



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

**DATE:** Thursday, November 21, 2024  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** ICTC Offices  
1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104  
El Centro, CA 92243

**CHAIRPERSON: COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

**VICE-CHAIR: CITY OF HOLTVILLE**

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IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Introduction**
2. **Adoption of Minutes for October 24, 2024.** *ACTION*  
*Requesting a motion to adopt*
3. **Caltrans Updates/ Announcements**  
*Presented by Caltrans Staff*
4. **SCAG Updates/ Announcements**  
*Presented by SCAG Staff*
5. **ICTC Updates / Announcements**  
*Presented by ICTC Staff*
  1. Transit Updates
  2. Transportation Planning Updates
    - ATP Cycle 7 Update
    - Local Partnership Program Update
    - CMAQ & STBG New Call for Projects
6. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates**  
*All*
7. **General Discussion / New Business**
8. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC is tentatively scheduled for December 19, 2024. For questions you may call Marlene Flores at (760) 592-4494 or contact by email at [marleneflores@imperialctc.org](mailto:marleneflores@imperialctc.org)

## **2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 24, 2024**

Requesting a motion to adopt



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## **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**October 24, 2024**

**Present:**

Ana Gutierrez	City of Brawley
Juan Manuel Cabrera	City of Brawley
Lily Falomir	City of Calexico
Felix De Leon	City of El Centro
Hector Salcedo	City of El Centro
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Fernando L. Williams	City of Imperial
Alan Molina	City of Holtville
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Adolfo Garcia	County of Imperial
Manuel Ortiz	IID

**Others:**

David Aguirre	ICTC
Katie Luna	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Cesar Beltran	ICTC
Patricia Ramirez	City of Brawley
Silvia Luna	City of Brawley
Rocio Enriquez	City of Brawley
Sandy Fonseca	City of Calexico
Liz Fuchen	City of El Centro
Frank Pacheco	City of El Centro
Liz Zarate	City of El Centro
Andrea Montano	City of El Centro
Victor Manriquez	City of Imperial
John Herrera	City of Imperial
Marco Coronel	County of Imperial
Ismael Garcia	ICAPCD
Michael Kahler	IVTA
M'Lynn Martin	Caltrans
Nick Ventrilla	Caltrans
Alejandro Rangel	Caltrans

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 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 September 26, 2024 ([Falomir/Ortiz](#)), **Motion Carried.**

2. **LTA Overview**

An LTA overview was provided by Mr. Aguirre.

- Mr. Herrera inquired if the cost of street maintenance is covered by the LTA ordinance.
- Ms. Atondo inquired about whether land acquisition is covered by LTA ordinance.
- Mr. Aguirre stated that staff will review the ordinance and will follow up with an email with an answer to the inquiries.

3. **ICT Updates/ Announcements**

*Presented by ICTC Staff.*

- **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.

- **ICTC is awarded \$12.6 Million from the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) through its Transit Intercity Rail Capitol Program (TIRCP) to design and construct a transit facility at the Calexico East Port of Entry (POE)**

The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) was recently awarded \$12,600,000.00 in grant funding from the 2024 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) through the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA). The goal of the Calexico East Port of Entry (POE) Intermodal Transportation Center is to create a transformative transportation hub that integrates various modes of transportation, including public transit buses and shuttles. 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.

This ICTC led multi-year project will incorporate several phases including planning, design and environmental clearance, right-of-way acquisition, and construction, with an estimated completion date in 2030.

- **Federal Funded Project Obligation List:** Marlene Flores went down the line with each of the agencies' project status.

- **LPP Cycle 5 Call-for-Projects:** LPP Cycle 5 is expected to include about \$72M/per year made up of Federal and State funding. The funding/programming years include the 25/26 and 26/27 fiscal years.

- Mr. Aguirre emphasized to contact ICTC staff if there is a delay in any projects to help deliver the projects or move the money for a future fiscal year.
- 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-notice-funding-opportunity>.

