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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

CITY OF CALIPATRIA
Calipatria City Hall^[1]_{SEP}
125 North Park Avenue
Calipatria, CA 92233

Wednesday, September 10, 2025
10:30 A.M.

CHAIR: DR. KATHLEEN LANG

VICE CHAIR: LAURA GUTIERREZ

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

- A. Discussion/Action of emergency items, if necessary.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

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| A. | Approval of Management Committee Draft Minutes | July 09, 2025 | Pages 4-13 |
| B. | Receive and File: | | |
| 1. | ICTC Commission Minutes: | June 25, 2025 | |
| 2. | ICTC TAC Minutes: | June 26, 2025 | |

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

V. REPORTS

- A. ICTC / LTA / IVRMA Executive Director
 - ICTC Executive Director Report on page 15
- B. Southern California Association of Governments
 - See attached report on page 22
- C. California Department of Transportation – District 11
 - See attached report on page 25
- D. Committee Member Reports

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. Award of Contract for Consulting Services - Imperial County Region Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Feasibility Study Page 33

It is requested that the ICTC Management Committee forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

- 1. Approve the award of the contract for the completion of the Imperial County EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study to C&S Engineers, Inc in the amount of \$166,388.00.
- 2. Authorize the executive director to sign the agreement.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

- A. The next Management Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 08, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., at the ICTC office

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Management Committee Draft Minutes July 09, 2025
- B. Receive and File:
 - 1. ICTC Commission Minutes: June 25, 2025
 - 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: June 26, 2025

**IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF July 09, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Brawley	Absent
City of Calexico	Armando Orozco
City of Calipatria	Laura Gutierrez
City of El Centro	Robert Sawyer
City of Holtville	Nick Wells
City of Imperial	Thomas Garcia
County of Imperial	Dr. Kathleen Lang
County of Imperial	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Manuel Ortiz
City of Westmorland	Absent
ICTC	David Aguirre

STAFF PRESENT: Esperanza Avila, Cristi Lerma, Marlene Flores

OTHERS PRESENT: David Salgado: SCAG; Alejandro Lopez-Rangel: Caltrans; Emmet Fried: City of Brawley

The following minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Imperial County Transportation Commission Management Committee and as listed on the agenda for the meeting held Wednesday, July 9, 2025, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Ms. Laura Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m., roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were none.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of Management Committee Draft Minutes May 14, 2025 & June 11, 2025

B. Receive and File:

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| 1. ICTC Commission Minutes: | May 28, 2025 |
| 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: | May 22, 2025 |
| 3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: | May 7, 2025 |

C. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Transportation Services FY24-25 ICTC grant application

1. Authorized the Executive Director or his designee to submit an FTA 5310 FY24-25 Grant, execute all required documents and any amendments with the California Department of Transportation for the continued funding of the Regional Mobility Coordination Program.

2. Authorized the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution
3. Directed staff to forward the FTA 5310 Grant Application and associated documentation to the California Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by [Wells](#) seconded by [Garcia](#) to approve the consent calendar as presented;
Motion carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS

A. ICTC Executive Director

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- ICTC has been working towards developing a bus stop maintenance program for a few years. Part of the program was to develop a bus stop inventory which noted the gps locations of the bus stops in addition to a description of the assets (if any) at the bus stop. Under its existing structure, the cities/county (where the bus stops are located) are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the bus stops. In return, ICTC provides each of the cities/county funding to maintain and repair the bus stops. To provide a consolidated maintenance effort, ICTC is working with each of the cities/county to transition the maintenance and replacement of the bus stops to ICTC. ICTC will in turn utilize the funding it currently provides to the cities/county to complete the same effort. ICTC is anticipating beginning the maintenance efforts in July 2025.
- The Contractor continues with construction activities for the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) project. Project demolition activities have been completed, and grading efforts are underway.
- ICTC is working on IVT Ride service modifications that include redeveloping the service logo and building a mobile software. The project is proposed to go live in September 2025. ICTC will be completing presentations about the service modifications to key stakeholders and the city councils of the affected communities and will also be conducting a public hearing to finalize the modifications to the service. The public hearing is scheduled to take place prior to the July 2025 commission meeting.
- The Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis is anticipated to take a year to complete. The project has kicked off and outreach efforts have taken place. The Analysis is currently being developed.
- ICTC has completed a phase 1 and 2 site assessment for the proposed ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility site. ICTC has obtained NEPA clearance from the FTA for the acquisition of the project. During the meeting on March 26, 2025, the Commission approved the acquisition of the property pending FTA concurrence. Staff have obtained FTA concurrence and are now working towards finalizing the acquisition.
- Staff have issued the RFP for the Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study project, and the procurement process is anticipated to close in late June 2025. ICTC is working towards a July 2025 award.
- ICTC is proceeding with allocation of Right of Way Funding with the CTC in June 2025 for the Calexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center.
- All ICTC Executive Directors' updates can be found on page 24.

B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Mr. Salgado had the following updates:

- July 01, 2025: California State Budget Reduces Barriers to Housing Production and Extends Deadline for Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) Program: The trailer bills also include a six-month extension for expenditures under the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) program. This extension helps to make up for time lost during proposed cuts to the REAP program during the 2024 state budget process, which jeopardized SCAG's \$231 million in funding from this program, most of which had been granted to projects throughout Southern California. SCAG staff will work with California Department of Housing and Development (HCD) to determine how the time extension will be administered and how this affects SCAG's timeline for delivery of the program.
 - SCAG has released two new reports that examine the region's economic landscape and propose strategies to expand access to quality jobs, career training, and long-term economic mobility—particularly for communities historically underrepresented in the workforce.
 - SCAG updates can be found on page 32 of the agenda.
- C. Caltrans Department of Transportation – District 11
Mr. Lopez-Rangel had the following updates:
- Friday, August 15, 2025, is the final submittal deadline for allocations and time extensions for the October 16-17, 2025, CTC meeting.
 - National Tribal Grant Writing Workshop (NTGWW): Deadline to apply is 7/27/2025.
 - Survey: Identifying the Needs of Local Public Agencies and Tribes- Please help by taking the survey.
 - Caltrans updates can be found on page 36 of the agenda.
- D. Committee Member Reports
- There were no other reports.

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. 2025 Call for Projects – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Programming Project List – FFY 2026/27 to FFY 2027/28

The ICTC TAC met on June 26, 2025, and forwarded this item to the ICTC Management Committee and the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approved the 2025 Call for Projects - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant Recommended Programming Project List for FFY2026/27 to FFY2027/28
2. Directed staff to program projects in the next available Federal Transportation Improvement Program Formal Amendment upon receipt of approval

A motion was made by Wells seconded by Garcia for approval as presented; **Motion carried unanimously.**

- VII. The next meeting is scheduled for **September 10, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.** at the City of Calipatria.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR JUNE 25, 2025
6:00 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Brawley	Gil Rebollar
City of Calipatria	Javier Amezcua
City of Calexico	Lisa Tylanda
City of El Centro	Sonia Carter
City of Imperial	Robert Amparano
City of Holtville	Absent
City of Westmorland	Ana Beltran (Zoom)
County of Imperial	John Hawk
County of Imperial	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Karin Eugenio

STAFF PRESENT: David Aguirre, Cristi Lerma, Esperanza Avila, Gustavo Gomez, Michelle Bastidas
OTHERS PRESENT: Eric Havens: ICTC Counsel; Ann Fox, Melina Pereira, John Garcia: Caltrans
PUBLIC: None.

