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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

**ICTC OFFICES
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**Thursday, February 19, 2026
10:30 A.M.**

CHAIR: LAURA GUTIERREZ

VICE CHAIR: ROBERT SAWYER

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

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

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| A. | Approval of Management Committee Draft Minutes | January 14, 2026 | pages 5-18 |
| B. | Receive and File: | | |
| 1. | ICTC Commission Minutes: | December 10, 2025 | |
| 2. | ICTC TAC Minutes: | December 11, 2025 | |
| 3. | ICTC SSTAC Minutes | January 7, 2025 | |

V. REPORTS

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| A. | ICTC / LTA / IVRMA Executive Director | page 20 |
| | • ICTC Executive Director Report | |
| B. | Southern California Association of Governments | page 28 |
| | • See attached report | |
| C. | California Department of Transportation – District 11 | page 30 |
| | • See attached report | |
| D. | Committee Member Reports | |

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) resolution for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026/27 – 2031/32 Federal Transportation Improvement Program page 39

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

1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the resolution that certifies funding has been identified for the projects in the FFY 2026/2027 - 2031/2032 FTIP and affirms our commitment to implement all projects in the program.

- B. ICTC/IVT Administration, Operations and Maintenance Facility Architectural, Environmental and Engineering Services – Consulting Contract Award page 42

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 and Authorize the Chairperson to sign the Agreement and all required documents for Consulting Services between ICTC and HDR Engineering, Inc.. for the Contract Price of \$4,498,577.45.

- C. Imperial County Local Transportation Authority Annual Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025 page 46

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

1. Receive, Approve and File the FY 2024-25 Imperial County Local Transportation Authority Annual Financial Audit for the following agencies: Brawley, Calipatria, Calexico, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland, the County of Imperial and the ICLTA.

VII. PRESENTATION CALENDAR

- A. Imperial County EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study

Presentation by Jessica Padilla Bowen from Katherine Padilla & Associates and Mia Held from C&S Engineers, Inc.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

- A. The next Management Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., tentatively at the City of Holtville.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Management Committee Draft Minutes January 14, 2026
- B. Receive and File:
 - 1. ICTC Commission Minutes: December 10, 2025
 - 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: December 11, 2025
 - 3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes January 7, 2025

**IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF January 14, 2026
10:30 a.m.**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Brawley	Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter
City of Calexico	Juan Contreras
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	Naomi Robles
Imperial Irrigation District	Manuel Ortiz
City of Westmorland	Laura Fisher
ICTC	David Aguirre

STAFF PRESENT: Esperanza Avila, Cristi Lerma, Maricela Galarza

OTHERS PRESENT: Alejandro Lopez-Rangel: Caltrans; David Salgado: SCAG; Carmen Varges, Simon Gutman: Barclay; Tully McCarthy, Alvin Lee, Valentina Rodriguez

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 on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Kathleen Lang 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

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| A. | Approval of Management Committee Draft Minutes | December 10, 2025 |
| B. | Receive and File: | |
| 1. | ICTC Commission Minutes: | November 12, 2025 |
| 2. | ICTC TAC Minutes: | November 20, 2025 |
| 3. | ICTC SSTAC Minutes | December 03, 2025 |

A motion was made by Wells seconded by Sawyer to approve the consent calendar as presented;
Motion carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS

- A. ICTC Executive Director
Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER – 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, please contact Cristi Lerma.
- Callexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC): The Contractor continues with construction activities for the project. Demolition activities have been completed and construction efforts associated with the development of building infrastructure are ongoing. Shade canopy improvements have been mostly completed, in addition to site electrical and plumbing work. Site grading and civil onsite work are currently taking place with portions of the curb and gutter being completed as well as the placement of base. The project remains slightly behind schedule mostly due to weather events and is anticipated to be completed in early 2026.
- Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis: 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 consulting and ICTC team will be conducting outreach efforts to share the proposed recommendations. Recommendations are currently being developed and are anticipated to be shared in the coming weeks.
- ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility: Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Environmental and Design Services were released on September 26, 2025, and were due on December 1, 2025. It is anticipated that a consultant will be selected at the Commission meeting in February 2026.
- 2nd Street/Anza Road Bridge Rehabilitation 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 Callexico on further actions. Caltrans is assisting ICTC with the development of the Project Study Report (PSR) for submittal to the California Transportation Commission. The PSR acts as the design guidelines and preliminary design for the project. ICTC is anticipating proceeding environmental analysis and design in early 2026.
- Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study: ICTC has finalized the contract agreement with the selected firm, and a project kickoff meeting was completed on October 22, 2025. ICTC and Consultant team are working on existing conditions and gathering GIS data from our region.
- Forrester Road Project Study Report (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 are preparing the action item to proceed with allocating the funding to proceed into the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase.
- All ICTC Executive Directors' updates can be found on page 19.

B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Mr. Salgado had the following updates:

- SCAG seeks Input on Transforming State Highways into Main Streets.
- 2026 Regional conference & General Assembly Save the date: On May 7-8, 2026, local leaders from throughout Southern California will convene for SCAG's 61st annual Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriot Desert Springs Resort & Spa.
- SCAG updates can be found on page 27 of the agenda.

- C. Caltrans Department of Transportation – District 11
Mr. Lopez-Rangel had the following updates:
- Friday, January 16, 2026, is the final submittal deadline for California Transportation Commission (CTC) requests.
 - U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Grant Opportunities: Rural opportunities to use Transportation for Economic Success, and Federal Transit Administration grant programs.
 - Caltrans Federal Grants 101 Webinar Series: 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 partners involved.
 - Caltrans updates can be found on page 29 of the agenda.
- D. Committee Member Reports
- There were no other reports.

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Rotation of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions

A motion was made by [Fisher](#), seconded by [Sawyer](#) to nominate Mrs. Laura Guttirez from the City of Calipatria as the Chairperson. A second motion was made by [Wells](#) and seconded by [Garcia](#) to nominate Mr. Robert Sawyer from the City of El Centro as the Vice-Chairperson of the ICTC Management Committee for 2026. 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	Yes
County of Imperial Terrazas-Baxter	Yes
City of Westmorland	Yes
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

Motion carried.

VII. PRESENTATION CALENDAR

A. Imperial County Local Transportation Authority (LTA) – Measure D Sales Tax and Bond Capacity

A presentation was provided by Carmen Vargas, Managing Director at Barclays, regarding the Imperial County LTA Measure D Sales Tax and Bond Capacity for all participating agencies. A copy of the presentation is available upon request and included as a part of the agenda backup.

VIII. The next meeting is scheduled for **February 11, 2026**, at the ICTC Office.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR December 10, 2025
6:00 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Brawley	Gil Rebollar
City of Calipatria	Javier Amezcua
City of Calexico	Lisa Tylenda
City of El Centro	Sonia Carter
City of Imperial	Robert Amparano
City of Holtville	Mike Goodsell
City of Westmorland	Justina Cruz
County of Imperial	Absent
County of Imperial	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Karin Eugenio

STAFF PRESENT: David Aguirre, Cristi Lerma, Marlene Flores, Maricela Galarza, Gustavo Gomez,
OTHERS PRESENT: Geoffrey Holbrook: ICTC Counsel; David Salgado: SCAG; 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 on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Robert Amparano called the Commission meeting to order at 6:13 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.