#### 4. **Caltrans Updates/ Announcements**

*Presented by Caltrans Staff*

- **November 27, 2024 – Deadline for California Transportation Commission (CTC) Requests**

Please see link below to review the schedule of deadlines and prepare requests for California Transportation Commission (CTC) approval during the January 30-31, 2025, CTC meeting – <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/financialprogramming/documents/2025-external-preparation-schedule.pdf>

When possible, do not wait to submit requests, Caltrans District 11 must receive all documents at least two months prior to the desired CTC meeting date. Wednesday, **November 27**, 2024, is the final deadline (for January 30-31, 2025, CTC meeting). For assistance, please call the Caltrans District Local Assistance Engineer, Bryan Ott: 619-985-5440.

- **Bridge Investment Program (BIP)**

The Bridge Investment Program is a competitive, discretionary program that focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition.

The deadline for **Large Bridge Project Grant Application** to be unloaded to Grants.gov is August 1, 2025, for consideration of FY 2026 funds.

- Ms. Martin stated that Caltrans will be having an Imperial Valley Procurement and Resources Fair on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at Imperial Valley Fairgrounds. More information to come.

#### 5. **SCAG Updates/ Announcements**

No updates were given.

#### 6. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:**

Updates were given by the agencies.

#### 7. **General Discussion / New Business**

No new business was discussed.

Next TAC meeting will be on November 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

# **3. Caltrans Updates/ Announcements**

**Presented by Caltrans Staff**

## DISTRICT 11 LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER (DLAE) UPDATE

### **Inactive Projects**

Please see link [HERE](#), open file and apply filters to locate any “inactive” project status. Send justification for inactive projects over to Alma Sanchez at [alma.sanchez@dot.ca.gov](mailto:alma.sanchez@dot.ca.gov)

### **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Renewal!**

For every Local Agency, the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) expires annually and on different dates.

An Agency must reverify on the [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) website 4-6 weeks before a UEI expires. No Requests for Authorization will be processed if a UEI is flagged as invalid. (If Caltrans cannot verify a UEI, the Local Agency might have opted-out of public view; if so, please send Caltrans a snapshot of the UEI from [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) as verification.)

**The City of Holtville must renew** a UEI registration. City staff could check [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) for instructions. Agencies confirming a UEI, please click this UEI *SmartSheet* link below, and enter information in the yellow columns –

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=339b738857f44033b2e7d9a95742c38d>

For assistance, please call one of the Caltrans Imperial Area Engineers: Alejandro Lopez-Rangel 858-229-1721.

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Fiscal Year BIP Funding	Planning Application Deadline	Bridge Project Application Deadline
FY 2025	<del>October 1, 2024</del>	<del>November 1, 2024</del>
FY 2026	October 1, 2025	November 1, 2025

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Further details are available at this link – [BIP - Funding Programs - Management and Preservation - Bridges & Structures - Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridges/management/preservation/management/preservation.cfm)

### U.S. Department of Transportation Grant Opportunities

The USDOT website provides a DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard, which is a great tool that your local agency can use to find 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, just to name a few. In the link provided below, you can filter for your agency specifics to narrow down grant opportunities. Directions, deadlines, and links to apply are here – <https://www.transportation.gov/grants>

### Key Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

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

#### **A few of the key programs and their deadlines:**

- \* Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

- 1) FY 2025: 1/13/2025

- 2) FY 2026: 1/13/2026

- \* Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (NOFO anticipated in November)

- [Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program | Build America](#)

Further details are available at this link – [Key Notices of Funding Opportunity | US Department of Transportation](#)

### November 21, 2024 – Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant Deadline

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a new Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants program (Community Change Grants), announced via a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), for approximately \$2 billion dollars in Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. Applications are now open, which the EPA is accepting on a rolling basis, with grant technical assistance available to applicants. Final deadline to apply is **November 21, 2024**.

<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program>



## Fiscal Year 2025-26

### Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant

### Call for Applications

Dear Stakeholders,

On behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), we are pleased to release the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application Guide and Call for Applications. Applications are due by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. The grant awards will be announced next summer 2025.

This year's grant program includes a third cycle of Climate Adaptation Planning grants to award the remaining budget of approximately \$3.7 million. These grants will support local and regional identification of transportation-related climate vulnerabilities through the development of climate adaptation plans, as well as project-level adaptation planning to identify adaptation projects and strategies for transportation infrastructure. Through this grant program, we look forward to supporting climate change adaptation efforts and studies statewide.

Caltrans is conducting grant application workshops starting next week to provide a grant program overview and review the resources that we have to assist with competitive application development. Contact the appropriate Caltrans district staff to request workshop information and draft application feedback. They can also help choose the the best grant category for your proposed planning project.

Visit the grants website (link below) for workshop dates and times, the Grant Application Guide, application forms and templates, and Caltrans district staff contacts.

### Caltrans Headquarters Contact

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Chief, Grant Management Branch

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## DISTRICT 11 LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER (DLAE) UPDATE

### **November 25, 2024 – FHWA Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Funding Deadline**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has released a Low-Carbon Transportation Materials (LCTM) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). This NOFO is open to eligible local governments, political subdivisions of a State, Federally recognized tribes, Federal Land Management Agencies, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function. The LCTM Program aims to increase use of materials that have “substantially lower levels of embodied greenhouse gas emissions” as defined by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information on the LCTM Program, please visit <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/lowcarbon>

NOFO applications must be submitted to [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by November 25, 2024, at 8:59 pm PT.

### **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>

### **January 23, 2025 – Statewide IIJA Transportation Reauthorization Workgroup Meeting**

An Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) Reauthorization Workgroup meets 10 am – 11 am, January 23, 2025. An agenda and list of speakers will be posted prior to the meeting.

[Register on WebEx](#) to receive access.

[Caltrans Local Assistance Blog \(LAB\)](#) has additional resources and updates – [LocalAssistanceBlog.com](https://LocalAssistanceBlog.com)



# Federal Aid Series – Right of Way



**Training Dates:**  
**December 4th-5th, 2024**  
**8:30 am – 12:00 pm PT**

## Course Objectives

- Overall understanding of Right of Way Federal Aid project regulation requirements
- Overall understanding of the right of way and utilities process
- Understanding methods to accomplish right of way deliverables

## Course Goal

- Successful right of way certification of local agency federal-aid transportation projects, leading to federal participation in construction funding

Training is provided at NO COST.

Caltrans Division of Right of Way is hosting a two-day online training class detailing process and procedures for completion of project right of way work. The training will also outline state and federal regulations Local Public Agencies (LPAs) must follow for compliance with the Uniform Act - 49 CFR Part 24 and 23 CFR Part 410, as required when completing Right of Way activities on projects with federal aid.

## Who Should Attend:

Local government employees, as well as consultants, who work in the transportation right of way decision making process and who value/acquire or manage real estate or utility relocations for federally funded transportation projects.

## Instructors & Presenters:

- Caltrans Right of Way District and Headquarters staff

## To register, please email:

**Jennifer Wisniewski/Caltrans - Right of Way**

[jennifer.wisniewski@dot.ca.gov](mailto:jennifer.wisniewski@dot.ca.gov)

**Space is limited, registration is required.**



## Virtual Workshop

# Grants Toolkit for Local and Tribal Agencies

Dec. 10, 2024 | 1pm – 2:30pm E.T. | Zoom

***Facing roadblocks applying for grants or managing grant projects?  
Need additional resources to support your grants efforts?***

Join us for this 90-minute virtual information gathering session. This session is being conducted as part of an NCHRP\* research project to develop tools and resources for local governments and tribes to manage the grants lifecycle. Share your insights to help shape a comprehensive grants toolkit that will set you up for success in grant applications and management.

**Why Now?** The **2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)** provides unprecedented funding opportunities through competitive grant programs that local and tribal agencies can leverage to address critical needs, drive economic growth, and build community resilience.



