



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, April 25, 2024
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: In person at the ICTC Offices or Via Zoom for Non -Voting Members & the Public

Chairperson: County of Imperial

Vice-Chair: City of Holtville

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Introductions**
2. **Adoption of Minutes for March 28, 2024** *ACTION*
Requesting a motion to adopt
3. **SCAG Highways to Boulevards Study Project Presentation**
Presented by Hina Chanchlani, SCAG
4. **ICTC Updates / Announcements**
Presented by ICTC Staff
 1. Transit Updates
 2. Transportation Planning Updates
 - FFY 22/23 & FFY 23/24 Federal & State Funded Project Obligation List
5. **Caltrans Updates/ Announcements**
Presented by Caltrans Staff
6. **SCAG Updates/ Announcements**
Presented by SCAG Staff
7. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates**
All
8. **General Discussion / New Business**
9. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC is tentatively scheduled for May 23, 2024. For questions you may call Marlene Flores at (760) 592-4494 or contact by email at marleneflores@imperialctc.org

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 28, 2024

Requesting a motion to adopt



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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 MINUTES**

March 28, 2024

Present:

Alan Molina	City of Calipatria
Francisco Barba	City of Calexico
Felix De Leon	City of El Centro
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Melany Amarillas	City of Holtville
Ramiro Barajas	City of Westmorland
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Manuel Ortiz	IID

Others:

David Aguirre	ICTC
Katie Luna	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Angela Delgadillo	ICTC
Andrea Montano	City of El Centro
Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Lily Falomir	City of Calexico
Fernando L. Williams	City of Imperial
Joel Hamby	City of Westmorland
Adolfo Garcia	County of Imperial
Ismael Garcia	County of Imperial
Alejandro Lopez Rangel	Caltrans
Bryan Ott	Caltrans
Nick Ventrilla	Caltrans
M'lynn Martin	Caltrans
Micheala Howard	Caltrans
Kevin Hovey	Caltrans
David Salgado	SCAG
Rachel Om	SCAG
Patricia Ramirez	The Holt Group

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was present, and introductions were made. There were no public comments made.

1. A *motion* was made to adopt the minutes for February 22, 2024 (Montaño/Villegas) **Motion Carried.**

2. Active Transportation Program Cycle 7:

- ICTC staff presented a factsheet on the ATP cycle 7.
- Applications are due to CTC by June 17, 2024.
- [Caltrans Website](#) with information for ATP Cycle 7

3. Quick Build Projects and Funding Opportunities:

(Presented by Rachel Om, SCAG)

- Rachel Om provided a brief presentation on Quick build projects and funding opportunities.
- For more information, please visit: <https://scag.ca.gov/active-transportation> & <https://scag.ca.gov/sustainable-communities-program>
- For any questions, please contact please reach out to Rachel Om, om@scag.ca.gov

4. ICTC Updates / Announcements

(Presented by ICTC Staff)

a. Transit Planning Updates

- Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (CPFCDS): ICTC recently received an award of 4.1 million dollars to be utilized towards the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center Project. The project has already received awards from the RAISE, ATP and REAP 2.0 programs. We would like to thank our local, State and Federal Partners and Congressman Raul Ruiz for their continued support of the project, ICTC and the Imperial County. ICTC would also like to congratulate the cities of Imperial and El Centro, the County of Imperial and the Imperial Irrigation District on their awards.
- Imperial Valley Transit and Associated Services Operations and Maintenance Request for Proposals: ICTC’s existing agreement with its current operator (Transdev) is coming to a conclusion. ICTC’s goal is to complete the procurement process and award a contract to a qualified firm by the end of the fiscal year. The proposed new agreement will be for a 5-year fixed period with two additional single-year options. More information to come.
- Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project: The project is estimated to be completed in June 2024.
- Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) Free fares Program: Fares will be reinstated on July 1, 2024.
- Bus Stop Improvement Project: ICTC released the Request for Proposals for design services for the project. ICTC is looking to begin design services soon and have construction take place within FY23-24/FY24-25.

b. Transportation Planning Updates

CMAQ/STBG & CRP Call for Projects:

- April 1st- SCAG Project Selection Process Review
- June/July- Regional Council Approval
- Resolutions are due March 29th

FFY 22/23 & FFY 23/24 Federal & State Funded Project Obligation List:

- Each jurisdiction gave its update.

5. Caltrans Updates / Announcements:

(Presented by: Alejandro Lopez, Caltrans)

- Friday, March 15, 2024, is the final deadline (for that May 16-17, 2024, CTC meeting).
- Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Renewals Due: Expiring soon: El Centro (March 22, 2024)
- 2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7): Upcoming ATP Webinar: An overview of Submittable: The New ATP Cycle 7 Application Tool Wednesday, March 27, 2024 9:30am – 11:30am

- Further details are available at this link – <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) – Cycle 12: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/highway-safety-improvement-program/calls-for-projects-hsip-ssarp>
- U.S. Department of Transportation Grant Opportunities: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants>
- November 21, 2024 – Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants

6. SCAG Updates / Announcements:

(Presented by: David Salgado, SCAG)

- REAP 2021 Advocacy Updates: SCAG issued a hold on sub-allocation projects while working to assess impacts of the proposed cuts. Given the delays and impact caused by the proposed budget, adjustments will need to be made to SCAG's REAP 2.0 program. Staff plans to bring an informational item to the Executive Administration Committee in April to discuss priorities and processes for reshaping the program.
- GO HUMAN project applications are going to open up. Please contact David Salgado for more information.

7. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

- Each jurisdiction gave its update.

8. General Discussion / New Business

No new business was discussed.

Next TAC meeting will be on February 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

3. SCAG HIGHWAYS TO BOULEVARDS PRESENTATION

Presented by Hina Chanchlani, SCAG



Highways to Boulevards Regional Study

WWW.SCAG.CA.GOV

Connect SoCal 2024 and SCAG's Racial Equity Early Action Plan



Mobility: Build and maintain an integrated multimodal transportation network.



Communities: Develop, connect and sustain communities that are livable and thriving



Environment: Create a healthy region for the people of today and tomorrow



Economy: Support a sustainable, efficient and productive regional economic environment that provides opportunities for all residents

"As central to SCAG's work, racial equity describes the actions, policies, and practices that eliminate bias and barriers that have historically and systemically marginalized communities of color, to ensure all people can be healthy, prosperous, and participate fully in civic life."

Federal, State, and Regional Opportunity

- Highways to Boulevards Regional Study
- Funded via \$480,000 federal earmark
- Aligned with recent federal and state support for this work:
 - **Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program:** \$1 billion over the next 5 years in dedicated funding to restore community connectivity
 - **Neighborhood Access and Equity Grants:** \$3 billion over the next 5 years to support neighborhood equity, safety, and affordable transportation access to reconnect communities divided by existing infrastructure barriers
 - **Caltrans Reconnecting Communities Highways to Boulevards Pilot Program** \$150 million for a Highways to Boulevards conversion pilot program

