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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**County of Imperial
Conference Room C & D
940 W. Main Street, Second Floor
El Centro, CA 92243**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017
10:30 A.M.**

CHAIR: ROM MEDINA

VICE CHAIR: ARMANDO VILLA

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

- A. Discussion/Action of emergency items, if necessary.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Committee for a period not to exceed three minutes on any item of interest not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Committee. The Committee will listen to all communication, but in compliance with the Brown Act, will not take any action on items that are not on the agenda.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

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| A. | Approval of Management Committee Draft Minutes: | February 8, 2017 | Pages 4-17 |
| B. | Receive and File: | | |
| | 1. ICTC Board Draft Minutes: | February 22, 2017 | |
| | 2. ICTC TAC Minutes | February 23, 2017 | |
| | 3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes: | February 1, 2017 | |

V. REPORTS

- A. ICTC/LTA Executive Director
- See attached Executive Director Report on page 19
- B. Southern California Association of Governments
- See attached report on page 28
- C. California Department of Transportation – District 11
- See attached report on page 35
- D. Committee Member Reports

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

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Application for FY 2016-2017 Funds Page 44

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

1. Direct staff to submit an application to the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for FY 2016-17;
2. Authorize the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution;
3. Authorization for the Execution of the LCTOP Project: Capital construction costs for the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC).

VII. INFORMATION CALENDAR

- A. Detailed Briefing of Upcoming California Transportation Commission (CTC) Town Hall Meeting

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

- A. The next meeting of the Management Committee is currently scheduled for **Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**, at the **City of Calexico**, Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center, 421 Heffernan St., Calexico, CA 92231.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion to Adjourn

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES:

FEBRUARY 8, 2017

B. RECEIVE AND FILE:

1. ICTC BOARD DRAFT MINUTES:

FEBRUARY 22, 2017

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FEBRUARY 23, 2017

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FEBRUARY 1, 2017

**IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

DRAFT MINUTES OF February 8, 2017

10:30 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Brawley	Rosanna Bayon Moore
City of Calipatria	Rom Medina (Chair)
City of Calexico	Armando Villa (Vice-Chair)
City of El Centro	Marcela Piedra
City of Holtville	Nick Wells
City of Imperial	Alexis Chalupnik for Stefan Chatwin
City of Westmorland	Ana Beltran and Mary Ann Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Baza, Kathi Williams, Virginia Mendoza, Cristi Lerma, David Aguirre, Guillermo Gonzalez

OTHERS PRESENT: Liz Zarate: City of El Centro; David Salgado: SCAG; Sam Amen, Jacob Armstrong: Caltrans

The following minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Imperial County Transportation Commission Management Committee and as listed on the agenda for the meeting held Wednesday, February 8, 2017 together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Medina called the Committee meeting to order at 10:42 a.m. Roll call was taken. Introductions were made.

II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

A. There were none.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments, *however a request was made by Mr. Baza to pull Action item B from the Action calendar. The item will be brought back next month.*

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Wells seconded by Bayon Moore to approve consent items 4A-4B. **Motion carried** unanimously.

A. Approved ICTC Management Committee Minutes for January 11, 2017

B. Received and filed:

1. ICTC Board Draft Minutes for January 25, 2017
2. ICTC TAC Minutes for January 19, 2017
3. ICTC SSTAC Minutes for January 4, 2017

V. REPORTS

A. ICTC Executive Director

- The California-Mexico Border Relations Council held their first meeting of 2017 in Imperial Valley on January 31, 2017 in the City of Calexico. Mr. Baza was asked to present an overview of our Imperial-Mexicali Ports of Entry and a status of projects and plans.

- Staff has started an evaluation and review process of the performance data for the first three years of operations for IVT Ride. The review will focus primarily on the Brawley, Calexico, Imperial and Westshores areas, as the City of El Centro service did not begin until July 1, 2016. The next step will be to meet with City staff and the Paratransit Coordinating Committee (PCC) in March to develop recommendations for service adjustments. If there are any service adjustments it is likely they would be for Commission consideration in May/June, which then could be effective as soon as July 1, 2017.
- On December 14th, ICTC issued the IVT Transit Services Maintenance Audit Request for Proposals (RFP) to complete an annual maintenance audit for the IVT fleet. The requested services will provide ICTC with a comprehensive review annually of the care and maintenance performed on the 53 transit vehicles now owned by ICTC. The project goal is to have an annual report for use by ICTC that can be used to manage fleet resources and insure compliance with industry practices and contractual requirements.
- In Preparation for the Short Range Transit Plan, staff is exploring transit connection opportunities with Sunline Transit that serves the Coachella Valley region, and pursuing grant opportunities for interregional transit services to/from Westshores and Coachella. A meeting is scheduled with SunLine Transit Agency on February 10, 2017.
- ICTC has initiated discussions with management and staff with Customs and Border Protections (CBP) Border Patrol regarding the potential to add a second inspection lane at the State Route 86 Border Patrol Checkpoint. Coordination efforts with Border Patrol and Caltrans have been initiated to determine feasibility, costs and funding of required improvements within Caltrans right-of-way. Meetings were held with all stakeholders on July 20, 2016, October 24, 2016 and December 20, 2016. Concept alternatives have been reviewed and discussions held to determine the need to develop a streamlined feasible option for possible funding from the Measure D Regional Highway Set-aside fund. Caltrans Traffic Operations has completed a draft concept that would include four canopied inspection lanes (allowing two inspection lanes for vehicles and two inspection lanes for trucks) and improved secondary inspection, impound and employee parking areas. The concept has been emailed to CBP to expedite review and then cost estimates will be estimated by Caltrans. Another meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2017.
- The Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2016 which will allow States to repurpose any earmark that was designated on or before September 2005. All states are still waiting for approval of the repurposing of project lists from FHWA possibly in mid to late February 2017. For Imperial County this is an opportunity to preserve over \$6 million.
- FY 2016-2017 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), and Active Transportation Program (ATP) that are pending request for allocations (RFA) should be submitted to Caltrans Local Assistance in March/April 2017 to avoid any loss of funds and for opportunities of redistribution of funds.
- A complete list of ICTC updates can be found on Page 24 of the agenda.

B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Mr. Salgado had the following announcements:

- Two regional projects were selected under the SCAG 2017 Sustainability Grant Program. The Imperial County Transportation Commission submitted an application for the development of a Regional Climate Action Plan and the County of Imperial Public Health Department submitted an application for a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Safety and Encouragement Campaign. Both projects were awarded and were approved at the February 2, 2017 Regional Council Meeting. Combined the projects

account for \$400,000 awarded to Imperial County. Mr. Salgado recommended that all agencies submit a project at the next call for projects because SCAG is committed to funding as many projects as possible.

- Please save the date of May 4-5, 2017. SCAG will be having the 2017 General Assembly at the J.W. Marriot Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Desert, CA.
- A complete list of SCAG updates can be found on Page 36 of the agenda.

C. Caltrans Department of Transportation – District 11

- Mr. Amen gave project updates listed on page 42 of the agenda.
- Mr. Armstrong reviewed updates listed on page 45 of the agenda.

D. Committee Member Reports

- Ms. Chalupnik stated that construction will be taking place on SR-86 between Aten and the airport beginning on February 16, 2017.

VI. INFORMATION CALENDAR

A. A Fresh Look at Impacts of Border Delays at California-Baja California Ports of Entry

In April 2016, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC), began a study called *A Fresh Look at Impacts of Border Delays at California-Baja California Land Ports of Entry*. This study will assess the economic and air quality/climate impacts caused by border delays at California-Baja California ports of entry (POEs): San Ysidro-Puerta México, Otay Mesa-Mesa de Otay, Tecate-Tecate, Calexico West-Mexicali I, Calexico East-Mexicali II, and Andrade-Los Algodones. The study is scheduled to be completed in late 2017.

The main tasks of this study include:

- Conduct surveys/interviews at California-Baja California POEs
- Collect border wait time data
- Develop and implement an outreach plan for both economic and air quality/climate
- Estimate economic and air quality/climate impacts of border delays
- Develop study recommendations

The study team has conducted assessment of gaps in existing border data; developed survey questionnaires and conducted pre-test; completed three waves of surveys at border crossings; and identified key industries and businesses to conduct interviews. As part of the economic outreach plan, the team will identify key industries vulnerable to cross border delays in the Imperial County/Mexicali and San Diego-Tijuana region. The team will interview businesses in an effort to understand impact of cross border delays on local businesses. The study developed a phased approach for implementation and future consideration. The upcoming tasks of the study are the implementation of economic and emissions outreach plans. On February 16, 2017, SANDAG will host an emission peer review roundtable to discuss a variety of both technical and non-technical items related emissions at POEs.

Ms. Mendoza presented this item for information purposes only.

B. Project Update - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Transportation Services FY 2014-15 (Regional Mobility Coordination)

In February 2015, the Commission approved ICTC's submittal of FY 2014-15 FTA 5310 Grant application. It was staff's recommendation to fund a Mobility

Management/Coordination position with a new ICTC employee. The position was to be of a professional classification and require a standard recruitment process. The recruitment process was completed and the staff person has been engaged in Mobility Coordination since February 2016.

The Mobility Coordinator is responsible for assisting existing ICTC transit and contractor staff in addressing several areas:

1. The 2014 Human Services – Public Transit Coordinated Planning efforts goals; to use a bilingual Mobility Coordinator to bridge the gap between current public transit service providers, human service agencies, social service agencies and the senior citizen and disabled communities of Imperial County.
2. Address the recommendations in the consultant prepared ADA Certification and Eligibility Process, Demand Management Project; to revise the certification and eligibility process (scheduled for implementation in January 2017)

As of January 2017, numerous informational presentations have been made to social service agencies, service clubs and agencies such as County Behavioral Health. Mobility training sessions have been conducted for various social agencies and their clients and in addition, public outreach was provided for the recent launch of the IVT RIDE El Centro and IVT MedTrans services.

Mr. Gonzalez provided a sample list of the individualized coordination and training that has been provided by the Mobility Coordinator directly or with contractor's transit staff in the last quarter. The position has provided a needed and appreciated point of contact, including numerous cases of personalized case management for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Mr. Gonzalez presented this item for informational purposes only.

VII. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Transportation Services FY 2017-19 – ICTC grant application

Caltrans administers a federal grant program primarily designed for non-profit agencies to acquire vehicles and other related equipment in support of social service and transit services. The program is designed for non-profit agencies that provide, or are capable of providing social services transportation. It is first competitive locally and then again on a statewide basis.

Caltrans has announced a call for projects for the FY 2017-19 FTA 5310 Grant program. Historically, the FTA 5310 program was limited to rolling stock bus purchases and replacements. But the program is continuing to include funding for operations expenses and mobility management program functions. Approximately \$300,000 is available per year, for the three year period.

