



## **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 28, 2024  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** In person at the ICTC Offices or Via Zoom for Non -Voting Members & the Public

Chairperson: County of Imperial

Vice-Chair: City of Holtville

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Introductions**
2. **Adoption of Minutes for February 22, 2024** *ACTION*  
*Requesting a motion to adopt*
3. **Active Transportation Program Cycle 7** *INFORMATION ITEM*
4. **ATP Quick Build Project Presentation**  
*Presented by Rachel Om, SCAG*
5. **ICTC Updates / Announcements**  
*Presented by ICTC Staff*
  1. Transit Updates
  2. Transportation Planning Updates
    - FFY 22/23 & FFY 23/24 Federal & State Funded Project Obligation List
6. **Caltrans Updates/ Announcements**  
*Presented by Caltrans Staff*
7. **SCAG Updates/ Announcements**  
*Presented by SCAG Staff*
8. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates**  
*All*
9. **General Discussion / New Business**
10. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC is tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2024. For questions you may call Marlene Flores at (760) 592-4494 or contact by email at [marleneflores@imperialctc.org](mailto:marleneflores@imperialctc.org)

## **2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

Requesting a motion to adopt



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## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**February 22, 2024**

**Present:**

Ana Gutierrez	City of Brawley
Erika Garcia	City of Calipatria
Guillermo Sillas	City of Calexico
Felix De Leon	City of El Centro
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Adriana Anguis	City of Holtville
Ramiro Barajas	City of Westmorland
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Manuel Ortiz	IID

**Others:**

David Aguirre	ICTC
Katie Luna	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Angela Delgadillo	ICTC
Juan Manuel Cabrera	City of Brawley
Andrea Montano	City of El Centro
Liz Zarate	City of El Centro
Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Fernando L. Williams	City of Imperial
Robert Ureña	County of Imperial
Alejandro Lopez Rangel	Caltrans
Bryan Ott	Caltrans
Nick Ventrilla	Caltrans
Mike Hack	Consumer
Patricia Ramirez	The Holt Group

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present, and introductions were made. There were no public comments made.
2. A *motion* was made to adopt the minutes for January 25, 2024 ([Adriana/Gutierrez](#)) **Motion Carried.**
3. **ICTC Updates / Announcements**  
(Presented by ICTC Staff)
  - a. **Transit Planning Updates**

- **Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) Free Fares Program:** ICTC was able to secure a second grant to provide free fares for all services except the Callexico on Demand service. There will be a public hearing held to reinstate the fares.
- **Bus Stop Improvement Project:** ICTC has just released the Request for Proposals for design services for the project. It is anticipated that the project will be completed within FY 23-24/FY 24-25.

**b. Transportation Planning Updates**

**CMAQ/STBG & CRP Call for Projects:**

- On January 26<sup>th</sup> the call for projects closed. ICTC received various projects. This item will be taken to the ICTC Commission on February 28th.
- For any questions, please contact Katie Luna at [katieluna@imperialctc.org](mailto:katieluna@imperialctc.org) or Marlene Flores at [marleneflores@imperialctc.org](mailto:marleneflores@imperialctc.org)

**Long Range Transportation Plan Final Report**

- The final report is now available at <https://ictc-lrtp2023.org/final-lrtp-1>
- FFY 22/23 & FFY 23/24 Federal & State Funded Project Obligation List:**
- Each jurisdiction gave its update.

**4. Caltrans Updates / Announcements:**

*(Presented by: Alejandro Lopez, Caltrans)*

- The Inactive project lists were updated January 30, 2024. Action is required by the County of Imperial, as well as these four cities: Brawley, Callexico, Holtville, and Imperial.
- Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 23/24 Requests for Authorization: Any agency missing this deadline must immediately contact the Caltrans Imperial Area Engineer, Alejandro Lopez-Rangel, to further coordinate any pending RFA submittal: 858-229-1721.
- March 15, 2024 – Deadline for California Transportation Commission (CTC) Requests: Friday, March 15, 2024, is the final deadline (for that May 16-17, 2024, CTC meeting).
- Projects with Lapsing Project End Dates (PED) – Project phases must be completed or approved for time extensions during the specified and agreed-upon timeframe to avoid de-obligation of funds. On February 1, 2024 the list of active Project End Dates (PED) was updated.
- 2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7): Further details are available at this link – <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>
- Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Renewals Due: The City of Westmorland must renew UEI registration and can check SAM.gov for instructions. To confirm a UEI, click this UEI SmartSheet link below, and enter information in the yellow columns.
- <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=339b738857f44033b2e7d9a95742c38> Expiring soon: Holtville (March 15, 2024) and El Centro (March 22, 2024)
- USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard: Closing Date: February 28, 2024 – Apply Here <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard>
- November 21, 2024 – Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Due: Applications are now open, which the EPA is accepting on a rolling basis. Final deadline to apply is November 21, 2024.
- Cooperative Training Assistance Program (CTAP) – New Learning Opportunities! (“live” & virtual): Schedule is available here – <https://ca-ctap.org/?pid=1609>
- Tuesday, February 27, 2024 – (8:30-11:30) “Local Assistance Day” – Quarterly Webinar

**5. SCAG Updates / Announcements:**

*(Presented by: David Salgado, SCAG)*

- 2024 SCAG Scholarship Program Call for Applications: Applications for the 2024 SCAG Scholarship Program are now open. The program offers a \$4,000 scholarship for up to 9 high school or community college students from the SCAG region interested in pursuing planning

- or public service-related careers. Applications are due electronically on March 22. More information is available on the SCAG website.
- SCAG 2024 SAVE THE DATE! 2024 REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY: SCAG will host the 59th annual Regional Conference & General Assembly on May 2-3, 2024, at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert.
  - SCAG 2024 General Assembly Delegate and Alternate Selection: SCAG sends an email to all cities asking for respective councils to take action to appoint a specific General Assembly Delegate and an Alternate. Elected Officials and City Managers are comped on registrations.

**6. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:**

- Each jurisdiction gave its update.

**7. General Discussion / New Business**

No new business was discussed.

Next TAC meeting will be on March 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

# **3. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 7**

Presented by ICTC Staff



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March 22, 2024

ICTC Technical Advisory Committee  
Imperial County Transportation Commission  
1405 N. Imperial Ave Suite 1  
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SUBJECT: Active Transportation Program Cycle 7

Dear Committee Members:

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has released the Active Transportation Program (ATP) guidelines as of March 22, 2024. Approximately \$568 Million funding will be available for fiscal years 2025/2026 thru 2028/29 statewide. Applications will be due to the CTC by June 17, 2024. Imperial County applicants must also submit a copy of their applications to the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC). For a copy of the adopted ATP guidelines please refer to [Active Transportation Program Guidelines](#).

In addition, only applicants that submit applications to the statewide ATP will be eligible for Regional ATP funds. Imperial County approximately \$1.2 million in ATP Cycle 7 Regional Funds will be available for all applicants that are not successful in the statewide call. ICTC staff have developed an ATP factsheet for reference to both funding opportunities. Also, the Regional ATP document adopted by ICTC is a valuable resource for agencies seeking funding through ATP Cycle 7. The document outlines priorities for each jurisdiction within Imperial County and was developed with significant input from the public. This input likely reflects the needs and preferences of the local community, making it a valuable tool for agencies seeking to align their grant proposals with the region's priorities.

If you have any further questions or need additional assistance, please reach out to ICTC staff with any questions.

This is an information item only and no action is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Aguirre', is positioned above the name David Aguirre.

David Aguirre  
Executive Director

DA/mf  
Attachment

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IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

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# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

## CYCLE 7

# FACT SHEET

March 2024

## STATE ATP CYCLE 7

\$568 Million Funding Available  
over a four year period

Funding Available for Fiscal Years  
2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2027-28

Applications must be submitted using online ATP  
application portal

*Make sure to provide a copy of your State ATP  
application to ICTC Staff.*

**State Deadline: June 17, 2024**

## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

### **Infrastructure Projects:**

This typically includes the environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction phases of a capital (facilities) project. A new infrastructure project will not be programmed without a complete Project Study Report (PSR) or PSR equivalent.