Defining the Project

Highways to Boulevards Regional Study

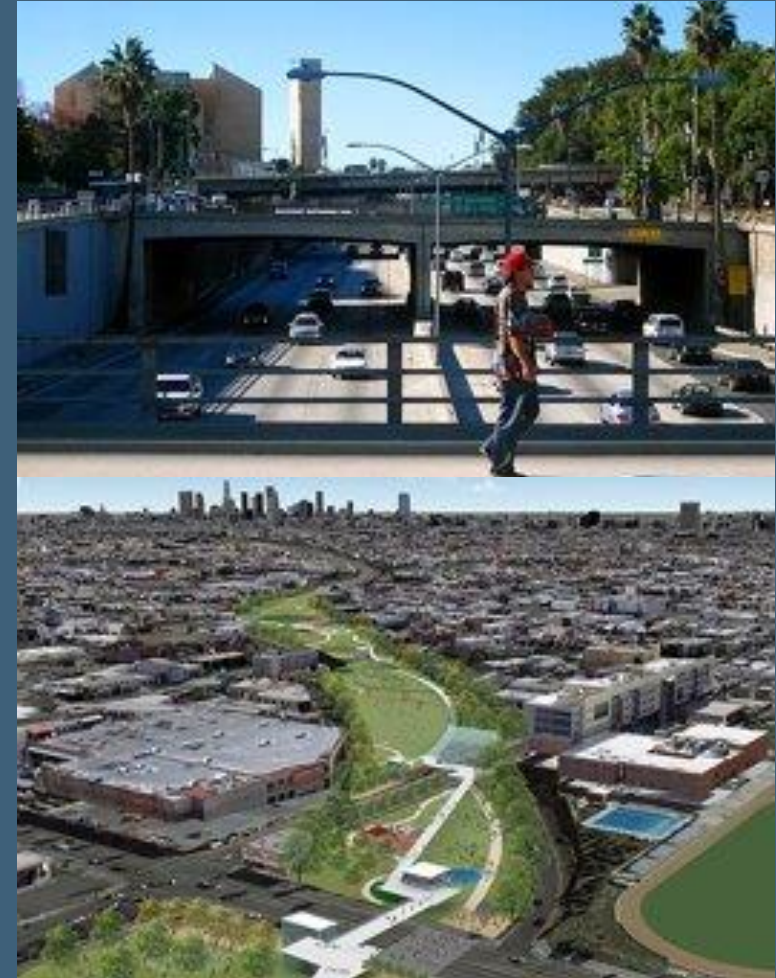
Aims to identify areas to remove, retrofit, or mitigate the negative impacts of highways and railways through highway to boulevard conversions, freeway caps, and railroad conversions.

Study Goals

- Identify locations for conversion and mitigation
- Develop methodology to identify potential conversions
- Position the region for federal funding & implementation
- Reknit communities
- Lift up Priority Equity Communities
- Preserve and create safer & healthier communities

Study Scope

- Review existing conditions and all ongoing highways to boulevards, freeway caps, and railroad conversion efforts in the region
- Establish a framework and a set of metrics for the identification of highways or railways along with community support for future improvements
- Identify and evaluate potential projects (6-10)
- Develop guide to support locals seeking to mitigate the negative impacts of highway or railway bifurcation
- Robust stakeholder engagement



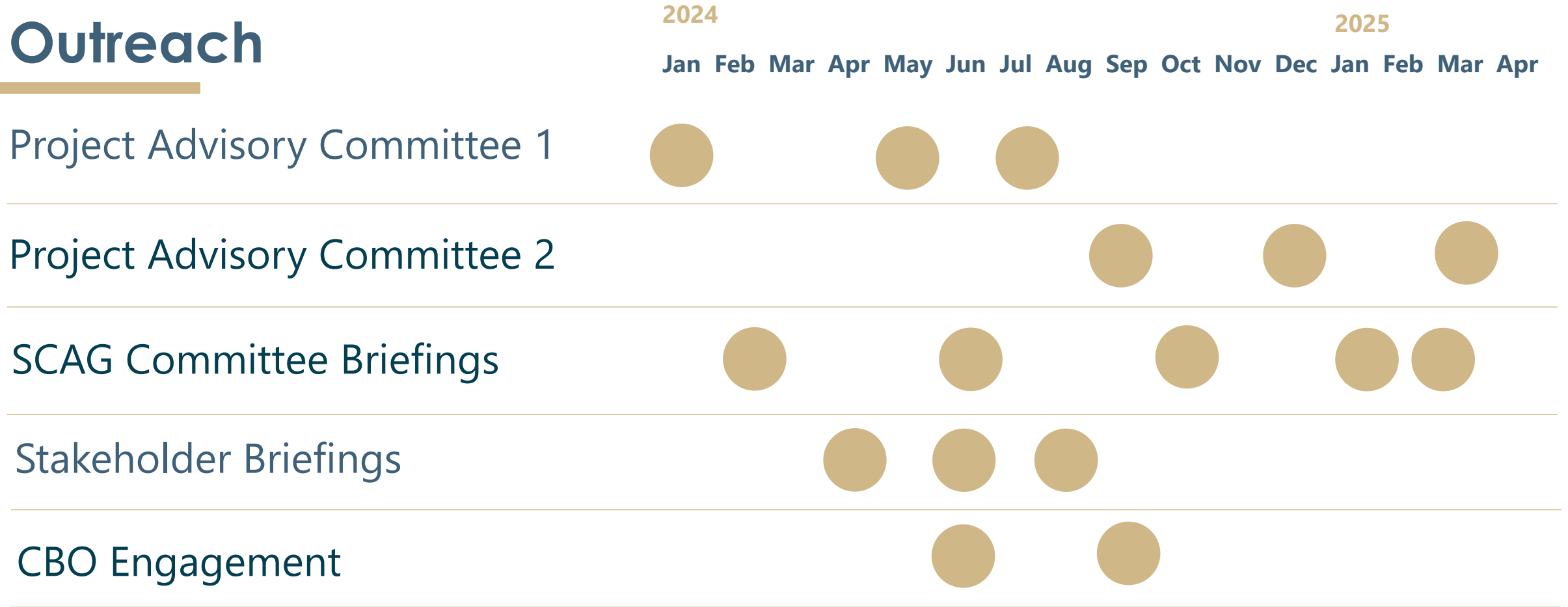
Review of State Policies, Programs, and Plans

- Caltrans 2020-2024 Strategic Plan
- Caltrans Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards Pilot Program
- Caltrans Transportation Analysis Framework
- Caltrans Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plans (Districts 7, 8, 11, and 12)
- California Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure
- California Transportation Assessment Report
- Caltrans Freeway Cap Best Practices Guide
- Z – Preparation for Relinquishment Approval Report
- Main Street, California: Caltrans Guide for Fostering People Centered State Highway Main Streets
- Project Development Procedures Manual
- Caltrans Project Development Procedures Manual Appendix
- Towards an Active California
- Caltrans Active Transportation (CAT) Plan District 7
- Caltrans Active Transportation (CAT) Plan District 8
- Caltrans Active Transportation (CAT) Plan District 11
- Caltrans Active Transportation (CAT) Plan District 12
- Inter-Regional Transportation Strategic Plan

Review of Local Plans

Imperial County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Imperial Valley, Our Future, Our Growth Long Range Transportation Plan
Los Angeles County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) Vision 2028 Plan • LA Metro Our Next LA Long Range Transportation Plan
Orange County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach Boulevard Corridor Study • Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Direction 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan • OCTA State Route 91 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan • South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study
San Bernardino County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active San Bernardino • Inland Empire Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan • San Bernardino Countywide Transportation Plan Update
Riverside County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverside County's Long Range Transportation Study • Inland Empire Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan
Ventura County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventura County's Comprehensive Transportation Plan • Ventura County Freight Corridors Study • VCTC US 101 Communities Connected Multimodal Corridor Study

Outreach



Federal & State Opportunities

- Under the combined Reconnecting Communities Program, USDOT offers three grant types:
 - Capital Construction - **\$1.15 Billion**
 - Community Planning - **\$185 Million**
 - Regional Partnerships Challenge - **\$450 Million**
- Caltrans launched Reconnecting Communities: **Highways to Boulevards (RC:H2B)** pilot program (\$149 million)
 - City of Arcata, Reconnecting Arcata- The Arcata Cap
 - San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) - Reconnecting Southeastern San Diego and National City
 - San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) - Connect 4 South San Francisco (Connect4SSF)

FEDERAL

Reconnecting Communities Program (RCP)

WHAT KINDS OF PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

Highway
Caps



Highways
to
Boulevards



Rails to
Trails



... and more! Communities can apply for **planning** and **construction** grants to pursue these types of projects.