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Imperial County Transportation Commission and as listed on the agenda for the meeting held Wednesday, June 25, 2025, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

[Chair Amparano](#) called the Commission meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were none.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar was reviewed and forwarded by the ICTC Management Committee.

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| A. | ICTC Commission Minutes: | May 28, 2025 |
| B. | Receive and file: | |
| 1. | ICTC Management Committee Minutes: | May 14, 2025 |
| 2. | ICTC TAC Minutes: | April 26, 2025 |
| 3. | ICTC SSTAC Minutes: | April 2, 2025 |
| C. | Specific Transit Operator Fiscal Reports FY 2023-24 for Imperial Valley Transit, IVT Access, IVT Ride and IVT MedTrans | |
| 1. | Received and filed the Specific Transit Operator Fiscal Reports FY 2023-24; IMPERIAL VALLEY TRANSIT, IVT ACCESS, IVT RIDE and IVT MedTrans | |

D. FY 2025-26 Tenth Revision to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); ICTC - Quechan Indian Tribe - Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transit Authority (YCIPTA) for Turquoise Route #10 and Blue Route #5

1. Authorized the Chairperson to sign the Tenth Extension to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA), The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) and the Quechan Indian Tribe for the continued implementation and operation of a regional connector bus service (YCAT Turquoise #10) between Yuma AZ, Winterhaven and El Centro, California; and, a circulator route from Yuma with stops in the eastern Imperial County area (YCAT Blue #5) effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and provide a not to exceed subsidy to the Quechan Tribe and YCIPTA in an amount of \$242,350.02.

A motion was made by [Carter](#) and seconded by [Tylenda](#) to approve the consent calendar as presented, roll call:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Yes
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Absent
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Hawk	Yes
County of Imperial Singh	Absent
City of Westmorland	Zoom
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

V. REPORTS

A. ICTC Executive Director

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- ICTC has been working towards developing a bus stop maintenance program for a few years. Part of the program was to develop a bus stop inventory which noted the GPS locations of the bus stops in addition to a description of the assets (if any) at the bus stop. Under its existing structure, the cities/county (where the bus stops are located) are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the bus stops. In return, ICTC provides each of the cities/county funding to maintain and repair the bus stops. To provide a consolidated maintenance effort, ICTC is working with each of the cities/county to transition the maintenance and replacement of the bus stops to ICTC. ICTC will in turn utilize the funding it currently provides to the cities/county to complete the same effort. ICTC is anticipating beginning the maintenance efforts in July 2025.
- The contractor continues with construction activities on the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center project. Project demolition activities have been completed, and grading efforts are underway.
- ICTC is working on redeveloping the service logo for the IVT Ride service, in addition to building the mobile software for anticipated use. The project is proposed to go live in September 2025. ICTC will be completing presentations about the service modifications to key stakeholders and the city councils of the affected communities and will also be conducting a public hearing to finalize the modifications to the service. The public hearing is scheduled to take place prior to the July 2025 commission meeting.
- ICTC has completed a phase 1 and 2 site assessment for the proposed site of the ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility. ICTC has obtained NEPA clearance from the FTA for the acquisition of the project. During the meeting on March 26, 2025, the

Commission approved the acquisition of the property pending FTA concurrence. Staff obtained FTA concurrence and as of this week has closed escrow and have acquired the property. Consequently, the next phase of Design and Environmental will begin soon with the development of a Request for Proposals. Additionally, a zone change will need to take place.

- The Imperial County region submitted a total of 15 CMAQ & STBG applications from the cities of Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial and the County of Imperial. The scoring and ranking of projects were completed by members of the ICTC TAC in June 2025 and it is anticipated that a priority list of projects will be submitted to the commission in July 2025. Recommendations are due to SCAG on August 1, 2025.
- Staff has issued the RFP for the Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study, and the procurement process is anticipated to close on July 7, 2025. ICTC is working towards a July 2025 award.
- ICTC is proceeding with allocation of Right of Way Funding with the CTC in June 2025 for the Calexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center. ICTC is working on the next steps to have the proposed property appraised and to work towards acquisition.
- All ICTC Executive Directors' updates can be found on page 68

B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

- Updates can be found on the SCAG report on page 76 of the agenda.

C. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)- District 11

Ms. Fox had the following updates:

- Please join California's Transportation Reauthorization Work Group to help us determine priorities in the next bill. Sign up for biweekly updates federal-liaison@dot.ca.gov. Next webinar is July 8th, 9:00am-11:00am.
- Caltrans has been working with their congressional representatives to provide statewide priorities and projects for the upcoming Surface Transportation Reauthorization.
- Caltrans participated in the Binational Bridges and Border Crossing Group in Mexico City, Mexico on June 10-11. Sponsored by US DOS and SRE. Caltrans provided updates on SR-11/Otay Mesa East and Calexico West Port of Entry. Mexican Customs (Aduanas) is now in charge of port infrastructure and operation but will use military (SEDENA).
- Dina A. El-Tawansy has been selected as our new Caltrans District Director. Her leadership experience spans three Districts and Multiple Divisions. Currently she serves as the Caltrans Bay Area (D4) District Director and will start on her new role on July 7th.
- There are several grant opportunities currently available including the Safe Streets and Roads for All, Bridge Investment Program, and FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Program.
 - a. The USDOT website provides a DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard for grant opportunities in various areas such as: Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART), Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs. Directions, deadlines, and links are on page 86 of the agenda.
 - b. The FFY 2026 NOFO is now open with the deadlines for (1) large bridge project grant applications due August 1, (2) regular bridge project grant applications due November 1, and (3) planning project grant applications due October 1.

- c. FHWA Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A): The FFY 2025 NOFO is now open with applications due June 26.
 - All other updates can be found on page 79
- D. Commission Member Reports
 - Updates were provided by various commissioners.

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. ICTC Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget, Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Mr. Aguirre provided a presentation to commissioners and answered any questions.

1. Adopted the Draft ICTC Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget for FY 2025/2026.

A motion was made by [Rebollar](#) and seconded by [Amezcu](#) to approve Action A as presented, roll call:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Yes
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Absent
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Hawk	Yes
County of Imperial Singh	Absent
City of Westmorland	Zoom
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

Motion Carried.