A.	ICTC Commission Minutes:	November 18, 2025
B.	Receive and file:	
1.	ICTC Management Committee Minutes:	November 18, 2025
2.	ICTC TAC Minutes:	October 23, 2025
3.	SSTAC Minutes	October 1, 2025

A motion was made by Goodsell and seconded by Rebollar to approve the consent calendar as presented, roll call:

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

V. REPORTS

A. ICTC Executive Director

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- The ICTC/IVT team delivered a total quantity of 1,226 dry and canned food items to the Imperial Valley Foodbank on November 25, 2025, during our Stuff a Bus event. ICTC appreciates the opportunity to support our community by contributing to the effort to end food insecurity.
- ICTC was able to provide 13 passenger trips to Veterans during our *Veterans ride free in November event* within the Imperial Valley many of which utilized the IVT Medtrans service to facilities in San Diego.
- The ICTC General Assembly is scheduled for 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.
- ICTC has been approached by UC Davis about the potential to partner on the development of a Wildlife Crossing across westbound I-8 near the In Ko Pah Gorge. The project currently has funding to complete the initial development of the project which includes the Project Initiation Document (PID), Project Approval and Environmental Document (PAED) and some Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PSE) activities. ICTC's potential role on the project would be to serve as a project sponsor and minor administrative support.
- IVT Ride Service Modifications: The service began operating in its new capacity on September 2, 2025, and offered free rides to all for the first week of operation. Ridership information will be shared to the Commission periodically at the Commission meetings.
- 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. The consultant provided a presentation highlighting proposed recommendations to the commission in November 2025.
- CTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility: Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Environmental and Design Services was released on September 26, 2025, and due on December 1, 2025. Staff also submitted multiple grant applications for the anticipated construction efforts under FTA 5339 for Bus Facilities and Low No Emission Programs but were not selected under the current grant cycle. ICTC will continue to pursue construction funding opportunities.
- CMAQ and STBG Call for Projects: 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 were 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 presenting its list of recommended projects to the SCAG Transportation Committee at its November 2025 Meeting. The final recommended list of projects were presented and approved at the December 2025 SCAG Regional Council Meeting.

- Calexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center: 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 and anticipates closing the transaction in January 2026.
- Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study: ICTC has finalized the contract agreement with the selected firm, and a project kickoff meeting was completed on October 22, 2025. ICTC and Consultant team are working on existing conditions and gathering GIS data from our region.
- The next IMBA and Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled to be held on November 13, 2025, in Imperial County.
- State Route 86(Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint: 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. CBP is currently reviewing the project with their HQ Team to attempt to secure funding.
- A complete report is on page 22 of the agenda.

B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Mr. Salgado had the following updates:

- SCAG Publishes Annual Economic Report and Presents Analysis to Joint Policy Committee The "2025 Southern California Economic Update" took place during the SCAG Joint Policy Committee Meeting on Dec. 4. This annual presentation provides a comprehensive overview of the region's economic performance and outlook to inform decision making by Southern California's local and regional policymakers. More information on the future leaders initiative is on the website at <https://scag.ca.gov/future-leaders>.
- On December 4, 2025, SCAG's Regional Council approved an award of \$1.25 billion in Federal Fiscal Year 2026-27 and 2027-28 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement program funding for 132 projects throughout the region. These projects, which are expected to have an economic benefit to the region, were nominated by eligible project sponsors through their respective county transportation commissions and evaluated according to the criteria outlined in the STBG/CMAQ Program Guidelines.
- On November 6, 2025, the SCAG Regional Council approved updated guidelines and authorized the call for projects under the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) funded Programs Accelerating Transformative Housing Program (PATH). SCAG previously suballocated \$45 million through the first Lasting Affordability funding cycle to create and expand housing trusts, catalyst funds and innovative financing strategies that secure long-term affordability. This call makes an additional \$20 million available to existing housing trusts and catalyst funds. The call for applications will open on November 17, 2025, and close on January 20, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.
- A complete report is on page 29 of the agenda.

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

Ms. Fox had the following updates:

- 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.
- 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.
- Federal Update: Caltrans met with U.S Customs and Border Protection to provide an update in our most recent efforts to improve the movements of goods and pedestrians in Imperial County.
- State Update: Caltrans had the opportunity to attend the 2025 Binational Delegation to Mexico City in Mexico City. This Binational Delegation provides the opportunity for participants to meet with key federal officials, including members of the Sheinbaum Administration and Mexican Senate, and diverse business industry leaders to discuss major issues.
- A complete report is on page 31 of the agenda.

D. Commission Member Reports

- Updates were provided by various commissioners.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Motioned to Adjourn to Closed Session ([Carter/Tylenda](#))
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) Granados v. Imperial County, et al, Imperial County Superior Court, Case No. ECU004066
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation (1 matter) Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)
- D. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code § 54957)
Title: ICTC Executive Director
- E. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representative: ICTC Counsel
Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director
- F. Announcement of Closed Session Action(s)
The Commission met in closed session to discuss Items B through E, direction was given and no reportable action was taken.

VII. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. Employment Agreement for the Position of Executive Director
 - 1. Approved the Executive Director Agreement

2. Authorized the Chairman to sign the Agreement

A motion was made by **Goodsell** and seconded by **Carter** to approve Action A as presented, roll call:

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

Motion Carried.

- B. Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) Project – Contract Change Order No. 8 and Change Order No. 9

1. Approved Change Order No. 8 and Change Order No. 9 to Hazard Construction Engr. LLC for the Calexico ITC Project in the Not to Exceed amounts of (\$268,491.88) and (\$38,780.75) respectively modifying the total contract value to \$13,153,858.91.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to sign Change Order No. 8 and 9.

A motion was made by **Rebollar** and seconded by **Amezcu** to approve Action B presented, roll call:

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

Motion Carried.

VIII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

- A. E-Bikes, Scooters and Street Racing Safety Discussion

Mr. Aguirre provided a PowerPoint presentation to the commissioners regarding regulatory matters and safety protocols. He provided examples of what other agencies have done with education campaigns.

IX. MEETING DATE AND PLACE

- A. The next meeting will be on January 28, 2026, 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 7:58 p.m.



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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 11, 2025

Present:

Lily Falomir	City of Calexico
Fernando Williams	City of Calexico
Francisco Barba	City of Calipatria
Angel Hernandez	City of El Centro
Luis Alonzo	City of El Centro
Chandler Sinclair	City of Holtville
Hector Salcedo	City of Imperial
Yvonne Cordero	City of Imperial
Marco Coronel	County of Imperial
Adolfo Garcia	County of Imperial
Manuel Ortiz	IID

Others:

Laura Bowen	City of Calexico
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Cesar Beltran	ICTC
Alvin Lee	Caltrans
Mia Held	C&S Companies
Cynthia Mancha	Holt Group
Alan Molina	Holt Group
Ignacio Romo	IID
Joel Lopez	IID
Jessica Padilla Bowen	KPA
Ramiro Barajas	City of Westmorland

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 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 November 20, 2025 ([Ortiz/Coronel](#)), **Motion Carried.**

2. EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study
(Presented by C&S Consultant Staff)

Mrs. Held and Mrs. Padilla Bowen presented on EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study.