RCP Awards – FY2022 and FY2023

Round	Project Type	Project Name	Applicant	Award Amount
RCP FY2022	Capital	Shoreline Drive Gateway	City of Long Beach	\$30,000,000
RCP FY2022	Planning Grant	SR-710 Northern Stub Re-envisioning Project	City of Pasadena	\$2,000,000
RCN FY2023	Capital	I-710 Humphreys Avenue Crossing: A Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing to Bridge the 710 Divide in East L.A.	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	\$9,961,500
RCN FY2023	Capital	Port of Los Angeles - Rail Mainline/Wilmington Community & Waterfront Pedestrian Grade Separation Bridge	Port of Los Angeles	\$5,000,000
RCN FY2023	Planning	City of Montclair San Antonio Creek Trail Crossings Design	City of Montclair	\$750,000

RCP Awards FY2022 and FY2023

Round	Project Type	Project Name	Applicant	Award Amount
RCN FY2023	Regional Partnership	Removing Barriers and Creating Legacy - A Multimodal Approach for Los Angeles County	Los Angeles, California	\$139,000,000
RCN FY2023	Planning	Healing Hollywood	Friends of the Hollywood Cap Park, Inc	\$3,599,760
RCN FY2023	Planning	Reconnecting East Los Angeles: 60 Green Bridge Project for Belvedere Park	County of Los Angeles	\$800,000
RCN FY2023	Planning	Reconnecting MacArthur Park	City of Los Angeles	\$2,000,000
RCN FY2023	Planning	Reconnecting North Long Beach - Hamilton Loop Project	City of Long Beach	\$1,200,000



BEST PRACTICES + CASE STUDIES

MANDELA PARKWAY

Location	Project Type	Context	Project Status	Total Cost
Oakland, CA	Freeway Replacement to Urban Boulevard	Urban, 1.5 miles	Completed (2005)	\$13 M







Project Results

- Substantial neighborhood air quality improvements.
- Provides a key link in the 500-mile Bay Trail.
- Spurred needed residential and commercial development that continues today.
- Did not consider anti-displacement mechanisms thus likely displacing former residents.



ATLANTA BELTLINE

Location	Project Type	Context	Project Status	Total Cost
Atlanta, GA	Rail conversion to multiuse path and potential for future LRT	Suburban, 22-mile rail corridor	Partially complete	\$2.8 B

Before



NOVEMBER 2009

After



DECEMBER 2012

28



Before



After



Before

After

Before



After







Shannon

THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP GRANT 2019-2021

\$262,700
invested
TO CATALYZE
SMALL BUSINESSES
WITHIN THE
BELTLINE CORRIDOR



A/C CLUTCH BICYCLE SHOP
FAÇADE COMPLETED IN 2020

2020 PILOT

- 2** *façades improved*
- 2** *artist partners employed*

2022

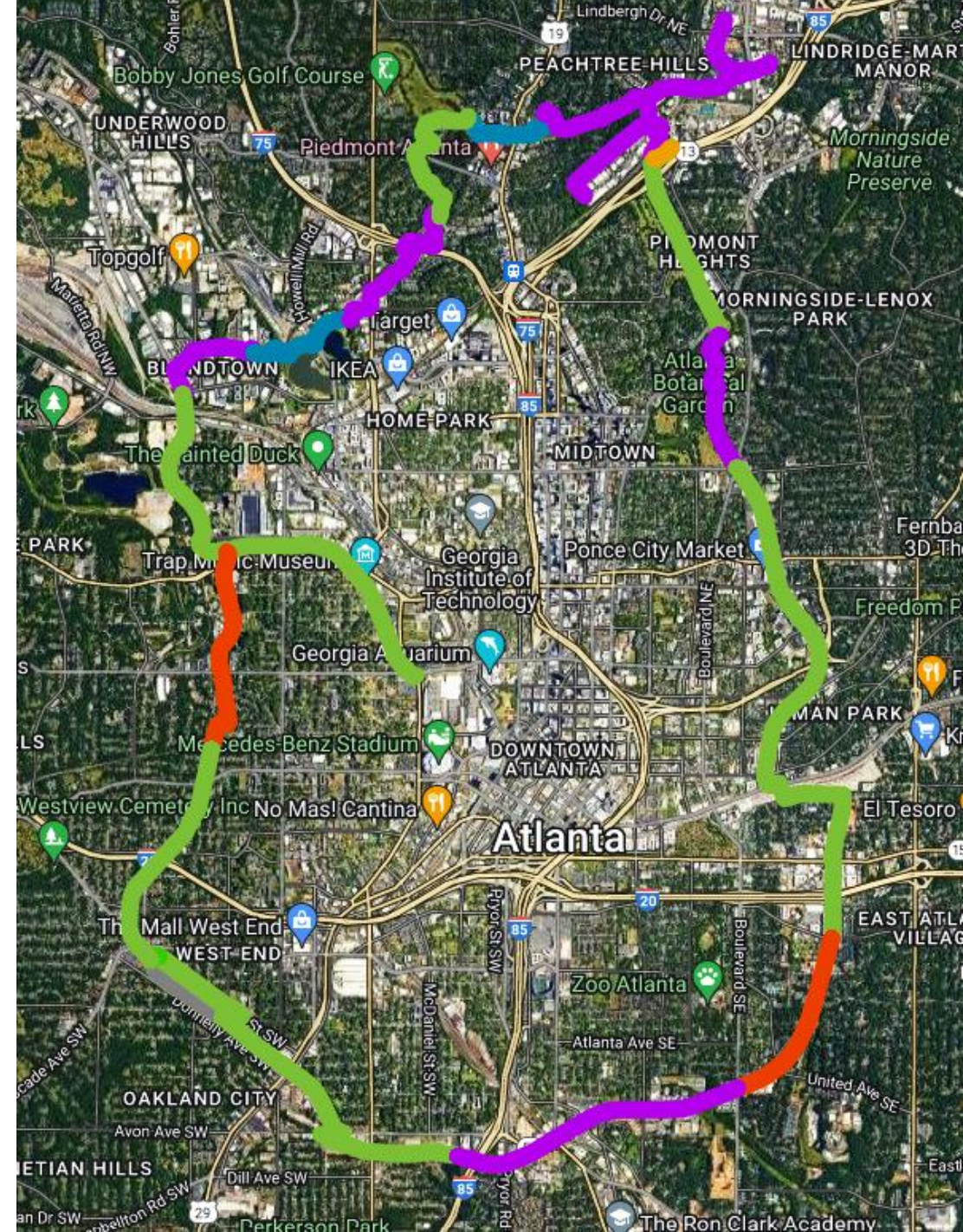
- 3** *façades will be improved*
 - 3** *artist partners will be employed*
- all located in the equity priority areas*



RED'S BEER GARDEN
FAÇADE COMPLETED IN 2020

Project Results

- Design for corridor includes trails, parks, and light-rail extension.
- BeltLine Affordable Housing Trust to preserve affordable housing and provide resident assistance along the trail.
- Strong partnerships: Government, non-profit, private, philanthropic.
 - Providing support to small businesses in equity-focused neighborhoods along the BeltLine.



Comments or Questions?

- Do you have any ideas about potential project opportunities?



THANK YOU!