### **Plans:**

The development of a community wide bicycle, pedestrian, safe routes to school, or active transportation plan in a disadvantaged community.

### **Non-infrastructure Projects:**

Education, encouragement, and enforcement activities that further the goals of this program.

### **Infrastructure Projects with non-Infrastructure Components:**

These are capital projects with educational or encouragement components.

### **Quick built Projects:**

These projects require minor construction activities and are typically built with durable, low to moderate cost materials, and last from one year to five years. These projects have moderate design flexibility to anticipate adjustments that may occur based on community feedback.



\*Projects NOT funded in the state call will be eligible for ATP Regional funds\*

## ATP REGIONAL FUNDING

Projects considered for ATP Regional Funds will be evaluated by using the 2025 ATP Regional Guidelines adopted by SCAG on March 2024

## FUNDS AVAILABLE

Imperial County's Anticipated ATP Cycle 7 Regional Funds

**Estimated amount of:  
\$1.2 million**



## QUESTIONS ON ATP REGIONAL FUNDS?

For more information, please contact, Marlene Flores at:  
[marleneflores@imperialctc.org](mailto:marleneflores@imperialctc.org)

# **4. ATP QUICK BUILD PROJECT PRESENTATION**

Presented by Rachel Om, SCAG

# **5. ICTC UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Presented by ICTC Staff

FFY23/24 Federal Funded Project Obligation List

Updated on 10/27/2023

Federal funding Obligations: The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Authorization to Caltrans Local Assistance. Projects must obligate (E-76) federal funds in FFY 2022/23. (Starting October 1, 2023, thru September 30, 2024)

Agency	Project ID	Federal Project ID (FPN)	Project Name	Funding Type	Programming Phase	*Federal Amount in FY 2023/24 (in 000's)	Obligation Status/ Notes
Brawley	IMP220608		At B Street Eastern Avenue to Palm Avenue Description Street Improvements (Resurfacing the pavement) along B Street from Eastern Avenue to Palm Avenue.	STBG	PE	\$51	Design is ongoing. Pending to submit exhibit 3A.
Brawley	IMP230701		From to Intersection of Main Street and 8th street, install traffic signal mast arm assembly, LED safety lighting, curb bulb out, median curb nose, ADA curb ramps, high visibility crosswalks, and pavement markings.	HSIP	PE	\$42	Pending follow-up with STC for the design.
Brawley	IMP230702		From to Install roadway lighting, guardrails, chevron curve warning signs, rumble strips, roadway striping, pavement markings, and outside shoulderwidening on Dogwood road from 550 ft south of Mead Road to 750 ft. north of Mead Road.	HSIP	PE & R/W	\$154	Will speak with STC they are assisting them with that project. Doesn't know when they are going to submit the exhibit 3A.
Calipatria	IMP220603		At South Brown Avenue Main Street/SR115 to Church Street South Brown Avenue Roadway and Pedestrian Facilities Improvement Project between Main Street/SR115 to Church Street. Improvepedestrian connectivity and improve the existing deteriorated conditions of the roadway.	CMAQ	CON	\$1,649	
Calipatria	IMP220610		At Main St. Lake Avenue to International Blvd Roadway Improvements on Main Street between Lake Avenue and International Boulevard	STBG	CON	\$298	
El Centro	IMP220604		At Imperial Ave. Ocotillo Dr. to Main St Imperial Ave. Traffic Signal Synchronization from Ocotillo Dr. to Main St.	CMAQ	PE	\$85	Pending RFP & Exhibit 3A. On track.
Holtville	IMP220612		At 9th Street Melon Road to Olive Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on 9th Street between Melon Road and Olive Avenue	STBG	CON	\$587	
Imperial County	IMP220607		From to Various Locations Main Street Improvements from SR 111 to Memphis Ave. (South Side) and Isis Ave. Improvements from Main St. to Third St. (sidewalk, ADAramps, curb, gutter, infill paving, and bicycle lane) in the community of Niland.	CMAQ	PE	Local Funds only. Refer to project sheet	Pre-CON next week.
Imperial County	IMP220614		At Bowker Road McCabe Rd. to Ross Rd. Bowker Road Rehabilitation from McCabe Rd. to Ross Rd.	STBG	CON	\$1,666	Design is ongoing. Finish audit report by May.
Westmorland	IMP230102		From to The City of Westmorland Pedestrian Improvements Project will consist of construction/installation of new sidewalk (including gap completion)and new ADA ramps, where none exist, for the safety and convenience of the walking public. Also, streetlights may be installed where neededfor nighttime safety of pedestrians	CMAQ	PE	Local Funds only. Refer to project sheet	
						\$2,395,532	

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

\*Refer to attached project sheet for complete funding details

# FY23-24 **State** Funded Project Obligation List

Updated on 10/27/2023

**State Funded Allocations:** *The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Allocation to Caltrans Local Assistance for State approval during FY 2023/2024 (Starting July 1, 2023, thru June 30, 2024 )*

Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Funding Type	Programming Phase	*State Amount in FY 2023/24 (in 000's)	Obligation Status/ Notes
Calipatria	IMP230703	From to Install new sidewalk and associated improvements on Bonita Place between South Brown Avenue and Southeast Avenue. The project also includes the removal and replacement of existing sidewalk.	ATP	PE	\$88	
El Centro	IMP230601	At Imperial Avenue various locations to Various locations Pedestrian crossing improvements along Imperial Avenue.	ATP	CON	\$882	
					<b>\$135,970</b>	

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

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



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## Memorandum

**Date:** March 27, 2024  
**To:** ICTC Commission Members  
**From:** David Aguirre, Executive Director  
**Re:** Executive Director's Report

The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Commission meeting on March 27, 2024.

- 1) **Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (CPFCDs):** ICTC recently received an award of 4.1 million dollars to be utilized towards the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center Project. The project has already received awards from the RAISE, ATP and REAP 2.0 programs. We would like to thank our local, State and Federal Partners and Congressman Raul Ruiz for their continued support of the project, ICTC and the Imperial County. **ICTC would also like to congratulate the cities of Imperial and El Centro, the County of Imperial and the Imperial Irrigation District on their awards.**
- 2) **Appointed Chair of the CTC CEOs/SCAG Group:** At the January 19th meeting, the CTC CEOs/SCAG members appointed David Aguirre as the Chairman for 2024. This group is comprised of Regional County Transportation Planning Agencies and the Southern California Association of Governments leadership. The group meets monthly, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and is either held by zoom or in-person at the LA Metro administration offices.
- 3) **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) 2024 Call for Projects – FFY 2023-2024 to FFY 2025/2026:** The STBG, CRP and CMAQ Call for Projects began on November 9, 2023. Applications were due on Friday, January 26, 2024, at the ICTC office. All agencies were provided guideline documentation were encouraged to submit potential projects.

