, for Federal Fiscal Year 23/24 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024) per *Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM)* Chapter 9, Sections 9.3 and 9.6.

Failure to submit the completed forms delays processing of Requests for Fund Authorization (E-76).

Link to the *Local Assistance Procedures Manual* –

dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/guidelines-and-procedures/local-assistance-procedures-manual-lapm

Link to the *Local Assistance Procedures Manual* forms –

dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/forms/local-assistance-procedures-manual-forms

2023 Local Assistance Publication Updates

Caltrans has released updates to the 2023 *Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM)* and the *Local Assistance Program Guidelines (LAPG)*. All changes appear in Local Programs Procedures (LPP) 22-01 –

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/lpp/lpp22-01.pdf>

Invoice Form Required (updated August 2020)

Please transmit all invoices on *LAPM* Exhibit 5-A (use the **August 2020** version).

These following links have details and instructions –

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/local-agency-invoice-process>

<https://forms.dot.ca.gov/v2Forms/servlet/FormRenderer?frmid=LAPM5A>

With any questions, please contact either the assigned Local Area Engineer or the Local Assistance Program Support Analyst, Alma Sanchez, via email at Alma.Sanchez@dot.ca.gov or phone 619-987-0766.

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**, both of which fill quickly. “Live” on-site classroom delivery will be returning soon. Please enroll early!

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>. 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.



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Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal and Methodology

As a reminder, *Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM)* Exhibit 9-F must accompany every invoice that involves payment to a DBE subcontractor.

<http://www.localassistanceblog.com/2021/10/06/annual-disadvantaged-business-enterprise-goal>

Title VI Nondiscrimination Program Civil Rights Academy (online)

Title VI & Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) training was online February 1-2, 2023, which covered *Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM)* requirements to comply with best practices, as well as relevant federal regulations. Course recording will be made available. Presentations are on this webpage –

<https://apps.cce.csus.edu/portal/fileShareView.cfm?forumID=6304>

Title VI Nondiscrimination Program

Caltrans Division of Local Assistance delivered training for Local Public Agencies (LPA) to implement the federally mandated Title VI program. This training provides the LPA with FHWA requirements of Title VI to incorporate nondiscrimination principles and provisions in all locally administered federal-funded programs, plans, and activities.

Additional Title VI resources and recordings of training are available on this webpage –

<https://californiantap.org/index.cfm?pid=1579>

A reminder for local agencies to comply with all Title VI requirements. See *Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM)* Section 9.2, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and Related Statutes:

Title VI and the additional nondiscrimination requirements are applicable to all programs and activities administered by a recipient, in addition to programs receiving federal financial assistance, due to the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987. Nondiscrimination provisions apply to all programs and activities of federal-aid recipients, subrecipients, and contractors, regardless of tier (49 CFR part 21).

Effective September 17, 2020, all local agencies are required to insert the clause from Appendix E of the Title VI Assurance in each federal-aid contract. U.S. Department of Transportation Order No.1050.2 requires Appendix E, which is not included in Exhibit 4-C: Master Agreement – Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal-Aid Projects. All local agencies must include the provisions indicated in Appendices A – E of the Title VI Assurances in all federal-aid contracts between an agency and a contractor.

The requirements also include providing and maintaining the following, as detailed in *LAPM* Section 9.2: Title VI Nondiscrimination Statement, Assurances (as part of the Master Agreement and Program Supplement Agreement), Designation of a Title VI Coordinator, Complaint Procedures, Data Collection, Training, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) accessibility, Dissemination of Information, Contracts and Agreements, Environmental Justice, Public Hearings and Meetings, Right-of-Way activities, Construction Contract Compliance, Monitoring, and others.

Note that an agency is subject to Title VI program and compliance review at any time.

Link to guidance for Title VI complaints - dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/guidance-and-oversight/title-vi

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document linked below has further details –

localassistanceblog.com/2020/10/29/frequently-asked-questions-faq-new-resource-for-appendix-e-of-the-title-vi-assurances



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PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE DIVISION OF STATE ARCHITECT REVIEW

In accordance with [Section 4454 of the California Government Code](#), Local Public Agencies (LPAs) must forward state-only funded, Safe Routes to School (SRTS) infrastructure projects, funded through the Active Transportation Program (ATP) to the Division of State Architect (DSA) for review. This requirement only applies to state-only funded, SRTS, ATP projects near school facilities and does not apply to federalized infrastructure improvement projects. The California Transportation Commission considers “Safe Routes to School” projects as those *“that directly increase safety and convenience for public school students to walk and/or bike to school. Safe Routes to Schools infrastructure projects must be located within two miles of a public school or within the vicinity of a public-school bus stop and the students must be the intended beneficiaries of the project.”* Furthermore, “Safe Routes to School” projects are those that improve the safety of children walking and bicycling to school, in accordance with [Section 1404 of Public Law 109-59](#).