For more information, please visit:

<https://scag.ca.gov/corridor-planning> or reach out to Hina Chanchlani at Chanchlani@scag.ca.gov



Questions about this project? Please contact Hina Chanchlani at chanchlani@scag.ca.gov or visit <https://scag.ca.gov/corridor-planning>

HIGHWAYS TO BOULEVARDS REGIONAL STUDY

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is leading the Highways to Boulevards Regional Study to address past harms caused by the past rapid expansion of the freeway system and other major transportation projects that created physical barriers that divided communities and resulted in amplified racial inequities across the region.

Through the Study, SCAG will identify opportunities to reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating transportation facilities such as highways or railways that create barriers to community connectivity, including mobility, access, and economic development. The Study will strategically position Southern California communities to advance these projects.

The Study area includes the entire six-county SCAG region, including Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties.

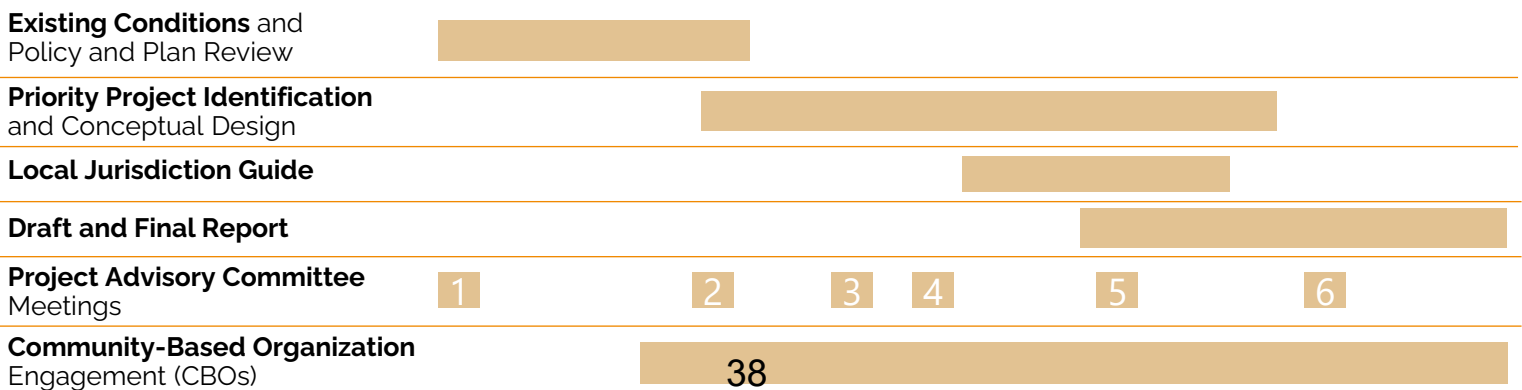
STUDY GOALS

The Study will:

- ✓ Offer a path for communities to reknit by removing, retrofitting or mitigating transportation facilities so that what remains is a better fit for the context of their surroundings and serves all people.
- ✓ Provide a framework to identify and evaluate potential transportation facilities to reconnect communities and provide more multi-modal travel options.
- ✓ Focus on facilities that intersect with Priority Equity Communities.
- ✓ Preserve local communities and create opportunities for safer and healthier communities.
- ✓ Position the region to compete for federal funds.

TIMELINE

2024 **2025**
 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr



4. ICTC UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by ICTC Staff



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Memorandum

Date: April 12, 2024
To: ICTC Commission Members
From: David Aguirre, Executive Director
Re: Executive Director's Report

The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Commission meeting on April 24, 2024.

- 1) **Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (CPFCDs):** ICTC recently received an award of 4.1 million dollars to be utilized towards the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center Project. The project has already received awards from the RAISE, ATP and REAP 2.0 programs. We would like to thank our local, State and Federal Partners and Congressman Raul Ruiz for their continued support of the project, ICTC and the Imperial County. **ICTC would also like to congratulate the cities of Imperial and El Centro, the County of Imperial and the Imperial Irrigation District on their awards.**
- 2) **Active Transportation Program, Cycle 7:** *The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has released the Active Transportation Program (ATP) guidelines as of March 22, 2024. Approximately \$568 Million funding will be available for fiscal years 2025/26 through 2028/29 statewide. Applications will be due to the CTC by June 17, 2024. Imperial County applicants must also submit a copy of their applications to the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC). For a copy of the adopted ATP guidelines please refer to Active Transportation Program Guidelines directly at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program/cycle7>.*

In addition, only applicants that submit applications to the statewide ATP will be eligible for Regional ATP funds. Imperial County anticipates approximately \$1.2 million in ATP Cycle 7 Regional Funds will be available for all applicants that are not successful in the statewide call. There might also be additional funding available for quick build type projects. ICTC staff have developed an ATP factsheet for reference to both funding opportunities. Also, the Regional Active Transportation Plan adopted by ICTC is a valuable resource for agencies seeking funding through ATP Cycle 7. The document outlines priorities for each jurisdiction within Imperial County and was developed with significant input from the public. This input likely reflects the needs and preferences of the local community, making it a valuable tool for agencies seeking to align their grant proposals with the region's priorities. The ATP document is on the ICTC website at https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/documents/transportation-plans-and-studies/ICTC-ATP_Final-Documents_2022.02.28_Reduced-Size.pdf

- 3) **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) 2024 Call for Projects – FFY 2023-2024 to FFY 2025/2026:** The STBG, CRP and CMAQ Call for Projects began on November 9, 2023. Applications were due on Friday, January 26, 2024, at the ICTC office. All agencies were provided guideline documentation were encouraged to submit potential projects.

Program	Applicants	Total Value Requested by All Applicants
CMAQ	City of Imperial	\$388,000
STBG	City of Imperial, City of Brawley and City of El Centro	\$2,416,000
CRP	ICTC – City of Imperial	\$1,083,000

Due to the number of projects submitted, ICTC was able to evaluate all projects internally without utilizing the normal process which involves all cities participating in the scoring and ranking process. ICTC will be recommending projects to SCAG as part of the final submittal process. ICTC staff will be working with local agency staff and programming all approved projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) upon award notification. *The list of projects was approved by the commission in February. The proposed project applications were submitted to SCAG for consideration of approval.*

- 4) **Imperial Valley Transit and Associated Services Operations and Maintenance Request for Proposals:** *ICTC's existing agreement with its current operator (Transdev) is coming to a conclusion. As required by federal law, ICTC has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to qualified transit operations and maintenance operators. The RFP was issued on February 16th, 2024. ICTC's goal is to complete the procurement process and award a contract to a qualified firm by the end of the fiscal year. The proposed new agreement will be for a 5-year fixed period with two additional single-year options. More information to come. ICTC received multiple responses to its RFP and is currently evaluating the responses. Staff will attempt to award the contract in the month of May or June 2024.*

- 5) **Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study** – ICTC recently submitted a grant application under the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) to prepare a Countywide EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study. The project will aim to identify strategic locations within the county for EV Charging Infrastructure. Caltrans is currently developing a similar project for locations along State facilities.