Program	Applicants	Total Value Requested by All Applicants
CMAQ	City of Imperial	\$388,000
STBG	City of Imperial, City of Brawley and City of El Centro	\$2,416,000
CRP	ICTC – City of Imperial	\$1,083,000

Due to the number of projects submitted, ICTC was able to evaluate all projects internally without utilizing the normal process which involves all cities participating in the scoring and ranking process. ICTC will be recommending projects to SCAG as part of the final submittal process. ICTC staff will be working with local agency staff and programming all approved projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) upon award notification. *The list of projects was approved by the commission in February. Next steps will be to submit our project list to SCAG for consideration of approval.*



- 4) **Imperial Valley Transit and Associated Services Operations and Maintenance Request for Proposals:** *ICTC's existing agreement with its current operator (Transdev) is coming to a conclusion. As required by federal law, ICTC has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to qualified transit operations and maintenance operators. The RFP was issued on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. ICTC's goal is to complete the procurement process and award a contract to a qualified firm by the end of the fiscal year. The proposed new agreement will be for a 5-year fixed period with two additional single-year options. More information to come.*
- 5) **Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study** – ICTC recently submitted a grant application under the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) to prepare a Countywide EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study. The project will aim to identify strategic locations within the county for EV Charging Infrastructure. Caltrans is currently developing a similar project for locations along State facilities.
- 6) **Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project:** The Project proposes to widen the bridge over the All-American Canal at the U.S./Mexico border approximately 0.7 miles south of State Route (SR) 7. The project proposes to widen the existing structure by adding four lanes: Two New Northbound Auto Lanes and Two New Northbound Commercial Vehicle Lanes. In May 2018, Caltrans and ICTC received \$3,000,000 from the California Transportation Commission and the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the project. In June 2018, Caltrans completed a Project Initiation Document (PID). In Fall of 2018, the PA/ED phase was initiated by Caltrans, technical studies for the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) document under Caltrans as the NEPA lead are in progress and is scheduled for completion in May 2020. In December 2018, ICTC was awarded \$20 million under the U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD discretionary grant program to complete the Design-Build construction phase. ICTC subsequently received TCEP in the amount of \$7.4 Million for construction efforts. The design portion of the project is complete. The project construction is underway, and construction was anticipated to be completed at the beginning of 2023 but suffered delays due to the issuance of the presidential permit. Approximately 87% of construction efforts have been completed. The project was temporarily placed on hold for 6 months due to the issuance of the presidential permit to relocate the border fence. The Presidential Permit was received on July 7, 2023. On November 15, 2023, GSA, ICTC, and regional partners celebrated the completion of Stage 1 of the project with a Ribbon Cutting celebration. ICTC Executive Director David Aguirre led the ceremony. Speakers included ICTC Chair Mike Goodsell, CBP Calexico Port Director Roque Caza, GSA Pacific Rim Region Public Buildings Service Deputy Regional Commissioner Amanda Sweeney, FHWA Senior Project Engineer Tay Dam, Caltrans District 11's South County and Trade Corridor Director Nikki Tiongeo, CTC Commissioner Clarissa Reyes Falcon, and Head Counsel of the Mexican Consulate in Calexico Tarcisio Montes de Oca. The event concluded with the anticipated Ribbon Cutting followed by media opportunities. For additional information regarding this project visit the ICTC website at: <https://www.imperialctc.org/projects/calexico-east-port-of-entry-bridge-expansion>. *The project is estimated to be completed in June 2024.*
- 7) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** *An IMBA meeting and strategic planning session was held in the City of Mexicali's Preparatoria y Universidad 16 de Septiembre, on January 16, 2024. At the strategic planning meeting, the committee developed the schedule for the year. ICTC hosted the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting at ICTC offices. The following dates are tentatively scheduled for IMBA in 2024.*
- May 9<sup>th</sup> – Mexicali
  - July 11<sup>th</sup> – Imperial County
  - September 12<sup>th</sup> – Mexicali
  - November 14<sup>th</sup> (Strategic Planning and IMBA meetings) – Imperial County
- 8) **Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) FREE FARES PROGRAM:** On August 7, 2020, the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) announced the implementation of a **Free Fares Program** for various Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) services. Eligible services include IVT Fixed Route, IVT Circulators (Blue, Green and Gold Lines), IVT ACCESS and IVT RIDE (EL Centro, Imperial, Heber, Brawley, Calexico, Westshores). All passengers are eligible to benefit from the Free Fares Program. The fares are subsidized by a State of California grant and fare contributions to IVT RIDE passengers by the County of Imperial's Area Agency for the Aging (AAA). *ICTC was able to secure a new grant to provide free fares for all its transit programs. Due to the previous labor issues, ICTC implemented free fares for all services to assist with the inconvenience to the public. The labor issues have since been resolved but ICTC will continue to offer free fares to the public until further*

*notice. ICTC was also able to secure a second grant to provide free fares for all services with the exception of the Calexico On Demand service. ICTC anticipates the free fares program ending in the June 2024 timeframe. A formal public hearing is scheduled for the March 27, 2024, Commission Meeting.*

- 9) **IVT Ride Potential Service Modifications:** IVT Ride is a dial-a-ride service that is available to seniors (55 years of age or older) and persons with disabilities in the communities of Calexico, Heber, El Centro, Imperial and Brawley. The service primarily operates in an intracity capacity with the exception of the communities of El Centro, Imperial and Heber and the Westshores service which travels to the city of Brawley or the Coachella Valley. The Westshores service is also available to the general public. Due to continuing declining ridership on all IVT Ride services, staff are exploring the possibility of modifying the service to provide trips to the general public but still provide priority to the senior population. The possible modification would enable the service to capture additional passengers and implement a microtransit like service in various communities. The possible modification would also require financial investment in technology and the development of a passenger web and mobile application. Staff anticipates bringing the further evaluated concept to the Management Committee and Commission in the coming months. Staff are also pursuing funding opportunities to facilitate the possible transition of the service.
- 10) **Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC):** A new Intermodal Transportation Center in the City of Calexico has been part of ICTC's long range transit planning. The new Calexico ITC will serve as a regional mobility hub that will accommodate bus bays for Imperial Valley Transit in addition to private bus companies, taxis and farm labor buses. ICTC previously received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal program fund to complete the environmental and design plans of the new Calexico ITC. The environmental and design phase has been completed. *Right of Way Acquisition is underway. ICTC has already acquired 2 of the required 3 properties for the project. The City of Calexico Council approved the commencement of the eminent domain process for two of the required properties. ICTC was recently awarded multiple grants to complete the required construction efforts for the project. ICTC received grant awards from the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0, Active Transportation Program (ATP) and Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Programs. Due to the anticipated State budget deficit, REAP 2.0 funding may be impacted. SCAG is working to ensure that the REAP 2.0 funding is not negatively impacted. ICTC is working with SCAG to identify possible alternative funding sources in the interim. It is anticipated the project will start construction in July 2024. The project construction management RFP has been released and is available for bidding by qualified engineering firms.*
- 11) **Bus Stop Improvement Project:** Staff are working on developing a bus stop improvement project across multiple cities throughout the county. The project consists of installing various bus shelters and potentially other amenities. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. *ICTC released the Request for Proposals for design services for the project. ICTC is looking to begin design services soon and have construction take place within FY23-24/FY24-25.*
- 12) **Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis –** Staff was able to secure grant funding to complete a Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). The COA is a comprehensive evaluation of ICTC's existing transit services while also presenting evaluation findings and recommendations to further improvement of ICTC's existing public transit system. ICTC intends to evaluate all ICTC operated services in addition to incorporating an assessment of the feasibility of intercity passenger rail. Staff is currently working on the development of the Request for Proposals (RFP) and it is anticipated that the RFP will be released in the coming months.
- 13) **EV Charger Installation Project:** Staff are working on developing an EV charger installation project across multiple cities throughout the county. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. *It is anticipated that the project will be completed within FY23-24/FY24-25.*
- 14) **2022 Long Range Transportation Plan:** The ICTC in its capacity as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency is responsible for leading the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in Imperial County. The last update to the LRTP was conducted in 2013. ICTC staff completed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to prepare a full update of the Imperial County LRTP. Michael Baker International was the selected consultant. The goal of the LRTP is to provide the following:



- Identify and promote the relationship between the transportation system to existing and future land use and community comprehensive plans and programs.
- Provide guidance to promote the improvement of multi-modal transportation circulation of people and goods, using both motorized and non-motorized transportation modes, new technologies and infrastructure facilities.
- Recommendations and guidance to provide a safe, efficient, accessible, socially equitable and cost-effective transportation system.
- Ensure compliance with state and federal transportation planning regulations.
- Develop recommendations that ensure environmentally sustainable planning practices.