The review package must include the plans, specifications and estimates and must provide a statement from the local jurisdiction confirming that the project is a “Safe Routes to School” project or includes components thereof.

For information on how and where to submit the review package to DSA, please visit this website: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/DSA/Resources/Page-Content/Resources-List-Folder/Accessibility-Plan-Review>.

The DSA stated that, apart from the aforementioned specific state-only funded, SRTS, ATP projects, DSA is not accepting other transportation infrastructure improvement projects for review.

The DSA review is independent of the allocation submittal process. The allocation requests will move forward without delay as agencies work with DSA; however, LPAs are responsible for meeting all state statutory requirements, which include the required DSA reviews. DSA reviews should be completed and on file prior to contract advertisement.

In accordance with [Civil Code 55.53\(d\)\(1\)](#), all other state-only funded construction related to sidewalks, curbs, and associated facilities in the public right-of-way that are not SRTS projects require review and approval from a Certified Access Specialist (CASP). The CASP is employed or retained by the jurisdictional agency. For information on the CASP program, please visit this website: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/DSA/Services/Page-Content/Division-of-the-State-Architect-Services-List/Apply-and-Maintain-CASP-Certification>.

7. SCAG UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by SCAG Staff

Memorandum

Date: February 15, 2023
To: ICTC Management Committee 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 February 2023.

- 1. 2023 REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** On May 4-5, local leaders from throughout Southern California will convene for SCAG's 58th annual Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, CA. This conference brings together state and local elected officials, CEOs, business and civic leaders, transportation and environmental stakeholders, local government staff, and others.
More information about our General Assembly will follow up shortly. Stay tuned!
- 2. 2023 SCAG General Assembly (GA) Delegate Appointments:** Please be advised that the 2023 SCAG GA delegate selection notice has been sent to all SCAG member city clerks and managers. Some agencies have appointed delegates as part of their regular reorganization processes. Those member cities who have not selected delegates will need to take action to appoint their respective official delegate and alternate to the 2023 SCAG General Assembly. Please feel free to contact SCAG Government Affairs Officer David Salgado with any questions.
- 3. DRAFT DIGITAL ACTION PLAN RELEASED FOR 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT:** In February 2021, SCAG's Regional Council adopted a resolution pledging SCAG to assist in bridging the digital divide in underserved and unserved communities. Following approval at today's Transportation Committee, SCAG's Draft Digital Action Plan has been released for 30-day public review and comment from Jan. 5 to Feb. 3, 2023. After the comment period closes, staff will refine the language in the Digital Action Plan where applicable. The Final Digital Action Plan will be presented to the Transportation Committee and Regional Council on April 6, 2023, for approval and adoption. Comments and questions should be directed to Roland Ok, Planning Supervisor: ok@scag.ca.gov, 213-236-1819.

4. CONNECT SOCAL 2024 SUBCOMMITTEES

In September 2022, SCAG launched three subcommittees to look at emerging issues for the Connect SoCal 2024 plan.

The Resilience and Conservation subcommittee, and the Racial Equity and Regional Planning subcommittee concluded last month, and members of both committees unanimously approved a set of recommendations. The Next Generation Infrastructure subcommittee will meet on Feb. 15 to review their key findings and finalize their own recommendations.

At the next Joint Meeting of the Policy Committees on March 2 recommendations from all three subcommittees will be considered both for their immediate application to Connect SoCal 2024 and to inform ongoing policy discussion at SCAG.

5. REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM – CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (SCP CEEEJ) PROGRAM GUIDELINES

On Jan. 5, SCAG's Regional Council approved the SCP CEEEJ program guidelines and authorized staff to release the Call for Applications, upon approval of SCAG's Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) full application to the State Interagency Partners.