Mr. Aguirre stated that it is staff's recommendation to continue our Regional Mobility Coordination program and submit a funding request for a second time, one (1) application for FTA 5310 funding. The applications are due to Caltrans no later than March 1st, 2017. The grant approval process is expected to be completed by Caltrans in approximately September 2017.

The funding is anticipated to cover the loaded cost of staff and activities to maintain the Regional Mobility Coordination Program. The grant amount to be applied for will be \$490,370 for three (3) year period.

The Regional Mobility Coordinator position and one proposed administrative staff that will be responsible to assist the implementation in the following programs:

1. Continue the implementation of the consultant prepared *2014 Human Services – Public Transit Coordinated Plan*, which included to using a bilingual Mobility Coordinator to bridge the gap between current public transit service providers, human service agencies, social service agencies and the senior citizen and disabled communities of Imperial County.
2. Continue the implementation of the recommendations that the consultant prepared *2014 ADA Certification and Eligibility Process, Demand Management Project*. This includes the eligibility and certification process for the Americans with disabilities paratransit service known as IVT Access.
3. Continue to promote, facilitate, educate, and help streamline transition between transportation services particularly for seniors and people with disabilities including scheduling mobility training.

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

1. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to submit an FTA 5310 FY 2017-19 Grants, execute all required documents and any amendments with the California Department of Transportation, in an amount of \$471,144 for the funding of the Regional Mobility Coordination Program.
2. Authorize the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution
3. Direct staff to forward the FTA 5310 Grant Application and associated documentation to the California Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by [Bayon Moore](#) seconded by [Villa](#), **Motion carried** unanimously.

- B. Agreement for Professional Maintenance Audit Reporting Services of the ICTC Transit Operations - FY 2016-17 through FY 2018-19

Item was pulled from the agenda and will be brought back next month for approval.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

The next meeting of the **Management Committee** will be held on **March 8, 2017** at the **County of Imperial**, El Centro, CA.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. A motion was made by [Wells](#) seconded by [Bayon Moore](#), **Motion carried unanimously**. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**DRAFT MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2017****6:00 p.m.****VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

City of Brawley	George Nava
City of Calipatria	Maria Nava-Froelich (Chair)
City of Calexico	Bill Hodge
City of El Centro	Cheryl Viegas-Walker
City of Holtville	James Predmore
City of Imperial	James Tucker (Alt.)
City of Westmorland	Larry Ritchie
County of Imperial	Luis Plancarte (Vice-Chair)
County of Imperial	Ryan Kelley
Imperial Irrigation District	Erik Ortega

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Caltrans District 11 Dara Wheeler

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Baza, Kathi Williams, David Aguirre, Guillermo Gonzalez, Vicky Hernandez, Cristi Lerma

OTHERS PRESENT: Marcelo Peinado, Sam Amen: Caltrans; David Salgado: SCAG; Flavio Vargas: First Transit

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Imperial County Transportation Commission and as listed on the agenda for the meeting held Wednesday February 22, 2017 together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Nava-Froelich called the Commission meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were none.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A.	Approved ICTC Board Draft Minutes:	January 25, 2017
B.	Received and Filed:	
1.	ICTC Management Committee Draft Minutes:	February 8, 2017
2.	ICTC SSTAC Minutes:	January 4, 2017
3.	ICTC TAC Minutes	January 19, 2017

A motion was made by Viegas-Walker and seconded by Predmore to approve consent items A and B, **Motion carried.**

V. REPORTS**A. ICTC Executive Director**

Mr. Baza had the following announcements:

- The FY 2017-18 Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing was held on February 9, 2017 at the City Council Chambers in El Centro. The second meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2017 at 3 p.m. also at the City Council Chambers in El Centro.
- The Transportation Development Act (TDA-State Funds) Triennial Performance Audit Project is underway. A kick off meeting was conducted on January 24, 2017 at the ICTC offices. Requests for information have been emailed to member agency staff. The audit is a state mandated requirement every three years for all TDA funds received in Imperial County.
- In preparation for the Short Range Transit Plan, staff is exploring transit connection opportunities with Sunline Transit that serves the Coachella Valley region, and pursuing grant opportunities for interregional transit services to/from Westshores and Coachella. ICTC Staff met with SunLine Transit Agency management on February 10, 2017. We will be pursuing available grant opportunities together and perform Westshores community outreach to promote our current service and gather input about future service needs.
- ICTC is pursuing the opportunity to acquire the existing (soon to be vacated) Caltrans Maintenance Yard located at 1605 Adams Avenue in the City of El Centro. ICTC Staff is working towards finalizing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to complete a comprehensive evaluation of the Adams Avenue facility. It is anticipated that the RFP will be issued at the end of February. ICTC and Caltrans Staff are working towards establishing a temporary lease agreement for the facility while the evaluation process is completed. Anticipated costs for the facility evaluation and proposed facility lease have yet to be established.
- Commissioners were informed of a “SAVE THE DATE” opportunity to attend a California Transportation Commission (CTC) Town Hall Meeting and Tour of the East Port of Entry. CTC Commissioners will be having a Town Hall Meeting in the City of Calexico the afternoon of April 12, 2017. The following day, April 13th ICTC will host a tour of the Calexico East Port of Entry and CHP truck inspection facility for CTC Commissioners, CTC staff and Caltrans. Mr. Baza extended the invitation to both City Managers and Commissioners.
- Commissioners were asked to “SAVE THE DATE” for our Imperial Valley General Assembly and Economic Summit scheduled for May 17-18, 2017.
- ICTC submitted an application under SCAG’s 2017 Sustainability Grant Program for the development of a Regional Climate Action Plan (CAP) for \$200,000 and the County of Imperial Public Health Department submitted an application for a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Safety and Encouragement Campaign for \$200,000. Both projects were awarded.
- ICTC Executive Director was asked to present at the California-Mexico Border Relations Council’s first meeting of 2017 in Imperial Valley. The meeting was held on January 31, 2017 in the City of Calexico. Mr. Baza presented an overview of our Imperial-Mexicali Ports of Entry and a status of projects and plans.
- The office of Congressman Vargas has requested support letters from City Managers and Commissioners for funding at Calexico Land Ports of Entry.
- A complete list of ICTC updates can be found on Page 24 of the agenda.

B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Mr. David Salgado had the following announcements:

- Two regional projects were selected under the SCAG 2017 Sustainability Grant Program (SPG). The Imperial County Transportation Commission submitted an application for the development of a Regional Climate Action Plan (CAP) and the

County of Imperial Public Health Department submitted an application for a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Safety and Encouragement Campaign. Both projects were awarded under SCAG's 2016-17 SPG Call for projects and were approved at the February 2nd monthly Regional Council (RC) Meeting. Combined the projects account for \$400,000 awarded to Imperial County. Mr. Salgado urged agencies to apply for the next cycle of this Sustainability Grant program. SCAG is working to fund all projects.

- Please save the date of May 4th and 5th. SCAG will be having the 2017 General Assembly at the J.W. Marriot Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Desert, CA. SCAG is working to present a new Strategic Plan at the GA which will drive SCAG moving forward. All electeds are comped if they attend.
- A second round of the GoHuman campaign is being developed and will be released at the end of May.
- SCAG will be developing a sustainability database to use as a tool that will pull projects and relative data into one spot as it relates to sustainable projects. It was requested that agency public works and finance staff participate in the survey.
- A SCAG report can be found on page 31.

C. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

- Ms. Wheeler had the following updates:
- The I-8 CRCP Project is underway and will be completed one year before schedule.
 - o Segment 1, is near El Centro from 0.6 mile west of Anderholt Road overcrossing to 0.5 mile east of the East Highline Canal Bridge.
 - o Segment 2, which is located 26 miles east of El Centro from 0.8 mile west of SR-98/I-8 separation to 0.6 mile east of the All American Canal.
 - o Segment 3, near Winterhaven from 0.7 mile west of the SR-186/I-8 separation to 0.3 mile east of Fourth Avenue overcrossing.
 - o Segment 4, near El Centro from 0.6 mile west of I-8/SR-111 separation to 0.6 mile west of Anderholt Road overcrossing and from 0.5 mile east of the East Highline Canal Bridge to 0.8 mile west of I-8/SR-98 separation.
 - o Segment 5, near Winterhaven from 0.7 mile west of Ogilby Road overcrossing to 0.7 west
- Caltrans will have an estimate for the expansion of SR-86/Customs and Border Protection checkpoint by next week. The next coordination meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2017.
- The California Federal Lands Access Program (CA FLAP) is currently having a Call for Projects with proposals being accepted until April 7, 2017. Ms. Wheeler indicated that the goal of the FLAP program is to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within federal lands. Mr. Baza stated he would be providing the information to Supervisor Castillo as a possible resolution to the Glamis improvements.
- A full Caltrans report can be found on page 38 of the agenda.

D. Commission Member Reports

- Ms. Viegas-Walker said she met with members of Congress including Congressman Vargas during the SCAG Legislative trip on February 13-14, 2017. She also stated that she missed the last ICTC meeting to attend a legislative trip to Sacramento.
- Ms. Viegas-Walker stated that there have been requests for more information at bus stops. Mr. Baza stated that staff will work to address that.
- Ms. Nava-Froelich stated that there have been issues in Niland with the bus stop being so close to the laundromat. Mr. Amen stated that he will meet with the Caltrans team to expedite the bus stop improvements in Niland.
- Ms. Nava-Froelich stated that there are major congestion issues with the 1100 children going to school on S. International and Center Streets in Calipatria. Mr.

Baza suggested that they have a meeting between himself, Rom Medina and the school district.

- Ms. Nava-Froelich stated that there will be a LAFCO meeting on Thursday, February 23rd at the El Centro City Council Chamber's.
- Mr. Hodge stated that the City of Calexico will be having a Mardi Gras festival on Friday, February 24th from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- Mr. Predmore said that the City of Holtville had a successful Rib Cook-Off and Carrot festival.
- Mr. Kelley said he appreciated Mr. Baza's willingness to attend the Washington D.C. trip even though the County decided to postpone it for now.
- Ms. Nava-Froelich welcomed new Commissioners to the meeting.

VI. INFORMATION CALENDAR

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2. Address the recommendations in the consultant prepared ADA Certification and Eligibility Process, Demand Management Project; to revise the certification and eligibility process (scheduled for implementation in January 2017)

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Mr. Aguirre and Mr. Gonzalez presented this item for informational purposes only.

VII. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Transportation Services FY 2017-19 – ICTC grant application

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

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2. Authorized the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution
3. Directed staff to forward the FTA 5310 Grant Application and associated documentation to the California Department of Transportation.

A Motion was made by [Hodge](#), seconded by [Viegas-Walker](#), **Motion Carried unanimously.**

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

- A. The next meeting of the Imperial County Transportation Commission will be held on **Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the County of Imperial Board Chambers, at 940 W. Main Street, El Centro, CA.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m. ([Hodge/Kelley](#)) **Motion carried.**



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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES

February 23, 2017

Present:

Gordon Gaste	City of Brawley
Andy Miramontes	City of Brawley
Lily Falomir	City of Calexico
Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Jack Fleming	City of El Centro
Hector Orozco	City of Holtville
Isabel Alvarez	City of Imperial
Joel Hamby	City of Westmorland
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
John Gay	County of Imperial

Others:

David Aguirre	ICTC
Virginia Mendoza	ICTC
Cristi Lerma	ICTC
David Salgado	SCAG
Gustavo Gomez	The Holt Group
Beth Landrum	Caltrans
Kevin Hovey	Caltrans
Jack Fleming	City of El Centro
Joseph Chua	Caltrans
Bing Luu	Caltrans
Kevin Hovey	Caltrans
Bryan Ott	Caltrans

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gaste at 10:13 a.m. A quorum was present and introductions were made.
2. A *motion* was made to adopt the minutes for January 26, 2017, ([Hamby/Campos](#)) **Motion Carried.**
3. ICTC Updates / Announcements
 - Transit Planning Updates (By David Aguirre):
 - The Regional Bus Stop Inventory, Signage Replacement and Technology

Assessment Project Request for Proposals were due February 10, 2017. The project goal is to have an inventory database and assessment for use by ICTC and its member agencies. Mr. Aguirre stated that the committee is currently on the scoring process.

- Mr. Aguirre stated that the TDA Article 3 Bike and Peds projects are due on March 31, 2017. Agencies with projects submitted on that date will go for Commission approval in April and should be paid out before the fiscal year concludes.
- Transportation Planning Updates (By Virginia Mendoza):
 - ICTC submitted an application for the development of a Regional Climate Action Plan (CAP) under SCAG’s 2017 Call for Projects and was awarded. Ms. Mendoza requested that agencies provide their point of contact to ICTC for this project.
 - An agency RFA status was requested for FY 2016-17 RSTP and CMAQ projects. The table below indicates agency responses under status for each project. Agencies are encouraged to submit their RFA’s to Caltrans Local Assistance by March/April 2017.

Agency	Fund Type	Project Name	Total Project Cost (in thousands)	Status
Brawley	CMAQ	Paving Wildcat Drive	\$1,008	<i>RFA for Design expected to be submitted in the Spring</i>
Calexico	CMAQ	Paving of De Las Flores St.	\$466	<i>RFA will be submitted end of March</i>
Calipatria	CMAQ & RSTP	Roadway & Pedestrian Improvements on N. Brown St.	\$1,233	<i>RFA for PE was submitted on 9-2-16, E-76 Issued 9-16-16</i>
El Centro	CMAQ	Signal Lights Synchronization along Dogwood Ave. & Danenberg Ave.	\$351	<i>Re-submitted RFA at the end of December 2016, waiting for E76</i>
El Centro	ATP	Establish of SR2S Program and Bicycle Route Improvements	\$524	<i>Obligation completed, it's been awarded for design</i>
Holtville	CMAQ & RSTP	9 th St. from Palm Ave. to Olive Ave.	\$633	<i>E-76 for ROW Issued 12-27-16, RFA for CON expected for March 2017 pending EPSP letter from ICTC</i>
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Imperial County	RSTP	Dogwood Road Pavement between El Centro City Limits to Imperial City	\$2,335	<i>Submitted RFA for CON</i>

		Limits		
Imperial County	ATP	Pedestrian Master Plan	\$100	<i>RFA expected to be submitted end of February</i>
Imperial County	CMAQ	Pedestrian and Bicycle improvements along Rio Vista Street from San Diego Avenue to Holt Avenue in Seeley	\$1,119	<i>RFA pending approval of FTIP Amendment 17-05</i>
Imperial County	CMAQ	Pedestrian and Bicycle improvements along Rio Vista Street from Holt Avenue to Heil Avenue in Seeley	\$237	<i>RFA pending approval of FTIP Amendment 17-05</i>
Westmorland	CMAQ	Paving H Street and 8 th Street	\$429	<i>RFA expected to be submitted in February, pending approval of FTIP Amendment 17-02</i>
ICTC	CMAQ	Design of New Intermodal Transportation Center in the City of Calexico	\$559	<i>RFA expected to be submitted end of March</i>

➤ LTA Updates (By Virginia Mendoza):

- Ms. Mendoza requested that all agencies submit their project requests for the LTA Bond and provide a status report. She stated that the County of Imperial and the City of Calipatria have spent all their funds. The City of Brawley has a balance as of January 31, 2017 of \$1.98 million; Calexico \$6 million; and, Imperial \$265,134. Agencies are highly encouraged to submit invoices.

4. SCAG Updates / Announcements: (By Mr. Salgado)

- SCAG will be developing a sustainability database to use as a tool that will pull projects and relative data into one spot as it relates to sustainable projects. It was requested that agency public works and finance staff participate in the survey.
- Two regional projects were selected under the SCAG 2017 Sustainability Grant Program (SPG). The Imperial County Transportation Commission submitted an application for the development of a Regional Climate Action Plan (CAP) and the County of Imperial Public Health Department submitted an application for a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Safety and Encouragement Campaign. Both projects were awarded under SCAG's 2016-17 SPG Call for projects and were approved at the February 2nd monthly Regional Council (RC) Meeting. Combined the projects account for \$400,000 awarded to Imperial County. Mr. Salgado urged agencies to apply for the next cycle of this Sustainability Grant program. SCAG is working to fund all projects. Mr. Campos stated that the City of El Centro also awarded the County Public Health department funds for a safety and encouragement campaign.
- Mr. Salgado asked agencies if they knew of anyone interested in a GIS internship with SCAG's GIS department to notify him. He will be reaching out to IVC and SDSU.

5. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

- City of El Centro: Mr. Campos stated that repairs are being done on 8th Street between 18th and Adams as part of the ATP program; an HSIP lighting project on Main Street; and, an overlay project on Ross Road between 4th and Dogwood).
- City of Westmorland: Mr. Hamby stated that N. Center Street RSTP project has been awarded.

- County of Imperial: Ms. Atondo stated that Forrester Road between Imler Road and Keystone Road is now open. Mr. Gay stated that a Caltrans dive team would be in Imperial County assessing a bridge over the New River due to the recent rain. Mr. Salgado requested to be notified of any damages from the recent storms because SCAG will be compiling that data.

6. Caltrans Updates / Announcements

Mr. Luu had the following updates and announcements:

- A Call for Projects for the California FLAP program is currently open. Applications are due by May 12, 2017. Information on a webinar will be disseminated when it is available.
- The County of Imperial and the City of El Centro currently have inactive projects. It was requested that each agency submit an invoice by May 19, 2017.
- The City of Calexico did not submit their FY 2014-15 Single Audit to the State Controller's Office (SCO) which was due March 30, 2016. Therefore no additional funding will be authorized until SCO has informed the Caltrans Division of Local Assistance of the agency's compliance.
- The 2017 Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) was released. Mr. Luu encouraged all to read the manual.

Mr. Hovey had the following updates and announcements:

- On January 1, 2017, California Streets and Highways Code Section 820.1 terminated and Caltrans stopped performing federal responsibilities for environmental decisions and approvals under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for highway projects in California, funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Caltrans' NEPA Assignment will be suspended for up to 90 days and FHWA will handle federal NEPA responsibilities. Assembly Bill (AB) 28 (Frazier) was introduced at the 2017-2018 Regular Session when Legislature convened on December 5, 2016. The Legislature will consider AB 28 when they reconvene this month. The bill would add back Section 820.1 to the Streets and Highways Code, with provisions to waive immunity and consent to the jurisdiction of federal courts, but with sunset clause. The bill passed the Assembly unanimously, and is now awaiting Senate review. He also stated that this is not affecting local projects in Imperial County.
- Michelle Blake will be attending in his absence.
- Ms. Mendoza thanked Caltrans for being present. Joseph Chua will be the DLAE point of contact for Imperial County, and Bryan Ott will be the back-up. Beth Landrum is the Planning point of contact, and Sam Amen is the Project Manager.
- Caltrans is holding an Open House event on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 to meet with community members about construction of the State Route 98 Widening Project in Calexico.

7. General Discussion / New Business

- Next TAC meeting will be on February 23, 2017.

8. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

V. REPORTS

- A. ICTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
- B. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS REPORT
- C. CALTRANS REPORTS



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Memorandum

Date: February 3, 2017
To: ICTC Management Committee
From: Mark Baza, Executive Director
Re: Executive Director's Report

The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the Commission Meeting on March 8, 2017.

- 1) **Unmet Transit Needs Hearing for FY 2017-18:** The FY 2017-18 Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing was held on February 9, 2017 at the City Council Chambers in El Centro. The second meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2017 at 3 p.m. at the City Council Chambers in El Centro.
- 2) **SAVE THE DATE - California Transportation Commission (CTC) Town Hall Meeting and Tour of the East Port of Entry:** CTC Commissioners will be having a Town Hall Meeting in the City of Calexico the afternoon of April 12, 2017. The following day, April 13th ICTC will host a tour of the Calexico East Port of Entry and CHP truck inspection facility for CTC Commissioners, CTC staff and Caltrans.
- 3) **SAVE THE DATE - Imperial Valley General Assembly and Economic Summit:** Please "Save the Date" of May 17-18, 2017 for the Imperial Valley General Assembly and Economic Summit.
- 4) **Transportation Development Act (TDA-State Funds) Triennial Performance Audit Project:** A kick off meeting was conducted on January 24, 2017 at ICTC offices. Requests for information have been emailed to member agency staff by the audit consultants. The audit is a state mandated requirement every three years for all TDA funds received in Imperial County.
- 5) **Regional Bus Stop Inventory, Signage Replacement and Technology Assessment Project Request for Proposals:** On January 6th, ICTC issued the Request for Proposals (RFP) to complete the "Regional Bus Stop Inventory, Signage Replacement and Technology Assessment" project. The requested services will provide ICTC with a comprehensive bus stop inventory inclusive of an assessment of supporting infrastructure, uniform bus stop signage and recommendations for technology based upgrades pertaining to real time route and schedule service information and kiosk upgrades. The project goal is to have an inventory database and assessment for use by ICTC and its member agencies, and that can be used to acquire and prioritize funding for future infrastructure and facility/equipment improvements. The project budget is established in the FY 2015-16 ICTC Overall Work Plan and Budget. On February 10, ICTC staff received responses from multiple consultants bidding for the services. The project scoring committee comprised of staff from ICTC, Caltrans, SCAG and the County of Imperial Public Works Department has begun the evaluation, scoring and ranking process for the project.
- 6) **IVT Transit Services Maintenance Audit Request for Proposals:** On December 14th, ICTC issued the Request for Proposals (RFP) to complete an annual maintenance audit for the IVT fleet. The requested services

will provide ICTC with a comprehensive review annually of the care and maintenance performed on the 53 transit vehicles now owned by ICTC. The project goal is to have an annual report for use by ICTC that can be used to manage fleet resources and insure compliance with industry practices and contractual requirements. ICTC received proposals for the requested services on January 20, 2017 and completed the evaluation, scoring and ranking of the received proposals in early February. Staff is currently working to complete the selection process and anticipates presenting the project to the Commission in April 2017.