The first TAC meeting was held on March 30, 2022, and was attended by a diverse stakeholder group comprised of local, regional, environmental justice groups and economic development organizations. In addition, an all-day event with six (6) subgroup meetings was held on April 6, 2022, that encompassed subgroups for:

- Highways and Local Roadways
- Border and Goods Movement
- Pedestrian, Bicycles and Microbility
- Transit and Paratransit / Senior and Disabled Service
- Environmental and Environmental Justice
- Developers / Economic Development / Small Business Liaison

Virtual and pop-up outreach events were held in the month of July to inform the public of the upcoming draft document and the opportunity to provide input. The draft LRTP was reviewed by the TAC and Steering Committees. The completed draft LRTP public review and comments period ended on September 6, 2023. The Final Draft LRTP was released for public review prior to final development. *The final document adoption took place in the month of February 2024. To access the completed documents and project listing, please visit the project website located at <https://www.imperialctc.org/publications-and-reports/transportation-plans-and-studies>.*

- 15) **Forrester Road Project Study Report (PSR):** Caltrans District 11 has been working on a project report on behalf of ICTC. The PSR will analyze safety and operation improvements along Forrester Road between I-8 and SR86/SR78. Other improvements include the Westmorland bypass. A meeting to discuss the draft PSR took place at the ICTC offices on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 9 a.m. Further updates to the PSR are anticipated along with additional meetings to discuss the updated PSR. *The updated PSR was recently received and staff will be reviewing the updated document.*
- 16) **Calexico Microtransit Service – Calexico On Demand:** ICTC submitted a grant application for the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) program in October of 2020. The grant application was submitted to provide a clean energy microtransit service in the city of Calexico. In early 2021, ICTC was notified of its grant award of \$1 Million to fund the pilot microtransit service. The microtransit service will operate as an on-demand service available to provide trips to the general public within the boundaries of the city of Calexico. The award required that ICTC fund and operate the service for a minimum of 4 years. ICTC partnered with Via Transportation, an experienced transportation operator to operate the service. ICTC and Via began the development of the project including service criteria, marketing information, and operational criteria. ICTC obtained approval from the CMO program to commence the service. ICTC kicked off the service on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and intends to have a formal event to celebrate the kickoff of the service as soon as approval is received by the CMO. The service was free for all passengers until February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Further information about the service can be viewed on the website: <https://city.ridewithvia.com/calexico-ondemand>. *The service has averaged 180 passengers per day since the removal of the free fares and has been well received. ICTC has been working with CMO to obtain additional funding for the project. ICTC was awarded an additional \$500,000 to be utilized for operations of the service and additional service hours. The contract amendment with the operator was approved at the June 23, 2024 meeting. ICTC is pursuing additional grant opportunities to continue to fund the project.*
- 17) **State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint:** State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint: In August 2017 following a year of coordination, Caltrans, the County of Imperial and ICTC met with CBP management and operations staff achieved consensus for a new conceptual alternative prepared by

Caltrans. The LTA Board met on September 27, 2017; staff presented the Board with a fund request for \$1.3 million from the 5% Regional Highway Set-Aside from the Measure D allocations. A Consultant Agreement with AECOM for design and construction engineering was approved by the LTA on February 28, 2018. Following our ICTC Board meeting in late September 2020, ICTC has initiated a traffic study as required by Caltrans. Design work has been delayed due to Border Patrol's concern related to their ability to provide additional funding necessary to meet their operational requirements. On Wednesday, March 17, 2021, ICTC received confirmation from Border Patrol Headquarters in Washington D.C. that they wish to proceed with the original Canopy Design that is similar to Interstate 8 Pine Valley Checkpoint.

*As discussed, and confirmed with Border Patrol, ICTC will only provide the remaining funds we had available (February 2021) of approximately \$1.3 million to complete the traffic study, 100% design plans, and construction of the canopy, lighting related to the canopy, and traffic related improvements required by Caltrans. Border Patrol is committed to paying for all other construction-related costs and Border Patrol will lead the construction contract. Border Patrol, Caltrans and ICTC are having weekly meetings toward completing design plans and obtaining Caltrans Permits and Environmental Clearance. The improvement plans have been prepared in final draft form and have been submitted to Caltrans for review.*

- 18) **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.*
- 19) **Clean California Bus Stop Improvement Project:** Through Clean California Round 1 Funding, Caltrans was able to secure funding to complete bus stop and shelter improvements in the communities of Niland, Calipatria, Brawley and Holtville along various state routes. Caltrans, ICTC and the communities worked together to identify locations, in addition to reviewing possible secondary amenities such as trash enclosures. Construction activities for the new bus stop improvements began on March 13, 2023. The project bus stop improvements were completed in November/December 2023.
- 20) **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)*
- 21) **Regional Active Transportation Program:** ICTC staff has been working with staff from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in the development of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) guidelines. The ATP is funded from various federal and state funds including the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), State Highway Account, and Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S). The approved California Transportation Commission 2023 ATP (Cycle 6) program guidelines divide the funds into state and regional shares. State funds are available through a competitive application process. Applicants that are unsuccessful at the state level are considered for regional funds. Regional ATP funds are administered by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO). SCAG is Imperial County's MPO. Per SCAG's 2023 ATP Regional Guidelines, county transportation commissions may assign up to 20 points to each statewide project application deemed consistent and meeting eligibility requirements. ICTC staff has completed the adoption process of the scoring methodology. ICTC staff received state scoring of ATP applications from Imperial County and presented staff

recommendations to TAC members on December 15, 2022. Projects are underway at various stages by the agencies. Staff recommendations were approved at the January Commission meeting. See the table below for further information.

Regional ATP Projects		
Agency	Project Name	Total ATP Funds Requested
City of Calipatria	Bonita Place Pedestrian Safety Project	\$997,000
City of El Centro	Pedestrian Improvement Project – various locations on Main Street	\$1,200,000
ICTC	Pedestrian Improvements for the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center	\$1,073,000
TOTAL Regional ATP funds		\$3,270,000

- 22) **Orchard Road & SR115 Traffic Concept Report:** During the Commission meeting of September 2022, the Commission asked ICTC staff to follow up on the SR 115 Transportation Concept Report (TCR). ICTC staff has conducted meetings with Caltrans and County Public Works staff during the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>. ICTC staff in partnership with County and Caltrans staff are continuing discussions for short term options to deter trucks from using Orchard Road. The parties are also expected to discuss long term options as well. More information will be shared as discussions continue.
- 23) **San Diego & Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Strategy:** San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and ICTC received a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for a Sustainable Freight Implementation Strategy for both counties. The goal with the strategy is to help transition the freight sector in San Diego and Imperial Counties to sustainable technologies, operations, infrastructure over the next 30 years. The strategy will systematically implement multimodal freight projects and policies, seek to pilot innovation technologies, create a workforce development toolkit, and identify potential funding sources for implementation. The area of study includes communities adjacent to major freight infrastructure in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Environmental justice areas, as defined by AB617, will be a particular focus and include the Portside Environmental Justice Communities, the International Border Community, and Calexico-El Centro-Heber corridor. This plan kicked off in February 2022 and is expected to be completed March 2024. Public engagement has been instrumental in the creation of this strategy, participants of Imperial County have included County Public Works department, Work Force Development, Comité Civico del Valle, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation, among others. Strategy outcomes are scheduled to be presented to SANDAG and ICTC groups as well as community organizations such as IMBA and AB617 meetings starting in June in Imperial County.
- 24) **State Route 98 Widening from Ollie to Rockwood:** As part of the Calexico West POE Expansion project, SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Boulevard were widened and improved to serve the expansion to the west. Caltrans' SR-98 work between VV Williams and Ollie Avenue was completed in March 2018, and the Cesar Chavez Blvd. Widening was completed in October 2019. Caltrans has completed the design and right of way phase for SR-98 Widening between Rockwood Avenue and Ollie Avenue. On June 24, 2020, CTC authorized construction funding. The total project cost is estimated at \$7 million using a combination of 2016 Earmark Repurposing, Demonstration, Traffic Congestion Relief, ICTC and local funds. The construction start date was delayed due to environmental impacts and other utility projects in progress within the project area. Construction of the project began on August 6, 2021. The existing contractor of the project has been removed. Caltrans has secured a new temporary contractor to complete the project improvements from Ollie Avenue to Highway 111. Caltrans completed Phase 1 in late November. *Phase 2 of the project commenced on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The portion of the project that consisted of the north side of Highway 98 between Highway 111 and Ollie Avenue has been completed. Caltrans is now working on completing the southeast side of Highway 98 between Highway 111 and Rockwood Avenue.*
- 25) **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).