This competitive Call for Applications includes \$5 million through a mix of two funding sources, including REAP 2.0 and Senate Bill 1 funds. SCP CEEEJ is one of the Early Action Initiatives of SCAG's larger REAP 2.0 program, which was approved by the EAC on behalf of the RC on Nov. 30, 2022.

SCP CEEEJ funds eligible transportation and land use projects, with a focus on funding projects that provide direct benefit to Priority Populations (underserved and under-resourced areas across the region) and encourages co-applicant partnerships between community-based partners and government agencies.

SCAG anticipates opening the Call in the coming months, following the State's approval of SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application. SCAG expects evaluation will occur in the spring, with project recommendations in the summer.

6. SCAG Regional Council (RC) District #1- Election Results!: Upon the conclusion of the SCAG Regional Council District 1 Special Election Brawley City Councilmember Gil Rebollar was successful in securing the Regional Council seat by a vote of his peers. RC member Rebollar will serve in his role until the next election cycle which will occur in 2025. Congratulations

7. **SCAG Regional Planning Working Groups (RPWG):** The Regional Planning Working Groups (RPWG) function as a forum for SCAG staff to engage stakeholders in the development and implementation of plans and policies to advance the region’s mobility, economy, and sustainability. Areas of focus include: Safe and Active Streets; Equity; Natural and Farm Lands Conservation; Housing; and Sustainable and Resilient Communities.

A few notes regarding participation in the meetings:

- RPWG meetings are structured as open public forums for information sharing only.
- RPWG participants do not vote or take positions on any policy issues.
- SCAG staff organize and manage the meetings, with no formal chair or assigned roles for participants.
- Meetings are open to the public and may include participation from peer stakeholders and staff from state, regional, and local agencies, non-profit organizations, local universities, and the business community.
- RPWG meetings are held remotely (via video-conferencing/teleconferencing) through the development of Connect SoCal, the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). Changes to meeting format and schedule(s) will be further communicated through each working group when applicable.
- RPWG meetings will generally be held on the third Thursdays of the month. Specific dates and times are announced at the beginning of the month. Sign up to receive monthly RPWG emails.

8. **SCAG’S REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM (REAP) 2.0 UPDATES:** On Nov. 30, 2022, the Executive Administration Committee, on behalf of the Regional Council, approved SCAG’s full REAP 2.0 application. SCAG is eligible to receive approximately \$246 million in formula grant funding through REAP 2.0, a one-time funding program administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). SCAG submitted the full application to HCD and the State Interagency Partners by the Dec. 31 deadline.

SCAG’s full application is driven by the state program guidelines, released in July 2022, and an extensive engagement process. Since 2021 and throughout 2022, SCAG has reached out to a broad array of regional stakeholders to identify programs and partners and develop the full REAP 2.0 application.

On Dec. 14, SCAG received notice from HCD and State Interagency Partners announcing a staff-level approval SCAG's Advanced Application, which allocates ten percent of the REAP 2.0 funds SCAG is eligible to receive. SCAG's Advanced Application is subject to final approval by the HCD Internal Loan Committee.

More information on SCAG's REAP program can be found at scag.ca.gov/reap2021.

9. **Calexico "Project Roll-Out" Rockwood Promenade:** As part of a SCAG Sustainability Grant award the City of Calexico is working to implement the Calexico Rockwood Ave. Promenade closure. A consultant team worked to conduct outreach and develop designs to close Rockwood Ave. between First and Second Streets in downtown Calexico to create an inviting walkable space. The project will be implemented over the coming weeks highlighting the benefits of providing an accessible safe space to convene. In addition to the promenade the City of Calexico was successful in securing a grant from Bloomberg to create incorporate an "artistic" component to the closure. The city painted a resurfaced street using a design derived from a competitive process. The promenade is set to be in place for 6 months once fully implemented.

10. SCAG 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

With 2022 coming to an end, we extend a sincere thank you on behalf of everyone at SCAG. As we continue to work together to achieve our unified goals, the region is looking toward a brighter future because of our collaboration.

To reach our regional goals, we need a holistic plan to elevate the Southern California region. We kicked off the process for Connect SoCal 2024 – the 2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy in 2022. **Three new subcommittees were formed to support plan development: Next Generation Infrastructure, Resilience and Conservation and Racial Equity and Regional Planning.** These subcommittees comprise elected officials who are members of SCAG's Regional Council and Policy Committees and bring unique and valuable perspectives to provide guidance on priorities and strategies for Connect SoCal 2024. SCAG also began the process to prepare the draft Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), with the release of the Notice of Preparation for the PEIR in October 2022.