Ms. Mancha inquired whether, during the site analysis and cost-benefit evaluation, the assessment of existing sites would include consideration of infrastructure for electrical capacity. Mrs. Held responded that two site visits are planned for the future and that there will be collaboration with IID to evaluate whether the proposed location is feasible. She added that the assessment will include cost-benefit analysis and timelines for future implementation.

Mrs. Flores invited the agencies to participate in order to gather their unique perspective and challenges related to EV Charging Stations and highlighted the importance of working with the IID in this EV Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility Study.

Ms. Sinclair asked who currently owns the EV Charging Stations throughout the County. Mrs. Flores responded that the study is in the early stages and that identifying this information is one of the objectives of the study.

Ms. Mancha added that all new EV Charging Stations need to be registered with Imperial County Weights and Measures and they would be a great resource during the EV Charging Station Passenger Vehicle Feasibility. Mrs. Flores appreciated the contribution of any information that could be useful to the study.

Mr. Salgado recommended incorporating a section in the study of better practices and lessons learned for the future EV Charging Stations.

Mr. Romo inquired about the electrical loads required for future EV Charging Stations. Mrs. Held replied that the study is still in its early stages and that this information will need participation from the IID in order to provide agencies with an accurate answer once the study is completed. Mr. Romo added that, depending on the location of future assessments, IID conducts a system-impact study to determine necessary system upgrades and the associated infrastructure cost. Mrs. Held responded that, as part of the study, the team plans to balance the selection of level 2 or level 3 chargers, given their respective electrical loads requirements.

3. Caltrans Updates / Announcements
 No updates were given

4. SCAG Updates / Announcements
(Presented by SCAG Staff)

- Mr. Salgado invited agencies to participate in the 2026 SCAG Sustainability Award Application, deadline to submit is January 5, 2026.

5. ICTC Updates / Announcements
(Presented by SCAG Staff)

Mrs. Flores shared ICTC updates:

- The next ICTC General Assembly is scheduled for January 22, 2026, at the Old Eucalyptus in the City of El Centro.

- The CMAQ & STBG projects have been selected by SCAG, one-on-one meetings between the agencies and SCAG staff are scheduled for January 2026.

6. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

Updates were given by the agencies.

7. General Discussion / New Business

New businesses were shared by the agencies.

The next TAC meeting will be on January 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.



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SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES January 07, 2026

Present:

Voting Attendees:

Sarah Enz	Public Administrator
Cristina Leal	ARC
Camilo Garcia	Workforce & Economic Development
Raul Cordova	IC Work Training Center
Gustavo Gómez	ICTC
Mike Hack	Consumer
Andrew Sanchez	Imperial Valley College

Non-Voting Attendees:

Helio Sanchez	IVT Transit
Cesar Sanchez	IVT Transit
Karla Pacheco	IVT ACCESS
Luis Castro	Imperial County Department of Social Services
Denise Andrade	HealthNet (ZOOM)
Daniel Flores	Access to Independence
Priscilla Baca	ICTC
Debbie Marshall	State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Zoom)

1. Ms. Enz called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. **A quorum was present.**
 Introductions were made.
2. Minutes were adopted for December 3, 2025 **Motion was carried.**
3. CTSA Reports
 Mr. Gomez presented the following information:
 - Bus stop improvement project in El Centro, Calipatria, and Westmorland scheduled for bidding next week. We aim to hire a contractor to finish these projects by the end of this year.
 - The Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) Study is nearing completion of the final concept drafts. A third round of outreach is planned for February and March, and the final draft will be presented at a future SSTACT meeting

- The GTFS study, awarded in December, will provide bus tracking options for passengers. We are installing routers on the newer buses and will activate the system once installation is complete. An installation company is assisting with the work, and we expect this to be ready in the coming months.
- The contactless payment system is expected to be awarded in February and will work with the GTFS feed.
- The Calexico ICTC project is under construction and is expected to be completed by the end of April.
- We are working on bus stop maintenance in Calexico and El Centro. We are also working with other cities to set up a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to begin maintenance. Please report any dirty or graffiti-covered bus stops to ICTC.

Ms. Baca presented the following information:

- The 2025 Calexico and Imperial Parade was a great success, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our ICTC staff. 2025 Parade was a great success with our ICTC staff
- Recent events for senior apartment residents took place in El Centro and Calexico
- A few events are coming up next month.

4. UTN Letter to the Hearing Panel Reviews :

Presented by Mr. Gomez:

- Panel discussed and updated the UTN list.

5. Transit Operator FY 2026-27 Quarter 1 Reports:

Imperial Valley Transit:

Mr. Sanchez had the following report:

- Update on the Quarterly on the fixed routes, Quarter 1 July-September 2025-passenger count-150,946, average 17.6 per hour, 853 wheelchairs, 2047 bikes, and OTP 95%.
- Blue line in El Centro- 653 passengers for the quarter, 1.47 passengers per hour, 5 wheelchairs, 9 bikes, and 97% OTP.
- Green Line El Centro- 770 passengers for the quarter, 3 wheelchairs, 1 bike, and OTP 9068.
- Gold Line Brawley- 2,102 for the quarter, PPH 3.7, 12 wheelchairs, 23 bikes, and OTP 99.45%

IVT Access:

Ms. Pacheco had the following report:

- IVT ACCESS first quarterly report- On time performance 98%, passenger per hour 2.61%, and total passenger count 1,540, total for the weekday 4,522
- Saturday's passenger count was 123, and on Sunday, 95 passengers
- 994 wheelchairs, and no shows 18, late passengers 11, and non-ADA passengers 28 in 3 months

IVT Ride Now:

Mr. Guillen had the following report on all IVT Ride services:

- IVT RIDE NOW first quarterly report September (when service started) Calexico 2000 passenger.
- IVT Ride Now El Centro, Heber, and Heber passenger count 3, 800.
- IVT Ride Now – Brawley's count doubled.
- Routes were not closed.

IVT MedTrans:

Mr. Guillen had the following report:

IVT MedTrans first quarterly report 89 OTP, averaging 94 passengers per hour, and passenger count for the quarter 373, 5 wheelchairs, 6 no shows.

- Within July, August, and September, we operated a total of 48 days.

6. General Discussion:

- The EV charging station survey for the county is open until January 23.
Please share it with participants who will have a chance to win a Cardenas gift card.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at the Imperial County Transportation Commission Office, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243.



- 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: February 13, 2026
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 February 19, 2026.

- 1) **Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8:** The Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 call for projects will open following guideline adoption on March 19, 2026, with applications due June 22, 2026. The program supports infrastructure, planning, non-infrastructure, and combination projects that improve safety, mobility, public health, greenhouse gas reduction, and equitable access for active transportation users. Statewide funding of approximately \$21 million is available across fiscal years 2027–28 through 2030–31, while projects not funded at the state level may be considered for regional ATP funding, with an estimated \$1.2 million available. We urge local agencies to begin preparing and submitting applications, and additional information will be shared as it becomes available.
- 2) **Unmet Transit Needs UTN Survey:** Each year, the ICTC holds an Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Public Hearing to assist in identifying transit needs that are not currently being met. ICTC staff developed a survey to assist ICTC in the public comment process. We encourage everyone to forward the survey to members of your community that may be interested in participating in the UTN process for FY 2026–2027. The survey is available from February 4th, through March 13, 2026. The UTN hearing date and time will be identified at the February Commission Meeting.

 Bilingual Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UTN2627>
 ICTC Website: <https://www.imperialctc.org/transit-services/unmet-transit-needs>
- 3) **Household Hazardous Waste Site in Calipatria:** The project to establish a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility in Calipatria has secured \$250,000 in funding. This allocation covers the full scope of development—from construction to procurement of all necessary equipment—ensuring that the facility is fully equipped to serve residents in the north end of the Imperial Valley. While its primary focus is on north end residents, the facility's services will be available to all residents throughout Imperial County during operation days. Staff will be working with the City of Calipatria to move forward with project planning and development.
- 4) **ICTC General Assembly:** ICTC hosted its General Assembly on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at the historic Old Eucalyptus Schoolhouse. Speakers included Ann Fox, Caltrans District 11 Director; Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director; ICTC Chairman Robert Amparano; and ICTC Executive Director David Aguirre. The General Assembly was a success thanks in part to the generous support of our sponsors. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who took the time to attend and for their continued partnership and support. ICTC looks forward to building on this momentum and creating greater programs to share with our constituents.

- 5) **Interstate 8 Wildlife Crossing** – ICTC has been approached by UC Davis about the potential to partner on the development of a Wildlife Crossing across westbound I-8 near the In Ko Pah Gorge. The project currently has funding to complete the initial development of the project which includes the Project Initiation Document (PID), Project Approval and Environmental Document (PAED) and some Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PSE) activities. ICTC’s potential role on the project would be to serve as a project sponsor and to provide minor administrative support. Staff anticipate continued discussions with the grantee and Caltrans to explore the possibility.
- 6) **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.
- 7) **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 early 2026.**
- 8) **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 \$524 million 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. Local agencies have begun forwarding their allocation packages to the CTC to secure the additional funding.** 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>
- 9) **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 are ongoing. Shade canopy improvements have been mostly completed, in addition to site electrical and plumbing work. Site grading and civil onsite work are currently taking place with most of the onsite concrete being placed. The project remains slightly behind schedule mostly due to weather events and is anticipated to be completed in early 2026.**

- 10) **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 for the first week of operation. Ridership information will be shared to the Commission periodically at the Commission meetings.**
- 11) **Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis:** Staff were 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 for 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 consulting and ICTC team will be conducting outreach efforts to share the proposed recommendations. Recommendations are currently being developed and are anticipated to be shared in the coming weeks.**
- 12) **ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility:** ICTC staff have 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. **Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Environmental and Design Services was released on September 26, 2025, and due on December 1, 2025. It is anticipated that a consultant will be selected at the Commission meeting in February 2026. Staff also submitted multiple grant applications for the anticipated construction efforts under FTA 5339 for Bus Facilities and Low No Emission Programs. ICTC was informed that it was not selected under the recent grant cycle. ICTC will continue to pursue construction funding opportunities in the immediate future.**

- 13) **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 were 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 presenting its list of recommended projects to the SCAG Transportation Committee at its November 2025 Meeting. The final recommended list of projects was presented and was approved at the December 2025 SCAG Regional Council Meeting. ICTC staff will be working with SCAG and city/county staff to complete next steps associated with project delivery.**
- 14) **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. Caltrans is assisting ICTC with the development of the Project Study Report (PSR) for submittal to the California Transportation Commission. The PSR acts as the design guidelines and preliminary design for the project. ICTC is anticipating environmental analysis and design in mid-2026.**
- 15) **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 has finalized the contract agreement with the selected firm, and a project kickoff meeting was completed on October 22, 2025. **ICTC and the Consultant team are working on the siting analysis and regulatory analysis.**
- 16) **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. **The agreement was presented to the Commission and was approved at the October 2025 Commission Meeting. The infrastructure has been ordered and will remain in storage until a project is identified.**
- 17) **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.**

- 18) **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 the property acquisition phase and now anticipates proceeding with the design phase.**
- 19) **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 March 2026.**
- 20) **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 preparing the action item to proceed with allocating the funding to proceed into the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase.**
- 21) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** IMBA's 2026 Chair is Tim Kelley representing the Imperial County Region and Vice-Chair is Cynthia Ramirez with CDEM representing the Mexicali Region. The January 8, 2026, IMBA Meeting took place in Mexicali, B.C. **The next IMBA meeting is scheduled to be held on March 12, 2026, in Imperial County.**
- 22) **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. CBP is currently reviewing the project with their HQ Team to attempt to secure funding.**

- 23) **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.**
- 24) **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) 2025 Call for Projects Nominations – FFY 2026/2027 to FFY 2027/2028:** The STBG and CMAQ Call for Projects nominations began on March 31, 2025. Project Nominations were due on Friday, May 16, 2025, via the SCAG online application portal. All agencies were provided with guideline documentation and were encouraged to submit potential projects. In all, fifteen (15) projects were received totaling \$24.2 million. ICTC received projects from the cities of Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, and County of Imperial.

With the use of the CMAQ & STBG Guidelines, Project Prioritization Framework, scoring results of all projects, TAC members were able to agree on a recommended list of projects and forward the 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:

Applicant Agency	Application ID	Application Title	STBG Funding ¹ Recommended	CMAQ Funding Recommended	Total Funding Recommended
City of El Centro	IMP251210	8th St & Aurora Dr. Intersection Improvements	\$ 1,063	\$ -	\$ 1,063
City of Holtville	IMP251214	Melon Road Pedestrian Improvements Phase 3 between 7th Street and 6th Street	\$ -	\$ 436	\$ 436
County of Imperial	IMP251209	Niland Community Sidewalk Improvements on Various Roads Project	\$ -	\$ 1,309	\$ 1,309
City of Calipatria	IMP251211	Railroad Avenue Pedestrian Improvements between Main Street/SR 115 and Date Street	\$ -	\$ 519	\$ 519
City of El Centro	IMP251203	La Brucherie Rd. Rehabilitation Project	\$ 3,391	\$ -	\$ 3,391
City of Holtville	IMP251205	Cedar Avenue Road Rehabilitation between 4th Street and 5th Street	\$ 401	\$ -	\$ 401
City of Holtville	IMP251212	Melon Road Pedestrian Improvements Phase 1 between 9th Street and 8th Street	\$ -	\$ 375	\$ 375
City of Holtville	IMP251213	Melon Road Pedestrian Improvements Phase 2 between 8th Street and 7th Street	\$ -	\$ 406	\$ 406
City of Imperial	IMP251215	Old SR-86 Bike Lane and Sidewalk between Aten Blvd and 15th St	\$ -	\$ 218	\$ 218
County of Imperial	IMP251201	Dogwood Road Pavement Rehabilitation Improvements Project	\$ 1,526	\$ -	\$ 1,526
County of Imperial	IMP251202	Clark Road Rehabilitation From 0.5 Miles North of Heber Rd to City of El Centro City Limits	\$ 1,119	\$ -	\$ 1,119
City of Calexico	IMP251206	Cole Road between SR-98 and Bowker Road	\$ 681	\$ -	\$ 681
					\$ 11,444

ICTC staff are currently working with local agency staff and programming all approved projects in the

Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

- 25) **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.
- 26) **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>
- 27) **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>
- 28) **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
- January 13, 2026 – Ride-Along Coachella to Westshores (attended by Priscilla Baca)
 - January 14, 2026 – ICTC Management Committee Meeting at the ICTC offices
 - January 14, 2026 – Dogwood Elementary Health Fair in Heber (attended by Priscilla Baca)
 - January 14, 2026 – AB 617 Community Steering Committee Meeting in Heber, CA
 - January 15, 2026 – League of California Cities Imperial County meeting in Westmorland, CA
 - January 15-16, 2026 – CalCOG CARL Session #4 (attended by Marlene Flores)
 - January 16, 2026 – Mobility 21 Advisory Board Meeting in Los Angeles, CA
 - January 16, 2026 – CTC SCAG CEOs Meeting in Los Angeles, CA
 - January 21-22, 2026 - EV Study Project Team Site Visit and Stakeholder interviews
 - January 22, 2026 – ICTC General Assembly at the Old Eucalyptus Schoolhouse in El Centro, CA
 - January 22, 2026 – ICTC TAC Meeting at the ICTC offices (attended by Marlene Flores and Cesar Beltran)
 - January 22, 2026 – IVRMA TAC Meeting at the ICTC offices (attended by Maricela Galarza)
 - January 26, 2026 – ICTC and IVRMA FY2025 Audits Weekly Status Meeting (attended by Michelle Bastidas)
 - January 27, 2026 – Mains Elementary-Health Fair (attended by Priscilla Baca)
 - January 28, 2026 – ICTC Commission Meeting at the ICTC offices.
 - January 29, 2026 – ICTC staff meeting at the ICTC offices.
 - January 30, 2026 – Calexico ITC staff field visit.
 - February 04, 2026 – SSTAC Meeting at the ICTC offices.
 - February 10, 2026 – Jefferson Elementary-Health Fair (attended by Priscilla Baca)
 - February 12, 2026 – Presentation for the Sheriff Office (attended by Priscilla Baca)
 - February 9-11, 2026 – Mobility 21 Sacramento Legislative Delegation trip (attended by David Aguirre)

STATE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP)

Call for Projects – Cycle 8

Overview

Program Description

The Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds projects that encourage increased use of active modes of transportation such as biking and walking, increase safety and mobility for non-motorized vehicles, advance active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals, enhance public health, ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program and provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users

Eligibility Project Types

- **Infrastructure Projects:** capital projects that will further the goals of the ATP.
- **Plans:** development of a community-wide active transportation plan.
- **Non-infrastructure (NI) Projects:** education and encouragement programs that further the goals of the ATP.
- **Combination infrastructure and NI project:** capital projects with education or encouragement programs.

Fiscal Years of Funding:

FY2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30, and 2030-31

Amount of Funding Available:

\$21,000,000 Statewide

Application must be submitted using the [ATP online application](#) portal.

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

ATP Regional Funding

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

Projects for ATP Regional funds will be evaluated by using the 2026 ATP Regional Guidelines.

Projected amount available funding of **\$1.2 Million**

Timeline for State

Activity	Date
Guidelines Adoption and Call for Projects	March 19, 2026
Project Application Deadline	June 22, 2026

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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 FEBRUARY 2026.

1. County-Specific Annual Economic Reports Now Available

SCAG recently released county-specific reports for a deeper look at economic conditions across Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. Each report highlights local trends, key indicators, and emerging issues to help policymakers, planners, and stakeholders better understand county-level economic dynamics and plan for the year ahead.

The county-level reports expand on findings included in the "2025 Southern California Economic Update" presented at the SCAG Joint Policy Committee Meeting on Dec. 4, 2025. This annual report provides a comprehensive overview of the region's economic performance and outlook, offering data-driven insights to support informed decision-making by Southern California's local and regional policymakers.

2. 2026 SCAG Scholarship Program Opens for High School and Community College Students

SCAG is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2026 SCAG Scholarship Program! The SCAG Scholarship Program, in partnership with the California Transportation Foundation, will award nine \$4,000 scholarships to high school or community college students from the SCAG region. Students of any field of study are invited to apply, with preference for applications demonstrating a commitment to community planning, regional planning, urban planning, civil engineering, political science, public administration, sustainable development, or related fields

3. SCAG Presents to the Imperial County Transportation Commission's General Assembly

On Jan. 22, the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) hosted its first General Assembly since 2019 at the Old Eucalyptus Schoolhouse in Imperial County. The event featured remarks from SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise, Caltrans District 11 Director Ann Fox, and ICTC Executive Director David Aguirre. Ajise highlighted SCAG's ongoing efforts to support sustainable transportation planning and local project development, while Fox shared updates on state-led transportation projects in



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the county. Aguirre highlighted current and previously completed ICTC projects that support regional mobility. Regional Council Members Martha Cardenas-Singh (Imperial County), Gil Rebollar (Brawley), and Mike Goodsell (Holtville) attended the event, along with former ICTC Executive Director Mark Baza and former Regional Council Member and Imperial County Supervisor Luis Plancarte.

The following day, SCAG Chief Operating Officer Darin Chidsey and Legislative Affairs and Government Relations Manager Kevin Gilhooley toured construction of the Downtown Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center hosted by ICTC Executive Director David Aguirre. This project will improve transportation access in Calexico's downtown core, where thousands of transit riders cross the border daily. ICTC received multiple state and federal funding grants to implement the project, including \$1 million for right-of-way acquisition from SCAG's REAP 2.0 program. The project broke ground in February 2025 and is expected to be completed in spring 2026.

4. 2026 Regional Conference & General Assembly Save the date!

On May 7-8, 2026, local leaders from throughout Southern California will convene for SCAG's 61st annual Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, CA. Please be advised city managers and clerks have been notified about the opportunity for each city to identify SCAG General Assembly Delegate and Alternate to represent their city at the official convening of the SCAG General Assembly.

This conference is a prime opportunity for local and regional leaders to collaborate and address Southern California's biggest challenges, from housing and mobility to economic development and environmental sustainability. Please reach out to SCAG staff with any questions.

5. SCAG Launches SoCal Airport Access and Mobility Study

SCAG is launching a survey to understand how people travel to and from Southern California airports. The study will analyze ground access and preferences to help plan for congestion relief, safety, and multimodal connectivity. The survey will be conducted at major commercial and select reliever airports. The goal is to collect data to improve the planning and management of transportation systems connecting regional airports.

The study will help airport and transportation planners prepare for travel demand and address key issues like safety and the low use of public transit for airport access. By understanding the needs of passengers and employees, the findings will guide strategies to improve airport access and connectivity, especially for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

DISTRICT 11 LOCAL ASSISTANCE REPORT

City of Brawley
City of Calexico
City of Calipatria

City of El Centro
City of Holtville
City of Imperial

County of Imperial
Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)
Imperial Irrigation District (IID)
City of Westmorland

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* ICTC Management Committee Attendee

* ICTC TAC 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, March 13, 2026, is the final submittal deadline for (Allocations & Time Extensions) for the May 14-15, 2026, 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 Caltrans 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 & FUNDING

FHWA Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD)

Formerly known as RAISE, BUILD is a competitive program providing funding for all types of surface transportation and infrastructure projects with significant or local impacts. Eligible activities include funding for each project phase from planning to construction on transportation projects in urban and rural areas.

- * \$1.5B expected to be made in FY26 with individual awards capped at \$25M
- * BUILD opened November 26, 2025, and applications are due **February 24, 2026**
- * Click link [HERE](#) for more information on the BUILD program and eligibility, including application criteria, program requirements, and future amendments to the NOFO.

FHWA Bridge Investment Program (BIP)

The Bridge Investment Program is a competitive program focusing on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition, or in fair condition but risk falling

into poor condition. BIP offers three types of funding: (1) large bridge projects (totaling over \$100 million), (2) regular bridge projects (totaling under \$100 million), and (3) bridge planning and related studies.

- * \$2.46 billion was made available for FFY 2026.
- * **Please note the BIP is currently on pause pending FHWA review.** FHWA is currently not accepting applications and has not provided updates on the status of the program but is expected to keep it open. Caltrans will alert partners if the program is re-opened or amended, but prospective applicants are encouraged to refer to USDOT via grants.gov for any updates at this time.
- * Please visit the link [HERE](#) for further information.

1. 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 emphasizes 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 is expected to be made available.
- * NOFO anticipated early in 2026 based on past cycles but pending authorization under new USDOT priorities and guidance.
- * Please visit this link [HERE](#) for more Pilot for TOD Planning program information.

FHWA Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grants (CFI)

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

- * \$2.5 billion funding available over five years.
- * CFI NOFO anticipated early 2026 based on past cycles but pending authorization under new USDOT guidance and policies.
- * Please visit this link [HERE](#) for more CFI program information.

California Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 – Statewide Projects

ATP Cycle 8 is a statewide competitive program to fund all types of active transportation projects designed to increase the number of trips taken by alternative active modes (i.e., bike or pedestrian) and improve user safety or promote safety awareness. Eligible project types may include a combination of active transportation infrastructure (capital), non-infrastructure (education), planning, and quick-build projects.

- * The CTC is hosting workshops and trainings (both virtual and in-person) on ATP application support and requirements for interested applicants **now through Spring, 2026**. Information on these sessions can be found [HERE](#) *(Please note that interested applicants may attend any session regardless of location!)*.
- * Final Cycle 8 guidelines adoption and call for projects anticipated early 2026.
- * ATP Cycle 8 Statewide applications are due to CTC **June 22, 2026**.

California Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Cycle 5 Programs

SB1 Cycle 5 is a group of discretionary competitive programs held statewide to provide a variety of funding for local agencies seeking to fund multimodal transportation projects. Funding includes three programs: 1) Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SSCP), 2) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), and 3) Local Partnership Programs (LPP). More information on program evaluation, eligibility, workshops and dates, and other requirements for SB1 can be found through the link [HERE](#).

- * Caltrans and the CTC are hosting workshops for each SB1 program, including program guidelines information sessions, project eligibility and requirements, and application development office hours **now through Spring 2026**. Information on these events and more can be found [HERE](#).
- * Final SB1 Cycle 5 guidelines adoption and call for projects expected Summer 2026.
- * SB1 Cycle 5 Applications are expected to be due **November 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.

DLA Publication Updates 2026

Caltrans Division of Local Assistance has published the 2026 Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) and 2026 updates to the Local Assistance Program Guidelines (LAPG).

The LAPM describes the processes, procedures, documents, authorizations, approvals, and certifications required for California Local Public Agencies (LPAs) to receive federal-aid and/or state funds for transportation projects. Click [HERE](#) to view the 2026 LAPM.

The LAPG describes project eligibility, project selection process, funding levels, and relevant statutory references for various federal and state programs. Click [HERE](#) to view the 2026 LAPG.

Email DLAPublications@dot.ca.gov for any questions or concerns.

Caltrans Construction Contract Standards for Local Public Agencies

This memorandum establishes the implementation date for the Caltrans Construction Contract Standards (CCS), 2025 standards, for projects administered by LPAs off the State Highway System (SHS). The 2025 standards and its subsequent annual updates include the standard specifications, standard plans, standard special provisions (SSP), and standard bid items.

All local agencies using CCS for projects off the SHS, regardless of funding source, must use the 2025 standards for projects receiving approval, allocation, obligation, and authorization for the construction phase on or after October 31, 2025. The LPAs may request District Local Assistance Engineer (DLAE) approval for up to an additional three (3) months with reasonable justification.

Projects utilizing local approved standards that are both off the SHS and off the National Highway System (NHS) are exempt from this memorandum.

Please click [HERE](#) for the memorandum and also the 2025 standards.

DBE Interim Final Rule (IFR)

Effective 10/3/2025, DBE IFR published to 49 CFR 26:

- No contracts utilizing federal funds dated today and after are allowed to have a DBE contract goal.
- DBE goal setting will cease until further notice from the Office of Civil Rights (unsure of timeline).
- Current contracts remain valid. However, no race and gender data will be collected or tracked, and DBE compliance and oversight will be minimal until re-certification process is complete.

As we obtain more information, we will continue updating you with changes to the DBE program.

Buy America Program Policy Update

FHWA has published new guidance and updated Q&As effective January 5, 2026. Buy America requirements ensure that materials and products used in federal transportation projects are made in the United States. The new Q&As clarify two key phased implementation requirements:

- Final Assembly

- 55% Domestic Content Threshold

Click [HERE](#) for details.

De Minimis Calculation Spreadsheet Tool (for projects subject to Buy America)

The Office of Oversight and Guidance's Construction Oversight Program has developed a spreadsheet tool for De Minimis calculations for materials subject to new Buy America requirements with an E-76 authorization for construction on or after October 1, 2025.

The spreadsheet tool can be used as a resource to assist Local Agency Construction Contract Administration staff in meeting the new Buy America requirements in the construction contract administration phase. The tool is designed to have the contractor fill in the appropriate information when requesting a De Minimis waiver to Buy America applicable materials and must be submitted to the local agency's Resident Engineer along with the required supporting documentation for review and approval prior to delivering any Buy America applicable materials to the project.

The tool performs two separate De Minimis calculations: One for Manufactured Products and Construction Materials, and another for Iron or Steel products. This tool will also assist with the tracking of compliant and non-compliant Buy America materials. Please click on the following links for additional information:

- A template of the [spreadsheet tool](#)
- [Example project](#) using the spreadsheet tool
- [Construction Oversight Program](#) website

For questions regarding the spreadsheet tool, please contact Division of Local Assistance, Construction Oversight Engineer, [Michael Ramos](#).

NEPA Compliance Policy Update

Office Bulletin #26-01 provides a high-level overview of recent federal actions (Presidential Executive Order "Unleashing American Energy") affecting National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance for Local Assistance transportation projects and outlines the immediate actions required. Policy updates affect Environmental Justice & Equity, Climate Change, and Terminology & Scope. For details please click [HERE](#).

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 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.

Intro to ATP Planning & Design

The Active Transportation Resources Center (ATRC) is hosting free in-person workshops on Active Transportation Planning & Design at sites across California to introduce ATP concepts to planners, engineers, public health practitioners, CBOs, and other champions who might have little to no experience in active transportation planning. Please see link [HERE](#) for dates, Locations and to register.

Road Safety Enhancement Webinar Series

Join the Arkansas Local Technical Assistance Program ([ARLTAP](#)) for two free webinars in their Road Safety Enhancements Webinar Series. The objective of the program is to enable local agencies to develop safer, more efficient, and more economical road and street programs. Targeted operations include construction and maintenance, materials, and administration. Training through this program is free to local agencies. Please see link [HERE](#) 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)
2. Watch [recording](#) of Session 2 (Learn about Federal Grant Requirements and Resources)
3. Watch [recording](#) of Session 3 (All about Benefit-Cost Analysis)
4. Session 4 (Post-Award: What happens now?) – TBA

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.

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

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) resolution for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026/27 – 2031/32 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

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

1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the resolution that certifies funding has been identified for the projects in the FFY 2026/2027 - 2031/2032 FTIP and affirms our commitment to implement all projects in the program.



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February 11, 2026

ICTC Management Committee
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SUBJECT: Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) resolution for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026/27 – 2031/32 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Committee Members:

The Imperial County Transportation Commission has submitted its portion of the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for inclusion into the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2027 FTIP. The program has been prepared in accordance with State and Federal requirements. Every effort was made to contact local agencies to allow them the opportunity to update the status of all projects on the attached list.

Attached is a resolution that establishes our commitment to implement all listed projects in the FTIP in partnership with member agencies and Caltrans. Commitment is based on the assumption that funding sources/revenue remain stable and consistent.

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

1. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the resolution that certifies funding has been identified for the projects in the FFY 2026/2027 - 2031/2032 FTIP and affirms our commitment to implement all projects in the program.

Sincerely,

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

David Aguirre
Executive Director

DA/mf/cl

Attachment

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

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WHICH CERTIFIES THAT IMPERIAL COUNTY HAS THE RESOURCES TO FUND THE PROJECTS IN THE FFY 2026/27 – 2031/32 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND AFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROJECTS IN THE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Imperial County Transportation Commission is located within the metropolitan planning boundaries of the Southern California Association of Governments; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requires SCAG to adopt a regional transportation improvement program for the metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, the IIJA also requires that the regional transportation improvement program include a financial plan that demonstrates how the transportation improvement program can be implemented, indicates resources from public and private sources that are reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the transportation improvement program, and recommends any additional financing strategies for needed projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Imperial County Transportation Commission is the agency responsible for short-range capital and service planning and programming for the Imperial County area within SCAG; and

WHEREAS, as the responsible agency for short-range transportation planning, the Imperial County Transportation Commission is responsible for the development of the Imperial County Transportation Improvement Program, including all projects utilizing federal and state highway/road and transit funds; and

WHEREAS, the Imperial County Transportation Commission must determine, on an annual basis, the total amount of funds that could be available for transportation projects within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Imperial County Transportation Commission has adopted the FFY 2026/27 – 2031/32 (County) Transportation Improvement Program with funding for FFY 2026/27 and 2027/28 available and committed, and reasonably committed for FFY 2028/29 through 2029/30,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Imperial Transportation Commission that it affirms its continuing commitment to the projects in the FFY 2026/27 - 2031/32 Imperial County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FFY 2026/27 – 2031/32 Imperial County TIP Financial Plan identifies the resources that are available and committed in the first two years and reasonably available to carry out the program in the last four years, and certifies that:

1. Projects in the FFY 2026/27 – 2031/32 Imperial County TIP are consistent with the proposed 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program scheduled to be approved by the California Transportation Commission in March 2026; and
2. The Imperial County 2026 STIP Regional Transportation Improvement Program, as identified in the Financial Plan, will include sufficient transportation funds to complete the project. Therefore, as required by the FAST Act and IIJA, the Commission finds that full funding can reasonably be anticipated to be available for the (project) within the time period contemplated for completion of the project.
3. The local match for projects funded with federal STBG and CMAQ program funds is identified in the TIP.
4. All the Federal Transit Administration funded projects are programmed within the FAST Act Guaranteed Funding levels.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of February 2026.

By: _____
Karin Eugenio, Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: _____
CRISTI LERMA
Secretary to the Commission

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

- B. ICTC/IVT Administration, Operations and Maintenance Facility Architectural, Environmental and Engineering Services – Consulting Contract Award

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 and Authorize the Chairperson to sign the Agreement and all required documents for Consulting Services between ICTC and HDR Engineering, Inc.. for the Contract Price of \$4,498,577.45.



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SUBJECT: ICTC/IVT Administration, Operations and Maintenance Facility Architectural,
 Environmental and Engineering Services – Consulting Contract Award

Dear Committee Members:

Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) administration and public transit services have continued to grow since the inception of both programs. ICTC, inclusive of its transit administration and operations, currently utilizes multiple locations to deliver services to the public. Since 2012, ICTC also began the transition of acquiring and taking ownership of the IVT branded services vehicle fleet. The fleet size has grown to 70 total vehicles and the transition to full ownership is now complete.

The IVT branded services has also expanded over the past few years with the additions of IVT Ride Now, IVT MedTrans services and Calexico On Demand. The service expansions created the need to acquire additional bus drivers, dispatching staff and administrative staff. The expansion of the vehicle fleet and services has impacted the available space for parking storage and operations and has created a need for additional capacity.

Due to the lack of space, IVT currently utilizes two locations to conduct operations. The larger facility located at 792 Ross Road in El Centro has been in use since 2005 and currently stores and maintains all of the IVT service vehicles, dispatching for the IVT service, provides a small area for farebox storage and collection, small offices for safety and security staff and maintenance staff and a small office area for walk up passengers purchasing tickets. The Ross Road facility also provides three bays for bus maintenance, parts inventory and employee parking. The second facility located one block away on Industry Way has been in use since 2011 and provides dispatching services for the IVT Ride Now, IVT Access and IVT MedTrans services, offices for senior management and administrative staff, record storage, and a training room for bus drivers and administrative staff. Both facilities are severely undersized and in the case of the Ross Road location, significant upgrades and amenities are required.

It is important to note that the two current bus operations and maintenance facilities, and administrative offices are leased by Transdev, Inc., from local private owners. Many public transit systems own or lease their own facilities to be able to better control capital costs and manage the potential for contractor turnover

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because of competitive bids. In addition to the growth and expanded responsibilities, the Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) transit program will be required to meet the State of California's requirements to transition to zero emission vehicles. The possibility of meeting the State's requirements is not a possibility under the current framework due to the size and quantity of the locations and the likelihood of sunk costs.

As a result, ICTC has been evaluating multiple locations to develop a permanent location to collocate all ICTC/IVT services. In June 2025, ICTC was able to acquire property comprised of vacant land, to develop as the future location for ICTC/IVT administration, operations and maintenance services. The proposed facility is anticipated to have an ICTC Administration Center and IVT Operations and Maintenance Center. The entire facility is anticipated to contain bus maintenance bays, revenue center, bus washing bay, bus and staff parking and canopies, zero emission chargers and potential hydrogen storage and fueling and various other transit administration amenities.

ICTC was able to secure funding through the SB125 Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) to complete the environmental, architectural and engineering design services for the proposed facility. ICTC proceeded to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified architectural and engineering firm. The services required to be delivered as part of the RFP included a final needs assessment, environmental technical studies and approvals (CEQA and NEPA), rezoning assistance and coordination with the city of El Centro, public outreach, preliminary engineering and conceptual design, final design inclusive of civil, structural, architectural designs, alternative fuel system/charging system designs, solar panel design, fire and life safety system design, energy management system design, cost estimates and bid support.

A total of three (3) proposals were received by qualified architectural and engineering firms. An evaluation committee comprised from representatives from city of El Centro, Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), and ICTC participated in the evaluation of the proposals. A qualification-based evaluation approach was utilized for the evaluation of the proposals. The evaluation team unanimously ranked HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) as the highest ranked firm.

HDR has extensive experience working with similar types of transit administration, operations and maintenance facility projects. The Jacobs team is well qualified and will be able to assist ICTC with the various environmental, architectural and engineering tasks required for the delivery of the project services. HDR has completed similar services for the City of Pasadena, Antelope Valley Access Services, Napa Valley Transit Authority, El Paso County and City of Lubbock to name a few. The HDR team also has experience delivering projects that have zero emission technologies and improvements. ICTC has also worked with the HDR team on previous projects, including the Adams Avenue Facility Assessment and ICTC/IVT Administration, Operations and Maintenance Programming. HDR is also proposing to utilize various local firms like Landmark

Funding for the environmental, architectural and engineering services was identified and approved in the ICTC FY 2025-26 OWP and budget. The funding source will be SB125 TIRCP funds. Current funding allocated for the services is \$2,000,000. ICTC has submitted a separate allocation request for an additional \$2,500,000 from the SB125 TIRCP. ICTC is confident that additional funding will be made available to ICTC in the immediate future, however, ICTC included language in the proposed agreement to suspend services at the 30% Design Phase should the funding not come to fruition. The anticipated funding does not require a local match therefore eliminating the need from other operational funding.

The original procurement documents, RFP and consultant response proposals; and all contract exhibits referenced in the contract document are available for review at the ICTC administrative offices by request.

ICTC's Engineers Opinion of Probable Cost was \$3,900,000 including all required services excluding the construction phase. HDR has issued a proposed cost of \$4,498,577.45 to deliver all the required services. The proposed fee has been evaluated and negotiated by ICTC.

It is therefore recommended that the commission consider awarding the contract to HDR Engineering in the amount of \$4,498,577.45. The recommendation also includes ICTC's ability to suspend services should the required additional funding not be secured in time to deliver the project seamlessly. The services are expected to take approximately 18 to 24 months to be delivered.

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 and Authorize the Chairperson to sign the Agreement and all required documents for Consulting Services between ICTC and HDR Engineering, Inc.. for the Contract Price of \$4,498,577.45.

Sincerely,



David Aguirre
Executive Director

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

- C. Imperial County Local Transportation Authority Annual Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

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

1. Receive, Approve and File the FY 2024-25 Imperial County Local Transportation Authority Annual Financial Audit for the following agencies: Brawley, Calipatria, Calexico, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland, the County of Imperial and the ICLTA.



Imperial County Local Transportation Authority

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February 13, 2026

ICTC Management Committee
Local Transportation Authority
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SUBJECT: Imperial County Local Transportation Authority Annual Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Dear Committee Members:

According to Section VIII of the ordinance dated July 1, 1989, the Local Transportation Authority (LTA) must conduct fiscal audits of its financial activities on an annual basis. The ordinance states: *“An annual independent audit shall be conducted to assure that the revenues expended by the Authority under this section are necessary and reasonable in carrying out its responsibility under the Ordinance.”*

The ordinance and the bylaws also state: *“the Local Taxpayer Supervising Committee (LTSC) shall supervise a post-audit of the financial transactions and records of the Authority at least annually by a certified public accountant as described in Section 12...”*

The LTSC will meet on February 17, 2026, to review the annual financial reports performed by the CPA firm, The Pun Group: *LTA Annual Financial Report, for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025*; and to provide feedback and recommendations.

Previous years recommendations are listed below with staff updates pertaining to accomplishments.

- Provide LTA audit requirements training to agency staff as required. *ICLTA Staff provided an LTA Audit staff training at a scheduled TAC meeting this fiscal year to review eligible expenses. This will be a continued yearly effort to keep new finance staff informed of the documentation required.*
- Provide a template to all agencies for the 5-year expenditure plan to ensure uniformity in the annual audit. *ICLTA has prepared and forwarded a general template to all agencies for their use, for audit submittal.*
- Request that the 5-year expenditure plan be updated to reflect an accurate list of projects to be worked on and to ensure it is approved annually. *ICLTA staff will continue to remind agencies of the annual approval and will recommend that their list be updated to reflect only those projects to be worked on in the 5-year period.*
- Request that agency staff provide the LTA with a list of LTA funded completed projects for the fiscal year. *ICLTA staff have developed a template, and the list of completed projects has been*

posted on the LTA website. It was also requested that a press release be made regarding the funds spent on street projects to date. ICTC has published the report and will do so on an annual basis.

- *Create a more effective Maintenance of Effort for the agencies. Restructure the MOE to use as a trial period and bring back to the oversight for a final recommendation of approval. In September 2025 ICLTA amended the Ordinance to a more comprehensive and equitable MOE structure.*
- *Implement a cap on administrative use of LTA funds with up to 6 to 10% recommended. ICLTA presented the 5% limit in the use of LTA funds towards administrative expenses and was approved by the board on February 22, 2023.*
- *Submit documentation pertaining to use and projects utilizing LTA funds for the prior fiscal year to LTA staff no later than November 1st. ICLTA staff will continue to work with the agencies to ensure that documentation is submitted by the date specified in the ordinance.*
- *Allow LTA staff to implement withholding funds penalties to agencies for noncompliance with LTA regulations. ICLTA staff will maintain ongoing discussions with agency staff to avoid withholding funds scenarios. ICLTA staff will only utilize withholding of funds penalties in situations where the agency is nonresponsive to ICLTA compliance documentation requests.*
- *Request that agencies with a large fund balance give an explanation as to why the funds have yet to be expended. ICLTA staff will work with the auditor to include this information as a footnote in the audit report.*

The draft audits are posted on the LTA website at <https://www.ltaimperial.com/audits-and-financial-reports> for your review.

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

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DAVID AGUIRRE
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