- 6) **Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project:** The Project proposes to widen the bridge over the All-American Canal at the U.S./Mexico border approximately 0.7 miles south of State Route (SR) 7. The project proposes to widen the existing structure by adding four lanes: Two New Northbound Auto Lanes and Two New Northbound Commercial Vehicle Lanes. In May 2018, Caltrans and ICTC received \$3,000,000 from the California Transportation Commission and the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the project. In June 2018, Caltrans completed a Project Initiation Document (PID). In Fall of 2018, the PA/ED phase was initiated by Caltrans, technical studies for the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) document under Caltrans as the NEPA lead are in progress and is scheduled for completion in May 2020. In December 2018, ICTC was awarded \$20 million under the U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD discretionary grant program to complete the Design-Build construction phase. ICTC subsequently received TCEP in the amount of \$7.4 Million for construction efforts. The design portion of the project is complete. The project construction is underway, and construction was anticipated to be completed at the beginning of 2023 but suffered delays due to the issuance of the presidential permit. Approximately 87% of construction efforts have been completed. The project was temporarily placed on hold for 6 months due to the issuance of the presidential permit to relocate the border fence. The Presidential Permit was received on July 7, 2023. On November 15, 2023, GSA, ICTC, and regional partners celebrated the completion of Stage 1 of the project with a Ribbon Cutting celebration. ICTC Executive Director David Aguirre led the ceremony. Speakers included ICTC Chair Mike Goodsell, CBP Calexico Port Director Roque Caza, GSA Pacific Rim Region Public Buildings Service Deputy Regional Commissioner Amanda Sweeney, FHWA Senior Project Engineer Tay Dam, Caltrans District 11's South County and Trade Corridor Director Nikki Tiongco, CTC Commissioner Clarissa Reyes Falcon, and Head Counsel of the Mexican Consulate in Calexico Tarcisio Montes de Oca. The event concluded with the anticipated Ribbon Cutting followed by media opportunities. For additional information regarding this project visit the ICTC website at: <https://www.imperialctc.org/projects/calexico-east-port-of-entry-bridge-expansion>. *The project is estimated to be completed in June 2024.*

- 7) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** *An IMBA meeting and strategic planning session was held in the City of Mexicali's Preparatoria y Universidad 16 de Septiembre, on January 16, 2024. At the strategic planning meeting, the committee developed the schedule for the year. ICTC hosted the March 14th, 2024, meeting at ICTC offices. The following dates are tentatively scheduled for IMBA in 2024.*
- *May 9th – Mexicali*
 - *July 11th – Imperial County*
 - *September 12th – Mexicali*
 - *November 14th (Strategic Planning and IMBA meetings) – Imperial County*
- 8) **Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) FREE FARES PROGRAM:** *On August 7, 2020, the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) announced the implementation of a **Free Fares Program** for various Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) services. Eligible services include IVT Fixed Route, IVT Circulators (Blue, Green and Gold Lines), IVT ACCESS and IVT RIDE (EL Centro, Imperial, Heber, Brawley, Calexico, Westshores). All passengers are eligible to benefit from the Free Fares Program. The fares are subsidized by a State of California grant and fare contributions to IVT RIDE passengers by the County of Imperial's Area Agency for the Aging (AAA). *ICTC was able to secure a new grant to provide free fares for all its transit programs. Due to the previous labor issues, ICTC implemented free fares for all services to assist with the inconvenience to the public. The labor issues have since been resolved but ICTC will continue to offer free fares to the public until further notice. ICTC was also able to secure a second grant to provide free fares for all services with the exception of the Calexico On Demand service. **The free fares program will end in June 2024 with existing fares being re-implemented on July 1, 2024. A formal public hearing was held on March 27, 2024, prior to the Commission Meeting.****
- 9) **IVT Ride Potential Service Modifications:** *IVT Ride is a dial-a-ride service that is available to seniors (55 years of age or older) and persons with disabilities in the communities of Calexico, Heber, El Centro, Imperial and Brawley. The service primarily operates in an intracity capacity with the exception of the communities of El Centro, Imperial and Heber and the Westshores service which travels to the city of Brawley or the Coachella Valley. The Westshores service is also available to the general public. Due to continuing declining ridership on all IVT Ride services, staff are exploring the possibility of modifying the service to provide trips to the general public but still provide priority to the senior population. The possible modification would enable the service to capture additional passengers and implement a microtransit like service in various communities. The possible modification would also require financial investment in technology and the development of a passenger web and mobile application. Staff anticipates bringing the further evaluated concept to the Management Committee and Commission in the coming months. Staff are also pursuing funding opportunities to facilitate the possible transition of the service.*
- 10) **Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC):** *A new Intermodal Transportation Center in the City of Calexico has been part of ICTC's long range transit planning. The new Calexico ITC will serve as a regional mobility hub that will accommodate bus bays for Imperial Valley Transit in addition to private bus companies, taxis and farm labor buses. ICTC previously received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal program fund to complete the environmental and design plans of the new Calexico ITC. The environmental and design phase has been completed. *Right of Way Acquisition is underway. ICTC has already acquired 2 of the required 3 properties for the project. The City of Calexico Council approved the commencement of the eminent domain process for two of the required properties. ICTC was recently awarded multiple grants to complete the required construction efforts for the project. ICTC received grant awards from the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0, Active Transportation Program (ATP) and Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Programs. Due to the anticipated State budget deficit, REAP 2.0 funding may be impacted. SCAG is working to ensure that the REAP 2.0 funding is not negatively impacted. ICTC is working with SCAG to identify possible alternative funding sources in the interim. It is anticipated that the project will start construction in July 2024. **The project construction management RFP has been released and is available for bidding by qualified engineering firms. ICTC is working to attempt to award the contract in April 2024. Due to the selection process and associated timing, the item may be taken to the commission directly for consideration and approval.****

- 11) **Bus Stop Improvement Project:** Staff are working on developing a bus stop improvement project across multiple cities throughout the county. The project consists of installing various bus shelters and potentially other amenities. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. *ICTC released the Request for Proposals for design services for the project. ICTC is looking to begin design services soon and have construction take place within FY23-24/FY24-25. The contract award will take place at the April Commission meeting.*
- 12) **Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis** – Staff was able to secure grant funding to complete a Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). The COA is a comprehensive evaluation of ICTC’s existing transit services while also presenting evaluation findings and recommendations to further improvement of ICTC’s existing public transit system. ICTC intends to evaluate all ICTC operated services in addition to incorporating an assessment of the feasibility of intercity passenger rail. Staff is currently working on the development of the Request for Proposals (RFP) and it is anticipated that the RFP will be released in the coming months.
- 13) **EV Charger Installation Project:** Staff are working on developing an EV charger installation project across multiple cities throughout the county. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. *It is anticipated that the project will be completed within FY23-24/FY24-25.*
- 14) **2022 Long Range Transportation Plan:** The ICTC in its capacity as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency is responsible for leading the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in Imperial County. The last update to the LRTP was conducted in 2013. ICTC staff completed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to prepare a full update of the Imperial County LRTP. Michael Baker International was the selected consultant. The process took around 18 months to complete, and included various outreach activities including several pop-up events, technical and stakeholder meetings. The final LRTP document adoption took place in the month of February 2024. The completed document and project listings are posted on the ICTC website for review and download, at <https://www.imperialctc.org/publications-and-reports/transportation-plans-and-studies>.
- 15) **Forrester Road Project Study Report (PSR):** Caltrans District 11 has been working on a project report on behalf of ICTC. The PSR will analyze safety and operation improvements along Forrester Road between I-8 and SR86/SR78. Other improvements include the Westmorland bypass. A meeting to discuss the draft PSR took place at the ICTC offices on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 9 a.m. Further updates to the PSR are anticipated along with additional meetings to discuss the updated PSR. *The updated PSR was recently received, and staff will be reviewing the updated document.*
- 16) **Calexico Microtransit Service – Calexico On Demand:** ICTC submitted a grant application for the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) program in October of 2020. The grant application was submitted to provide a clean energy microtransit service in the city of Calexico. In early 2021, ICTC was notified of its grant award of \$1 Million to fund the pilot microtransit service. The microtransit service will operate as an on-demand service available to provide trips to the general public within the boundaries of the city of Calexico. The award required that ICTC fund and operate the service for a minimum of 4 years. ICTC partnered with Via Transportation, an experienced transportation operator to operate the service. ICTC and Via began the development of the project including service criteria, marketing information, and operational criteria. ICTC obtained approval from the CMO program to commence the service. ICTC kicked off the service on January 9th, 2023, and intends to have a formal event to celebrate the kickoff of the service as soon as approval is received by the CMO. The service was free for all passengers until February 9th, 2023. Further information about the service can be viewed on the website: <https://city.ridewithvia.com/calexico-ondemand>. *The service has averaged 180 passengers per day since the removal of the free fares and has been well received. ICTC has been working with CMO to obtain additional funding for the project. ICTC was awarded an additional \$500,000 to be utilized for operations of the service and additional service hours. The contract amendment with the operator was approved at the June 23, 2024 meeting. ICTC is pursuing additional grant opportunities to continue to fund the project.*
- 17) **State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint:** State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint: In August 2017 following a year of coordination, Caltrans, the County of Imperial and ICTC met with CBP management and operations staff achieved consensus for a new conceptual alternative prepared by Caltrans. The LTA Board met on September 27, 2017; staff presented the Board with a fund request for \$1.3