VII. MEETING DATE AND PLACE

- A. The next meeting will be on July 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the ICTC Offices, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243, and via Zoom Meeting for the public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting Adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 26, 2025

Present:

Gloria Moreno	City of Calexico
Lili Falomir	City of Calexico
Francisco Barba	City of Calipatria
Melanie Amarillas	City of Calipatria
Hector Salcedo	City of El Centro
Felix de Leon	City of El Centro
Chandler Sinclair	City of Holtville
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Fernando Williams	City of Imperial
Adolfo Garcia	County of Imperial
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Manuel Ortiz	IID
Bently C. Rothfleisch	IID

Others:

Michael Coyne	City of Calexico
Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Liz Zarate	City of El Centro
Ramiro Barajas	City of Westmorland
David Aguirre	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Cesar Beltran	ICTC
Kiran Parmar	Caltrans
Alejandro Lopez-Rangel	Caltrans
Frank Safaie	Caltrans
David Salgado	SCAG

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 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 May 22, 2025 ([Falomir/Ortiz](#)), **Motion Carried.**

2. California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) 2027 Update

(Presented by Caltrans Staff)

Mrs. Parmar presented a brief update on the California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP) 2027 Update. No comments were made.

3. 2025 Call for Projects – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Programming Project List – 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. Approved the 2025 Call for Projects - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant Recommended Programming Project List for FFY2026/27 to FFY2027/28;
2. Direct staff to program projects in the next available Federal Transportation Improvement Program Formal Amendment upon receipt of approval.

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

Ms. Flores provided the item's next steps.

4. Caltrans Updates / Announcements

(Presented by Caltrans Staff)

- Mr. Lopez-Rangel requested a review of the inactive projects list for the agencies of Holtville, Brawley, Calexico, City of Imperial and the ICTC.
- Mr. Lopez-Rangel requested to review the list of Project End Date for the agencies of Holtville, Brawley and ICTC.
- Mr. Lopez-Rangel stated that City of Brawley's UEI expires July 22nd and Calipatria's expires August 19th.
- July 30th is the deadline for submitting the Title VI Program Assessment Online Form.

Mr. Aguirre asked if there were any comments issued from FHWA or Caltrans related to the Title VI plans that were submitted, Mr. Lopez-Rangel commented that he will asked the Program Manager if any.

5. SCAG Updates / Announcements

No updates were given

6. ICTC Updates / Announcements

(Presented by ICTC Staff)

Mr. Aguirre provided several project updates.

7. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

Updates were given by the agencies.

8. General Discussion / New Business

No new business was discussed.

The TAC Members voted to go dark for July. The next meeting is scheduled for August.

The next TAC meeting will be on August 28, 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.

V. REPORTS

- A. ICTC/LTA/IVRMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
- B. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS REPORT
- C. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-DISTRICT 11
- D. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS



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Memorandum

Date: September 5, 2025
To: ICTC Commission Meeting
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 September 10, 2025.

- 1) **Local Transportation Authority Measure D Ordinance proposed amendment and public hearing:** The Local Transportation Authority (LTA) will be conducting a public hearing to consider a potential amendment to the Measure D ordinance regarding the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to update and clarify the ordinance language to ensure a more equitable process among all jurisdictions. Specifically, the amendment seeks to replace existing language in Section 6 (sentences 2–4), which currently outlines how jurisdictions must maintain their commitment of transportation funds and how the Authority enforces this requirement. The revised language is intended to streamline compliance and provide consistency across all agencies. Public notice of the hearing was published in the Imperial Valley Press. Additionally, notices are posted on both the LTA website at www.ltaimperial.com and the ICTC website at www.imperialctc.org.
- 2) **SAVE THE DATE – ICTC General Assembly on January 22, 2026:** ICTC will be hosting its General Assembly on Thursday, January 22, 2026, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Old Eucalyptus Schoolhouse. Admission for elected officials and city/county managers and distinguished guests will be complimentary. Staff are actively working to secure sponsorship opportunities to support the event. For questions or to learn more about sponsorship options, please contact Cristi Lerma. A follow-up email with more details, including how to register, will be sent soon.
- 3) **Bus Stop Maintenance Program:** ICTC has been working towards developing a bus stop maintenance program for many years. Part of the program was to develop a bus stop inventory which noted the gps locations of the bus stops in addition to a description of the assets (if any) at the bus stop. Under its existing structure, the cities/county (where the bus stops are located) are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the bus stops. In return, ICTC provides each of the cities/county funding to maintain and repair the bus stops. To provide a consolidated maintenance effort, ICTC is working with each of the cities/county to transition the maintenance and replacement of the bus stops to ICTC. ICTC will in turn utilize the funding it currently provides to the cities/county to complete the same effort. ICTC has begun the maintenance efforts associated with the bus stops for the cities of El Centro, Calexico, Calipatria, Holtville and the unincorporated communities of Seeley, Niland and Heber. ICTC is working with the cities of Imperial and Brawley to transition maintenance efforts soon.
- 4) **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. The contract was awarded at the April Commission meeting. ICTC has already participated in a kickoff meeting with the consultant and all of the effected agencies. The project design is ongoing and is anticipated to be completed in the next few months. ICTC obtained additional funding to incorporate additional bus stop locations. The new location designs are being incorporated into the overall project design. **The 65% percent improvement plans have been completed and were distributed to participating agencies. ICTC has received agency comments, and the comments have been forwarded to the consultant for incorporation into the project improvement plans. The improvement plans have been finalized at the 100% completion level. Final preparation of the project specifications and contract documents plans is being completed. ICTC is working towards procurement and hopes to start construction in the fall of 2025.**

- 5) **2024 Local Partnership Program, Cycle 5:** The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Senate Bill 1) created the Local Partnership Program (LPP) as a program to reward and incentivize local or regional transportation agencies that have sought and received voter approval of taxes or that have imposed fees, which taxes or fees are dedicated solely for transportation improvements. The program is implemented by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The CTC adopted the 2024 LPP Program Cycle 5 Guidelines on August 15-16, 2024. As a result of the adoption of the Cycle 5 Guidelines the Call for Projects has opened. The LPP Grant funds require a one-to-one match. The Imperial County Region's estimated allocation amount for FY 2025/26 is \$524million and \$520 million for FY2026/27 for a total of \$1,044 million. **ICTC received news of an increase in Cycle 5 LPP funds following CTC's redistribution of unused Incentive Funds. This action resulted in a small increase of funds for FY 2025/26, available through June 2028. To access these funds, local agencies will work with ICTC and CTC staff in submitting Nomination Packet to the CTC for approval.** There is also a competitive program that is administered by the CTC. Guidelines for the program can be found at <https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/local-partnership-program/2024-lpp-competitive-guidelines-adopted-resolution.pdf>
- 6) **Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC):** A new Intermodal Transportation Center in the City of Calexico has been part of ICTC's long range transit planning. The new Calexico ITC will serve as a regional mobility hub that will accommodate bus bays for Imperial Valley Transit in addition to private bus companies, taxis and farm labor buses. ICTC previously received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal program fund to complete the environmental and design plans of the new Calexico ITC. The environmental and design phase has been completed. Right of Way Acquisition for the project has been completed. ICTC was 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 and Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Programs. ICTC recently completed the construction procurement efforts, and a contract award was issued to Hazard Construction. The project is anticipated to take a year to complete. We had a successful groundbreaking ceremony on February 28, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the project site. **The Contractor continues with construction activities for the project. Demolition activities have been completed and construction efforts associated with the development of building infrastructure is ongoing. The project remains on schedule and is anticipated to be completed in early 2026.**
- 7) **IVT Ride 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 anticipate 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. Staff provided the Commission with a presentation on August 28, 2024, with further details. There was consensus

to proceed with the software development and hardware acquisition. This item received approval to proceed to further development by the commission. ICTC has received state funding to complete the software and hardware upgrades for the project. ICTC Staff developed a plan to conduct outreach (including in-person presentations and surveys) to the public about the proposed service modifications. ICTC redeveloped the service logo and finalized mobile software for anticipated use. ICTC also provided presentations about the service modifications to key stakeholders and the city councils of the affected communities. A public hearing was held on July 23, 2025 as required by law. **The service began operating in its new capacity on September 2, 2025 and offered free rides to all. Ridership information will be shared to the Commission at the September 2025 meeting.**

