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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 27, 2025

Present:

Juan Manuel Cabrera	City of Brawley
Lily Falomir	City of Calexico
Gloria Moreno	City of Calexico
Patricia Ramirez	City of Calipatria
Hector Salcedo	City of El Centro
Melanie Amarillas	City of Holtville
Fernando L. Williams	City of Imperial
Ramiro Barajas	City of Westmorland
Marco Coronel	County of Imperial
Adolfo Garcia	County of Imperial
Manuel Ortiz	IID

Others:

Michael Coyne	City of Calexico
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Cesar Beltran	ICTC
Bryan Ott	Caltrans
Alejandro Lopez-Rangel	Caltrans
Frank Safaie	Caltrans
Rebecca Villarino	Caltrans
Joe Loya	Torres Martinez Desert Cahuila Indians

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present, and introductions were made. There were no public comments made.

1. A *motion* was made to adopt the minutes for January 23, 2025 (Falomir/Ortiz), **Motion Carried.**
2. **2025 Call for Projects – Project Prioritization Framework – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) -FFY 2026/27 to FFY 2027/28**
(Presented by ICTC Staff)

ICTC staff forwarded this item to the Technical Advisory Committee for discussion and recommendation to submit to the ICTC Management Committee and Commission after public comments, if any:

1. Approve 2025 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Call for Projects Nominations Schedule;
2. Approve the Project Prioritization Framework for the 2025 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Call for Project Nominations;
3. Direct staff to convene an evaluation committee to score and rank the projects; and,
4. Direct staff to return with a list of recommended projects for approval by the Commission.

A motion was made to approve the Action Item. ([Atondo/Barajas](#)) **Motion Carried.**

3. Caltrans Updates / Announcements

(Presented by Caltrans Staff)

- March 6th. Deadline to submit justification for inactive projects. To find the list of inactive projects, follow the link: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/inactive-projects>
- March 14th Deadline for California Transportation Commission (CTC) requests. Please see the link for more information: March 14, 2025 – Deadline for California Transportation Commission (CTC) Requests. Please see the link below to review the schedule of deadlines and prepare requests for California Transportation Commission (CTC) approval during May 15-16, 2025, CTC meeting. https://dot.ca.gov/media/dotmedia/programs/financialprogramming/documents/2025_external_preparation_schedule.pdf
- Quality Assurance Program expires in April 9th and May 28th for Calexico and El Centro. For more information, please contact Frank Safaie at 619-985-2444.
- October 1st. Bridge Investment Program Planning Application Deadline. Further details are available at this link: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/bip/>
- Key Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Further details are available at this link: <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>
- 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>
- Ms. Villarino from District 11 Small Business Team invited all to register for the next Imperial Valley Procurement and Resource Fair happening on April 2, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

4. SCAG Updates / Announcements

(Presented by SCAG Staff)

- Mr. Salgado talked about the 2025 SCAG Scholarship Program. For more information, please visit the link: <https://scag.ca.gov/scholarship>

5. ICTC Updates / Announcements

(Presented by ICTC Staff)

a. Transit Updates

- Ms. Flores provided an update regarding the new Intermodal Transportation Center on the East Port. ICTC is working with Caltrans staff on project award documentation. More information in the coming months.
- Ms. Flores stated that the Intermodal Transportation Center in Downtown Calexico will be having a groundbreaking on February 28th.
- Ms. Flores shared information about the new Border Express Route.
- Ms. Flores shared information about the UTN survey going on.

b. Transportation Planning Updates

- State/Federal Funded Project Obligation Updates 24/25

6. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

Updates were given by the agencies.

7. General Discussion / New Business

No new business was discussed.

The next TAC meeting will be on March 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.