million from the 5% Regional Highway Set-Aside from the Measure D allocations. A Consultant Agreement with AECOM for design and construction engineering was approved by the LTA on February 28, 2018. Following our ICTC Board meeting in late September 2020, ICTC has initiated a traffic study as required by Caltrans. Design work has been delayed due to Border Patrol's concern related to their ability to provide additional funding necessary to meet their operational requirements. On Wednesday, March 17, 2021, ICTC received confirmation from Border Patrol Headquarters in Washington D.C. that they wish to proceed with the original Canopy Design that is similar to Interstate 8 Pine Valley Checkpoint.

As discussed, and confirmed with Border Patrol, ICTC will only provide the remaining funds we had available (February 2021) of approximately \$1.3 million to complete the traffic study, 100% design plans, and construction of the canopy, lighting related to the canopy, and traffic related improvements required by Caltrans. Border Patrol is committed to paying for all other construction-related costs and Border Patrol will lead the construction contract. Border Patrol, Caltrans and ICTC are having weekly meetings toward completing design plans. CBP will be working with Caltrans to obtain environmental clearance once funding for construction is obtained. The improvement plans have been prepared in final draft form and have been submitted to Caltrans for review.

- 18) **Bus Stop along Cole Road west of Highway 111 in the City of Calexico:** *ICTC received a request through its Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process asking for the installation of bus stop improvements along Cole Road west of Highway 111 in the City of Calexico. ICTC and the City of Calexico were able to work together to have the bus shelter and associated infrastructure improvements installed. The bus stop is now open for public use.*
- 19) **Clean California Bus Stop Improvement Project:** Through Clean California Round 1 Funding, Caltrans was able to secure funding to complete bus stop and shelter improvements in the communities of Niland, Calipatria, Brawley and Holtville along various state routes. Caltrans, ICTC and the communities worked together to identify locations, in addition to reviewing possible secondary amenities such as trash enclosures. Construction activities for the new bus stop improvements began on March 13, 2023. The project bus stop improvements were completed in November/December 2023. The final set of bus stop improvements were completed in the city of Brawley in late March/early April 2024.
- 20) **Funding for Phase II of the Calexico West Port of Entry:** As previously noted, Congress authorized \$98 million for Phase 1. The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) began construction for Phase 1 in December 2015 with completion now scheduled for July 2018. Phase 2A was awarded in the amount of \$191million and will include six additional northbound privately-owned vehicle (POV) inspection lanes, permanent southbound POV inspection, expanded secondary inspection and adding a pre-primary canopy, new administration building, and employee parking structure. *Funding for phase 2B was awarded in the amount of \$103.4 million. Work for phase 2B will include demolition of the old port building and construction of the new pedestrian building. The total estimated investment for the Calexico West POE improvements are \$416.2 million. Construction efforts for the West Port of Entry are anticipated to begin on September 26, 2022. Noticing information pertaining to lane closures and closure times, adjustments to the East Port of Entry passenger vehicle operating hours and other items have been distributed and shared via multiple media outlets including ICTC's website at [Canopy construction at the Calexico West Port of Entry to impact vehicle traffic | Imperial County Transportation Commission \(imperialctc.org\)](https://www.imperialctc.org)*
- 21) **Regional Active Transportation Program:** ICTC staff has been working with staff from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in the development of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) guidelines. The ATP is funded from various federal and state funds including the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), State Highway Account, and Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S). The approved California Transportation Commission 2023 ATP (Cycle 6) program guidelines divide the funds into state and regional shares. State funds are available through a competitive application process. Applicants that are unsuccessful at the state level are considered for regional funds. Regional ATP funds are administered by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO). SCAG is Imperial County's MPO. Per SCAG's 2023 ATP Regional Guidelines, county transportation commissions may assign up to 20 points to each statewide project application deemed consistent and meeting eligibility requirements. ICTC staff has completed the adoption process of the scoring methodology. ICTC staff received state scoring of ATP applications from Imperial County and presented staff

recommendations to TAC members on December 15, 2022. Projects are underway at various stages by the agencies. Staff recommendations were approved at the January Commission meeting. See the table below for further information.

Regional ATP Projects		
Agency	Project Name	Total ATP Funds Requested
City of Calipatria	Bonita Place Pedestrian Safety Project	\$997,000
City of El Centro	Pedestrian Improvement Project – various locations on Main Street	\$1,200,000
ICTC	Pedestrian Improvements for the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center	\$1,073,000
TOTAL Regional ATP funds		\$3,270,000

- 22) **Orchard Road & SR115 Traffic Concept Report:** During the Commission meeting of September 2022, the Commission asked ICTC staff to follow up on the SR 115 Transportation Concept Report (TCR). ICTC staff has conducted meetings with Caltrans and County Public Works staff during the week of October 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.
- 23) **San Diego & Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Strategy:** San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and ICTC received a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for a Sustainable Freight Implementation Strategy for both counties. The goal with the strategy is to help transition the freight sector in San Diego and Imperial Counties to sustainable technologies, operations, infrastructure over the next 30 years. The strategy will systematically implement multimodal freight projects and policies, seek to pilot innovation technologies, create a workforce development toolkit, and identify potential funding sources for implementation. The area of study includes communities adjacent to major freight infrastructure in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Environmental justice areas, as defined by AB617, will be a particular focus and include the Portside Environmental Justice Communities, the International Border Community, and Calexico-El Centro-Heber corridor. This plan kicked off in February 2022 and is expected to be completed March 2024. Public engagement has been instrumental in the creation of this strategy, participants of Imperial County have included County Public Works department, Work Force Development, Comité Civico del Valle, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation, among others. Strategy outcomes are scheduled to be presented to SANDAG and ICTC groups as well as community organizations such as IMBA and AB617 meetings starting in June in Imperial County.
- 24) **State Route 98 Widening from Ollie to Rockwood:** As part of the Calexico West POE Expansion project, SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Boulevard were widened and improved to serve the expansion to the west. Caltrans’ SR-98 work between VV Williams and Ollie Avenue was completed in March 2018, and the Cesar Chavez Blvd. Widening was completed in October 2019. Caltrans has completed the design and right of way phase for SR-98 Widening between Rockwood Avenue and Ollie Avenue. On June 24, 2020, CTC authorized construction funding. The total project cost is estimated at \$7 million using a combination of 2016 Earmark Repurposing, Demonstration, Traffic Congestion Relief, ICTC and local funds. The construction start date was delayed to due to environmental impacts and other utility projects in progress within the project area. Construction of the project began on August 6, 2021. The existing contractor of the project has been removed. Caltrans has secured a new temporary contractor to complete the project improvements from Ollie Avenue to Highway 111. Caltrans completed Phase 1 in late November. *Phase 2 of the project commenced on January 9th, 2023. The portion of the project that consisted of the north side of Highway 98 between Highway 111 and Ollie Avenue has been completed. Caltrans is now working on completing the southeast side of Highway 98 between Highway 111 and Rockwood Avenue.*
- 25) **State and Federal Local funding Obligations:** Projects programmed in programmed in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019/2020 were fully obligated according to Caltrans Local Assistance. Beginning October 1, 2020, agencies can move forward with request for authorization (RFA) for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) programmed in FFY 2020/2021. Other state funding also

included in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) include the Active Transportation Program (ATP).

