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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

June 22, 2023

Present:

Phillip Ramirez	City of Brawley
George Galvan	City of Calipatria
Lily Falomir	City of Calexico-zoom
Andrea Montano	City of El Centro
Adriana Anguis	City of Holtville
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Ramiro Barajas	City of Westmorland-zoom
Manuel Ortiz	Imperial Irrigation District

Others:

David Aguirre	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Angela Delgadillo	ICTC
Manuel Cabrera	City of Brawley
Felix De Leon	City of El Centro
Ismael Garcia	County of Imperial
Adolfo Garcia	County of Imperial
Robin Owen	Caltrans
Marria Ibarra	Caltrans
Byran Ott	Caltrans
Nick Ventrilla	Caltrans
Rafael Reyes	Caltrans
David Salgado	SCAG
Carmen Vargas	Barclays
Simon Gutman	Barclays
Chris Ougan	Barclays

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 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 May 25, 2023 ([Atondo/Anguis](#)) **Motion Carried.**
3. **ICLTA Market Update and Financing Opportunities:**
(Presented by: *Carmen Vargas, Barclays*)

- Barclays staff provided a brief presentation on the Imperial County Local Transportation Authority Market Update and Financing Opportunities. For any questions, please contact Carmen Vargas at carmen.vargas@barclays.com or Simon Gutman at simon.gutman@barclays.com

4. ICTC Updates / Announcements

(Presented by ICTC Staff)

a. Transit Planning Updates

- **Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) FREE FARES PROGRAM:**

- 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.

- **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.

b. Transportation Planning Updates

- **Long Range Transportation Plan:**

- There will be a virtual community meeting held on Thursday, July 13, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on the proposed transportation projects and improvements aimed at making it easier and safer to get around the valley.
- There will also be open house drop-ins on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at various locations. Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- Project page: <https://ictc-lrtp2023.org/>
- For more information, please contact Virginia Mendoza at virginiamendoza@imperialctc.org
- **FY 22/23 Federal / State Funded Project Obligation List:**
- Each jurisdiction confirmed the obligation status of each project.

5. Caltrans Updates / Announcements:

(Presented by: Rafael Reyes and Robin Owen)

- June 9, 2023, is the deadline to submit Inactive invoices or justifications.
- July 14, 2023 – Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 22/23 Requests for Authorization – Due Immediately!
- June 7, 2023 – Local Assistance Day Statewide Webinar (8:30 – 11:30)
- Preparation Schedule for California Transportation Commission (CTC) Allocation Requests: 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, **August 18**, 2023, is the final deadline (for that October 18-19, 2023, CTC meeting).
- Projects with Lapsing Project End Dates (PED): On June 1, 2023, the list of active Project End Dates (PED) was updated.
- A complete PED list – <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/projects/projects-with-expiring-end-dates>
- Reconnecting Communities: “Highways to Boulevards” Pilot Program: 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>
- July 10, 2023 – Deadline for Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program
- July 14, 2023 – California Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Grant
- August 1, 2023 – FHWA Deadline for Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP)
- August 18, 2023 –USDOT Deadline for PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program
- June 1, 2023 – Annual Deadline for *Local Assistance Procedures Manual* Exhibits 9-B & 9-C!

- Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) Program: FHWA is anticipating the next call for applications in summer 2023 – <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/significant>

6. SCAG Updates / Announcements:

(Presented by: David Salgado)

- SCAG Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Reform Process: A link will be provided to the DRAFT RHNA Recommendations and the SCAG RHNA Reform Survey, open through June 30, 2023.
- REAP 2.0 Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands Grant Program: SCAG is pleased to announce that the REAP 2.0 Call for Applications for the Housing
- Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPP) Program Pilot is now open until July 10. The completed application and all required attachments must be submitted by email to housing@scag.ca.gov with “HIPP Application” in the subject line. An emailed Dropbox link is also acceptable.

7. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

- Each jurisdiction gave their update.

8. General Discussion / New Business

No new business was discussed.

Next TAC meeting will be on August 24, 2023, via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.