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## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**City of Holtville  
City Hall  
121 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Holtville, CA 92250**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024  
10:30 A.M.**

**CHAIR: DENNIS MORITA**

**VICE CHAIR: CEDRIC CESENA**

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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**

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Management Committee on any subject matter within their jurisdiction, but not an item on the agenda. Any action taken because of public comment shall be limited to direction to staff. Each speaker should contact the Secretary to the Commission at (760) 592-4494 or by email to [crستيرma@imperialctc.org](mailto:crستيرma@imperialctc.org). When addressing the Committee, state your name for the record prior to providing your comments. Please address the Committee as a whole, through the Chairperson. Individuals will be given three (3) minutes to address the Committee; groups or topics will be given a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes. Public comments will be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes. If additional time is required for public comments, they will be heard at the end of the meeting. Please remember to follow the Public Comment Code of Conduct.

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

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Management Committee Draft Minutes: March 13, 2024 Pages 4-19
- B. Receive and File:
  - 1. ICTC Commission Minutes: March 27, 2024
  - 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: February 22, 2024
  - 3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: March 06, 2024
- C. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Application for FY 2023-24 Funds Page 21

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

- 1. Authorize the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution.
- 2. Authorization for the Execution of the LCTOP Project application: Callexico on Demand for eligible transit operations.

- D. IVRMA-Local Government Waste Tire Clean Up Grant Resolution Cycle 20 Page 26

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

- 1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the attached resolution.
- 2. Direct staff to forward the grant documentation to CalRecycle.

**V. ACTION CALENDAR**

- A. Various Bus Stop Improvement Project – Design Services Page 31

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

- 1. Approve the award of contract for the completion of the Various Bus Stop Improvement Project to Nicklaus Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$71,227.00.
- 2. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement.

**VI. REPORTS**

- A. ICTC / LTA / IVRMA Executive Director
  - ICTC Executive Director Report Page 34
- B. Southern California Association of Governments
  - See attached report Page 43
- C. California Department of Transportation – District 11
  - See attached report
- D. Committee Member Reports

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE**

- A. The next Management Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 08, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the ICTC Offices.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

## IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

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**IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF March 13, 2024  
10:30 a.m.**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

City of Brawley	Tyler Salcido
City of Calexico	Esperanza Colio-Warren
City of Calipatria	Edgar Self
City of El Centro	Cedric Ceseña
City of Holtville	Nick Wells
City of Imperial	Dennis Morita
County of Imperial	Absent
County of Imperial	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Ismael Gomez
City of Westmorland	Laura Fischer
ICTC	David Aguirre

**STAFF PRESENT:** Cristi Lerma, Michelle Bastidas, Katie Luna, Priscilla Baca, Angela Delgadillo

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Alejandro Lopez, Bryan Ott, Nick Ventrilla, Maria Ibarra: Caltrans, David Salgado: SCAG, Coley Delaney: The Pun Group

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, March 13, 2024, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Morita called the meeting to order at 10:30 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: February 14, 2024
- B. Received and Filed:
  - 1. ICTC Commission Minutes: February 28, 2024
  - 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: January 25, 2024
  - 3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: February 07, 2024
- C. Transit Operator Reports Specific Transit Operator Fiscal Reports FY 2022-23 for Imperial Valley Transit, IVT Access, IVT Ride and IVT MedTrans

It was requested that the Management Committee forwarded this item to the Commission for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Received and filed the Specific Transit Operator Fiscal Reports FY 2022-23; Imperial Valley Transit, IVT Access, IVT Ride and IVT MedTrans

A motion was made by Wells seconded by Ceseña to approve the consent calendar as presented; Roll call was taken:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Yes
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Figueroa	Absent
County of Imperial Terrazas-Baxter	Absent
City of Westmorland	Yes
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

**Motion carried.**

**V. ACTION CALENDAR**

- A. Imperial County Transportation Commission Fiscal Audit for FY 2022-23

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

1. Received and filed the fiscal audit for the Imperial County Transportation Commission, for FY 2022-23.
2. Directed staff to transmit the fiscal audit to the State Controller’s Office.

- A brief presentation was given by Coley Delaney from the Pun Group about the Audit findings for FY 2022-23.

A motion was made by Colio-Warren seconded by Wells to approve Action A. Roll call was taken:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Yes
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Figueroa	Absent
County of Imperial Terrazas-Baxter	Absent
City of Westmorland	Yes
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

**Motion carried.**

**B. Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project – Contract Change Order No 10**

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

1. Approved Change Order No. 10 to Hazard Construction Company for the Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project in the amount of \$34,521.82 modifying the total contract value to \$20,900,448.33.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to sign Change Order No. 10.

A motion was made by **Gomez** seconded by **Fischer** to approve Action B. Roll call was taken:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Yes
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Figueroa	Absent
County of Imperial Terrazas-Baxter	Absent
City of Westmorland	Yes
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

**Motion carried.**

**VI. REPORTS**

**A. ICTC Executive Director**

- Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:
  - Priscilla Baca is the new Regional Mobility Coordinator.
  - 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 3rd Friday, and is either held by Zoom or in-person at the LA Metro administration offices.
  - 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 list of projects was approved by the commission in February. The next step will be to submit our project list to SCAG for consideration of approval.
  - 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 16th, 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.
- Calxico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project: Stage 3 is ongoing and will be completed by the end of the month. The overall project is estimated to be completed in June 2024.
  - Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA): The next meeting is scheduled for March 14th – Imperial County.
  - Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) FREE FARES PROGRAM: There will be a public hearing held to reinstate the fares. ICTC anticipates the free fares program ending in the June 2024 timeframe.
  - Calxico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC): It is anticipated that the project will start construction in July 2024.
  - All ICTC Executive Directors updates can be found on page 101.
- B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
- Mr. Salgado had the following updates:
    - Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program 2021 (REAP 2.0) Advocacy Update: 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.
    - 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.
    - 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. The proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 will be available on the SCAG website on March 28.
    - 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.
    - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Proposed Disapproval of South COAS Air Quality Management Districts 2019 Contingency Measure Plan
    - SCAG updates can be found on page 108.
- C. Caltrans Department of Transportation – District 11
- Mr. Lopez Rangel had the following updates:
    - SR-98 Widening Project: Completion of Stage 4 is estimated for Spring 2024.

- I-8, SR-78 Bridge Rehab at Various Locations: Work has begun at the I-8 location over the All-American Canal, bridge deck work is complete with painting in progress on both the EB and WB structures.
- I-8 Roadside Safety Improvements: This project is implementing various safety improvements at various locations on I-8 between Silsbee Rd and Aderholt Rd. The scope includes slope paving, gore paving, and rumble strip installations. Construction activities are underway and estimated completion is spring 2024.
- Clean California Projects: The Brawley bus shelter (SR86) is in progress. Additionally, 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.
- SR-111 Roadside Improvements: Construction started February 2024, to be completed in Fall 2024.
- SR-186 All-American Canal Bridge: Project Milestones: Project Approval/Environmental Clearance 12/2024. The Anticipated funding fiscal year for construction is 2026/27.
- SR-86/Customs & Border Protection (CBP) Checkpoint Expansion: A series of permits will be required for existing traffic control at the checkpoint, for the inspection operations and equipment within the facility, and a temporary checkpoint while the project is in construction.
- Project Study Report: Forrester Road Improvements: The document is anticipated to be completed by early spring of 2024.
- Feasibility Studies: District 11 Truck Parking and Medium/Heavy Duty ZEV Charging Station Site Assessment: study completion is estimated for summer 2024.
- Calexico East Land Port of Entry Joint Operations Systems: The study completion is estimated for summer 2024.
- 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).
- Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Renewals Due: The City of Westmorland must renew UEI registration and can check [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) for instructions. To confirm a UEI, click this UEI [SmartSheet](#) link, and enter information in the yellow columns Expiring soon: Holtville (March 15, 2024) and El Centro (March 22, 2024)
- 2025 Active Transportation Program ([Cycle 7](#))
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) FY 24: Caltrans Call for Letters of Support (LOS): Planning and Demonstration Grant applicants have three deadlines: Thursday, April 4, 2024, 5:00 PM (ET), Thursday, May 16, 2024, 5:00 PM (ET), and Thursday, August 29, 2024, 5:00 PM (ET) Implementation Grant applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM (ET) on Thursday, May 16, 2024.
- November 21, 2024 – Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants
- All Caltrans updates can be found on page 112.

**VII.** The next meeting is scheduled for **April 13, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.** at the City of Holtville and via Zoom Meeting for non-voting members and the public.



**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

**IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FOR March 27, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

City of Brawley	George Nava
City of Calipatria	Maria Nava-Froelich
City of Calexico	Absent
City of El Centro	Martha Cardenas-Singh
City of Imperial	Robert Amparano
City of Holtville	Mike Goodsell
City of Westmorland	Ana Beltran
County of Imperial	Luis Plancarte
County of Imperial	John Hawk
Imperial Irrigation District	Karin Eugenio

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Aguirre, Cristi Lerma, Katie Luna, Gustavo Gomez, Priscilla Baca, Angela Delgadillo

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Eric Havens: Counsel; Mario Orso, John Garcia, Karen Islas, Caridad Sanchez, Brooke Filak; Caltrans David Salgado: SCAG, Coley Delaney, David Preciado: The Pun Group, Cedric Ceseña; El Centro,

**PUBLIC:** Yvette Metcay, Fredrik Beltran

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**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

[Chair Plancarte](#) called the Commission meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

**II. EMERGENCY ITEMS**

There were none.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Public Hearing for elimination of the Free Fares Program and reimplementation of existing fares for Imperial Valley Transit (IVT), IVT Access, IVT MedTrans and IVT Ride – FY24-25

1. Conducted the public hearing for the consideration of elimination of the Free Fares Program and the reimplementation of existing fares for IVT, IVT Access, IVT Ride and IVT MedTrans at 6:00 PM on March 27, 2024.

a. Opened public hearing and received testimony

- Lisa Bracamontes made a public comment via email. She commented that she is an everyday user of IVT Ride, IVT Access, and Brawley Fast. She is concerned about the fares of the buses being reinstated again since the economy is very expensive now. She urges the commission to wait until the economy settles down to reinstate the fares.

- b. Closed public hearing
2. Provided staff with direction as to the elimination of the Free Fares Program and re-implementation of existing fares effective July 1, 2024.

A motion was made by Nava and seconded by Nava-Froelich to approve the public hearing as presented, roll call:

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

**Motion Carried.**

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. ICTC Commission Minutes: February 28, 2024
- B. Received and filed:
  - 1. ICTC Management Committee Minutes: February 14, 2024
  - 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: February 22, 2024
  - 3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: February 07, 2024

- C. 2023 Call for Projects – Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) FFY 2023/24 to FFY 2025/26 Resolution Adoption Supporting Imperial County Region Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Feasibility Study

ICTC staff forwarded this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

- 1. Authorized the Chairman to sign the resolution certifying that ICTC will be supporting project delivery schedules and timely use of funds of the Carbon Reduction Program funding for transportation projects.

- D. Transit Operator Reports Specific Transit Operator Fiscal Reports FY 2022-23 for Imperial Valley Transit, IVT Access, IVT Ride and IVT MedTrans

The ICTC Management Committee met on March 13, 2024, and forwarded the following recommendations to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

- 1. Received and filed the Specific Transit Operator Fiscal Reports FY 2022-23; Imperial Valley Transit, IVT Access, IVT Ride and IVT MedTrans

A motion was made by [Amparano](#) and seconded by [Cardenas-Singh](#) to approve the consent calendar as presented, roll call:

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

**Motion Carried.**

**VI. ACTION CALENDAR**

**A. Imperial County Transportation Commission Fiscal Audit for FY 2022-23**

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1. Received and filed the fiscal audit for the Imperial County Transportation Commission, for FY 2022-23.
  2. Directed staff to transmit the fiscal audit to the State Controller’s Office.
- A brief presentation was given by Coley Delaney from the Pun Group about the Audit findings for FY 2022-23.

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

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

**Motion Carried.**

**B. Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project – Contract Change Order No 10**

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1. Approved Change Order No. 10 to Hazard Construction Company for the Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project in the amount of \$34,521.82 modifying the total contract value to \$20,900,448.33.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to sign Change Order No. 10.

A motion was made by [Nava](#) and seconded by [Nava-Froelich](#) to approve the Action B as presented, roll call:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Yes
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Absent
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	No
County of Impeial Plancarte	Yes
County of Imperial Hawk	No
City of Westmorland	Yes
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

**Motion Carried.**

**VII. REPORTS**

- A. ICTC Executive Director
- Priscilla Baca is the new Regional Mobility Coordinator.
  - Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending: 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. ICTC would like to congratulate the cities of Imperial and El Centro, the County of Imperial, and the Imperial Irrigation District on their awards.
  - 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 list of projects was approved by the commission in February. The next step will be to submit our project list to SCAG for consideration of approval.
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  - Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC): The project construction management RFP has been released and is available for bidding by qualified engineering firms.
  - Bus Stop Improvement Project: 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
  - Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis: Staff are 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.
  - Forrester Road Project Study Report (PSR): The updated PSR was recently received, and staff will be reviewing the updated document.
  - State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint: 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.

- All other updates are on the Executive Director report on page 173 of the agenda.
- B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
- Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program 2021 (REAP 2.0) Advocacy Update: 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 Joint Policy Committee Recommends Connect SoCal 2024 for Approval
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  - 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.
  - All other updates are on the SCAG report on page 180 of the agenda.
- C. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)- District 11
- SR-98 Widening Project: Completion of Stage 4 is estimated for Spring 2024.
  - Clean California Projects: Construction on these Clean CA bus shelter projects have been completed. The Brawley bus shelter (SR86) is in progress.
  - Stage 3 is underway with completion estimated in January 2024. Completion of Stage 4 is estimated for Spring 2024.
  - All other updates are on the Caltrans report on page 186 of the agenda.
- D. Commission Member Reports
- Updates were provided by various commissioners.
- VIII. The next meeting will be on April 24, 2024, 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.
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT**
- A. Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



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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 Calexico 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, Calexico, 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?EOBCT=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 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.



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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**                      March 06, 2024

Present

Voting Attendees:

Mike Hack	Consumer
Raul Cordova	WTC
Karina Leon	Access to Independence
Sarah Enz	Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
James Dalke	Imperial Valley College
Cristina Leal	ARC- Imperial Valley
Gustavo Gomez	CTSA-ICTC

Non-Voting Attendees:

Helio Sanchez	IVT (via zoom)
Cesar Sanchez	IVT (via zoom)
Jose Guillen	IVT MedTrans
Karla Pacheco	IVT Access (via zoom)
Karla Aguilar	IVT Ride (via zoom)
Esperanza Avila	ICTC
Priscilla Baca	ICTC

1. Ms. Enz called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. **A quorum was present.**
2. Introductions were made.
  - Hybrid meeting.
3. Minutes were adopted for January 03, 2024 ([Hack, Cordova](#)) & February 07, 2024 ([Hack, Dalke](#)) **Motion Carried.**
4. CTSA Reports:  
Mr. Gomez had the following updates:
  - February 20, IVC presentation on EOPS. We will be scheduling another one.
  - February 21 attended the senior apartments in Calexico. Provided information on all services.
  - March 5 attended the seniors' apartments in Brawley. Provided information on all services.Upcoming events are scheduled-
  - Children fair in Niland.

- IVC Transitions Fair.
- Attending Community Services events for some of the senior groups.
- Provided transportation for Seniors in Brawley to the Imperial County Fair.
- Assisted with transportation to the Imperial County Behavioral Health Department.
- Finishing up the request for proposals for Comprehension Operational Analysis, which helps us with which routes need to be changed or fixed.
- The UTN hearing date is scheduled for April 8, 2024. Still taking comments and transit needs to help with improvements.
- IVT Ride/Access are continuing to help Alegria with transportation.
- Free fares are being provided by Area Agency on Aging.
- Continuing to assist in sign-ups for IVT Ride and Access via phone and In-person.
- Staff are available for any questions or concerns regarding any of the services.
- Staff is also available to provide brochures and information to any agency that requests it,

5. Transit Operator FY 2023-24 Reports:

Imperial Valley Transit.

- Mr. Sanchez presented the report on the service.
- Continuing outreach about services.
- Free Faires are still ongoing.

IVT Access

- Ms. Pacheco presented the report on the service.
- Working with Alegria patients.
- Passenger demands are improving.

IVT Ride

- Ms. Aguilar presented the report on all IVT Ride services.
- Attending more outreach.
- AAA covering ride charges.

IVT MedTrans

- Mr. Guillen presented the report on the service.
- Services are steady.
- Free fairs until further notice.

6. General Discussion

- Ms. Enz encouraged the members to attend the UTN Meeting, to get a better understanding.
- Mr. Gomez will be sending out the invitations soon.
- Mr. Hack encourages the members to attend the Peoples First Conference at Imperial Valley College. Flyer will be sent out via email.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. **(Enz) Motion Carried.**
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 03, 2024, at the Imperial County Transportation Commission Office, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243.

## IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- C. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Application for FY 2023-24 Funds

Authorize the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution.

Authorization for the Execution of the LCTOP Project application:  
Calexico on Demand for eligible transit operations.



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April 5, 2024

ICTC Management Committee  
Imperial County Transportation Commission  
1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104  
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**SUBJECT:** Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Application for FY 2023-24 Funds

Dear Management Committee:

Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) proposes to submit an application for use of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24. The LCTOP is one of several programs that are part of the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 by Senate Bill 862 (SB 862). The LCTOP was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. Approved projects in LCTOP will support the following:

1. Expenditures that directly enhance or expand transit service by supporting new or expanded bus or rail services, new or expanded water-borne transit, or expanded intermodal transit facilities, and may include equipment acquisition, fueling, maintenance, and other costs to operate those services or facilities.
2. Operational expenditures that increase transit mode share including free fare programs.
3. Expenditures related to the purchase of zero-emission buses, including electric buses, and the installation of the necessary equipment and infrastructure to operate and support zero-emission buses.

Per the State Controller's Office, ICTC has an eligible allocation in FY 2023-24 in the amount of \$520,353. Following the LCTOP guidelines, ICTC staff recommends submitting an application requesting the use of funds from FY 2023-24 towards operations of Calexico on Demand, a micro-transit pilot program that is currently in service.

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

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

1. Authorize the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution.
2. Authorization for the Execution of the LCTOP Project application: Calexico on Demand for eligible transit operations.

Sincerely,

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David Aguirre  
Executive Director

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Attachments

**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE  
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS  
FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)  
FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:  
CALEXICO ON DEMANDGF :  
\$520,353**

**WHEREAS**, the Imperial County Transportation Commission is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for transit projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

**WHEREAS**, the Imperial County Transportation Commission wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to David Aguirre, Executive Director.

**WHEREAS**, the Imperial County Transportation Commission wishes to implement the following LCTOP project(s) listed above,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Imperial County Transportation Commission that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances and the Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that David Aguirre, Executive Director, be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Imperial County Transportation Commission that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) to the Department in FY 2023-24 for LCTOP funds as follows:

Project Name: Calexico On Demand

Amount of LCTOP funds requested (including LCTOP Interest): \$520,353

Short description of project: Fund program operations for Calexico On Demand Services

Benefit to a Priority Populations: The project is located within multiple SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities and AB 1550 Low-Income Communities

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Imperial County Transportation Commission held on \_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

CRISTI LERMA  
Secretary to the Commission



## IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- D. IVRMA-Local Government Waste Tire Clean Up Grant Resolution Cycle 20
1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the attached resolution.
  2. Direct staff to forward the grant documentation to CalRecycle.



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April 5, 2024

IVRMA Management Committee  
Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency  
300 S. Imperial Ave. Suite 6  
El Centro, CA 92243

SUBJECT: Local Government Waste Tire Clean Up Grant Regional Application Resolution

Dear Committee Members:

Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency (IVRMA) has submitted a regional application for the Local Government Waste Tire Clean Up Grant for several years. The region is comprised of the unincorporated areas of the Imperial County and the cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial and Westmorland. Waste tires are collected by IVRMA along county lines, encompassing agricultural lands and inner communities, with the necessary authorization obtained from the Local Enforcement Agency. Additionally, IVRMA works in conjunction with the public works departments of each municipality to assemble illegally dumped tires that have been amassed within the city limits of their respective jurisdictions. To continue implementing this program for an additional two years, IVRMA, which functions as a regional agency representing its member agencies in meeting regulatory requirements, would be required to submit an application for a new cycle of grant funding.

IVRMA is currently developing its Local Government Waste Tire Clean Up Grant for Cycle 20, FY 2024-25 (TCU20 Grant) to CalRecycle. One of the requirements for the grant submittal is to have an active resolution that covers the entire funding cycle (e.g., two years from notice to proceed). This cycle's funding is expected to award a notice to proceed around early or late November of 2024. The current resolution is set to expire on February 26, 2025, which does not fulfill the requirement of the grant submittal. Therefore, IVRMA is presenting a new resolution fulfilling the timing requirement. IVRMA is not requesting to rescind the previous resolution as it is still required to cover the current cycle of the Local Government Waste Tire Clean Up Grant cycle 19.

The proposed resolution will also assist in providing support to apply for a future funding cycle (e.g., TCU21 Grant FY 2026-27).

It is requested that the IVRMA Management Committee forward this item to the IVRMA Board for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the attached resolution.
2. Direct staff to forward the grant documentation to CalRecycle.

IVRMA Management Committee  
Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency

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April 5, 2024

Sincerely,

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David Aguirre  
Executive Director

Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. IVRMA 24-04

RESOLUTION OF THE IMPERIAL VALLEY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION(S) FOR ALL CALRECYCLE GRANTS  
FOR WHICH THE IMPERIAL VALLEY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY IS  
ELIGIBLE

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code §§48000 *et seq.* authorize the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery ("CalRecycle"), formerly known as the California Integrated Waste Management Board, to administer various grant programs ("grants") in furtherance of the State of California ("State")'s efforts to reduce, recycle and reuse solid waste generated in the State, thereby preserving landfill capacity and protecting public health and safety and the environment; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this authority CalRecycle is required to establish necessary procedures governing the application, awarding and management of its grants; and

WHEREAS, certain grant programs allow regional grant projects; and

WHEREAS, CalRecycle grant application procedures require, among other things, an applicant's governing body to declare by resolution certain authorizations related to the administration of CalRecycle grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IMPERIAL VALLEY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY OF THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the foregoing is true, correct and adopted.
2. That the Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency board authorizes the submittal of regional applications on behalf of itself as Lead Agency and its participating members, the Cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland, and the County of Imperial, for all grants for which the Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency is eligible.
3. That the IVRMA Executive Director, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute on behalf of Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency all grant-related documents, including, but not limited to, applications, payment requests, agreements, and amendments necessary to secure grant funds and to implement the approved grant project.
4. That these authorizations are effective for 5 years from April 24, 2024, through April 24, 2029.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency of the County of Imperial, California, held on the 24th day of April 2024.

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Luis Plancarte  
IVRMA Chairperson

ATTTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cristi Lerma, IVRMA Board Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Counsel

# V. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. Various Bus Stop Improvement Project – Design Services
  - 1. Approve the award of contract for the completion of the Various Bus Stop Improvement Project to Nicklaus Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$71,227.00.
  - 2. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement.



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April 5, 2024

ICTC Management Committee  
Imperial County Transportation Commission  
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**SUBJECT: Various Bus Stop Improvement Project – Design Services**

Dear Committee Members:

ICTC is continuously exploring opportunities to improve transit services and complete bus stop infrastructure improvements. ICTC was able to obtain grant funding to implement bus stop improvements throughout the county. The proposed project is a smaller scale project. ICTC identified various locations throughout the county where bus stop improvements were lacking or existing facilities were deteriorating. The proposed cities that are anticipated to receive infrastructure improvements are the cities of Westmorland, Calipatria and El Centro.

ICTC Staff recently completed a competitive bid via a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to acquire the services of a qualified consulting team to complete the Design Services for the Bus Stop Improvement Project. The RFP was issued on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Multiple engineering firms were contacted by ICTC staff to create interest and to inform the engineering firms of the project. The RFP was sent directly to a total number of ten potential consultants in addition to being posted on ICTC's website. ICTC made multiple attempts to contact the consulting firms to increase interest in our project.

A total of one (1) consultant submitted a response to the RFP. The consultant that submitted a response was: Nicklaus Engineering (local firm) and a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certified firm.

Through the proposal response, Nicklaus demonstrated great knowledge of the proposed project and the ability to complete the critical elements of the project. The Nicklaus team has extensive experience and knowledge to complete the required services.

Nicklaus's proposed cost is \$71,227.00. The proposed cost is comprised of \$30,014.00 for design services and \$41,213.00 in surveying services. The proposed surveying services are anticipated to be completed Hourly Not to Exceed. Nicklaus is a DBE and a local firm.

A budget of \$75,000 was identified and approved in the ICTC 23-24 OWP 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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1. Approve the award of contract for the completion of the Various Bus Stop Improvement Project to *Nicklaus Engineering, Inc.* in the amount of \$71,227.00.
2. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement.

Sincerely,



David Aguirre  
Executive Director

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# VI. 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:** April 10, 2024  
**To:** ICTC Management Committee Members  
**From:** David Aguirre, Executive Director  
**Re:** Executive Director's Report

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The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Management Committee meeting on April 10, 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) **Active Transportation Program, Cycle 7:** *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 2025/26 through 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 directly at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program/cycle7>.*

*In addition, only applicants that submit applications to the statewide ATP will be eligible for Regional ATP funds. Imperial County anticipates approximately \$1.2 million in ATP Cycle 7 Regional Funds will be available for all applicants that are not successful in the statewide call. There might also be additional funding available for quick build type projects. ICTC staff have developed an ATP factsheet for reference to both funding opportunities. Also, the Regional Active Transportation Plan 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. The ATP document is on the ICTC website at [https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/documents/transportation-plans-and-studies/ICTC-ATP\\_Final-Document\\_2022.02.28\\_Reduced-Size.pdf](https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/documents/transportation-plans-and-studies/ICTC-ATP_Final-Document_2022.02.28_Reduced-Size.pdf)*

- 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. The proposed project applications were submitted 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 Tiongco, 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. **The free fares program will end in June 2024 with existing fares being re-implemented on July 1, 2024. A formal public hearing was held on March 27, 2024, prior to the 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. ICTC is working to attempt to award the contract in April 2024. Due to the selection process and associated timing, the item may be taken to the commission directly for consideration and approval.***
- 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. CBP will be working with Caltrans to obtain environmental clearance once funding for construction is obtained. 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. The final set of bus stop improvements were completed in the city of Brawley in late March/early April 2024.
- 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)*

- 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
<b>TOTAL Regional ATP funds</b>		<b>\$3,270,000</b>

- 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 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 Children 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 in Heber
- March 22, 2024 – IVC Transition Fair at Imperial Valley College (attended by mobility staff)
- March 27, 2024 – ICTC Commission Meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- March 28, 2024 – ICTC TAC Meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- April 3, 2024 – ICTC SSTAC Meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- April 3, 2024 – Brawley Senior Center Presentation (attended by the mobility staff)
- April 4, 2024 – Senior Resource Fair in Imperial (attended by the mobility staff)
- April 5, 2024 – SHCC Legislative Meeting via zoom meeting
- April 8, 2024 – Unmet Transit Hearing at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting

# 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?

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# Memorandum

**Date:** April 10<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 April 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. 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.



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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.

### **3. 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.

### **4. 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 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.

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.

## **5. 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.

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.