A strong plan allows us to achieve attainable solutions to address some of the region's biggest challenges. In 2022, several steps have been taken to improve mobility in Southern California. We approved the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, which contains approximately 2,000 projects in the SCAG region, programed at \$35.9 billion over a six-year period. **SCAG also**

advocated for an increase in funds from California’s Active Transportation Program and succeeded in increasing the share of funding that we will administer to regional programs from \$138 million to \$361 million. Our Go Human campaign promoted safe communities as well as low-emissions transportation options with the Go Human Safety Pledge and projects and partners through the community mini-grants.

Another major hurdle our region is facing is the housing shortage. This past year, we gained critical momentum for our efforts to address the housing crisis through innovative solutions to reduce barriers to creating housing. **Through the ongoing \$47 million Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 1.0 grant program SCAG funded eight cohorts of a Housing Policy Leadership Academy, where stakeholders attended ten monthly sessions that gave an in-depth understanding of the challenges and opportunities of delivering more housing in the region.** The leadership academy was accompanied with four housing policy forums that brought up to 300 people together at each forum to discuss new housing legislation, homeownership, and financing options. In July 2022, our Regional Council approved the REAP 2.0 Program Development Framework, which highlights core objectives, program areas and the schedule for allocating funds for REAP 2.0, which, once approved by the state, will allow SCAG to administer approximately \$246 million across the SCAG region to accelerate housing production. For more information on REAP programs, visit scag.ca.gov/reap2021.

As our region changes each year, we must continue to grow and adapt. In October 2022, **our Regional Council formally affirmed the drought and water shortage emergency in the region and called on jurisdictional partners to join in addressing that crisis by unanimously adopting a resolution committing to work towards a clean, safe, affordable and reliable water supply for Southern California.** SCAG also affirmed our commitment to bridge the digital divide and began work on the Broadband Action Plan, which outlines steps we will take to provide digital accessibility and in turn foster an equitable, prosperous and resilient region for all residents. This plan is expected to be released in early 2023 and will be available at scag.ca.gov/broadband.

Regional challenges can’t be addressed without action. In 2022, SCAG advocated for the needs of Southern California’s diverse and growing communities. This includes 15 meetings with our State and Federal Legislative Delegation to discuss budget and legislative asks for the region. From these meetings, there were several legislative and budgetary victories – through our advocacy partnerships we helped secure \$575 million in funding for the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program and \$1.05 billion for the Active Transportation Program. SCAG’s efforts also provided additional flexibility for local cities and counties working to complete their Housing Element updates and secured a federal earmark to conduct a comprehensive highways to boulevards study for our region. For more information on SCAG’S legislation and advocacy work, visit scag.ca.gov/legislation.

A robust inventory of tools can help when tackling challenges. **In February 2022, we launched the Regional Data Platform, a revolutionary system for collaborative data sharing that levels the playing field for local jurisdictions by supporting transparent and collaborative community planning.** A number of new regional reports and toolkits debuted in 2022. For instance, the REAP funded Other to Residential Toolkit – a step-by-step guide for policymakers and agency staff on innovating and expanding housing options through converting underutilized sites into residential – and the Development Streamlining Guidelines – guidance materials that provide technical assistance to jurisdictions seeking to streamline the entitlement and approval process of housing development. Additionally, SCAG published the Racial Equity Baseline Conditions Report, which identifies long-standing regional inequities to help us plan for a healthier, more sustainable and economically resilient region.

Most importantly, 2022 was a year of gatherings. We convened in-person for the first time in three years at the 57th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly to work together to get to the heart of how we can foster change in Southern California communities. We hosted our 33rd Annual Demographic Workshop virtually, where a lineup of leading experts weighed in on what's in store for post-COVID Southern California. Later in the year, we met again in person at our 13th Annual Southern California Economic Summit where the SCAG Regional Briefing Book, a comprehensive understanding of our economic landscape and the SoCal Economic Trends Tool [beta], an interactive display of key economic indicators, were released.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without our partners. Thank you for a great year, and we look forward to working with you in 2023. Happy New Year from all of us at SCAG!

8. CITIES AND COUNTY PLANNING/ PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES