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Transportation Officials Break Ground on New Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC)

El Centro, Calif. – The <u>Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)</u> announced the start of construction today on the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) Project located on 3rd Street between Rockwood and Heffernan Avenues.

The new intermodal transportation center in downtown Calexico will provide multiple transportation services in one place, with new amenities including onsite customer service, shade-producing canopies and waiting areas, benches, bicycle racks, lighting and landscaping, a driver break room, security infrastructure, public restrooms, EV charging stations and improvements to nearby sidewalks and crossings that make them compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The project is located three blocks from the Calexico West Port of Entry Pedestrian Crossing Facility.

"Through the power of partnership, ICTC is excited to begin the next phase of a decade long effort, the construction of the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC). The Calexico ITC demonstrates the Imperial County's commitment towards providing an equitable, safe, healthier and more efficient transportation experience for the residents of the Imperial County," said ICTC Chairman Robert Amparano.

The new ITC will create more transportation choices and greater access to daily destinations by bringing together multiple modes of public and private transportation services to create greater connectivity in the local transportation network. The project contributes to regional planning goals by making more trips possible on transit, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

"The Calexico ITC project demonstrates the effectiveness of regional collaboration and the future of transportation. We are pleased to join various stakeholders to support this critical mobility hub project, which brings innovations and options to enhance the economy and lives of the people of this community," said Kome Ajise, Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments, which awarded funds to ICTC for the project.

The Calexico ITC project has been in development since 2014 when the planning and feasibility study was adopted. ICTC was awarded funding from multiple sources for this project, including a federal 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant, a Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending grant, a Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) County Transportation Commissions Partnership grant, and an Active Transportation Program (ATP) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) component grant.

"I am proud to join the Imperial County Transportation Commission in celebrating the groundbreaking of the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center. This project will serve as a

critical transportation hub for our community. The center will be a testament to our commitment to sustainable infrastructure and enhancing connectivity for the people of Calexico and beyond," said Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz (CA-25).

"Caltrans is excited to have collaborated with ICTC on this project since it's development in 2014, including the initial feasibility study, design, and funding through California's Active Transportation Program", said Caltrans District 11 Director Ann Fox. "The Intermodal Transportation Center will provide a safer and secure transportation experience for all who travel through Imperial County, strengthening our cross-border connectivity and binational relationship."

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