- 7) **Westshores Transit Opportunities:** In Preparation for the Short Range Transit Plan, staff is exploring transit connection opportunities with Sunline Transit that serves the Coachella Valley region, and pursuing grant opportunities for interregional transit services to/from Westshores and Coachella. ICTC Staff met with SunLine Transit Agency management on February 10, 2017. We will be pursuing available grant opportunities together and perform Westshores community outreach to promote our current service and gather input about future service needs. On Saturday March 4th from 6:00 am to 10:30 am, ICTC and IVT RIDE staff, in coordination with Sunline Transit Agency staff from the Palms Springs area, held a transit service outreach at the weekly West Shores Swap meet. We gathered 33 surveys and reached around 100 people. Data collected is being reviewed at this time.
- 8) **IVT Adams Avenue Comprehensive Bus Operations Facility Evaluation:** In recent years ICTC began the transition of acquiring and taking ownership of the majority of the Imperial Valley Transit Vehicle Bus Fleet. The expansion of the vehicle fleet has impacted the available space for storage and operations, and has created a need for additional capacity and facility needs. ICTC is pursuing the opportunity to acquire the existing (soon to be vacated) Caltrans Maintenance Yard located at 1605 Adams Avenue in the City of El Centro. ICTC Staff have circulated a Request for Proposals (RFP) to complete a comprehensive evaluation of the Adams Avenue facility. ICTC and Caltrans Staff are working towards establishing a temporary lease agreement for the facility while the evaluation process is completed. Anticipated costs for the facility evaluation and proposed facility lease have yet to be established.
- 9) **California HERO Program:** The California Hero Program was launched in April 2014 in Imperial County with ICTC as the administering agency. Attached is a copy of the program activity report for January and February 2017.
- 10) **Repurposing Demo Funds:** The Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 which allows State to repurpose any earmark that was designated on or before September 2005. Some states have been approved, FHWA expects for California to be approved at the end of March 2017. For Imperial County this is an opportunity to preserve over \$6 million for the following projects:

Sponsoring Agency	Demo Description	Demo Amount (\$)
City of Brawley	Rio Vista Avenue between Allen Street and Cattle Call Drive, in the City of Brawley, Imperial County.	\$86,554.81
City of Holtville	Pavement Improvements. 6th Street between Holt Ave and Melon Avenue in the City of Holtville, Imperial County.	\$18,185.95
ICTC/Caltrans	Road Widening on SR98, from Rockwood Ave to Ollie Ave in the City of Calexico, Imperial County	\$3,594,849.51
Imperial County	Street paving, drainage and ADA sidewalk improvements on Heber Avenue from Highway 86 to Correll Road and south of Highway 86 to Fawcett Road	\$1,017,400
Imperial County/IV Desert Museum	Conservation easement, access improvements and parking facilities at the Desert museum, Imperial County	\$719,920.75
San Diego State University – IV Campus	Parking lot paving and ADA access improvements on CA-78 in the City of Brawley, Imperial County.	\$719,920.75
	TOTAL	\$6,156,831.77

11) **RSTP and CMAQ Obligation:** The table below is a list of all FY 2016-2017 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), and Active Transportation Program (ATP) that are pending request for authorization (RFA). For ease of receiving approvals, the local agency RFA's should be submitted to Caltrans Local Assistance in March/April 2017.

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12) **SCAG 2017 Sustainability Grant Program:** ICTC submitted an application for the development of a Regional Climate Action Plan (CAP) for \$200,000 and the County of Imperial Public Health Department submitted an application for a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Safety and Encouragement Campaign for \$200,000. Both projects were awarded.

13) **California-Mexico Border Relations Council:** The Council held their first meeting of 2017 in Imperial Valley on January 31, 2017 in the City of Calexico. Executive Director Mark Baza was asked to present an overview of our Imperial-Mexicali Ports of Entry and a status of projects and plans.

The California-Mexico Border Relations Council was created through Assembly Bill (AB) 3021 (Núñez, 2006). The Secretary for Environmental Protection serves as the Council Chair. The Council provides an annual update on California–Mexico activities and programs to the Legislature and is the central organizing body overseeing and collaborating on California-Mexico border issues. The Council has the potential to identify new Border priorities and fundable projects in the areas of infrastructure, trade, environment, health and security while supporting current and ongoing activities such as the Border Governors Conference, trade missions, border workgroups, and coordinating specific future projects with Mexico.

14) **IVT RIDE:** ICTC and transit operator staff have started an evaluation and review process of the performance data for the first three years of operations. The review will focus primarily on the Brawley, Calexico, Imperial and Westshores areas, as the City of El Centro service did not begin until July 1, 2016. The next step will be to meet with City staff and the Paratransit Coordinating Committee (PCC) in March to develop recommendations for service adjustments. If there are any service adjustments it is likely they would be for Commission consideration in May/June, which then could be effective as soon as July 1, 2017.

15) **Update to the 2011 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) Request for Proposals:** ICTC staff are developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for release in late March to complete an update to the 2011 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). This is a planning document that identifies transit services and capital improvements over the next three to five year period, with expected available resources. The project unfolds over an approximately 12 month period. The goal is to have an updated report with bilingual public participation. Special Planning Emphasis Areas anticipated in the report include but are not limited to: a review of transit service options on the West side of the Salton Sea, expansion of IVT RIDE into other member agencies’ service areas and expansion of the IVT Blue, Green and Gold lines for Saturday and Sunday services. The project budget is established in the FY 2016-17 ICTC Overall Work Plan and Budget.

16) **State Route 86 (Northbound) Border Patrol Checkpoint:** ICTC has initiated discussions with management and staff with Customs and Border Protections (CBP) Border Patrol regarding the potential to add a second inspection lane at this very busy checkpoint. Coordination efforts will follow with Border Patrol, Caltrans and the region to determine feasibility, costs and funding of required improvements within Caltrans right-of-way. A meeting was held on July 20th with all of the above stakeholders. Following the meeting input, Border Patrol drafted concept alternatives to meet short-term and mid-term needs. A second meeting was held on October 24, 2016, concept alternatives were reviewed. Discussion determined the need to develop a streamlined feasible option for possible funding from the Measure D Regional Highway Set-aside fund. The follow-up meeting was held on December 20, 2016. All parties agreed to a concept that has potential to be cost-effective. Caltrans Traffic Operations has completed a draft concept that would include four canopied inspection lanes (allowing two inspection lanes for vehicles and two inspection lanes for trucks) and improved secondary inspection, impound and employee parking areas. The concept has been emailed to USCBP to expedite review and then cost estimates will be estimated by Caltrans. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2017.

17) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance Meeting:** On January 26, 2017 the Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA) held its bimonthly meeting at CETY’s University in Mexicali. During the IMBA meeting an

update was given by SIDUE and ICTC regarding the Calexico West/Mexicali I Port of Entry. A presentation was provided by Caltrans on the Fresh Look at Impacts of Border Delays at California-Baja California Ports of Entry's study. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2017 at Imperial Palms Resort. The meeting will be included as part of the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation's Annual Renewal Energy Summit.

- 18) **Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFC) and Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFC):** The Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) requested a CRFC and CUFC project nomination list from all Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA). On January 10, 2017, ICTC reviewed the regional project list and submitted the following projects to SCAG:

Project Description	Designation
Widen bridge over the All American Canal at the Calexico East POE: widen of bridge over the All American Canal to six lanes at the Calexico East Port of Entry	CRFC
Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Implementation at Calexico East POE: install border wait-time monitoring systems, radio frequency identification (RFID)/Bluetooth technology, and advanced traveler information systems	CRFC
SR-98 widening from VV Williams Avenue to Rockwood Avenue: Widen SR-98 from 4 to 6 lanes from VV Williams Avenue to Rockwood Avenue	CUFC
Forrester Road Corridor: Forrester Road bridge over the New River reconstruction, roadway realignment and operational improvements	CRFC
Menvielle Road Widening: widen Menvielle Road from 2 to 4 lanes between Carr Road to SR-98	CRFC

- 19) **Regional Mobility Hubs Strategy for Imperial and San Diego:** This project funded by Caltrans will develop a Regional Mobility Hubs Implementation Plan for San Diego County and Imperial Valley. This project is led by SANDAG in collaboration with ICTC. The focus of the plan will be to develop recommended improvements, conceptual designs, and implementation strategies for different mobility hub station place types for both regions. Mobility hubs can help maximize the capital investment in transit services and support the emphasis on smart growth and transit-oriented development.

The Consultant has completed draft Mobility Hub Concept Designs for the intermodal facilities in the City of Brawley, Imperial Valley College and the City of El Centro. The draft concept designs will be distributed for feedback from project stakeholders. The project is anticipated to be completed by June 2017. For more information about the project or to access the draft concepts please visit the ICTC website at <http://www.imperialctc.org/mobility-hubs-strategy/>. Comments on the mobility hub concepts were submitted to the consultant team by February 1, 2017. Virginia Mendoza, Project Manager

- 20) **Community of Niland Bus Stop Bench and Shelter Request:** The ICTC submitted a formal request to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 11 requesting their assistance in identifying a location for a bus stop bench and shelter in the Community of Niland along State Route 111 (SR-111). Caltrans and ICTC are finalizing a preferred location and any improvements necessary for installation of the bench and shelter. Project is in design phase. Construction will begin and completed in late 2017.
- 21) **Heber Bus Stop & Pedestrian Access Improvements on State Route 86:** The community of Heber has had a need to improve pedestrian and bus stop access along State Route 86. The ICTC Commission granted the use of Regional Set-Aside Local Transportation Account (LTA) funds for the project. Caltrans has served as the project lead; the first phase will begin in January and completed February 2017. Phase 2 is scheduled for completion in June/July 2017 and Phase 3 in October/November 2017. Community outreach will be necessary prior to initiating construction in Phase 2 and 3 as road closures and detours will be necessary.

- 22) **2016 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), Amendment #1:** The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has approved the regional 2016 RTP/SCS that has been accepted by the Air Resource Board. SCAG developed the RTP/SCS in collaboration with ICTC, other County Transportation Commissions, and local governments from the six county Southern California region through a bottoms-up, collaborative process. The RTP/SCS addresses many challenges including projected growth, changing demographics, climate change adaptation, housing needs, and transportation demands.

SCAG has opened Amendment 1 of the 2016 RTP/SCS for any changes to existing projects or adding new projects. Projects listed in the RTP/SCS must be of regional significance and increase the road capacity. ICTC has received a request to submit 3 projects as part of Amendment 1. The amendments are necessary to our ability to fund and complete these projects if funding is made available. At their January 5th meeting SCAG Regional Council approved the release of the draft amendment for 30 day public review.

Lead Agency	Project Description	Project Type
City of El Centro	Imperial Avenue Extension South – new roadway from I-8 to McCabe Road	New project
County of Imperial	Menvielle Road Widening, from 2 to 4 lanes between Carr Road to SR-98	New project
ICTC	Expansion of the Calexico East Port of Entry – increase Commercial Vehicle Lane inspection lanes and booths from existing 3 to 6 lanes and booths; and widen bridge over the All American Canal	Existing project – amending project timeline

- 23) **Funding for Phase II of the Calexico West Port of Entry Project in the President’s FY17 Budget – Press Release (Summary):** (February 9, 2016) – Rep. Juan Vargas (CA-51) announced the inclusion of \$248 million for the Calexico West Land Port of Entry (LPOE) reconfiguration and expansion project in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 budget released today. If approved, the funding would be sufficient to complete the project.” 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 scheduled for January 2018. Phase II funding is pending Congressional approval.

As part of the POE Expansion project, traffic will be rerouted from the existing roadways to SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Boulevard which are not designed to handle the high volumes of traffic associated with the border travel. As result, ICTC submitted a 2016 TIGER grant in the amount of \$12,046,400 to improve SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Boulevard. Improvements will include widening, signalization, channelization, lighting, pedestrian/bicycle and ADA improvements. The TIGER grant application was submitted on April 29, 2016. TIGER awards were approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation in July 2016 and ICTC did not receive an award.

- 24) **Calexico East Commercial Vehicle Port of Entry Expansion Project:** ICTC submitted the Calexico East Commercial Vehicle Port of Entry Expansion Project under the California Sustainable Freight Action Plan: Pilot Project Ideas. The project is a proposed public-private partnership for the construction costs of the freight elements of the Calexico East Expansion that include: bridge expansion, commercial vehicle primary inspection booths and road construction totaling \$30 million. The California Environmental Protection Agency Air Resources Board has reviewed the project ideas submitted and presented pilot project concepts at the Sustainable Freight Action Plan workshop held on February 1, 2016. The concepts presented in the workshop included “Advanced Technology Truck Fast Lane (Border)”. Additionally in December 2015, Safer Community Foundation, Inc. in partnership with the County of Imperial and ICTC submitted the expansion proposal to Customs and Border Protection through their “559 Donation Authority.” In addition to the Sustainable Freight Action Plan submittal, ICTC also submitted a FASTLane grant application on April 14, 2016 and a 2016 TIGER program on April 29, 2016.

The 559 Donation proposal was not approved due to concerns related to the toll collections within federal property. The discretionary grant application submittals for FASTLane and TIGER grant programs were also not successful for this year’s grant programs. All stakeholders are considering options that will address federal

agencies concerns. ICTC is pursuing discretionary grant funding for the bridge expansion, 3 new truck inspection lanes and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technologies.

25) **California-Baja California Binational Region: A Fresh Look at Impacts of Border Delays:** Building upon previous Caltrans, SANDAG, and ICTC studies, this project will refine the economic models developed to assess economic impacts of delays at the land ports of entry (POEs) between the San Diego and Imperial Counties region and Baja California, Mexico, on the border region economies. It will also estimate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of passenger and commercial vehicles due to northbound and southbound border delays at the six California POEs, and propose strategies to reduce GHG emissions at the border region. Lastly, extensive outreach to government agencies, local border communities, and private sector stakeholders will be conducted. Extensive data collection and modeling work has been conducted on these areas by ICTC, SANDAG and other agencies, this project will build upon that work. The consultant team is completing the development of the survey instrument that will be used in all 6 POEs.

26) **State Legislation for Transportation Funding and the National Environmental Policy Act:** Assemblyman Jim Frazier has introduced a new bill and funding package for \$6 billion to repair maintain our state and local roads, improve our trade corridors, and support public transit and active transportation. See attached summary and supporting documentation as prepared by the Self Help Counties Coalition (SHCC). Additionally, an urgent provision permanently extends the existing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) delegation to Caltrans – this is very critical to our federal-aid funded projects as Caltrans currently assist us in streamlining the review and approval of our local projects, such as projects with CMAQ, RSTP, HSIP, federal earmark funds, etc. If this element is not approved, our local projects may be delayed so significantly that could result in the loss of funds to our region.

27) **Meetings attended on behalf of ICTC:**

- February 7, 2017 – FHWA, Caltrans, and members of the California Transportation Commission (CTC), Border Freight Tour in Calexico
- February 9, 2017 – SCAG Sustainability Awards review in Los Angeles (attended by staff)
- February 9, 2017 – Unmet Transit Needs Hearing at the El Centro Council Chambers
- February 10, 2017 – Meeting with SunLine Transit Agency staff in El Centro
- February 16, 2017 – Calexico West Port of Entry Phase 2 Expansion Project Meeting in Calexico
- February 23, 2017 – Self Help Counties Coalition (SHCC) Meeting in Sacramento, CA
- February 24, 2017 – SANDAG’s Border Committee Meeting in San Diego, CA
- February 27, 2017 – CalCOG CDAC Meeting in Sacramento, CA



California HERO Activity Report
Imperial County Transportation Commission
 Launch Date through January 31, 2016

Program Activity through January 31, 2016

Member	Launch Date	Eligible Housing Units *	Total Applications Received	Applications Approved	Approved Amount	Funded Projects	Funded Amount	Jobs Created***	Type of Projects			Solar kW Installed	Annual kWh Saved	Annual CO2 Reduced (Tons)
									Energy	Water	Renewable			
Brawley	5/23/2014	5,588	216	138	\$3,727,404	71	\$942,442	8	78	0	25	60	751,091	194
Calexico	3/24/2015	7,373	425	253	\$8,117,780	140	\$1,780,088	15	123	0	64	167	1,565,845	406
Calipatria	3/24/2015	757	9	4	\$102,074	4	\$49,711	0	4	0	0	0	36,617	9
El Centro	5/23/2014	9,250	349	235	\$6,887,714	113	\$1,512,955	13	109	7	36	103	1,174,664	303
Holtville	3/24/2015	1,248	46	33	\$859,300	18	\$203,587	2	16	0	8	14	170,128	44
Imperial	6/10/2015	4,618	151	117	\$3,785,634	63	\$944,907	8	55	5	31	97	698,868	185
Westmoreland		596												
Has not adopted Resolution of Participation														
Imperial County Unincorporated	11/14/2014	9,504	178	109	\$3,354,217	55	\$810,879	7	58	1	14	41	554,791	142
Total		38,934	1,374	889	\$ 26,834,123	464	\$ 6,244,568	53	443	13	178	481	4,952,005	1,282

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California HERO Activity Report
Imperial County Transportation Commission
 Launch Date through February 28, 2017

Program Activity through February 28, 2017

Member	Launch Date	Eligible Housing Units *	Total Applications Received	Applications Approved	Approved Amount	Funded Projects	Funded Amount	Jobs Created***	Type of Projects			Solar kW Installed	Annual kWh Saved	Annual CO2 Reduced (Tons)
									Energy	Water	Renewable			
Brawley	5/23/2014	5,588	223	143	\$3,890,562	77	\$1,049,041	9	84	0	29	73	820,142	213
Calexico	3/24/2015	7,373	435	256	\$8,225,710	145	\$1,877,345	16	126	0	70	180	1,614,852	420
Calipatria	3/24/2015	757	9	4	\$102,074	4	\$49,711	0	4	0	0	0	36,617	9
El Centro	5/23/2014	9,250	355	236	\$6,907,376	117	\$1,602,611	14	110	7	42	115	1,207,316	312
Holtville	3/24/2015	1,248	49	36	\$950,393	19	\$211,845	2	17	0	8	14	181,977	47
Imperial	6/10/2015	4,618	154	119	\$3,870,772	65	\$973,379	8	56	5	33	100	715,543	189
Westmoreland		596					Has not adopted Resolution of Participation							
Imperial County Unincorporated	11/14/2014	9,504	184	112	\$3,497,304	57	\$832,052	7	61	1	14	41	583,803	149
Total		38,934	1,409	906	\$ 27,444,191	484	\$ 6,595,983	56	458	13	196	524	5,160,250	1,339

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Memorandum

Date: Wednesday March 8, 2017
To: ICTC Management Meeting
From: David Salgado, Regional Affairs Officer
Re: **Southern California Association of Government's 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 Management Meeting March 8, 2017.

- 1. 2017 SCAG Scholarship Program:** SCAG Scholarship Program is designed to offer local government and planning experience that students can use to develop long-term career goals. The scholarship will provide a \$4,000 scholarship award for seven high school or community college students from the SCAG region (and potentially an additional eighth scholarship award that is not tied to a specific county, but would be awarded at the Committee's discretion) and a two-week internship with a local planning agency, council of governments or SCAG. Recipients will also have an opportunity to meet with their local government representatives and practicing planners to discuss the importance of urban planning and a future career in public service. Further information and the application are available on the SCAG website. Applications are due Friday April 21, 2017. For information please contact Imperial County RAO David Salgado.
- 2. State Senate Bill 375 (SB375) Emission Reduction Target Setting Updates Tuesday March 7, 2017:** The California Air Resources Board (ARB) will be holding a series of workshops throughout the State on Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) greenhouse gas emission target setting updates. The SCAG-area workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 7 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the SCAG downtown Los Angeles office. Videoconferencing will be available at our SCAG regional offices in Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura.
- 3. SCAG RTP-SCS Amendment #2 Public Hearing April 25, 2017:** SCAG will be holding a public hearing for a second amendment to the RTP-SCS. The public hearing will take place Tuesday April 25, 2017 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Los Angeles SCAG office and will be available in the regional offices, too including Imperial County. Please feel free to contact Imperial County RAO, David Salgado, with any questions.
- 4. SCAG Policy Committee Appointments-** The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) took action to formally appoint members from the ICTC to SCAG Policy Committees at



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the January ICTC Meeting held January 26, 2017. Calexico Councilman Bill Hodge was appointed to the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD). Also appointed was City of Westmorland Councilperson Ana Beltran who will serve on Energy and Environment Committee (EEC). Imperial County Supervisor Luis Plancarte's appointment to the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee was formalized as well. Supervisor Plancarte also serves as the SCAG Regional Council Rep for the County of Imperial, replacing former Supervisor and Commissioner Jesus "Jack" Terrazas.

The SCAG Committees generally meet on the first Thursday of each month at 10 AM at their downtown Los Angeles office. SCAG does provide reimbursement for travel expenses. For more information contact David Salgado, SCAG Regional Affairs Officer at salgado@scag.ca.gov or 760-353-7800.

5. **2017 SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly:** Please save the date of May 4th and 5th! SCAG will be having the 2017 GA at the J.W. Marriot Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Desert, CA. SCAG is working to present a new Strategic Plan at the GA which will drive SCAG moving forward. For questions please contact Imperial County RAO, David Salgado.
6. **2017 SCAG Presidents Strategic Plan (PSP) Update:** SCAG has convened a strategic planning committee composed of executive management, leadership, and staff in order to develop and update SCAG's Strategic Planning Document. The Strategic Plan has not been updated since 2009 and provides a framework for the agencies Work Plan and continued success. A Staff Strategic Planning (SSP) Committee has been composed to support the work of the PSP. Imperial County RAO David Salgado is participating on the PSP Committee. It is the goal to have the document finalized for presentation and approval at the 2017 General Assembly in May.
7. **SCAG Regional Council and Policy Committees:** SCAG's Regional Council and policy committee meetings will take place Thursday March 2, 2017 at SCAG's main offices in Los Angeles.
8. **CalEPA-Cal Enviro Screen Tool 3.0 UPDATE:** The revised CalEnviro Screen Tool has been revised. Version 3.0 has been released and is improved from the 2.0 version. CalEPA previously held a workshop in Imperial County to gather feedback from stakeholders regarding issues which may not be considered when establishing the disadvantage communities and environmental justice criteria for grant awards. Border air quality impacts were considered in the new tool amongst a whole host of other new criteria for implementation. A summary of the revisions can be found on the CalEPA website.
9. **2016 RTP/SCS FINAL APPROVAL** – On April 7, 2016, SCAG's Regional Council adopted the 2016 RTP/SCS, a long range visioning plan that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals. The Plan charts a course for closely



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integrating land use and transportation – so that the region can grow smartly and sustainably. It outlines more than \$556.5 billion in transportation system investments through 2040. The Plan was prepared through a collaborative, continuous, and comprehensive process with input from local governments, county transportation commissions, tribal governments, non-profit organizations, businesses and local stakeholders within the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura.

The 2016 RTP/SCS is available for download by chapter or as one file. Please note that some files are large and may take longer to download depending on individual connection speeds. We strongly recommend that you first download it onto your computer before opening the file. All files are in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. The executive summary is available upon request. For further information please contact David Salgado.

2017 REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SCAG is excited to announce that the theme for our 52nd Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly will be “Innovating for a Better Tomorrow.” This theme, which was also adopted as SCAG’s official tagline in September, reflects the agency’s renewed strategic focus on facilitating innovation in the region. The two-day conference, which will take place on May 4-5 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, will investigate how cities, counties and partners can be dynamic and proactive in their approach to resolving regional challenges.

Over 900 Southern California leaders from the public, private and nonprofit sectors will convene to address strategies for facilitating innovation and maximizing its benefits. State and local elected officials, CEOs, business and civic leaders, transportation and environment stakeholders and local government staff are encouraged to attend. The conference is free for elected officials and city managers in the region. A reduced rate is available for students. For all other attendees, a special early bird registration rate will be available until March 31. Register at: scag.ca.gov/ga2017. Stay tuned for program announcements, including keynote speakers and panel topics!

SCAG IN THE NEWS

In the wake of the large storm that recently hit California, I was recently interviewed by multiple news outlets on the state of Southern California’s transportation infrastructure and the urgent need for investment in maintenance. These include:

- The PRESS-ENTERPRISE article on weak spots in the region’s road network that were illuminated by the recent storm (visit: <http://bit.ly/2ITSd7B>)
- ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER story on survey of structurally deficient bridges (visit: <http://bit.ly/2m50t6R>)
- CBS segment covering a recent bridge report that aired on both CBS2 and KCAL9 (visit: <http://bit.ly/2mliF37>)
- KNX 1070 RADIO interview on the need for improving the state of the region’s roads and bridges (visit: <http://bit.ly/2mCgoYc>)
- DAILY BREEZE article on potholes in the South Bay (visit: <http://bit.ly/2m4YAac>)

SCAG DELEGATION VISITS D.C. TO ATTEND CONFERENCE AND MEET WITH FEDERAL LAWMAKERS

In mid-February, a delegation of SCAG board officers and executive staff traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Association of Regional Councils’ annual conference, where they shared knowledge with regional leaders from across the country. The delegation also met with several federal lawmakers on Capitol Hill, sharing updates on SCAG’s federal legislative priorities (adopted by the Regional Council in January). The delegation included SCAG President Michele Martinez, First Vice-President Margaret Finlay, Second Vice-President Alan Wapner, Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee Chair

and Past-President Pam O'Connor, Past-President Larry McCallon, Past-President Greg Pettis, Immediate Past-President Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chief Operating Officer Darin Chidsey and Senior Legislative Analyst Jeffrey Dunn. In the delegation's meetings with Congressional representatives and U.S. Department of Transportation staff, they also solicited support for SCAG's recent application for FASTLANE grant funding for congestion-relieving highway projects throughout the region.

SCAG PREPARING FOR MOVE TO NEW DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES OFFICE

In November, the Regional Council approved SCAG's move to a new office. SCAG's main office has been in the same space in the same building in downtown Los Angeles for the past 27 years. The building was constructed in 1925, and as an older structure it has some limitations. Rather than continuing to upgrade piecemeal, we set out to find a more modern facility for our headquarters. SCAG selected 900 Wilshire Boulevard as its new location. Planning and design for the space are now underway, and SCAG is planning for a move that will occur by early 2018.

REGIONAL EARTHQUAKE INITIATIVE GIVES LOCAL LEADERS TOOLS FOR RESILIENCE

On Feb. 6, SCAG held its second Regional Earthquake Preparedness Initiative workshop to help local jurisdictions strengthen their infrastructure, safety codes and economic resilience. The workshop, which was held in Carson, was led by seismologist Dr. Lucy Jones and brought together over 70 local city and county leaders for a hands-on experience developing tools to assess, mitigate and prepare for the disruption of a large-scale earthquake. This is the second phase of SCAG's Regional Earthquake Preparedness Initiative, building on an initial series of informational seminars held in the Fall of 2016. To view the presentation and materials from the workshop, visit: <http://www.scag.ca.gov/programs/Pages/EarthquakeInitiative.aspx>.

SCAG PARTNERS ON AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION AND ROUNDTABLE

Early in February, SCAG partnered with some of the region's foremost mobility innovators to host the Los Angeles leg of the Autonomous Vehicle Road Trip, which included self-driving vehicle test rides, a technology showcase and an interactive workshop to show participants how they could bring autonomous vehicle pilot projects into their cities. Local leaders, media and the general public gathered at the La Kretz Innovation Campus in Los Angeles' Downtown Arts District to take turns riding in a fully autonomous shuttle bus (no steering wheel, pedals or driver). I participated in a leadership roundtable, where I stressed the importance of public-private sector partnership and the development of innovative mobility solutions. The roundtable addressed the importance of using new transportation technologies that can help address one of our region's most critical issues—traffic—while prioritizing safety and overall quality of life. SCAG was proud to collaborate with the Alliance for Transportation Innovation (ATI21), Transdev, EasyMile, Splunk, HDR and the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator for this event.

DRAFT 2017 LOCAL PROFILES OF MEMBER JURISDICTIONS PRESENTED FOR REVIEW

SCAG staff recently shared its Draft 2017 Local Profiles to local planning directors and staff for review. Every two years, SCAG prepares these "Local Profile" reports, which provide current data on topics including population, housing, transportation and employment figures for each of the 188 member cities, 6 counties and 6 unincorporated county areas in the SCAG region. Local Profiles are intended to provide jurisdictions with updated data and analysis to support community planning and outreach efforts. They are also useful resources for the business and academic communities, as well as the general public. Local jurisdictions have three weeks to offer comments and feedback on the draft reports. The new reports will be released at the upcoming Regional Conference & General Assembly. To learn more about SCAG's Local Profiles and read past reports, visit the SCAG website: <http://www.scag.ca.gov/dataandtools/pages/localprofiles.aspx>.

SCAG COLLABORATING WITH STATE ON IDENTIFYING UNFUNDED TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is developing a Draft Report on Unfunded Transportation Investment Priorities, which is intended as an alternative to the Statewide Transportation System Needs Assessment. This report describes the state's transportation system and needs and why the system is so important to California's economy and quality of life. The report also looks at the state's super-regions, identifying the condition of their transportation systems, the consequences of funding shortfalls and unfunded investment priorities. The primary purpose of this document is to inform and educate state legislators on what the state needs to sustain a reasonably well-functioning transportation system. The SCAG region has been identified as one of the 'Super Regions' that will be highlighted in the statewide report and SCAG staff has been leading the effort to develop the content, drawing from adopted plans and programs and collaborating with county transportation commissions. CTC staff is expected to roll out this discussion with their board over the next several months, leading up to its adoption in the fall of this year. The final report will serve as input as part of the comprehensive update to the 2011 Statewide Transportation System Needs Assessment which will be initiated later this year.

NORWALK GREEN LINE EXTENSION STUDY UPDATE

SCAG, in coordination with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the Cities of Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs, is conducting a planning study to identify and evaluate feasible alternatives for extending the Metro Green Line east from the Norwalk station to connect to the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink station. SCAG held two community meetings, on Jan. 7 and 11 at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex. The 79 total participants provided their input on the project's purpose and needs, addressing how the Green Line should best fit in with the community, what land uses and amenities should be considered, what evaluation criteria are most important and other project-related issues and concerns. The study's next steps include the development of technically feasible alternatives that address local and regional needs. The alternatives evaluation, including land use and station planning, will occur during the spring and summer of 2017. The study is expected to conclude in winter 2017/2018. For additional information and to view materials presented at the open house meetings, visit www.scag.ca.gov/norwalkgreenlinestudy.

SCAG ASSISTS VENTURA COUNTY AIR DISTRICT ON NEW AIR PLAN

On Feb. 14, the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District adopted the 2016 Ventura County Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). The AQMP is Ventura County's blueprint for achieving health-based air quality standards and includes strategies for reaching federal Clean Air Act targets by 2020. The 2016 Ventura County AQMP includes motor vehicle emissions budgets, which set limits on ozone emissions for on-road transportation and impact regional transportation planning and federal transportation conformity requirements. These new emission budgets, once federally approved, will be used in future Regional Transportation Plans and Federal Transportation Improvement Programs. SCAG staff worked closely with Ventura County and state staff to set the air plan's new transportation conformity budgets. The 2016 Ventura County AQMP is scheduled to be considered by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) in March for approval and inclusion the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Upon approval by the ARB, the plans will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval. For more information about the 2016 Ventura County AQMP, visit <http://www.vcapcd.org/AQMP-2016.htm>.

STATEWIDE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN AVAILABLE FOR COMMENTS THROUGH MARCH 10

In February, the California Department of Transportation released its first ever statewide bicycle and pedestrian plan. SCAG staff reviewed the document and found that it complements the active transportation component of SCAG's 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. SCAG staff concluded that complementary strategies at the state and

local level can increase implementation of active transportation projects across the state and this plan will help to both spur active transportation investments and increase safety for all roadway users. The draft plan, "Towards an Active California," is available for public review and comment through March 10. Caltrans is also holding a series of meetings and webinars to gather public input. For more information, visit http://www.cabikepedplan.org/app_pages/view/159.

SCAG PRESENTS SCENARIO PLANNING MODEL TO STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL

In early February, staff from the Sustainability and Active Transportation departments were invited to present SCAG's Scenario Planning Model (SPM) to the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The presentation demonstrated how deployment of the SPM can facilitate more informed planning by practitioners, public agencies and other stakeholders in Southern California. Used as a common platform to share, review and update a range of local and regional datasets, the SPM proved very useful in developing regional-level growth scenarios for the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, helping to emphasize the benefits of infill development, transit investments, active transportation and conservation of land, energy and water. SCAG anticipates rolling out a web-based, user-friendly SPM data management system later in 2017. Making SPM's scenario feature available to cities and other member jurisdictions will allow them to effectively evaluate future growth options at the local level.

URBAN LAND INSTITUTE TO HOST URBAN MARKETPLACE EVENT APRIL 12

On Wednesday, April 12, ULI Los Angeles will host their annual Urban Marketplace event at the Reef in downtown Los Angeles. Each year, this event convenes senior city staff, elected officials and developers for a series of roundtable discussions of development strategies and real estate investment opportunities for L.A. County's low-income and high-poverty neighborhoods. An exclusive keynote panel will address the theme, "Development Without Displacement- Can LA Grow Up Without Pushing People Out?" For more information or to register, visit <http://la.uli.org/event/urban-marketplace-2017/>.

SCAG STAFF PRESENTS RESEARCH TO WESTERN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

In mid-February, SCAG staff attended the 2017 Western Regional Science Association 56th Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico and presented new research. The Western Regional Science Association is an international multidisciplinary group of university scholars, government and private-sector practitioners dedicated to the scientific analysis of regions. This year's meeting convened more than 150 professionals with 130 papers from around the world. SCAG staff presented two papers: "Agglomeration in Los Angeles" and "Built Environment and Air Pollution Exposure as Determinants of Asthma Disparities in Los Angeles County."

SCAG CONTINUES INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

As part of an international partnership with Incheon National University (INU) in South Korea, SCAG hosted two volunteer interns, Soobin Choi and Yeonhwa Lee, from December 2016 to February 2017. These students learned how SCAG collaborates with key stakeholders to develop plans and policy options to address diverse urban and regional planning issues. They also acquired practical planning skills through field study and guided research. Yeonhwa conducted research on the transit systems of Los Angeles and Incheon City and Soobin conducted and presented research about the aging population and public health facilities in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita. Both interns presented their findings to SCAG staff.



Date: March 3, 2017
To: ICTC Management Committee
From: Laurie Berman, Caltrans District 11, District Director
Re: **District Director's Report**

The following is the California Department of Transportation, District 11 report for the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Management Committee meeting of March 8, 2017:

1. Project Updates:

Please see maps at end of report for project level detail.

2. Construction:

Interstate 8 (I-8) Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement Project

The first three segments of the *Interstate 8 Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement Project (CRCP)* are under construction.

- Segment 1, is near El Centro from 0.6 mile west of Anderholt Road overcrossing to 0.5 mile east of the East Highline Canal Bridge. It was awarded to Coffman Specialties, Inc. on November 18, 2015. Construction began the first week of February 2016. Construction is expected to be completed in June 2017. Both westbound and eastbound I-8 traffic are using the newly constructed eastbound side of the freeway.
- Segment 2, which is located 26 miles east of El Centro from 0.8 mile west of SR-98/I-8 separation to 0.6 mile east of the All American Canal, was awarded to Coffman Specialties, Inc., on December 15, 2015. Construction began in early March 2016 and is scheduled to be complete in July 2017. Westbound traffic was been detoured on to Evans Hewes Highway from west of SR-98 to east of Gordons Well Road. Eastbound traffic has been diverted to the westbound lanes of I-8.

Construction (continued):

For both segments 1 & 2, construction will be completed one full year ahead of the estimated schedule, thereby lessening congestion and delay for the motoring public.

- Segment 3, near Winterhaven from 0.7 mile west of the SR-186/I-8 separation to 0.3 mile east of Fourth Avenue overcrossing, was awarded to Security Paving Company, Inc., on December 22, 2015. Construction began mid-March 2016 and is scheduled to be completed in early 2018. Traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction from the Agricultural Checkpoint to the Arizona state line.

The remaining two segments were advertised in November 2016 and are scheduled to begin construction in summer 2017. Contract awards are currently pending. These two segments are:

- Segment 4, near El Centro from 0.6 mile west of I-8/SR-111 separation to 0.6 mile west of Anderholt Road overcrossing and from 0.5 mile east of the East Highline Canal Bridge to 0.8 mile west of I-8/SR-98 separation.
- Segment 5, near Winterhaven from 0.7 mile west of Ogilby Road overcrossing to 0.7 west of the I-8/SR-186 separation.

I-8/Dogwood Road

The I-8/Dogwood Road interchange project is completed and all lanes are open to traffic. Decorative fencing will be installed in spring 2017.

I-8/Dogwood Road Landscape Project

The follow-up landscape project has started and will be completed in summer of 2017.

Caltrans El Centro Maintenance Station

Phase 1 construction on the Caltrans El Centro Maintenance Station will be complete in spring 2017.

Phase 2 of the El Centro Maintenance Station is scheduled to be complete in summer 2017.

SR-98 / Cesar Chavez Widening Project

Contract approval was received in January 2017, with construction scheduled to begin in March 2017 and end in spring 2018. Utility relocation work is complete. An open house event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Mains Elementary School in Calexico (655 Sheridan Street, Calexico). This is a drop-by event to provide community members the opportunity to view project details, learn about scheduled detours, and ask questions.

Construction (continued):

SR-86/Heber Pedestrian Improvements

This project will add much needed sidewalks and a bus shelter. Bids were opened and construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2017. This project is a coordinated effort between Caltrans and ICTC.

SR-111/Main Street in Niland

This project will install a bus stop and shelter in an existing parking lot on the east side of SR-111. Efforts have begun and a Cooperative Agreement has been drafted and is in the process of completion between ICTC and Caltrans.

3. Maintenance:

Caltrans Imperial County Maintenance assisted with snow and debris removal in the San Diego County mountain areas during the recent storms. Within Imperial County, wind driven sand caused roadways to be impacted, and Maintenance responded with equipment to keep the motoring public safe. Sand was removed several times during the week, with both day and night work being conducted. The main locations impacted were SR-78 near Glamis and I-8 at Sand Hills.



Maintenance (continued):

The rains caused washouts at a number of locations including on SR-78 near the junction of SR-86.



4. Traffic Operations:

SR-86/Customs & Border Protection Checkpoint

Coordination and meetings continue between ICTC, Caltrans and CBP to develop a viable and affordable design concept for the checkpoint facility on SR-86.

Caltrans Traffic Operations has completed a draft concept that would include four canopied inspection lanes (two inspection lanes for vehicles and two inspection lanes for commercial trucks), improved secondary inspection, impound and employee parking areas. The concept has been emailed to USCBP to expedite review. Caltrans next task will be to prepare cost estimates. An interim proposal for one inspection lane for trucks and/or reduced durability or size of CBPs infrastructure could be developed if the cost is deemed prohibitive. Longer-term enhancements that would require Federal funding to further improve traffic flow out of the facility have also being discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2017.

5. Planning Studies:

A Fresh Look at Impacts of Border Delays at CA/BC POEs

In May 2016, the San Diego Association of Governments received two Caltrans grants for a total of \$670,000 to study the Effects of Border Wait Times on the Economy and Air

Planning Studies (continued):

Quality/Climate Change Emissions. This is a cooperative effort between SANDAG, ICTC and Caltrans under contract with HDR.

- a. The Economic Impacts of Border Delays will update and enhance previous studies to estimate the effects of delays at the San Diego and Imperial Counties Ports of Entry (POEs) on the regional, statewide, and national economies of the United States and Mexico.
- b. The Air Quality and Climate effects of Border Wait Times will develop a methodology to estimate air quality pollution and greenhouse gas emissions due to vehicular delays to cross the San Diego and Imperial Counties POEs.
- c. An Air Emissions round table with subject matter experts was held on February 16, with discussion centered on examining the methodology and data collection efforts.
- d. Two Economic Peer Review Panels are scheduled for mid-April, and will also include subject matter experts for the purpose of seeking technical input and modeling variables.

6. Local Assistance:

California Federal Lands Access Program (CA FLAP) 2017 Call for Projects

The California Federal Lands Access Program (CA FLAP) 2017 Call for Projects is now open with proposals being accepted through April 7, 2017. The goal of the CA FLAP is to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within federal lands. Specific program requirements and project proposal packet materials can be accessed via the CA FLAP webpage.

<http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/ca>

Inactive Projects

Please submit an invoice to the District by May 19, 2017 if you have not yet done so. A complete list of inactive projects can be found at the link provided below.

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/Inactiveprojects.htm>

Subsidized Classes for Local Agencies

The California Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) is a jointly funded effort between the FHWA and Caltrans to provide local governments with training, information, technology and direct assistance in order to help improve their transportation infrastructure.

Upcoming classes are listed by following the link provided below.

<https://registration.techtransfer.berkeley.edu/wconnect/ShowSchedule.awp?&Mode=GROUPE&Group=:FULL&Title=Complete+Listing>

Local Assistance (continued):

Federal Aid Series

March 13 - 17, 2017

San Luis Obispo, CA

June 12 - 16, 2017

Los Angeles, CA

Registration is online at: <http://www.californialtap.org/index.cfm?pid=1077>

Resident Engineers Academy

April 24 - 27, 2017

San Jose, CA

June 5 - 8, 2017

Los Angeles, CA

If you are interested in participating, please contact debora.ledesma-ribera@dot.ca.gov. Upon completion of the registration list, you will receive an email from the registrar on how to register online.

May 3-5, 2017: California Transportation Planning Conference in Walnut Creek

Caltrans, in partnership with the Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS) at University of California, Berkeley present the 2017 California Transportation Planning Conference: "Partnering for Sustainable Transportation: Meeting the Challenge Now and into the Future".

<http://www.techtransfer.berkeley.edu/2017-california-transportation-planning-conference>

Division of Local Assistance Listserver Subscription

Sign up to Division of Local Assistance "*Listserver*" to receive significant updates to changes or additions to Local Assistance web pages, including changes to the Local Assistance Procedures Manual and Local Assistance Program Guidelines or the issuance of Office Bulletins and Local Programs Procedures or Call for Projects.

<http://lists.dot.ca.gov/mailman/listinfo/dla-website-updates-announce>

Division of Local Assistance Blog (LAB)

A Local Assistance Blog (LAB) was created to provide clarity on issues and contribute to the successful delivery of transportation projects using federal resources. Categories covered by the LAB are: Subsidized Classes for Local Agencies, Policy/Procedures, Program Guidelines, Training, Environmental and Right of Way.

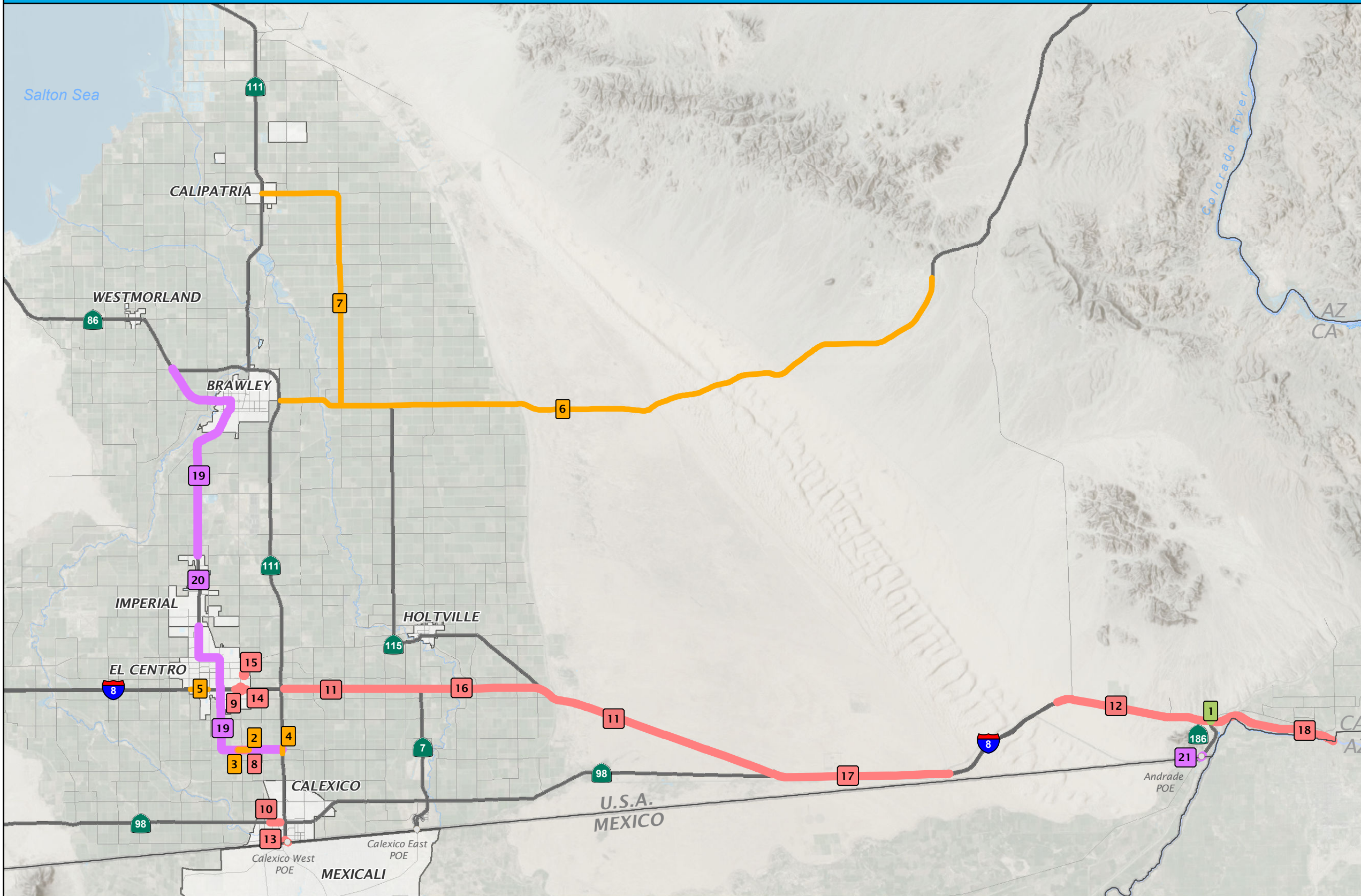
<http://www.localassistanceblog.com/>

2017 Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) Released

A new *Local Assistance Procedures Manual* (LAPM) is available. This 2017 edition incorporates all updates, changes, Office Bulletins, and Local Programs Procedures. Beginning now, annual LAPM editions will debut each January.

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/lam/lapm.html>

IMPERIAL COUNTY STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS



ENVIRONMENTAL

1. SR-186/I-8 Interchange Improvements

DESIGN

- 2. SR-86/"Heber Ave" Sidewalk, Transit, & ADA Improvements Phases 2 & 3
Design Complete Spring 2017
- 3. SR-86/Dogwood Road Intersection Improvements*
Design Complete Summer 2017
- 4. SR-86/SR-111 Intersection Improvements*
Design Complete Fall 2017
- 5. I-8/Imperial Ave Interchange Improvements
Design Complete Spring 2019
- 6. SR-78 Pavement Rehabilitation
Design Complete Spring 2017
- 7. SR-115 Pavement Rehabilitation
Design Complete Spring 2017

CONSTRUCTION

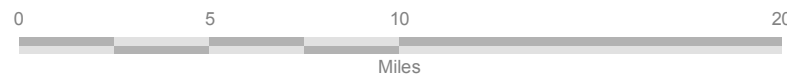
- 8. SR-86/"Heber Ave" Sidewalk, Transit, & ADA Improvements Phase 1
Construction Start Spring 2017
- 9. Dogwood Road Landscape
Construction Start Fall 2016
- 10. SR-98 West Widening Phase 1B
Eady Ave to Ollie Ave
Construction Start Spring 2017
- 11. I-8 Pavement Rehabilitation at Various Locations
Construction Start Summer 2017
- 12. I-8 Pavement Rehabilitation at Ogilby Rd to SR-186
Construction Start Summer 2017
- 13. SR-111 Calexico West - GSA POE Reconfiguration*
Construction Complete Spring 2018
- 14. I-8/Dogwood Rd Interchange Improvements
Construction Complete Spring 2017
- 15. El Centro Maintenance Station
Phase 1 - Construction Completed Spring 2017
Phase 2 - Construction Completed Summer 2017

- 16. I-8 Pavement Rehabilitation
Construction Complete Spring 2018
- 17. I-8 Pavement Rehabilitation
Construction Complete Spring 2019
- 18. I-8 Pavement Rehabilitation
Construction Complete Spring 2018

RELINQUISHMENT

- 19. SR-86 Relinquishment From SR-78 to SR-111
Senate Bill 788 Approved Fall 2013
- 20. SR-86 Relinquishment for City of Imperial
Completed January 2017
- 21. SR-186 Relinquishment 500 Feet
from Border to GSA*
Relinquishment Complete Summer 2017

- █ Environmental
- █ Design
- █ Construction
- █ Relinquishment



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Abbreviations:
GSA: General Services Administration

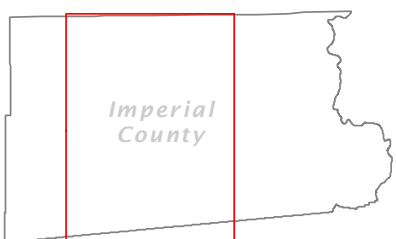
POE: Port of Entry

* The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is a partner in this study/projects, although not the lead agency.

IMPERIAL COUNTY STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION STUDIES AND REPORTS

PLANNING

- A. Calexico Transit Assessment Study:
Summer 2016 - Spring 2017
- B. Calexico Bicycle Master Plan Update
Fall 2016 - Spring 2018
- C. Mobility Hubs Study:
IBI Group
2015 - 2017
- D. Interstate 8
Transportation Concept Report
Complete Winter 2016
- E. State Route 115
Transportation Concept Report
Complete Summer 2017
- F. State Route 86
Transportation Concept Report
Complete Winter 2016
- G. Forrester Road Project Study Report
PSR Begin Spring 2017 (K Phase)
- H. State Route 98
Transportation Concept Report
Complete Summer 2017



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VI. ACTION CALENDAR

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A. LOW CARBON TRANSIT PROGRAM (LCTOP)

FY 2016-17 FUNDS



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March 2, 2017

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Imperial County Transportation Commission
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SUBJECT: Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Application for FY 2016-2017 Funds

Dear Commission Members:

Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) proposes to submit an application for use of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017. The LCTOP is one of several programs that are part of the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 by Senate Bill 862 (SB 862). The LCTOP was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. Approved projects in LCTOP will support the following:

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

Per the State Controller's Office, ICTC has an eligible allocation in FY 2016-2017 in the amount of \$89,254. LCTOP guidelines provide an opportunity to request a roll-over of funds in order to accumulate program funds prior to implementation. In FY 2015-2016, ICTC requested the rollover of \$193,483 for the future use of the planned Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC). It is the intent of ICTC staff to also roll over the FY 2016-2017 funds toward capital costs associated with the planned Calexico ITC. The Calexico ITC will be a large multi-modal bus transit transfer facility and access point. A site selection study has been completed by ICTC and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding has been obtained through a call for projects to fund the environmental and design phases of the project. Following the LCTOP guidelines, ICTC staff recommends to submit an application requesting the roll-over of FY 2016-2017 LCTOP funds in the amount of \$89,254 to FY 2017-2018 with the intent to use the funds for the Calexico ITC. The total LCTOP for both FY 2015-2016 and FY 2016-2017 is \$282,737. Implementation of the Calexico ITC is not proposed for FY2016-2017. The rollover funding will be used as match to possibly leverage other cap and trade funding for the overall construction of the facility.

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

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

1. Direct staff to submit an application to the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for FY 2016-2017;
2. Authorize the ICTC Chairperson to sign the attached resolution;
3. Authorization for the Execution of the LCTOP Project: Capital construction costs for the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC).

Sincerely,



MARK BAZA
Executive Director

Attachments

MB/vm

RESOLUTION # _____
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE
THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) PROJECT:
CALEXICO INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER - \$89,254 IN FY2016/17 FUNDS

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, ICTC wishes to roll over LCTOP funds to construct the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the ICTC policy board that ICTC, the fund recipient, agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the ICTC policy board that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination and allocation request to Caltrans to rollover FY 2016-17 LCTOP funds:

Project Name: Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$89,254 (\$81,957 from PUC 99313 and \$7,297 from PUC 99314)

Project Description: Construct the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center to consolidate public and private transit operators into one facility to improve connectivity and increase efficiency and ridership.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Imperial County Transportation Commission held on March 22, 2017.

By: _____
Chairman

ATTEST:

By:

CRISTI LERMA
Secretary to the Commission