- 26) **State Legislation for Transportation Funding – SB 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA):** *According to the California League of Cities, overall local streets and roads allocations to cities and counties from the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) and the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) are projected to climb 14.8% in the current fiscal year, 2021-22, above last year, reflecting a rebound from peak impacts of the pandemic in 2020. For the budget year 2022-23, allocations are projected to grow 10.8% over the current year. This presumes that if the scheduled July 1 cost-of-living fuel tax increase is suspended, the Legislature will backfill any revenue impacts to local governments as leaders have pledged. The estimates are based on new statewide tax revenue estimates released by the California Department of Finance with the Governor’s 2022-23 Proposed Budget. The county estimates were prepared in collaboration with the California State Association of Counties.*

*For RMRA remittance advice by cities visit: [https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard\\_payments\\_rmra\\_cities.html](https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard_payments_rmra_cities.html)*

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27) **Funding Opportunities:**

- *For a complete list of California specific grant opportunities go to <https://www.grants.ca.gov/>.*
  - *[Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2023 through FY 2026 Bridge Investment Program, Planning and Bridge Project Grants](#)*
- *For a complete list of federal transportation grant opportunities go to <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>.*

28) **Meetings/trainings attended on behalf of ICTC:**

- Various Weekly Reoccurring Calexico East POE Bridge Widening Project Meetings
- Various Weekly Project Specific Meetings
- March 4, 2024 – Quarterly Meeting Operations, Safety, Dispatch and Maintenance meetings at the ICTC offices (attended by staff)
- March 5, 2024 – Senior Resource Fair at the Brawley Senior apartments (attended by ICTC mobility and Transdev staff)
- March 6, 2024 – ICTC SSTAC Meeting at the ICTC offices (attended by staff)
- March 7, 2024 – PERMA Board of Directors Meeting (attended by Michelle Bastidas)
- March 7, 2024 – SCAG Regional Council Meeting via zoom meeting
- March 8, 2024 – Imperial County Broadband Planning Committee Meeting
- March 12, 2024 – Region IX & X Real Estate Workshop via teams meeting (attended by staff)
- March 13, 2024 – ICTC Management Committee Meeting at the ICTC Offices
- March 13, 2024 – AB 617 Steering Committee Meeting: El Centro-Heber-Calexico Corridor via zoom meeting
- March 14, 2024 – Imperial-Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA) Meeting at the ICTC Offices
- March 14, 2024 – CalVans Boards of Directors Meeting via zoom meeting (attended by staff)
- March 15, 2024 – CTC CEOs / SCAG Meeting in Los Angeles
- March 15, 2024 – Imperial Valley Transit Non-Mandatory Pre-bid meeting at the ICTC offices
- March 15, 2024 – Transit services presentation by mobility staff at the Kiwanis meeting in El Centro
- March 18, 2024 – Transit service provider panel in San Diego
- March 19, 2024 – Senior Resources Fair in Calexico (attended by the mobility staff)
- March 20, 2024 – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Childrens and Families Health Fair at Grace Smith School in Niland (attended by mobility staff)
- March 21, 2024 – Imperial Valley Procurement and Resource Fair in El Centro (attended by staff)
- March 21, 2024 – Regional Transportation Planning Agency’s Meeting
- March 21, 2024 – State of the County Address
- March 22, 2024 – IVC Transition Fair at Imperial Valley College (attended by mobility staff)

# **6. CALTRANS UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Presented by Caltrans Staff



## California Department of Transportation



To: ICTC Commission

Date: March 2024

From: EVERETT TOWNSEND (Acting)  
Caltrans District 11 Director

Subject: **DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **CONSTRUCTION**

1. **SR-98 Widening Project:** As part of the Calexico West POE Expansion project, SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Blvd were widened and improved to serve the expansion to the west. SR-98 work between VV Williams and Ollie Avenue was completed in March 2018, and the Cesar Chavez Blvd widening was completed in October 2019 by the City of Calexico. Construction for stage 1 of the SR-98 eastbound widening between Rockwood Avenue and Ollie Avenue was completed in November 2022. The construction of Stage 2 (westbound SR-98 from SR-111 to Ollie Ave) has been completed. Stage 3 has been completed in January 2024. Completion of Stage 4 is estimated for Spring 2024. The total project cost is estimated at \$8.2 million.
2. **I-8, SR-78 Bridge Rehab at Various Locations:** The project includes 4 bridge locations on I-8 at Brock Research Center Rd, All American Canal (left/right) Bridges and at Winterhaven Dr/4th Ave. The 2 locations on SR-78 are at Palo Verde Drain and Palo Verde Outfall bridges near Palo Verde. Work has begun at the I-8 location over the All-American Canal, bridge deck work is complete. Painting at the All- American Canal is complete. Work at Brock Research Center Rd is complete with exception of overlay on the overcrossing. Target start for the 4th Ave bridge is mid to late May. Total estimated cost is \$8 million. The Palo Verde locations have started. These bridge repairs will install a long-term automated traffic control signal at both locations for reversible 1 way traffic throughout the duration of construction.

3. **I-8 Roadside Safety Improvements:** This project is implementing various safety improvements at various locations on I-8 between Silsbee Rd and Anderholt Rd. The scope includes slope paving, gore paving and rumble strip installations. Construction activities are underway and estimated completion is spring 2024. The total project cost is estimated at \$4.6 million.
4. **Clean California Projects:** District 11 has been working on several Clean CA Projects in Imperial County. They include bus shelter improvements in Niland(SR111), and bus shelter installations in Calipatria(SR111) and Holtville (SR115). Construction on these Clean CA bus shelter projects have been completed. Median island improvements in El Centro(SR86) and a gateway beautification project at SR-7/Nina Lee Rd just north of the Calexico Port of Entry are also included as part of this effort. The gateway project is complete along with three (3) of the median island improvements.

Clean CA - Bus Shelter 11-IMP-86-PM 21.0 Located in the City of Brawley on S. Rio Vista Ave.

The Bus shelters have been installed. The construction of the curb ramp has been placed on the southwest quadrant of S. Rio Vista Ave. Below are some of current pictures of the work. The remaining construction work is electrical and striping that will occur in middle of April 2024 to complete the project.

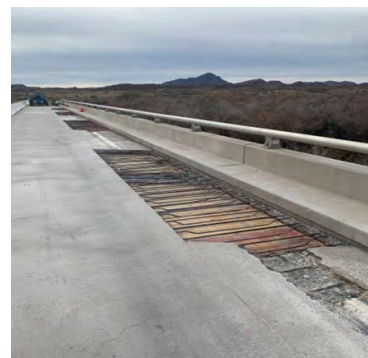
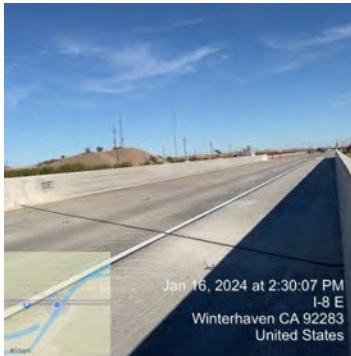




Clean CA – Median Island 11-IMP-86-PM L7.4/L7.61 Located in the City of El Centro

The Median Island project is active. The construction of the curb is being constructed along with the grading of inside the curb to receive the planting.