- 8) **Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis:** Staff was able to secure grant funding to complete a Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). The COA is a comprehensive evaluation of ICTC's existing transit services while also presenting evaluation findings and recommendations to further improvement of ICTC's existing public transit system. ICTC intends to evaluate all ICTC operated services in addition to incorporating an assessment of the feasibility of intercity passenger rail. Staff recently released the Request for Proposals to the public and issued a contract award in October 2024. **The analysis is anticipated to take a year to complete. The project has kicked off and outreach efforts have taken place. The Analysis is currently being developed. The consultant is anticipating conducting presentations highlighting proposed recommendations to the commission in October 2025.**
- 9) **ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility:** ICTC staff has engaged with the proposed property owner's representative about ICTC's interest in the property. ICTC has also communicated with the city of El Centro regarding action items that would need to take place to facilitate the goal of the project. ICTC has also communicated with grant agencies and our Zero Emission Bus Plan engineering consultant to develop a preliminary site plan of the proposed improvements. Next steps include executing a Letter of Intent with the property owner, continuing coordination with the city of El Centro, and to begin conducting the required environmental studies like a Phase 1 Site Assessment. ICTC will also continue to work on grant opportunities to fund the acquisition of the property. A preliminary site plan has been prepared and was shared with the commission. ICTC was recently informed that it had received a funding commitment for the completion of the design/environmental phases of the project. ICTC has completed a phase 1 and 2 site assessment for the proposed site. ICTC has obtained NEPA clearance from the FTA for the acquisition of the project. During the meeting on March 26, 2025, the Commission approved the acquisition of the property pending Federal Transit Administration (FTA) concurrence. ICTC completed the acquisition of the project site in June 2025. **Staff are currently finalizing the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Environmental and Design Services. Staff's goal is to release the RFP in September 2025. Staff was also able to submit multiple grant applications for the anticipated construction efforts under the FTA 5339 for Bus Facilities and Low No Emission Programs.**
- 10) **CMAQ and STBG Call for Projects:** SCAG implemented a call for projects for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG). The funding years associated with this call for projects are FFY 2026-27 and FFY 2027-28. SCAG adopted the CMAQ/STBG Guidelines at its March 6, 2025, Regional Council Meeting. This item was taken to the ICTC TAC in February and was presented to the Management Committee and Commission respectively in March 2025. ICTC adopted its scoring framework at the March 2025 Commission Meeting. The Call for Projects opened on March 31, 2025, and **closed on May 16, 2025**, at 5 p.m. Applications were due to SCAG via its online application portal. **The Imperial County region submitted a total of 15 applications from the cities of Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial and the County of Imperial. The scoring and ranking of projects was completed by members of the ICTC TAC in June 2025. The recommendations were presented to the Management Committee in July 2025 and to the commission in July 2025. Staff forwarded the final list of recommendations to SCAG for further evaluation in July 2025. SCAG is currently evaluating project submittals across the SCAG region.**
- 11) **2nd Street/Anza Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project:** ICTC is working with Caltrans to develop an approach towards proceeding with the development of the required environmental and engineering phases for the rehabilitation 2nd Street/Anza Road Bridge Project. **ICTC met with Caltrans to discuss the next steps and will begin development of the required actions to proceed with the project. ICTC will be working closely with Caltrans and the city of Calexico on further actions. ICTC is anticipating proceeding environmental analysis and design in early 2026.**

- 12) **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. **ICTC is now in the process of finalizing the contract agreement with one of the proposers. The agreement will be presented to the Commission for approval in September.**
- 13) **EV Charger Acquisition Project:** Staff are working on developing an EV charger acquisition project across multiple cities throughout the county. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. Once the charger stations are acquired, ICTC will proceed with the next steps associated with the installation. **ICTC released the RFP for the project on August 29, 2025. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in FY 2025–26.**
- 14) **Potential HHW Site in Calipatria:** Staff are currently exploring the potential development of a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection site within the City of Calipatria. This initiative is part of our ongoing efforts to enhance environmental stewardship and promote public safety by providing residents with a dedicated and accessible location for the proper disposal of household hazardous materials. The implementation of this project is contingent upon securing appropriate grant funding, which will support the necessary infrastructure, operational costs, and community outreach efforts. Should the grant be awarded, this facility would significantly improve local access to safe and environmentally responsible HHW disposal options, thereby reducing the risk of improper waste management and its associated environmental and health impacts. Staff will continue to seek opportunities and will keep the Commission informed of any developments as they arise.
- 15) **New Border Express Route starting February 10, 2025:** Staff have coordinated the implementation of a demonstration route that will operate Monday through Friday at select times between the 3rd and Paulin Bus Stop to the Calexico East POE. This is being demonstrated in anticipation of a larger scale route associated with the upcoming transit facility that is anticipated to begin when the new East POE facility is completed. There is also an additional IVC Express Trip embedded in the new service which will help alleviate some of the congestion we see on some of our IVC Express trips. **Staff will be providing updates as it pertains to the development of the service.**
- 16) **Calexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center:** ICTC was recently awarded \$12.6 million by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) through its Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) to acquire, design and construct a transit facility at the Calexico East Port of Entry (POE). The goal of the Calexico East POE Intermodal Transportation Center is to create a transformative transportation hub that integrates various modes of transportation including public transit buses. The facility is anticipated to offer amenities such as shade, seating, bicycle parking, signage, and travel guidance, addressing the current lack of amenities and transportation options for pedestrians crossing the border at the Calexico East POE. Additionally, this project will bring four new zero emission vehicles to provide public transit services to the area. The project will have several phases with an estimated completion date in 2030. The Master Agreement between ICTC and Caltrans was approved at the April 2025 Commission Meeting. **ICTC received approval to proceed with Right of Way acquisition from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in June 2025. ICTC is working on next steps to proceed with the property acquisition.**
- 17) **Electronic Fare Payments:** ICTC is currently pursuing the implementation of an electronic fare payment system to its fixed route transit services. The system would allow all of its fixed route buses to take card payments in addition to its existing cash payment system. ICTC has received approval to utilize grant funds and intends to proceed with the development of the project. **ICTC recently received various bids from interested parties for consideration. ICTC is evaluating the responses and intends to work towards a potential contract award in October 2025.**
- 18) **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 completed, and the PSR was presented to the management committee and commission in September 2024. ICTC will proceed with further aspects of project development. Staff is currently working with Caltrans Staff to move the project into the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase.**

19) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** The IMBA Strategic Planning and regular meetings were held on January 9, 2025, in the City of Mexicali at the CDEM Offices. The rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair was done during the Strategic Planning Meeting. IMBA’s 2025 Chair is Abel Graciano representing the Mexicali Region and Vice-Chair is David Aguirre from ICTC representing the Imperial County Region. **The next IMBA is scheduled to be held on September 11, 2025, in Mexicali.**

20) **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, 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. CBP will be working with Caltrans to obtain environmental clearance once funding for construction is obtained. The improvement plans have been prepared in the final draft form and have been submitted to Caltrans for review. Caltrans has provided review comments on the improvement plans. ICTC will work with the design engineer to complete the required updates. Environmental studies and Caltrans submittal are pending submittal by CBP. **ICTC’s consultant has finalized the project improvement plans and CBP will proceed with developing environmental documents and pursue funding for the construction of the facility. ICTC continues to engage in discussions with the CBP team on the next steps for the project. The project requires the finalization of the environmental documents prior to proceeding with the construction phase.**

21) **Reap 2.0 – Subregional Partnership Program:** ICTC was awarded a total of \$274,133 in funding from the Reap 2.0 Subregional Partnership Program to provide technical support to our local agencies with housing planning and to facilitate housing production. ICTC has notified each of our member agencies about the funding availability. Several cities have expressed interest in the funding and staff is working with each of the agencies to further evaluate their proposed projects. **Final projects have been identified and awarded by the commission. A project kickoff meeting was held with SCAG and the funding awardees. SCAG is working with the awardees to proceed with the project. The City of Calexico and City of Westmorland were able to secure additional funding from SCAG to further develop their projects.**

22) **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 with guideline documentation and were encouraged to submit potential projects.

Program	Applicants	Total Value Requested by All Applicants
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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 recommended projects to SCAG as part of the final submittal process. SCAG recently approved the list of projects anticipated to receiving funding. The project list is as follows:

Program	Applicants	Total Value Requested by All Applicants
CMAQ	City of Imperial – Aten Blvd Sidewalk Installation Phases 1 through 3	\$388,000
STBG	City of Imperial – P Street Rehab	\$519,000
STBG	City of El Centro – S. Imperial Avenue Utility Relocations	\$520,000
STBG	City of Brawley – Western Avenue Improvements	\$599,000
CRP	ICTC – EV Charger Study	\$150,000
CRP	City of Imperial – EV Charger Installation Phases 1 and 2	\$622,000

ICTC staff will be working with local agency staff and programming all approved projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). **Several projects have already started development for use of the grant funds.**

- 23) **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.
- 24) **San Diego & Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Strategy:** The study is posted to the ICTC website at: <https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/san-diego-imperial-counties-sustainable-freight-implementation-strategy-final-report-2024-02-01.pdf>
- 25) **Funding Opportunities:**
 - Local Partnership Program (LPP)- Schedule and major milestones can be found at: <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/local-partnership-program/local-partnership-program-formulaic>
 - For a complete list of California specific grant opportunities go to <https://www.grants.ca.gov/>
 - For a complete list of federal transportation grant opportunities go to <https://www.transportation.gov/infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act>
- 26) **Meetings/trainings attended on behalf of ICTC Executive Director and staff:**

Various project specific meetings are held throughout the month.

Various community presentations are held throughout the month by the Regional Mobility Coordinator

Various transit community services provided throughout the month by ICTC/Imperial Valley Transit

 - July 22, 2025 – IVT RIDE modifications presentation to the County Board of Supervisors (Gustavo Gomez)
 - July 23, 2025 – IVT RIDE modifications presentation to the Calexico Community Center (Priscilla Baca)
 - July 23, 2025 – IVT RIDE modifications presentation to the Seeley Community Advisory Committee (Gustavo Gomez)

- July 30, 2025 – California - Baja California Border Resiliency Plan Interagency Task Force
- July 30, 2025 – SCAG Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
- July 30, 2025 – District 11 Obligation Plan Meeting (Marlene Flores)
- July 31, 2025 – Caltrans STIP Meeting at the ICTC Offices
- August 4, 2025 – Meet and Greet with new City of Brawley City Manager Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter in Brawley
- August 5, 2025 – IVT RIDE modifications presentation to the El Centro Adult Center (Priscilla Baca)
- August 6, 2025 – Meet and Greet with the new County of Imperial CEO Dr. Kathleen Lang at the County CEO offices
- August 6, 2025 – Meet and Greet with the new City of Calexico City Manager Benjamin Martinez at the ICTC offices
- August 6, 2025 – Quechan EV Electrification Feasibility Study - Advisory Committee - Initial Meeting via Microsoft Teams
- August 6, 2026 – IVRMA management meeting at the ICTC offices
- August 6, 2025 – IVT RIDE modifications presentation to the City of Imperial City Council
- August 8, 2025 – Water distribution to IVT Riders at the Calexico, El Centro and Brawley Transit stations
- August 8, 2025 – Imperial Valley Job Fair at the IV Mall
- August 11, 2025 – Water distribution to IVT Riders at the Calexico transit station
- August 12, 2025 – ICTC/IVRMA FY 2025 Audit Planning Meeting via Microsoft Teams
- August 13, 2025 – IVT Ride Now Training | Dispatch and Driver App Training via Google Meet
- August 14, 2025 – Calexico-Heber Bus Stop Inventory (Cesar Beltran)
- August 14, 2025 – California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting in San Diego
- August 14, 2025 – CTC Welcome Dinner in downtown San Diego
- August 15, 2025 – Mobility 21 Board Meeting (Joint with Advisory Board) and CTC CEO's/SCAG Meeting at the Metro offices in Los Angeles
- August 18, 2025 – Brawley IVT Gold Line Ride-Along (Priscilla Baca)
- August 19, 2025 – Caltrans Local Assistance Day Webinar (Marlene Flores)
- August 19, 2025 – IVT/SDSU Imperial Valley, Brawley Communications Meeting via Zoom Meeting (Gustavo Gomez)
- August 20, 2025 – Q3 Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) via Microsoft Teams
- August 20, 2025 – Passenger Rail Feasibility Kickoff with Huitt Zollars via Zoom Meeting
- August 21, 2025 – ICTC Staff Teambuilding Day in San Diego
- August 22, 2025 – Ride-Along on 4East and 4West (Priscilla Baca)
- August 25-26, 2025 – Advanced Paratransit Management and Operations Training in Oakland (Priscilla Baca)

Memorandum

Date: September 10, 2025
To: ICTC Committee and Management Meeting
From: David Salgado, Government Affairs Officer (GAO)
Re: **Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Report**

The following is a summary of the SCAG Executive Director's Report and/or Federal and State Legislature Staff Report for the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Management Committee and Regular Commission meeting for the month of SEPTEMBER 2025.

1. 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop: Revisiting the Intergenerational Contract OCTOBER 1, 9:00 a.m. In Person & Online

Registration is now open for the 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop, presented by SCAG and the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California. This is the 36th annual Demographic Workshop and will be held at SCAG's main office in Downtown Los Angeles, with an online attendance option, on Oct. 1, 2025. This is the 36th annual edition of the Demographic Workshop.

Moving into the second quarter of the century, dramatic demographic changes are reshaping age groups and their origins—with implications for the future of Southern California. Economic partnership among different segments of the population builds the social and economic strength of our Southern California communities. Workers with immigrant roots fortify businesses, health care services, and critical housing construction, but are becoming a less reliable source of growth. As the region's population ages, Southern California will have fewer children to take on key adult roles. Looking to the future, the fundamental interdependence among all segments of the regional community is becoming more apparent.

This year's workshop, "Revisiting the Intergenerational Contract," aims to create a deeper understanding of how groups in our society rely on one another across generations and between lifecycle stages. From immigrant workers' contributions in key jobs to evolving roles at different life stages, the workshop will explore the networks of care, labor, and shared responsibility essential to long-term prosperity. Panels will address the new demographic outlook, growing workforce needs and the contributions of both immigrants and young Californians, and the fundamental lifecycle-sharing that creates mutual support across groups in different life stages.

Register today for SCAG's 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop to gather with local leaders, elected officials, and regional demographic experts to discuss how changing population growth affects regional planning—from accommodating development to improving quality of life and cultivating the economy. Expert insights at the 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop will include region-

specific details from American Community Survey data and other demographic signals crucial to informed, and effective planning decisions.

2. SCAG Releases ‘2025 Transportation Safety Regional Existing Conditions’ Report

The September Transportation Committee and Regional Council meetings included an overview of the “2025 Transportation Safety Regional Existing Conditions Report,” scheduled for release in October to align with Walktober and to support local jurisdictions in developing targeted, data-informed transportation safety policies and improvements.

The report analyzes traffic safety trends from across the region between 2014 to 2024 by identifying patterns and trends in historical roadway collision data, including pedestrian- and bicyclist-involved collisions and fatalities. To learn more about existing and upcoming transportation safety resources, visit SCAG’s Transportation Safety website.

3. Economic Roundtable Releases Quarterly Economic Update

The SCAG Economic Roundtable met for its third 2025 quarterly discussion on Aug. 21. Highlights of the resulting report of the group’s findings include:

- Job growth in the region continued to be modest and narrow. There appear to be no major layoffs or job losses region-wide, though only the Healthcare and Social Assistance sector is growing significantly.
- While effective tariff rates currently sit at 18.6 percent, a majority of the burden is being absorbed by corporations and has not hit consumers. Impacts of tariffs—as well as federal funding cuts to Medicaid and research—do remain major longer-term concerns.
- In the SCAG region, 28 percent of the construction labor force is made up of undocumented immigrants—this (and other) sectors are being disrupted by increased enforcement action.
- Expansive California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions show promise for reducing some of the procedural roadblocks for urban infill projects statewide. While housing production has been sluggish in 2025 and 12,971 residential units were lost in L.A. County’s January wildfires, these exemptions provide a meaningful policy lever for boosting supply.

Read the entire Economic Roundtable Update the third quarter of 2025 on [SCAG News](#).

4. Region Facing New Transportation Conformity Challenges

At the September Executive/Administrative Committee and Regional Council meetings, SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise provided an update on an emerging air quality issue. On June 12, three Clean Air Act waivers that allowed California to adopt and enforce stricter vehicle emissions standards than the federal government, subject to approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), were revoked.

Due to this change, California and the entire SCAG region are currently under a transportation conformity lockdown—meaning no new regional transportation conformity determinations can be made until the lockdown is lifted. Since then, 10 states joined California in filing a lawsuit to reinstate the waivers.

This lockdown could significantly impact transportation investments throughout the SCAG region because SCAG cannot add new projects or make certain changes to existing projects under the lockdown. If a solution is not in place by spring 2026, the lockdown will impact timing of SCAG’s 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2, including projects associated with the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games needing new conformity analyses.

At a recent Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting, attended by U.S. EPA and California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff, SCAG learned that CARB is working on a solution, but there is no clear timeline on when that solution will be complete. SCAG will continue to report any updates on the situation.

5. SCAG Hosts Regional Transportation Demand Management and Freight Industry Forums to Prepare for the LA28 Games: September 02, 2025

In August, SCAG convened its second Regional Passenger Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Forum to share updates on planning efforts for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. The forum featured partner agency updates, a presentation on TDM best practices for large-scale events, and an open discussion on next steps for developing a cohesive regional strategy. The inaugural forum in May introduced LA28’s mobility planning framework, the Games Mobility Executives (GME), and SCAG’s coordinating role in shaping the regionwide TDM approach.

SCAG also hosted its third Regional Freight TDM Industry Forum, bringing together industry stakeholders, GME members, and regional partners to inform freight-specific TDM planning for the LA28 Games. The forum featured work plan and partner agency updates, lessons learned from the Paris 2024 Games, and key venue requirements and considerations from LA28. The first forum in November featured an industry panel and open discussion highlighting operational challenges and strategies during mega-events and expanded on SCAG’s coordinating role in preparing for the LA28 Games while maintaining supply chain fluidity across the region.

DISTRICT 11 LOCAL ASSISTANCE REPORT

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City of Brawley

City of El Centro

City of Calexico

City of Holtville

City of Imperial

* ICTC TAC Attendee

Area Engineer: Alejandro Lopez-Rangel

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Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)

City of Calipatria

City of Westmorland

County of Imperial

Imperial Irrigation District (IID)

* ICTC Management Committee Attendee

*****LOCAL AGENCY ITEMS*****

Inactive Projects

Per Chapter 5 of the Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM), signed Master Agreement (MA), and Program Supplement Agreement (PSA), invoices shall be submitted at a minimum of every six months. Projects that have not submitted an invoice in six or more months are noted on the Inactive List (see link [HERE](#)). If a project has not submitted an invoice in eleven plus months, please work with Alma Sanchez to submit a justification and cc your Area Engineer.

Project End Date (PED)

The Project End Date (PED) is the date the local agency establishes at each project milestone phase estimating the end of a specific phase of Federally eligible participating work. No additional Federally participating costs may be incurred for the authorized phase of work after this date unless a request is submitted by the local agency to establish a new PED. Work performed after a PED expires is ineligible for reimbursement. To allow for processing, please submit a PED extension request a few months prior to expiration, please see an Excel monthly update link [HERE](#). For submitting PED extension request, please see link [HERE](#). For questions, please contact your Area Engineer.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

Per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements, every local agency must have a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) to obligate federal funds. The UEI must be renewed every 12 months. Renewal of the UEIs is a 2-step process with FHWA & Caltrans. For UEI renewal instructions, please contact your Area Engineer.

Quality Assurance Program (QAP)

Per Chapter 16.11, a Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) ensures the materials and workmanship incorporated into each construction project conforms to the requirements of the contract plans and specifications, including approved changes. For Federally funded construction

projects, each local agency is required to adopt a QAP. No Federally funded construction authorizations will be processed without a valid QAP. QAPs are valid for five years. To renew your QAP, please contact your Area Engineer.

California Transportation Commission (CTC) Requests

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) administers funding for State programs listed below. For projects receiving State funds from these programs, Project Allocation Requests and Time Extensions Requests require CTC approval at one of their regularly scheduled meetings. See link [HERE](#) to review schedule of deadlines and prepare requests for CTC approval. Please work with your Area Engineer for CTC submittals.

State Programs administered by the CTC:

- * STIP - State Transportation Improvement Program
- * ATP - Active Transportation Program
- * LPP - Local Partnership Program
- * TCEP - Trade Corridor Enhancement Program
- * SCCP - Solutions for Congested Corridors Program

Friday, October 3, 2025, is the final submittal deadline for (Allocations & Time Extensions) for the December 4-5, 2025, CTC meeting.

Title VI Online Program Assessment Form

Per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements, local public agencies (LPAs) must complete the Title VI program Assessment Online Form, especially if LPAs receive FHWA funds. If required to have an FHWA Title VI Plan, LPAs can check out the [HERE](#) webpage to learn more about the FHWA Title VI requirements, as well as sample plans and templates. Local agencies are required to submit the forms every two years, please see link [HERE](#).

*******GRANTS*******

Selected Grant Funding Opportunities are listed below. Please click on below grant links for additional information on deadlines, qualifications, submittal information, etc.

Caltrans Grant Funding Newsletter and Letters of Support

Stay in touch with Caltrans and get updates sent directly to your inbox on current and future grant funding opportunities, including calls for Caltrans letters of support and application training webinars, by subscribing to the Caltrans Office of Strategic Investment Planning newsletter through the [Constant Contact link provided here](#).

For any grant and funding-related inquiries, including requests for Caltrans letters of support or partnership, please reach out directly to Caltrans District 11 Investment Planning Manager Brian Miller at brian.miller@dot.ca.gov.

U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Grant Opportunities

The USDOT website provides a DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard for grant opportunities in various areas such as: Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART), Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs. Directions, deadlines, and links to apply are [HERE](#).

U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Competitive Grants Dashboard

The USDOT Competitive Grants Dashboard provides communities with an overview of competitive grant opportunities that can help meet their transportation infrastructure needs. Designed with all communities in mind, the Dashboard identifies grant programs with rural and Tribal set-asides or match waivers available. The Dashboard also includes Federal grant programs outside of USDOT that may be of particular interest to [rural communities](#). The Dashboard is updated weekly. Directions, deadlines, and links to apply are [HERE](#).

Key Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

To provide stakeholders with more visibility on upcoming funding opportunities, DOT publishes a list of anticipated dates for upcoming Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for key programs. This list is not comprehensive and is updated periodically with additional programs and revised dates as appropriate.

Some key programs and their deadlines:

1. ACTIVE NOFOS

FHWA Bridge Investment Program (BIP)

The Bridge Investment Program is a competitive, discretionary program that focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridge in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition. The program offers three categories of funding: (1) large bridge projects (totaling over \$100 million), (2) regular bridge projects (under \$100 million), and (3) bridge planning and studies.

- * \$2.46 billion was made available for FFY 2026.
- * **Please note the BIP is currently on pause.** FHWA is reviewing the BIP NOFO for regular bridge projects and bridge planning and is no longer accepting applications at this time. FHWA has not provided any information on the status of the program. Caltrans will alert our partners if the NOFO is re-opened or re-posted but prospective applicants are encouraged to refer to grants.gov for any updates in the meantime.
- * Click link [HERE](#) for further information.

Innovative Finance and Asset Concession (IFAC) Program

The IFAC is a competitive program to assist with public-private partnerships (P3s) and new opportunities for the innovative delivery of eligible transportation infrastructure projects, including rural infrastructure, highway, transit and passenger rail, port and freight, and airport projects. The IFAC offers two grants – (1) technical assistance and (2) expert services – and is designed to help local agencies identify existing assets that could provide additional, new public benefits through asset concessions.

- * \$45.98 million is available for FFYs 2025 and 2026
- * Applications are due to Office of the Under Secretary for Policy on **October 1, 2025**.
- * Projects requests may range from \$100K (minimum) to \$2 million (maximum). Requests up to \$1 million require no federal match while those greater than \$1 million will require a 50 percent non-Federal match. IFAC eligible projects are those that would be deemed eligible to receive a future TIFIA loan.
- * Click link [HERE](#) for further information.

2. ANTICIPATED NOFOS

FTA Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning

Funding for TOD-related comprehensive or site-specific planning on an eligible transit project whereby the project sponsor will also be utilizing FTA's Capital Investment Grants Program funds in addition. TOD strategies emphasize local development in and around high-quality transit services to create compact, mixed-use communities with easy access to jobs and destination centers via transit alternatives.

- * \$14 million in funding available.
- * Anticipated opening in Summer of 2025.
- * Click link [HERE](#) for more information.

FHWA Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund

Funds for the development of strategic transportation safety plans by Tribes to identify transportation safety needs and how those needs will be addressed in Tribal communities. Funding will cover the following eligible activities: transportation safety plans; data assessment, improvement, and analysis; systemic roadway departure countermeasures; and other infrastructure improvements listed under 23 USC 148(a)(4).

- * \$25 million estimated funding will be available with up to 110 expected awards
- * Anticipated opening October 1, 2025 with applications due Jan 15, 2026
- * Click link [HERE](#) for more information on pre-announcement

FHWA Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grants

Funding to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure and other alternative fueling infrastructure.

- * \$2.5 billion funding available over five years.
- * Anticipated opening in Fall of 2025.
- * Click [HERE](#) for more information.

California Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 – Statewide

ATP Cycle 8 is a competitive discretionary program held statewide that consolidates multiple state and federal sources to fund active transportation projects that increase the number of trips taken by active modes (i.e., bike or pedestrian). Eligible project types include a combination of active transportation infrastructure (capital), non-infrastructure (education), planning, and quick build interim projects. Funding is prioritized for projects in historically disadvantaged and low-income communities.

- * The CTC is holding Cycle 8 workshops and training (both virtual and in-person) across the state. Information on upcoming activities can be found [HERE](#). Please note that interested applicants may attend virtual sessions regardless of their location!
- * Cycle 8 Guidelines anticipated to be announced in December 2025 with applications expected to be due Spring 2026.

Further details on active and upcoming NOFOs and programs are available via this link: [Key Notices of Funding Opportunity \(US Department of Transportation\)](#)

Additional Grant Tool

The DOT Navigator is a resource to help communities understand how to apply for grants, and plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services. Use the search box to quickly find resources. See link [HERE](#).

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>

*******TRAININGS/WEBINARS*******

This section of the report provided training opportunities for local agencies. This section also serves as the closing remarks section of the Local Assistance Report.