26) **State Legislation for Transportation Funding – SB 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA):** According to the California League of Cities, overall local streets and roads allocations to cities and counties from the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) and the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) are projected to climb 14.8% in the current fiscal year, 2021-22, above last year, reflecting a rebound from peak impacts of the pandemic in 2020. For the budget year 2022-23, allocations are projected to grow 10.8% over the current year. This presumes that if the scheduled July 1 cost-of-living fuel tax increase is suspended, the Legislature will backfill any revenue impacts to local governments as leaders have pledged. The estimates are based on new statewide tax revenue estimates released by the California Department of Finance with the Governor’s 2022-23 Proposed Budget. The county estimates were prepared in collaboration with the California State Association of Counties.

For RMRA remittance advice by cities visit: https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard_payments_rmra_cities.html

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27) **Funding Opportunities:**

- **ATP Cycle 7 Call-for-Projects:** ATP Cycle 7 is expected to include about \$568M made up of Federal, State SB1, and State Highway Account (SHA) funding. The funding/programming years include the 25/26, 26/27, 27/28, and 28/29 fiscal years.
 - Schedule and major milestones can be found at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program/cycle7>
- For a complete list of California specific grant opportunities go to <https://www.grants.ca.gov/>.
 - [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2023 through FY 2026 Bridge Investment Program, Planning and Bridge Project Grants](#)
- For a complete list of federal transportation grant opportunities go to <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>.

28) **Meetings/trainings attended on behalf of ICTC:**

- Various Weekly Reoccurring Calexico East POE Bridge Widening Project Meetings
- Various Weekly Project Specific Meetings
- March 28, 2024 – ICTC TAC Meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- April 3, 2024 – ICTC SSTAC Meeting at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- April 3, 2024 – Brawley Senior Center Presentation (attended by the mobility staff)
- April 4, 2024 – Senior Resource Fair in Imperial (attended by the mobility staff)
- April 5, 2024 – SHCC Legislative Meeting via zoom meeting
- April 8, 2024 – Unmet Transit Hearing at the ICTC offices and via zoom meeting
- April 10, 2024 – ICTC Management Meeting at the City of Holtville and via zoom meeting
- April 15-18, 2024 – 2024 California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CALACT) Annual Spring Conference (attended by Gustavo Gomez, Priscilla Baca, and Angela Delgadillo)
- April 19, 2024 – CTC CEOs/SCAG Meeting via Teams Meeting

FFY22/23 Federal/State Funded Project Obligation List

Updated on 10/27/2023

Federal funding Obligations: The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Authorization to Caltrans Local Assistance. Projects must obligate (E-76) federal funds in FFY 2022/23. (Starting October 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2023)

State Funded Allocations: The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Allocation to Caltrans Local Assistance for State approval during FY 2022/2023 (Starting July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023)

Agency	Project ID	Federal Project ID (FPN)	Project Name	Funding Type	Programming Phase	Federal/STATE Amount in FY 2022/23 (in 000's)	Obligation Status/ Notes
Brawley	IMP220601	CML-5167(046)	Traffic Signal Synchronization & Intelligent Transportation Systems on Main St. from Western Ave. to Best Ave., and on 8th St. from Main St. to B St.	CMAQ	CON	\$700	
Brawley	IMP210601		Main Street Improvements from First Street to 9th Street.	EARMARK	CON	\$2,674	Out to bid.
Brawley	N/A		Improvements on C St from Western Ave to First St, Steven St from Evelyn Ave to Richard Ave, and Ronald St from Evelyn Ave to Richard Ave.	LPP	CON	\$327	Working on the bid packet. Project has been approved by acting city engineer. Ready to go out to bid. Local funds being used: \$326
Brawley		CML 5167 (047)	Rehabilitation of C Street from 1st Street to Imperial Avenue	CRRSAA	CON	\$97	CRRSAA funds. Local match SB1 funds \$729,807 Request of Allocation submitted May 30, 2023
Calexico	IMP191001		Weakley Street Improvements between Scaroni Blvd. and Portico Blvd. (paving of dirt road).	CMAQ	CON	\$155	RFA anticipated to be submitted July 2023 *Project has EPSP
Calexico	IMP220602		Sidewalk Improvement Project on Grant Street between Pierce Avenue and Emilia Drive, Calexico Street between Adler Avenue to Kloke Avenue, Van de Graaf between Cole Boulevard and Calexico 10 Theaters	CMAQ	CON	\$230	RFA anticipated to be submitted end of July
Calexico	IMP220609	STBGL-5168 (035)	Cole Boulevard between M.L. King and Boweker Road Rehabilitation Project	STBG	CON	\$1,416	E-76 7/28/2023
Holtville	IMP220605	CML-5174(035)	East 9th Street Pedestrian Improvements Project from Ash Avenue to Oak Avenue	CMAQ	CON	\$400	
Holtville	IMP2206012	STPL-5174(034)	West 9th Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project Between Melon Road and Olive Avenue	STBG	ENG	\$53	RFA submitted 5/23/23 NOTE: This project is tied to a Local Partnership Program (LPP) Project. Local Agency Funds added to FY22/23 (PE Agency funds \$7 are LPP funds from Cycle 3). Agency CON Funds in FY 23/24 amount of \$89 are LPP from Cycle 3 and Cycle 4. Received E-76
Imperial	IMP220606	CML 5134(026)	Aten Boulevard Class II Bike Lane from Vilore Way to Austin Road	CMAQ	CON	\$404	RFA under approval process. RFA packet was submitted on 6/12/23
Imperial	IMP2206013	STBGL-5134 (027)	Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project Between Vilore Way and Old SR-86	STBG	CON	\$1,136	RFA under approval process. RFA packet was submitted on 6/12/23
						\$7,592	

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PE- Design
R/W- Right of Way
RFA- Request for Authorization
CMAQ- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
STBG- Surface Transportation Block Grant