Below are some of current pictures of the work. The remaining work is irrigation and planting.



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5. **SR-111 Roadside Improvements:** This project will be implementing improvements at various locations on SR-111 between Heber Rd and Niland. The scope includes upgrading guardrail, ADA curb ramps and rumble strip installations. The project cost is estimated at \$11 million and was advertised in August and awarded in October. Construction started February 2024, to be completed in Fall 2024.

## **PROJECT DELIVERY**

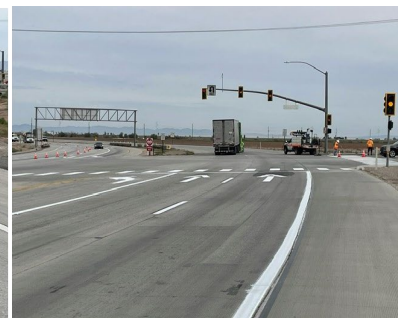
1. **SR-186 All-American Canal Bridge:** This project proposes to construct a new bridge over the All-American Canal (AAC). The new bridge will improve safety and better facilitate international and interregional movement of people, goods and services. A 2019 feasibility study proposed 8 alternatives including a no-build option. The following stakeholders have been identified, Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe, US BIA, US BOR, IID, International Boundary and Water Commission, County of Imperial, Union Pacific Railroad and US GSA. Preliminary Design of the bridge is underway, as well as environmental studies. *Project Milestones: Project Approval/Environmental Clearance 12/2024. The Anticipated funding fiscal year for construction is 2026/27.*

## **MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC OPERATIONS**

1. El Centro Traveled Way Crew – Fence repair: I-8/SR-111, pothole repair: SR-98  
Install K rail/crash cushion-SR-86/Austin Road



2. El Centro Functional/Marking Crew – Sign/Landscape maintenance, Refresh pavement markings-SR-7/Maggio Road



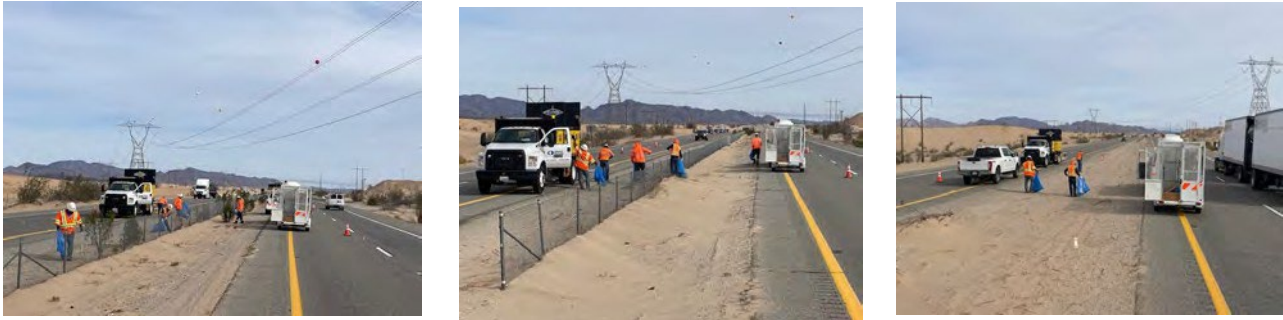
3. Midway Traveled Way Crew – Crack sealing SR98/SR-7.



4. Brawley Traveled Way Crew – Sweeping/brush control  
Crack sealing-SR-111/Rutherford Road.



5. El Centro Clean CA Crew – Litter control/landscaping activities I-8/4<sup>th</sup> ,  
I-8/All American Canal.



6. **SR-86/Customs & Border Protection (CBP) Checkpoint Expansion:** AECOM has submitted a revised concept plan with a standard acceleration lane from the secondary inspection facility and it has been approved. The environmental studies are being prepared by ICTC/CBP and will soon be sent for review. Caltrans will assist ICTC in coordinating upcoming meetings.

Caltrans has received all required documents from AECOM except the QMP, SIQMP, and the environmental document. Caltrans will proceed with the 0 phase. A series of permits will be required for existing traffic control at the checkpoint, for the inspection operations and equipment within the facility, and for a temporary checkpoint while the project is in construction. A new Freeway Maintenance Agreement will be required for the portion of the existing canopy

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that is within Caltrans ROW.

## **PLANNING AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE**

1. **Project Study Report: Forrester Road Improvements** - This study is developing various improvements for Forrester Road (I-8 to SR 78/86). It is being prepared as Project Study Report – Project Development Support (PSR-PDS) and identifies improvements that can proceed to the Project Approval/ Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase of the project development process. The project creates a truck bypass to the City of Westmorland using local roads, proposes passing lanes in the New River area, and makes improvements to the Forrester Road intersections at Ross Road and Evan Hewes Highway. The environmental designation has been determined and the Environmental Branch has completed the PEAR to reflect this new list of priorities. The PSR document is anticipated to be completed by early spring of 2024.
2. **Feasibility Studies: District 11 Truck Parking and Medium/Heavy Duty ZEV Charging Station Site Assessment** – The purpose of this study is to identify potential sites, assess site feasibility, and develop conceptual planning plans for four future truck parking facilities and Medium Duty/Heavy Duty (MD/HD) Zero Emission (ZEV) charging and fueling stations in San Diego and Imperial counties primarily along corridors identified by the Senate Bill (SB) 671 Clean Freight Corridor Efficiency Assessment. The study will also support regional and local efforts to advance MD/HD ZEV including the San Diego and Imperial County Sustainable Freight Implementation Strategy. On 2/21/2024 the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) of the California-Border Master Plan (BMP) kicked off efforts to develop a "Tri-State Zero Emissions approach." The proposed concept will develop a ZEV strategy for the states of California, Baja California, and Baja California Sur. The proposed strategy will be considered for adoption by the BMP PAC on June 2024. The overall study completion is estimated for summer 2024.  
**Calexico East Land Port of Entry Joint Operations Systems-** This study will develop a concept for a joint operation system for the Calexico East Port of Entry (POE), which will also debut the first land POE appointment system for commercial vehicles and potentially passenger vehicles. Using current border conditions, the system will allow commercial vehicle border users to pay for a designated appointment window to cross the border. This first-in-the-nation application will be piloted initially for commercial vehicles and could be expanded to passenger vehicles. If successful, this pilot has the potential to be scalable by expanding to other POE and could be utilized at other POEs along the northern and southern borders in the United States. The study completion is estimated for summer 2024.

### 3. Local Assistance:

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Renewals Due!**

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

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

To confirm a UEI, click this UEI SmartSheet link below, and enter information in the yellow columns –

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

Expiring soon: El Centro (March 22, 2024)

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

#### **2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7)**

The CTC is developing guidelines for the 2025 Active Transportation Program (ATP) cycle. See link below for ATP (Cycle 7) information and future opportunities to participate in live workshops on-site and remotely.

### **Upcoming ATP Webinar**

An overview of Submittable: The New ATP Cycle 7 Application Tool

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

9:30am – 11:30am

[Register Here – \(Zoom\)](#)

Further details are available at this link –

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

### **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) – Cycle 12**

Currently there is no active HSIP call for projects. It is expected that HSIP Cycle 12 Call-for-Projects be announced around late April or early May 2024.

Further details are available at this link –

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/highway-safety-improvement-program/calls-for-projects-hsip-ssarp>

### **Bridge Investment Program**

The Bridge Investment Program is a competitive, discretionary program that focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition.

- The deadlines for applications to be submitted via [Grants.gov](#) are:

<b>Fiscal Year BIP Funding</b>	<b>Planning Application Deadline</b>	<b>Bridge Project Application Deadline</b>
FY 2023 and 2024	February 19, 2024	March 19, 2024
FY 2025	October 1, 2024	November 1, 2024
FY 2026	October 1, 2025	November 1, 2025

The deadlines for **Large Bridge Project Grant Applications** to be submitted via [Grants.gov](#) are:

- August 1, 2024, for consideration of FY 2025 funds.
- August 1, 2025, for consideration of FY 2026 funds.

Further details are available at this link –

[BIP - Funding Programs - Management and Preservation - Bridges & Structures - Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

### **U.S. Department of Transportation Grant Opportunities**

The USDOT website provides a DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard, which is a great tool that your local agency can use to find grant opportunities in various areas such as, Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation grants program (SMART), Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES), and Federal Transit Administration Grant Programs (FTA), just to name a few. In the link, provided below, you can filter for your agency specifics to narrow down grant opportunities. Directions, deadlines, and links to apply are also provided.

Further details are available at this link –

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

### **Key Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

In order to provide stakeholders with more visibility into upcoming funding opportunities, DOT is publishing a list of anticipated dates for upcoming Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) for key programs. This list is not comprehensive and will be updated periodically with additional programs and revised dates as appropriate.

#### **A few of the key programs and their deadlines:**

- \* Buses and Bus Facilities Program – 4/25/2024
- \* Low- or No-Emissions Program – 4/25/2024
- \* Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)
  - 1) FY 2025: 1/13/2025
  - 2) FY 2026: 1/13/2026

Further details are available at this link –

[Key Notices of Funding Opportunity | US Department of Transportation](#)

### **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) FY 24: Caltrans Call for Letters of Support (LOS)**

The purpose of SS4A grants is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and refinement and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators. The program provides funding to develop the tools to help strengthen a community's approach to roadway safety and save lives and is designed to meet the needs of diverse local, Tribal, and regional communities that differ dramatically in size, location, and experience administering Federal funding.

**Eligible SS4A Projects Include:**

- Develop a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan).
- Conduct supplemental safety planning to enhance an Action Plan.
- Carry out demonstration activities to inform the development of, or an update to, an Action Plan.
- Perform planning, design, and development activities for projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.
- Implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that address roadway safety problems.

SS4A makes available up to \$1.2 billion for FY 2024. Of the funding made available, up to \$580 million is available to implement projects and strategies. \$656 million must be awarded for developing Action Plans; conducting supplemental planning to update existing Action Plans; or carrying out demonstration activities to inform the development of, or updates to, Action Plans.

**Planning and Demonstration Grant applicants have three deadlines:**

- Thursday, April 4, 2024, 5:00 PM (ET)
- Thursday, May 16, 2024, 5:00 PM (ET)
- Thursday, August 29, 2024, 5:00 PM (ET)

**Implementation Grant applications** must be submitted by 5:00 PM (ET) on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

If you would like a letter of support for a SS4A Project signed by a Caltrans District Director, you will need to coordinate with your Caltrans District Representative to submit your request. The Caltrans District 11 Representative is:

Brian Miller  
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Visit the [Office of Strategic Investment Planning](#) website for complete resources. Copies of all LOS that were or were not signed by the District Director must be provided to OSIP for record keeping. Please include justifications.

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

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a new Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants program (Community Change Grants), announced via a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), for approximately \$2 billion dollars in Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will be focused on community-driven initiatives to be responsive to

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community and stakeholder input. They are designed to deliver on the transformative potential of the IRA for communities most adversely and disproportionately impacted by climate change, legacy pollution, and historic disinvestments.

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

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

Program NOFO:

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

### **Title VI Nondiscrimination Program**

Local agencies must comply with all Title VI requirements (*LAPM* Section 9.2). Title VI compliance is subject to review at any time.

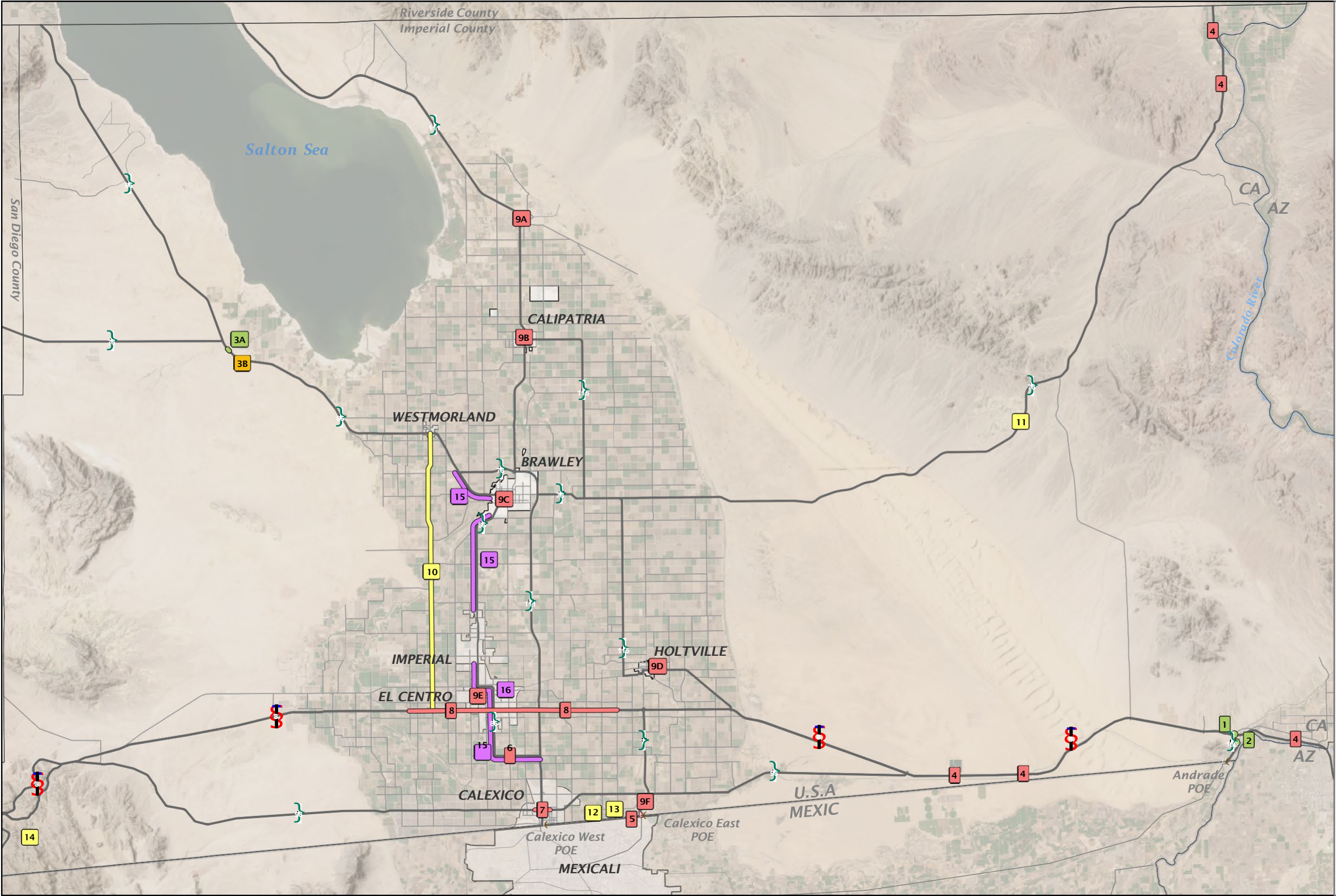
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/local-civil-compliance/title-vi>

### **RELINQUISHMENTS**

1. SR-86 from SR-111 to Countryside Dr, West Ralph Rd to Calle Estrella, and just east of Brandt Rd to SR-78. Relinquishment to County of Imperial, County did not provide any input, planning to close project. County of Imperial needs to provide information whether still interested (#15 on Status Map) (EA 11-43098).
2. SR-86 from Countryside Dr to Treshill Rd. Relinquishment to City of El Centro, City provided comments and Caltrans responses. Currently waiting for City of El Centro to review proposed estimate (#16 on Status Map) (EA 11-43099).



# IMPERIAL COUNTY STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

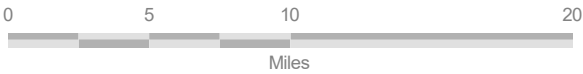


ENVIRONMENTAL	
1. SR-186/I-8 Quechan Interchange Improvements*	Complete Dec 2023
2. SR-186 All-American Canal Bridge	Complete Dec 2024
3A. SR-86 USBP Checkpoint Canopy*	Complete Fall 2023
DESIGN	
3B. SR-86 USBP Checkpoint Canopy*	Complete Fall 2023
CONSTRUCTION	
4. Bridge Rehab Projects on I-8 and SR-78	Begin Construction March 2023, Complete Spring 2024
5. Calexico East POE Bridge Widening	Design/Build Begin Mar 2021, Complete June 2023
6. SR-86/Dogwood Road Intersection Improvements County Permit*	
7. SR-98 Widening Phase 1C Ollie Ave to Rockwood Ave	Complete Winter 2023
8. I-8 Roadside safety improvements	Begin construction June 2023, Complete Spring 2024
9 A-F. Clean CA Projects - Bus Shelters, Median, Welcome Sign	
PLANNING	
10. Forrester Road Improvements PSR	
11. SR-78/Mesquite Mine	
12. Feasibility Study - Truck Parking & Med/Heavy Duty ZEV Charging Station Site Assessment	
13. Feasibility Study - Calexico East Land Port of Entry Joint Operations Systems	
14. Feasibility Study - Desert Line	
RELINQUISHMENT	
15. SR-86 Relinquishment to County of Imperial	Date Estimate 2026
16. SR-86 Relinquishment to City of El Centro	Date Estimate 2026

\* The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is a partner in this study/projects, although not the lead agency.



- Environmental
- Design
- Construction
- Planning
- Relinquishment



:Project funded by Senate Bill 1

Abbreviations:

GSA: General Services Administration

POE: Port of Entry

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Date:10/18/2023



# **7. SCAG UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Presented by SCAG Staff



# Memorandum

**Date:** March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**To:** ICTC Committee and Management Meeting  
**From:** David Salgado, Government Affairs Officer (GAO)  
**Re:** **Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Report**

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The following is a summary of the SCAG Executive Director's Report and/or Federal and State Legislature Staff Report for the Imperial County Transportation Commission Management Committee and Regular Commission meeting for the month of March 2024.

## **1. REGIONAL EARLEY ACTION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM 2021 (REAP 2.0) ADVOCACY UPDATES**

Governor Gavin Newsom's proposed budget announced on Jan. 16 includes \$300 million in cuts to the Regional Early Action Planning program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) that will result in approximately \$123 million in cuts from SCAG's \$246 million REAP 2.0 program.

SCAG issued a hold on sub-allocation projects while working to assess impacts of the proposed cuts. Given the delays and impact caused by the proposed budget, adjustments will need to be made to SCAG's REAP 2.0 program. Staff plans to bring an informational item to the Executive Administration Committee in April to discuss priorities and processes for reshaping the program.

In the meantime, SCAG encourages the Governor to reconsider these cuts and submitted an official letter to state legislators and the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. SCAG will continue to advocate to preserve REAP 2.0 at the 2024 Legislative Summit in Sacramento and during the state budget process. SCAG has also prepared a grantee toolkit, with template letters and other share-able information, for partners to assist in this advocacy.

## **2. 2024 SCAG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

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

### **3. SCAG Joint Policy Committee Recommends Connect SoCal 2024 for Approval**

The Joint Policy Committee, at its March 7, 2024, meeting, recommended the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) including the associated proposed final transportation conformity analysis, and the Connect SoCal 2024 proposed Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) to the Regional Council for approval and certification.

This decision came after a staff presentation summarizing comments from the public review periods. During public review, SCAG hosted 15 elected official briefings and three public hearings on the draft RTP/SCS, receiving 53 comment letters on the draft RTP/SCS and 33 comment letters on the Draft PEIR.

SCAG staff are currently in the process of updating the draft Connect SoCal 2024 in response to comments. A direct response to each plan comment will be included in the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Public Participation & Consultation Technical Report. Response to PEIR comments will be included in the proposed Final PEIR.

The proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 will be available on the SCAG website on March 28. The Regional Council is set to consider certification of the Final PEIR and adoption of the final RTP/SCS, including the associated final transportation conformity analysis, in April 2024.

### **4. REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**

At its March 2024 meeting, SCAG's Regional Council moved to approve SCAG's Draft Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25, including the Draft Overall Work Program (OWP). The framework

for developing the FY 2024-25 Draft Comprehensive Budget is SCAG's multi-year Strategic Plan, which focuses on the agency's vision for improving the organization and its operations.

The Regional Council's vote also authorized the release of the FY 2024-25 Draft OWP for a 30-day public review period from March 7 to April 8. Comments may be submitted by completing the [comment form](#) or emailing [nguyenk@scag.ca.gov](mailto:nguyenk@scag.ca.gov).

At the close of the public comment period, the FY 2024-25 Final OWP will be submitted to the Regional Council for approval on May 2. The General Fund Budget and the Membership Assessment will also be submitted to the General Assembly for approval in May.

### **5. SCAG 2024 SAVE THE DATE! 2024 REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Early bird registration is open for SCAG's 59th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert on May 2-3. Don't miss this event, which



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brings together elected officials and policymakers, as well as business, community and civic leaders, from across Southern California to collaborate on the future of mobility, communities, the environment and the economy.

Early bird registration **saves \$150 on the price of admission**. [Register online](#) before March 29 to lock in the savings. Hotel rooms at conference rates are also available on a limited basis. Rooms can be booked directly from the registration page.

For additional details about the event, visit the [2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly website](#). Please contact [update@scag.ca.gov](mailto:update@scag.ca.gov) with any questions.

## **6. SCAG 2024 GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELGATE AND ALTERNATE SELECTION**

Please keep an eye out for the SCAG General Assembly Delegate selection email. SCAG sends an email to all cities asking for respective councils to take action to appoint a specific General Assembly Delegate and an Alternate. Only the selected Delegate and Alternate will be afforded an opportunity to vote at the conference. All elected officials are invited to attend the SCAG General Assembly and Annual Conference. Elected Officials and City Managers are comped on registrations.

## **7. U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PROPOSED DISAPPROVAL OF SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS 2019 CONTINGENCY MEASURE PLAN**

According to a Consent Decree issued in January 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to take action by July 1 on the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) 2019 Contingency Measure Plan for the 1997 federal ozone standard. This plan covers the South Coast Air Basin, which includes all of Orange County and urban areas within Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

On Feb. 2, the EPA published a notice of proposed disapproval of the air plan, which will set in motion a 24-month highway sanction clock for AQMD to address underlying issues in the plan. If the issue is not addressed within the 24-month period, highway sanctions and a federal air plan would be imposed in the South Coast Air Basin, impacting the ability of nonexempt highway capacity projects in the region to receive federal approval or funding.

SCAG provided comments on the substantial negative consequences of the EPA's proposed disapproval and requested an extension of the March 4 public comment period deadline to allow careful analysis of the implications for the SCAG region. EPA granted this extension, and the comment period deadline is now April 3. SCAG and county transportation commissions are preparing a letter outlining the significant implications of the disapproval and recommending that EPA consider full approval of the plan, conditional approval that supports meaningful partnerships, or partial approval that provides a realistic and short pathway to resolve the underlying issues.



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EPA and AQMD representatives have been asked to provide a status report on the proposed disapproval at SCAG's monthly Transportation Conformity Working Group meetings. SCAG will continue to evaluate potential impacts of highway sanctions.