Grant Writing Basics - September 18, 6:00am to 9:00am PDT

WV LTAP is hosting a free 3-hour online training on effective grant writing to help you leverage more resources for your agency's priorities. Participants will gain an understanding of the grant-writing process and how to identify the right funding sources and creating a compelling application.

Training Objectives:

- Demonstrate compliance with program eligibility requirements
- Stretch capabilities through inter-agency consultation/collaboration
- Methods to transform your narrative into a powerful story
- How blended funding can reduce/eliminate the need for local match

Register [HERE](#) to attend.

External Partner Online Trainings & Resources

The Center for Local Aid Support has developed a series of online training modules for local agencies and tribal nations. The online training courses are for professional development and to provide solutions for transportation related issues. A series of self-paced online training modules. The following courses are highly recommended: Grant Applications 101 for Local Agencies and Tribes, Introduction to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and Project Bundling. Please see link [Local Aid Support](#) for additional information.

Caltrans Federal Grants 101 Webinar Series

Caltrans is making available recordings from its Federal Grants 101 Webinars, a 5-part series designed to assist local, regional and Tribal partners with the competitive Federal grants application process and ensure successful outcomes for all our partners involved.

1. Watch [recording](#) of Session 1 (How to Create Competitive Federal Grants Applications), Password: iGhC4Sc7
2. Watch [recording](#) of Session 2 (Learn about Federal Grant Requirements and Resources), Password: tMNYMVa4
3. Watch [recording](#) of Session 3 (All about Benefit-Cost Analysis), Password: rPtJMFJ8
3. Session 4 (Post-Award: What happens now?) – TBA

Innovative Solutions for Road Safety – September 18, 11:00am to 12:00pm PT

FHWA is hosting an innovation Exchange Webinar to put a spotlight on road safety innovations emerging from cross the country.

Register [HERE](#) to attend.

Bridge Bearing Maintenance & Replacement – September 24, 9:00am to 10:00am PT

The National Center for Pavement Preservation (NCPPI) is hosting a 1-hour webinar on bridge bearing operations, focusing on their critical role in ensuring long-term structural integrity and performance.

Register [HERE](#) to attend.

Survey: Identifying the Needs of Local Public Agencies and Tribes

The California LTAP (CALTAP), Caltrans Division of Local Assistance (DLA), and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) need help identifying the support needs for our local public agency and tribal partners, and their stakeholders. Once we have this information, we endeavor to prioritize the delivery of training and technical assistance throughout California. Based on last year's feedback, we listened and delivered the Resident Engineers Academy and Labor Compliance to assist those who completed the survey.

Please help us by taking this brief, less than 10-minute [SURVEY](#) to let us know:

- What are your staff training needs?
- Are they being met by current class offerings?
- Do you need more effective (or responsive) technical support?
- Are you kept informed of key funding opportunities & training schedules?

We thank you in advance for helping us plan, develop, and prioritize local assistance services in ways that can more effectively serve your organizations' goals.

For questions or comments, please contact [CALTAP](#).

Caltrans Federal Affairs Update

This Federal update provides Hot topics, trainings, resources, grants/NOFOs, etc. Please see link [HERE](#) for more information.

Caltrans Local Assistance Trainings & Resources

The Caltrans Local Assistance website is a great place for Tribal resources, RE Academy videos, various Federal trainings, California Transportation Commission related links, etc. Please see link [HERE](#) for additional information.

Note from the Caltrans Office of the Federal Liaison:

We have received a lot of inquiries from our transportation partners regarding recent news, actions and executive orders coming from the Trump Administration. At this point in time, the situation is extremely fluid. As things settle down and we hear from our federal partners (Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Rail Administration, etc.), Caltrans will do its best to keep you all in the loop. We will provide updates when we get more definitive guidance from our federal partners.

Please see the Caltrans Local Assistance Blog (LAB), which has additional resources and updates. [LocalAssistanceBlog.com](#)

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Award of Contract for Consulting Services - Imperial County Region Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Feasibility Study

It is requested that the ICTC Management Committee forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the award of the contract for the completion of the Imperial County EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study to C&S Engineers, Inc in the amount of \$166,388.00.
2. Authorize the executive director to sign the agreement.



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September 5, 2025

ICTC Management Committee
Imperial County Transportation Commission
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SUBJECT: Award of Contract for Consulting Services - Imperial County Region Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Feasibility Study

Dear Committee Members:

The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) is launching the Imperial County EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study, to assess the practicality and viability of establishing EV charging infrastructure throughout the county.

The Imperial County region, including the cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland, and the County itself, currently lacks comprehensive EV charging infrastructure. The project supports the shift toward sustainable transportation and electric vehicle adoption by identifying suitable charging station locations, considering factors such as population density, traffic patterns, equity and accessibility.

ICTC Objectives of the EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study

1. Advance Sustainable Transportation Solutions
 - Develop a strategic EV charging network that supports ICTC's commitment to environmental sustainability and the reduction of carbon emissions.
2. Improve Regional Mobility and Accessibility
 - Enhance transportation options for all residents, particularly those in rural and underserved communities, by strategically locating EV charging stations to ensure convenient access throughout the Imperial County.
 - Support ICTC's goal of making the transportation system more inclusive and accessible, contributing to a higher quality of life for residents.
3. Strengthen Infrastructure Resiliency
 - Building a resilient transportation infrastructure that can accommodate evolving technologies, like EV charging, without compromising current systems.

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

4. Facilitate Regional Collaboration and Planning

- Use this study to promote collaboration between local governments, permitting agencies, utility companies, and regional stakeholders to ensure that transportation solutions are aligned with broader regional plans and priorities.
- Support ICTC's aim to strengthen partnerships across the region, creating a cohesive and efficient approach to transportation and infrastructure planning.

Part of the Scope of Work will include:

- Public and Stakeholder Involvement which will implement a community engagement program that will seek to gain input from community members from across Imperial County. Outreach efforts will be conducted to identify existing conditions, obstacles and opportunities for increased use of EV's and EV infrastructure.

ICTC staff conducted a competitive procurement process through a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued on May 29, 2025. Multiple firms were contacted; the project RFP was also posted in a local publication and was also posted on ICTC's website to facilitate further public interest and opportunity. A total of four (4) proposals were received. The project evaluation committee evaluated the proposals received and deemed C&S Engineers, Inc., the most qualified firm.

C&S Engineers, Inc. demonstrated strong knowledge of the project and extensive experience with EV Charging Station studies. Their proposal outlined a comprehensive approach to evaluating infrastructure needs, engaging stakeholders, and identifying feasible charging station sites. ICTC staff are confident in the consultant's ability to deliver the study with professionalism and expertise.

C&S Engineers, Inc. submitted a cost proposal of \$166,388.00. Of this amount, \$170,000 has been identified and approved in ICTC's FY 2025–26 Overall Work Program and Budget.

The original procurement documents; RFP and consultant response proposal; and all contract exhibits referenced in the contract documents are available for review at the ICTC administrative office on request.

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Sincerely,



David Aguirre
Executive Director

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