### What You'll Do

- Highlight Resources
- Discuss Challenges
- Identify Gaps and Needs

### Register Today

*Register early as space is limited.*

*Registrants will receive a calendar invitation, agenda, and Zoom link in early November.*



\*National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Project 20-24(146) - <https://apps.trb.org/cmsfeed/TRBNetProjectDisplay.asp?ProjectID=5425>



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# Memorandum

*Making Conservation  
a California Way of Life*

**To:** CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
DEPUTY DIRECTORS  
DISTRICT DIRECTORS  
DIVISION CHIEFS

**Date:** July 11, 2024

**File:**

**From:** DONNA BERRY  07/15/2024  
Deputy Director  
Project Delivery

**Subject: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2024 CALTRANS CONTRUCTION CONTRACT STANDARDS**

This memorandum establishes the implementation date for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Construction Contract Standards 2024 Edition (2024 Standards). The 2024 Standards include the Standard Specifications, Standard Plans, Standard Special Provisions, and Standard Bid Items.

The 2024 Standards must be used on all projects submitted to the Division of Engineering Services-Office Engineer (PPM&OE) on or after October 21, 2024, and on all on-system projects advertised, awarded, and administered by others with complete encroachment permit application package submitted to a Caltrans district on or after October 21, 2024.

The 2024 Standards will be updated in April 2025, and as needed for special postings. Refer to the Implementation of Integrated Construction Contract Standards memo for details.

The 2024 Standards will be published in electronic format only and accessible in the following link:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/ccs-standard-plans-and-standard-specifications>.

The 2023 Standards will not be supported after October 18, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding the 2024 Standards, please contact Mohsen Sultan, Chief, Office of Construction Contract Standards, at (916) 715-6808 or by e-mail at <mohsen.sultan@dot.ca.gov>.

## **4. SCAG Updates**

**Presented by SCAG Staff**

## Memorandum

**Date:** November 13, 2024  
**To:** ICTC Commission Meeting  
**From:** David Salgado, Government Affairs Officer (GAO)  
**Re:** Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Report

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

### **1. 'Southern California Economic Update' Presentation Scheduled for December Regional Council**

The "2024 Southern California Economic Update" will be presented during the SCAG Regional Council's Dec. 5 meeting alongside regular SCAG business. The update will present SCAG's annual economic analysis and near-term outlook from SCAG's Economic Roundtable, followed by an in-depth discussion on the state of the economy among Regional Council members.

This change is due to scheduling conflicts with multiple holidays during 2024-25 and the importance of sharing the data and analysis included in the "2024 Southern California Economic Update." The 2024 Southern California Economic Update will present a detailed economic outlook for the region, highlighting that growth in sectors such as goods movement, healthcare, and tourism will drive the economy in the coming year.

### **2. SCAG Nominates 13 Projects, Totaling Over \$323 Million, for Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Funding**

On Nov. 7, the SCAG Regional Council approved project nominations for Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funding. As the region's metropolitan planning organization, SCAG is tasked with submitting project nominations from region's agencies to the California Transportation Commission.

SCAG received 15 project nominations for the SCAG region, with a total TCEP funding request for this cycle of more than \$477 million. Out of the total of 15, two project nominations are led by Caltrans, and six are in partnership with Caltrans, with a TCEP state funding request of over \$154 million. The total TCEP regional funding request is over \$323.7 million. The 2024 TCEP will provide two years of programming in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for an estimated total of \$1.071 billion, as provided by the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.



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By nominating these projects, SCAG confirms their consistency with the adopted Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and the adopted regional freight plan. In addition, SCAG will provide individual consistency letters to include in the applications as part of the new process for 2024 TCEP as to confirm that the proposed nomination is included in the current approved Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The TCEP funds freight infrastructure improvements on federally designated Trade Corridors of National and Regional Significance, on California's portion of the National Highway Freight Network, as identified in the California Freight Mobility Plan, and along other corridors that have a high volume of freight movement as determined by the California Transportation Commission. For more information on the TCEP and SCAG's project pandemic.

### **3. SCAG Awarded \$2.28 Million in Grants for Traffic Safety Programs**

The SCAG Regional Council approved a resolution to accept 2.28 million in grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to improve regional transportation safety.

The funding includes, \$922,456 to support continued development of a new regional safety data analysis and modeling platform. The platform will predict and analyze safety risks on Southern California's multimodal transportation system to help reduce the number and severity of roadway collisions in the region by leveraging innovative technologies and safety data resources, such as in-vehicle information systems and newly available collision modeling capacities.

OTS also granted \$1.36 million to continue SCAG's *Go Human* program, which launched in 2015 to reduce collisions and improve safety for people walking and biking. The newly awarded OTS grant will fund continued *Go Human* activities through Sept. 30, 2025, and support implementation of *Go Human*'s new traffic safety advertising campaign as the program enters its 10th year. The funds will also support the development of an accessibility assessment of *Go Human* programs for improved accessibility and equitable distribution of traffic safety resources across the region.

OTS-funded activities in 2025 will leverage a five-year, \$12 million grant from the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. The SS4A grant will expand the reach of SCAG's *Go Human* work, such as the Kit of Parts Lending Library technical assistance program, co-branded safety messaging, and the Community Streets Grant Program, which has distributed more than \$1.7 million to community-based organizations since 2018.

#### **4. Go Human Community Streets Grant Program Awardees Support Safer Streets**

This summer, three *Go Human* 2024 Community Streets Grant Program awardees—Nyeland Promise, Latino Health Access, and Los Angeles Walks—demonstrated pop-up traffic safety infrastructure improvements using *Go Human*’s Kit of Parts at their project events in their communities.

On July 21, Nyeland Promise, alongside Bike Ventura County, created opportunities for more than 100 community members to test and provide feedback on an artistic creative crosswalk and a separated bike lane at the Nyeland Promise Bike Rodeo in Nyland Acres. Community feedback reflected robust support for making the pop-up designs permanent across Nyeland Acres.

On Aug. 10, Latino Health Access concluded their walking tour by showcasing an artistic creative crosswalk and parklet to collect community feedback on improvements for people walking and biking in Santa Ana. More than 110 attendees tested the pop-up safety improvements. Community feedback indicated significant support for permanent installation of the designs.

On Aug. 21, Los Angeles Walks showcased a pop-up parklet at their Safe Street Advocates event and capacity-building workshop in the city of Los Angeles to collect feedback on a potential parklet in their community. More than 40 community leaders and promoters attended the workshop and shared feedback on the parklet, which indicated resounding support for permanent parklets in the city of Los Angeles.

For more information, read the full project reports on the *Go Human* website and watch the event videos on the SCAG YouTube channel. Visit the SCAG website for information on borrowing the Kit of Parts to showcase potential traffic safety improvements in your community.

#### **5. SCAG Shares Regional Perspective at the California Forward Economic Summit**

SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise traveled to Sacramento to participate on a panel at California Forward’s Economic Summit, which brings together diverse public and private sector partners to discuss building an inclusive and sustainable economy for California. Ajise participated in the main stage panel “Regions Up: Present and Future,” discussing the role of local and regional governments in developing a more sustainable California economy. During the panel, he highlighted SCAG’s “Southern California Zero-Emission Truck Infrastructure Study,” which will boost the availability of electric truck charging infrastructure throughout the region by developing consistent siting criteria to efficiently use potential supply of land available for charging stations. The study supports SCAG’s Last Mile Freight Program, which will soon see an infusion of a \$50 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for additional commercial deployment of zero-emission heavy- and medium-duty trucks and supporting infrastructure.

# **5. ICTC Updates**

**Presented by ICTC Staff**



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## Memorandum

**Date:** October 29, 2024  
**To:** ICTC Commission Members  
**From:** David Aguirre, Executive Director  
**Re:** Executive Director's Report

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The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Commission meeting on November 13, 2024.

- 1) **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.*
- 2) **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 is working on securing the grant funds to implement this project. **More information to come in the coming months.**
- 3) **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. **More information is to come about the potential project selections.**
- 4) **Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) Veterans Day and Stuff-a-Bus Campaigns:** *ICTC and IVT are celebrating Veterans on November 4-11th with free rides on IVT, IVT Access and IVT Ride. Just show the driver your U.S. Military ID. ICTC and IVT will also be participating in a "Stuff a Bus" Food Drive from November 4-22nd with all donations going to the Imperial Valley Food Bank. Donate a can or dry food item and receive one free ride.*
- 5) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** *The next IMBA meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2024, at the ICTC Offices.*
- 6) **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 currently operates as an on-demand service available to provide trips to the general public within the boundaries of the city of Calexico. The award required that ICTC fund and operate the service for a minimum of 4 years. ICTC partnered with Via Transportation, an experienced transportation operator to operate the service. ICTC and Via began the development of the project including service criteria, marketing information, and operational criteria. ICTC obtained approval from the CMO program to commence the service. ICTC kicked off the service on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Further information about the service can be viewed on the website: <https://city.ridewithvia.com/calexico-ondemand>. ICTC was awarded an additional \$500,000 to be utilized for operations of the service and additional service hours through the CMO program in late 2023. **ICTC was recently awarded a grant from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program in the amount of \$520k to continue funding operations for the service. ICTC is finalizing the submittal of an additional grant through the CMO program to continue funding the service. ICTC also received an additional funding commitment to further continue the service beyond the current grant funding received.**

- 7) **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 were due to the CTC by June 17, 2024.** Imperial County applicants were asked to 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 \$1.1 million in ATP Cycle 7 Regional Funds will be available for all applicants that are not successful in the statewide call. There might also be additional funding available for quick build type projects. ICTC staff have developed an ATP factsheet for reference to both funding opportunities. Also, the Regional Active Transportation Plan adopted by ICTC is a valuable resource for agencies seeking funding through ATP Cycle 7. The document outlines priorities for each jurisdiction within Imperial County and was developed with significant input from the public. This input likely reflects the needs and preferences of the local community, making it a valuable tool for agencies seeking to align their grant proposals with the region's priorities. The ATP document is on the ICTC website at [https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/documents/transportation-plans-and-studies/ICTC-ATP\\_Final-Document\\_2022.02.28\\_Reduced-Size.pdf](https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/documents/transportation-plans-and-studies/ICTC-ATP_Final-Document_2022.02.28_Reduced-Size.pdf)

**ICTC received correspondence indicating five (5) applications for the Imperial County Region. Applications were submitted by the City of El Centro, Imperial County Office of Education, Heber Public Utility District, City of Calipatria and City of Holtville.**

**As a result of the State of California's budget deficit the ATP program overall funding was reduced significantly. Funding was anticipated to be \$568 Million overall but was ultimately reduced to approximately \$168 Million. Also, because of the budget deficit and associated cuts, the anticipated Imperial County Regional Share was reduced to approximately \$300k. The CTC has released the scoring for all submitted projects. The Imperial County Region was not awarded a statewide award; however, statewide applications will be eligible for regional share consideration. Of the five Imperial County projects, the highest scoring projects were submitted by the Imperial County Office of Education and the City of Holtville. More information to come pertaining to possible regional share award(s).**

- 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 \$524million and \$520 million for FY2026/27 for a total of \$1,044 million. 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/senate-bill->

In the past call for projects, ICTC staff proposed options to TAC members for the distribution of the LPP funds. The distribution calculations proposed were Option 1- Population and Maintained Mileage Based Distribution and Option 2- Using a Flat Distribution in addition to Population and Maintained Mileage Distributions. The proposed distribution is similar to the Local Transportation Authority (LTA) formula distribution.

On August 22, 2024, the TAC committee members reviewed and ultimately recommend Option 2 to be forwarded to the Commission for approval and to authorize ICTC to open the Call for Projects for the Local Partnership Formulaic Program Cycle 5. On August 28, 2024, the Commission approved TACs recommendation. **The Competitive Call for Projects for the CTC opened on August 16, 2024, with a deadline of November 20, 2024, for submittal to the CTC. There is also a competitive call for projects that is open for submittal directly to the CTC. ICTC is coordinating with agency staff for project submittals.**

- 9) **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 will be distributed to participating agencies.**
- 10) **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. **Staff is currently working on the development of the Scope of Work for the project to proceed to the issuance of a Request for Proposals. Staff reviewed the proposed SOW with the ICTC TAC to obtain additional feedback. Staff is anticipating releasing the RFP in the coming weeks.**
- 11) **ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility:** ICTC staff has engaged with the proposed property owner's representative about ICTC's interest in the property. ICTC has also communicated with the city of El Centro regarding action items that would need to take place to facilitate the goal of the project. ICTC has also communicated with grant agencies and our Zero Emission Bus Plan engineering consultant to develop a preliminary site plan of the proposed improvements. Next steps include executing a Letter of Intent with the property owner, continuing coordination with the city of El Centro, and to begin conducting the required environmental studies like a Phase 1 Site Assessment. ICTC will also continue to work on grant opportunities to fund the acquisition of the property. **A preliminary site plan has been prepared and was shared with the commission. ICTC was recently informed that it had received a funding commitment for the completion of the design/environmental phases of the project. ICTC is working towards completing an phase 1 site assessment for the proposed site. ICTC is seeking to obtain NEPA clearance from the FTA to utilize federal funding to offset a portion of the acquisition costs.**
- 12) **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. ICTC will continue to work with all the awardees to ensure that their projects are programmed to enable the use of the project funding.
- 13) **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 recommended projects to SCAG as part of the final submittal process. SCAG recently approved the list of projects anticipated to receiving funding. The project list is as follows:

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

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

- 14) **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 widening 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>. Stage 3 of the project, which consisted of the completion of improvements to the passenger vehicle lanes, is now complete. Stage 4 of the project is now complete, which consisted of retrofitting activities and roadway striping. The final project improvements, which consisted of the reinstallation of new bolts under the existing bridge section was completed in early August 2024. **The project construction efforts are now complete, and the project is now in closeout phase.**

- 15) **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 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 are currently working on developing a plan to conduct outreach (inclusive of in-person presentations and surveys) to the public about the possible service modifications.**
- 16) **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 January 2025. The final set of contract documents are being prepared in anticipation of the construction bidding phase. ICTC is also working on integrating CPFCDs funding into its existing FTA RAISE Agreement. The project is scheduled to go out to bid beginning on November 7, 2024.**

- 17) **Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis:** Staff was able to secure grant funding to complete a Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). The COA is a comprehensive evaluation of ICTC's existing transit services while also presenting evaluation findings and recommendations to further improvement of ICTC's existing public transit system. ICTC intends to evaluate all ICTC operated services in addition to incorporating an assessment of the feasibility of intercity passenger rail. Staff recently released the Request for Proposals to the public and are anticipated to work towards a contract award in October 2024. **The analysis is anticipated to take a year to complete.**

- 18) **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 FY24-25/25-26.*
- 19) **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.**
- 20) **State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint:** State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint: In August 2017 following a year of coordination, Caltrans, the County of Imperial and ICTC met with CBP management and operations staff achieved consensus for a new conceptual alternative prepared by Caltrans. The LTA Board met on September 27, 2017; staff presented the Board with a fund request for \$1.3 million from the 5% Regional Highway Set-Aside from the Measure D allocations. A Consultant Agreement with AECOM for design and construction engineering was approved by the LTA on February 28, 2018. Following our ICTC Board meeting in late September 2020, ICTC has initiated a traffic study as required by Caltrans. Design work has been delayed due to Border Patrol's concern related to their ability to provide additional funding necessary to meet their operational requirements. On Wednesday, March 17, 2021, ICTC received confirmation from Border Patrol Headquarters in Washington D.C. that they wish to proceed with the original Canopy Design that is similar to Interstate 8 Pine Valley Checkpoint.

*As discussed, and confirmed with Border Patrol, ICTC will only provide the remaining funds we had available (February 2021) of approximately \$1.3 million to complete the traffic study, 100% design plans, 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. Caltrans has provided review comments on the project 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 is working on finalizing the remaining documents for Caltrans submittal.*

- 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 Callexico Intermodal Transportation Center	\$1,073,000
<b>TOTAL Regional ATP funds</b>		<b>\$3,270,000</b>

- 22) **Orchard Road & SR115 Traffic Concept Report:** During the Commission meeting of September 2022, the Commission asked ICTC staff to follow up on the SR 115 Transportation Concept Report (TCR). ICTC staff has conducted meetings with Caltrans and County Public Works staff during the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>. ICTC staff, in partnership with County and Caltrans staff are continuing discussions for short term options to deter trucks from using Orchard Road. The parties are also expected to discuss long-term options as well. More information will be shared as discussions continue.
- 23) **San Diego & Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Strategy:** San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and ICTC received a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for a Sustainable Freight Implementation Strategy for both counties. The goal with the strategy is to help transition the freight sector in San Diego and Imperial Counties to sustainable technologies, operations, infrastructure over the next 30 years. The strategy will systematically implement multimodal freight projects and policies, seek to pilot innovation technologies, create a workforce development toolkit, and identify potential funding sources for implementation. The area of study includes communities adjacent to major freight infrastructure in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Environmental justice areas, as defined by AB617, will be a particular focus and include the Portside Environmental Justice Communities, the International Border Community, and Callexico-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 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).
- 25) **State Legislation for Transportation Funding – SB 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA):** According to the California League of Cities, overall local streets and roads allocations to cities and counties from the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) and the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) are projected to climb 14.8% in the current fiscal year, 2021-22, above last year, reflecting a rebound from peak impacts of the pandemic in 2020. For the budget year 2022-23, allocations are projected to grow 10.8% over the current year. This presumes that if the scheduled July 1 cost-of-living fuel tax increase is suspended, the Legislature will backfill any revenue impacts to local governments as leaders have pledged. The estimates are based on new statewide tax revenue estimates released by the California Department of Finance with the Governor’s 2022-23 Proposed Budget. The county estimates were prepared in collaboration with the California State Association of Counties.  
For RMRA remittance advice by cities visit: [https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard\\_payments\\_rmra\\_cities.html](https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard_payments_rmra_cities.html)  
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- 26) **Funding Opportunities:**
- **LPP Cycle 5 Call-for-Projects:** LPP Cycle 5 is expected to include about \$72M/per year made up of Federal and State funding. The funding/programming years include the 25/26 and 26/27 fiscal years.
    - Schedule and major milestones can be found at: <https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/senate-bill-1/2-bi-4-12-draft-2024-lpp-competitive-guidelines-red-line-v8.pdf>
  - 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>.

**27) Meetings/trainings attended on behalf of ICTC Executive Director and staff:**

- October 10, 2024- El Centro Senior Day Event. (attended by Gustavo and Priscilla)
- October 11, 2024- Knightscope-Imperial-Monthly Call (attended by David, Marlene, and Espy)
- October 15, 2024- IVC Student Health & Wellness Fair. (attended by Priscilla)
- October 17-18, 2024- CARL Session #2. (attended by Gustavo)
- October 21-23, 2024 – CDSA Board Secretary/Clerk Conference in San Diego (attended by Cristi)
- October 21, 2024 – Clinicas del Valle in Calexico/Cancer Awareness Event (attended by Priscilla)
- October 23, 2024 – Community Service Event transporting passengers to the Breast Cancer Awareness Health Fair in Calexico
- October 23, 2024 – Presentation at Day Out in El Centro and Brawley (Attended by Priscilla)
- October 23, 2024 – ICTC Commission Meeting at the ICTC offices
- October 24, 2024 – ICTC TAC Meeting at the ICTC offices
- October 24, 2024 – IVRMA TAC Meeting at the ICTC offices
- October 25, 2024 – Community Service Event transporting IVC students to the USG Facility
- October 28, 2024 – Ride along on the 3East (by Priscilla)
- October 29, 2024 – Ride along on the IVT Ride Westshores (by Priscilla)
- October 29, 2024 – Meeting with SCAG programming staff at the ICTC offices (attended by David and Marlene)
- October 29, 2024 – Commission/Committees and Brown Act meetings overview with key staff members (attended by Cristi, Maria, Espy, Cesar and Priscilla)
- October 29, 2024 – El Centro State of the City Address
- October 30, 2024 – Meeting with Dean Nunez and SDSU Presentation to students in pursuit of public administration pathway
- October 31, 2024 – ICTC staff meeting at the ICTC offices
- November 4, 2024 – IVC Resource Fair at the IVC Student College Center (attended by Priscilla)
- November 6, 2024 – ICTC SSTAC Meeting at the ICTC offices
- November 6, 2024 – Meeting with Eric Reyes, Los Amigos at the ICTC offices
- November 7, 2024 – SCAG Regional Council Meeting in Los Angeles (attended by Commissioner Mike Goodsell and David A.)