FFY23/24 Federal Funded Project Obligation List

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Agency	Project ID	Federal Project ID (FPN)	Project Name	Funding Type	Programming Phase	*Federal Amount in FY 2023/24 (in 000's)	Obligation Status/ Notes
Brawley	IMP220608		At B Street Eastern Avenue to Palm Avenue Description Street Improvements (Resurfacing the pavement) along B Street from Eastern Avenue to Palm Avenue.	STBG	PE	\$51	Design is ongoing. Pending to submit exhibit 3A.
Brawley	IMP230701		From to Intersection of Main Street and 8th street, install traffic signal mast arm assembly, LED safety lighting, curb bulb out, median curb nose, ADA curb ramps, high visibility crosswalks, and pavement markings.	HSIP	PE	\$42	Pending follow-up with STC for the design.
Brawley	IMP230702		From to Install roadway lighting, guardrails, chevron curve warning signs, rumble strips, roadway striping, pavement markings, and outside shoulderwidening on Dogwood road from 550 ft south of Mead Road to 750 ft. north of Mead Road.	HSIP	PE & R/W	\$154	Will speak with STC they are assisting them with that project. Doesn't know when they are going to submit the exhibit 3A.
Calipatria	IMP220603		At South Brown Avenue Main Street/SR 115 to Church Street South Brown Avenue Roadway and Pedestrian Facilities Improvement Project between Main Street/SR 115 to Church Street. Improve pedestrian connectivity and improve the existing deteriorated conditions of the roadway.	CMAQ	CON	\$1,649	
Calipatria	IMP220610		At Main St. Lake Avenue to International Blvd Roadway Improvements on Main Street between Lake Avenue and International Boulevard	STBG	CON	\$298	
El Centro	IMP220604		At Imperial Ave. Ocotillo Dr. to Main St Imperial Ave. Traffic Signal Synchronization from Ocotillo Dr. to Main St.	CMAQ	PE	\$85	Pending RFP & Exhibit 3A. On track.
Holtville	IMP220612		At 9th Street Melon Road to Olive Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements on 9th Street between Melon Road and Olive Avenue	STBG	CON	\$587	
Imperial County	IMP220607		From to Various Locations Main Street Improvements from SR 111 to Memphis Ave. (South Side) and Isis Ave. Improvements from Main St. to Third St. (sidewalk, ADA ramps, curb, gutter, infill paving, and bicycle lane) in the community of Niland.	CMAQ	PE	Local Funds only. Refer to project sheet	Pre-CON next week.
Imperial County	IMP220614		At Bowker Road McCabe Rd. to Ross Rd. Bowker Road Rehabilitation from McCabe Rd. to Ross Rd.	STBG	CON	\$1,666	Design is ongoing. Finish audit report by May.
Westmorland	IMP230102		From to The City of Westmorland Pedestrian Improvements Project will consist of construction/installation of new sidewalk (including gap completion) and new ADA ramps, where none exist, for the safety and convenience of the walking public. Also, streetlights may be installed where needed for nighttime safety of pedestrians	CMAQ	PE	Local Funds only. Refer to project sheet	
						\$2,395,532	

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PE- Design
R/W- Right of Way
RFA- Request for Authorization
CMAQ- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
STBG- Surface Transportation Block Grant

*Refer to attached project sheet for complete funding details

FY23-24 State Funded Project Obligation List

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Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Funding Type	Programming Phase	*State Amount in FY 2023/24 (in 000's)	Obligation Status/ Notes
Calipatria	IMP230703	From to Install new sidewalk and associated improvements on Bonita Place between South Brown Avenue and Southeast Avenue. The project also includes the removal and replacement of existing sidewalk.	ATP	PE	\$88	
El Centro	IMP230601	At Imperial Avenue various locations to Various locations Pedestrian crossing improvements along Imperial Avenue.	ATP	CON	\$882	
					\$135,970	

CON- Construction
PE- Design
R/W- Right of Way
RFA- Request for Allocation
ATP- Active Transportation Program
LPP- Local Partnership Program

***Refer to attached project sheet for complete funding details**

5. CALTRANS UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by Caltrans Staff

6. SCAG UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by SCAG Staff



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Memorandum

Date: April 10th, 2024
To: ICTC Committee and Management Meeting
From: David Salgado, Government Affairs Officer (GAO)
Re: **Southern California Association of Government’s (SCAG) Report**

The following is a summary of the SCAG Executive Director’s Report and/or Federal and State Legislature Staff Report for the Imperial County Transportation Commission Management Committee and Regular Commission meeting for the month of April 2024.

1. REGIONAL EARLEY ACTION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM 2021 (REAP 2.0) ADVOCACY UPDATES

Governor Gavin Newsom’s proposed budget announced on Jan. 16 includes \$300 million in cuts to the Regional Early Action Planning program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) that will result in approximately \$123 million in cuts from SCAG’s \$246 million REAP 2.0 program.

SCAG issued a hold on sub-allocation projects while working to assess impacts of the proposed cuts. Given the delays and impact caused by the proposed budget, adjustments will need to be made to SCAG’s REAP 2.0 program. Staff plans to bring an informational item to the Executive Administration Committee in April to discuss priorities and processes for reshaping the program.

In the meantime, SCAG encourages the Governor to reconsider these cuts and submitted an official letter to state legislators and the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. SCAG will continue to advocate to preserve REAP 2.0 at the 2024 Legislative Summit in Sacramento and during the state budget process. SCAG has also prepared a grantee toolkit, with template letters and other share-able information, for partners to assist in this advocacy.

2. SCAG Joint Policy Committee Recommends Connect SoCal 2024 for Approval

The Joint Policy Committee, at its March 7, 2024, meeting, recommended the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) including the associated proposed final transportation conformity analysis, and the Connect SoCal 2024 proposed Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) to the Regional Council for approval and certification.



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This decision came after a staff presentation summarizing comments from the public review periods. During public review, SCAG hosted 15 elected official briefings and three public hearings on the draft RTP/SCS, receiving 53 comment letters on the draft RTP/SCS and 33 comment letters on the Draft PEIR.

SCAG staff are currently in the process of updating the draft Connect SoCal 2024 in response to comments. A direct response to each plan comment will be included in the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Public Participation & Consultation Technical Report. Response to PEIR comments will be included in the proposed Final PEIR.

The proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 will be available on the SCAG website on March 28. The Regional Council is set to consider certification of the Final PEIR and adoption of the final RTP/SCS, including the associated final transportation conformity analysis, in April 2024.

3. REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

At its March 2024 meeting, SCAG’s Regional Council moved to approve SCAG’s Draft Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25, including the Draft Overall Work Program (OWP). The framework

for developing the FY 2024-25 Draft Comprehensive Budget is SCAG’s multi-year Strategic Plan, which focuses on the agency’s vision for improving the organization and its operations.

The Regional Council’s vote also authorized the release of the FY 2024-25 Draft OWP for a 30-day public review period from March 7 to April 8. Comments may be submitted by completing the comment form or emailing nguyenk@scag.ca.gov.

At the close of the public comment period, the FY 2024-25 Final OWP will be submitted to the Regional Council for approval on May 2. The General Fund Budget and the Membership Assessment will also be submitted to the General Assembly for approval in May.

4. SCAG 2024 SAVE THE DATE! 2024 REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Early bird registration is open for SCAG’s 59th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert on May 2-3. Don’t miss this event, which brings together elected officials and policymakers, as well as business, community and civic leaders, from across Southern California to collaborate on the future of mobility, communities, the environment and the economy.

For additional details about the event, visit the 2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly website. Please contact update@scag.ca.gov with any questions.

5. U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PROPOSED DISAPPROVAL OF SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS 2019 CONTINGENCY MEASURE PLAN

According to a Consent Decree issued in January 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to take action by July 1 on the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) 2019 Contingency Measure Plan for the 1997 federal ozone standard. This plan covers the South Coast Air Basin, which includes all of Orange County and urban areas within Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

On Feb. 2, the EPA published a notice of proposed disapproval of the air plan, which will set in motion a 24-month highway sanction clock for AQMD to address underlying issues in the plan. If the issue is not addressed within the 24-month period, highway sanctions and a federal air plan would be imposed in the South Coast Air Basin, impacting the ability of nonexempt highway capacity projects in the region to receive federal approval or funding.

SCAG provided comments on the substantial negative consequences of the EPA's proposed disapproval and requested an extension of the March 4 public comment period deadline to allow careful analysis of the implications for the SCAG region. EPA granted this extension, and the comment period deadline is now April 3. SCAG and county transportation commissions are preparing a letter outlining the significant implications of the disapproval and recommending that EPA consider full approval of the plan, conditional approval that supports meaningful partnerships, or partial approval that provides a realistic and short pathway to resolve the underlying issues.

EPA and AQMD representatives have been asked to provide a status report on the proposed disapproval at SCAG's monthly Transportation Conformity Working Group meetings. SCAG will continue to evaluate potential impacts of highway sanctions.

7. CITIES AND COUNTY PLANNING/ PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES