



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, May 23, 2024
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: In person at the ICTC Offices or Via Zoom for Non -Voting Members & the Public

Chairperson: County of Imperial

Vice-Chair: City of Holtville

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Introductions**
2. **Adoption of Minutes for April 25, 2024** *ACTION*
Requesting a motion to adopt
3. **ICTC Updates / Announcements**
Presented by ICTC Staff
 1. Transit Updates
 2. Transportation Planning Updates
 - FFY 22/23 & FFY 23/24 Federal & State Funded Project Obligation List
4. **Caltrans Updates/ Announcements**
Presented by Caltrans Staff
5. **SCAG Updates/ Announcements**
Presented by SCAG Staff
6. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates**
All
7. **General Discussion / New Business**
8. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC is tentatively scheduled for June 27, 2024. For questions you may call Marlene Flores at (760) 592-4494 or contact by email at marleneflores@imperialctc.org

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 25, 2024

Requesting a motion to adopt



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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

April 25, 2024

Present:

Ana Gutierrez	City of Brawley
Erica Garcia	City of Calipatria
Francisco Barba	City of Calexico
Felix De Leon	City of El Centro
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Adriana Anguis	City of Holtville
Joel Hamby	City of Westmorland
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Manuel Ortiz	IID

Others:

David Aguirre	ICTC
Katie Luna	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Angela Delgadillo	ICTC
Juan Manuel Cabrera	City of Brawley
Andrea Montano	City of El Centro
Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Lily Falomir	City of Calexico
Fernando L. Williams	City of Imperial
Ismael Garcia	County of Imperial
Marco Coronel	County of Imperial
John Hawk	County of Imperial
Erwin Gojuannngo	Caltrans
Alejandro Lopez Rangel	Caltrans
Bryan Ott	Caltrans
Nick Ventrilla	Caltrans
M'lynn Martin	Caltrans
Kevin Hovey	Caltrans
Roy Abboud	Caltrans
John Garcia	Caltrans
Safwat Ibrahim	Caltrans
David Salgado	SCAG
Hina Chanchlani	SCAG
Patricia Ramirez	The Holt Group
Kenny Robertson	A&R Construction

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was present, and introductions were made. There were no public comments made.

1. A *motion* was made to adopt the minutes for March 28, 2024 (**Montaño/Anguis**) **Motion Carried.**
2. **SCAG Highways to Boulevards Study Project Presentation:**
(Presented by *Hina Chchlani, SCAG*)
 - Please let SCAG know if there is any interest in providing project recommendations from Imperial County about highways to boulevards, reconnecting communities, and rails to trails as SCAG evaluates projects in Imperial County.
 - For any questions, please contact Hina Chanchlani at chanchlani@scag.ca.gov
3. **ICTC Updates / Announcements**
(Presented by *ICTC Staff*)
 - a. **Transit Planning Updates**
 - b. **Transportation Planning Updates**
FFY 22/23 & FFY 23/24 Federal & State Funded Project Obligation List:
 - Each jurisdiction gave its update.
4. **Caltrans Updates / Announcements:**
(Presented by: *Alejandro Lopez, Caltrans*)
 - Friday, April 26, 2024, is the final deadline (for the June 27-28, 2024, CTC meeting).
 - 2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7): ATP Cycle 7 Applications Due by June 17, 2024.
 - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) – Cycle 12: It is expected that HSIP Cycle 12 Call-for-Projects be announced around late April or early May 2024.
5. **SCAG Updates / Announcements:**
(Presented by: *David Salgado, SCAG*)
 - SCAG 2024 SAVE THE DATE! 2024 REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY: SCAG will host the 59th annual Regional Conference & General Assembly on May 2-3, 2024, at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert.
 - SCAG 2024 General Assembly Delegate and Alternate Selection: SCAG sends an email to all cities asking for respective councils to take action to appoint a specific General Assembly Delegate and an Alternate. Elected Officials and City Managers are comped on registrations.
 - SCAG is partnering with Cal Poly Pomona to provide GIS Training to all the member agencies. This will be a three-day comprehensive training. More information to come.
 - Active Transportation Program, Cycle 7: This is a competitive call and all local agencies have been given information from CTC, ICTC, and SCAG. At the last ICTC TAC meeting, SCAG provided a presentation on Quick Builds.
 - ATP Cycle 7 Applications Due by June 17, 2024.
6. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:**
 - Each jurisdiction gave its update.
7. **General Discussion / New Business**
No new business was discussed.

Next TAC meeting will be on May 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

3. ICTC UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by ICTC Staff



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Memorandum

Date: May 22, 2024
To: ICTC Commission Members
From: David Aguirre, Executive Director
Re: Executive Director's Report

The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Commission meeting on May 22, 2024.

- 1) **FY 2024/2025 Budget Workshop:** *Please save the date for May 22, 2024, at 5 p.m. for the FY 2024/2025 Budget Workshop. Light refreshments will be provided.*
- 2) **ICTC/IVT Operations and Maintenance Facility:** ICTC staff has engaged with the proposed property owner's representative about ICTC's interest in the property. ICTC has also communicated with the city of El Centro regarding action items that would need to take place to facilitate the goal of the project. ICTC has also communicated with grant agencies and our Zero Emission Bus Plan engineering consultant to develop a preliminary site plan of the proposed improvements. Next steps include executing a Letter of Intent with the property owner, continuing coordination with the city of El Centro, and to begin conducting the required environmental studies like a Phase 1 Site Assessment. ICTC will also continue to work on grant opportunities to fund the acquisition of the property. The site plan will also be shared with the commission upon completion.
- 3) **Niland Bus Stop Implementation and Improvements:** ICTC staff has evaluated a few locations that may be suitable to integrate a potential bus stop. ICTC will continue to evaluate proposed locations and look for opportunities to potentially integrate the additional stop into its existing route.
- 4) **Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (CPFCDs):** ICTC recently received an award of 4.1 million dollars to be utilized towards the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center Project. The project has already received awards from the RAISE, ATP and REAP 2.0 programs. We would like to thank our local, State and Federal Partners and Congressman Raul Ruiz for their continued support of the project, ICTC and the Imperial County. ICTC would also like to congratulate the cities of Imperial and El Centro, the County of Imperial and the Imperial Irrigation District on their awards. *ICTC will continue to work with all of the awardees to ensure that their projects are programmed to enable the use of the project funding.*
- 5) **Active Transportation Program, Cycle 7:** *The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has released the Active Transportation Program (ATP) guidelines as of March 22, 2024. Approximately \$568 Million funding will be available for fiscal years 2025/26 through 2028/29 statewide. **Applications will be due to the CTC by June 17, 2024.** Imperial County applicants must also submit a copy of their applications to the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC). For a copy of the adopted ATP guidelines please refer to Active Transportation Program Guidelines directly at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program/cycle7>.*

In addition, only applicants that submit applications to the statewide ATP will be eligible for Regional ATP funds. Imperial County anticipates approximately \$1.2 million in ATP Cycle 7 Regional Funds will be available for all applicants that are not successful in the statewide call. There might also be additional funding available for quick build type projects. ICTC staff have developed an ATP factsheet for reference to both funding opportunities. Also, the Regional Active Transportation Plan adopted by ICTC is a valuable resource for agencies seeking funding through ATP Cycle 7. The document outlines priorities for each jurisdiction within Imperial County and was developed with significant input from the public. This input likely reflects the needs and preferences of the local community, making it a valuable tool for agencies seeking to align their grant proposals with the region's priorities. The ATP document is on the ICTC website at https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/documents/transportation-plans-and-studies/ICTC-ATP_Final-Document_2022.02.28_Reduced-Size.pdf

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

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

Due to the number of projects submitted, ICTC was able to evaluate all projects internally without utilizing the normal process which involves all cities participating in the scoring and ranking process. ICTC will be recommending projects to SCAG as part of the final submittal process. ICTC staff will be working with local agency staff and programming all approved projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) upon award notification. *The list of projects was approved by the commission in February. The proposed project applications were submitted to SCAG for consideration of approval. ICTC anticipates receiving updated information pertaining to potential awards from SCAG late May 2024.*

- 7) **Imperial Valley Transit and Associated Services Operations and Maintenance Request for Proposals:** *ICTC's existing agreement with its current operator (Transdev) is coming to a conclusion. As required by federal law, ICTC has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to qualified transit operations and maintenance operators. The RFP was issued on February 16th, 2024. ICTC's goal is to complete the procurement process and award a contract to a qualified firm by the end of the fiscal year. The proposed new agreement will be for a 5-year fixed period with two additional single-year options. More information to come. ICTC received multiple responses to its RFP and is currently evaluating the responses. Staff will attempt to award the contract in the month of June 2024.*
- 8) **Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study** – ICTC recently submitted a grant application under the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) to prepare a Countywide EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study. The project will aim to identify strategic locations within the county for EV Charging Infrastructure. Caltrans is currently developing a similar project for locations along State facilities.
- 9) **Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project:** The Project proposes to widen the bridge over the All-American Canal at the U.S./Mexico border approximately 0.7 miles south of State Route (SR) 7. The project proposes to widen the existing structure by adding four lanes: Two New Northbound Auto Lanes and Two New Northbound Commercial Vehicle Lanes. In May 2018, Caltrans and ICTC received \$3,000,000 from the California Transportation Commission and the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the project. In June 2018, Caltrans completed a Project Initiation Document (PID). In Fall of 2018, the PA/ED phase was initiated by Caltrans, technical studies for the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) document under Caltrans as the NEPA lead are in progress and

is scheduled for completion in May 2020. In December 2018, ICTC was awarded \$20 million under the U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD discretionary grant program to complete the Design-Build construction phase. ICTC subsequently received TCEP in the amount of \$7.4 Million for construction efforts. The design portion of the project is complete. The project construction is underway, and construction was anticipated to be completed at the beginning of 2023 but suffered delays due to the issuance of the presidential permit. Approximately 87% of construction efforts have been completed. The project was temporarily placed on hold for 6 months due to the issuance of the presidential permit to relocate the border fence. The Presidential Permit was received on July 7, 2023. On November 15, 2023, GSA, ICTC, and regional partners celebrated the completion of Stage 1 of the project with a Ribbon Cutting celebration. ICTC Executive Director David Aguirre led the ceremony. Speakers included ICTC Chair Mike Goodsell, CBP Calexico Port Director Roque Caza, GSA Pacific Rim Region Public Buildings Service Deputy Regional Commissioner Amanda Sweeney, FHWA Senior Project Engineer Tay Dam, Caltrans District 11's South County and Trade Corridor Director Nikki Tiongco, CTC Commissioner Clarissa Reyes Falcon, and Head Counsel of the Mexican Consulate in Calexico Tarcisio Montes de Oca. The event concluded with the anticipated Ribbon Cutting followed by media opportunities. For additional information regarding this project visit the ICTC website at: <https://www.imperialctc.org/projects/calexico-east-port-of-entry-bridge-expansion>. *Stage 3 of the project which consists of the completion of the improvements to the passenger vehicles lanes is now complete. Stage 4 of the project is now underway which consists of the retrofit activities and roadway striping. The project is estimated to be completed in June 2024.*

- 10) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** *An IMBA meeting and strategic planning session was held in the City of Mexicali's Preparatoria y Universidad 16 de Septiembre, on January 16, 2024. At the strategic planning meeting, the committee developed the schedule for the year. ICTC hosted the March 14th, 2024, meeting at ICTC offices. ICTC participated in the May 9th meeting at Cetys University in Mexicali. The meeting was very well attended. The following dates are tentatively scheduled for IMBA in 2024.*
- July 11th – Imperial County
 - September 12th – Mexicali
 - November 14th (Strategic Planning and IMBA meetings) – Imperial County
- 11) **Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) FREE FARES PROGRAM:** On August 7, 2020, the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) announced the implementation of a **Free Fares Program** for various Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) services. Eligible services include IVT Fixed Route, IVT Circulators (Blue, Green and Gold Lines), IVT ACCESS and IVT RIDE (EL Centro, Imperial, Heber, Brawley, Calexico, Westshores). All passengers are eligible to benefit from the Free Fares Program. The fares are subsidized by a State of California grant and fare contributions to IVT RIDE passengers by the County of Imperial's Area Agency for the Aging (AAA). *ICTC was able to secure a new grant to provide free fares for all its transit programs. Due to the previous labor issues, ICTC implemented free fares for all services to assist with the inconvenience to the public. The labor issues have since been resolved but ICTC will continue to offer free fares to the public until further notice. ICTC was also able to secure a second grant to provide free fares for all services with the exception of the Calexico On Demand service. **The free fares program will end in June 2024 with existing fares being re-implemented on July 1, 2024. A formal public hearing was held on March 27, 2024, prior to the Commission Meeting.***
- 12) **IVT Ride Potential Service Modifications:** IVT Ride is a dial-a-ride service that is available to seniors (55 years of age or older) and persons with disabilities in the communities of Calexico, Heber, El Centro, Imperial and Brawley. The service primarily operates in an intracity capacity with the exception of the communities of El Centro, Imperial and Heber and the Westshores service which travels to the city of Brawley or the Coachella Valley. The Westshores service is also available to the general public. Due to continuing declining ridership on all IVT Ride services, staff are exploring the possibility of modifying the service to provide trips to the general public but still provide priority to the senior population. The possible modification would enable the service to capture additional passengers and implement a microtransit like service in various communities. The possible modification would also require financial investment in technology and the development of a passenger web and mobile application. Staff anticipates bringing the further evaluated concept to the Management Committee and Commission in the coming months. Staff are also pursuing funding opportunities to facilitate the possible transition of the service.

- 13) **Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC):** A new Intermodal Transportation Center in the City of Calexico has been part of ICTC’s long range transit planning. The new Calexico ITC will serve as a regional mobility hub that will accommodate bus bays for Imperial Valley Transit in addition to private bus companies, taxis and farm labor buses. ICTC previously received a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal program fund to complete the environmental and design plans of the new Calexico ITC. The environmental and design phase has been completed. *Right of Way Acquisition is underway. ICTC has already acquired 2 of the required 3 properties for the project. The City of Calexico Council approved the commencement of the eminent domain process for two of the required properties. ICTC was recently awarded multiple grants to complete the required construction efforts for the project. ICTC received grant awards from the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0, Active Transportation Program (ATP) and Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Programs. Due to the anticipated State budget deficit, REAP 2.0 funding may be impacted. SCAG is working to ensure that the REAP 2.0 funding is not negatively impacted. ICTC is working with SCAG to identify possible alternative funding sources in the interim. It is anticipated that the project will start construction in July 2024. **The project construction management RFP ended on March 22, 2024. The action item for the proposed award of contract for construction management services is included in the May 2024 agenda.***
- 14) **Bus Stop Improvement Project:** Staff are working on developing a bus stop improvement project across multiple cities throughout the county. The project consists of installing various bus shelters and potentially other amenities. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. *ICTC released the Request for Proposals for design services for the project. ICTC is looking to begin design services soon and have construction take place within FY23-24/FY24-25. The contract was awarded at the April Commission meeting. ICTC has already participated in a kickoff meeting with the consultant and will be reaching out to each of the affected agencies to coordinate a kickoff.*
- 15) **Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis –** Staff was able to secure grant funding to complete a Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). The COA is a comprehensive evaluation of ICTC’s existing transit services while also presenting evaluation findings and recommendations to further improvement of ICTC’s existing public transit system. ICTC intends to evaluate all ICTC operated services in addition to incorporating an assessment of the feasibility of intercity passenger rail. Staff is currently working on the development of the Request for Proposals (RFP) and it is anticipated that the RFP will be released in the coming months.
- 16) **EV Charger Installation Project:** Staff are working on developing an EV charger installation project across multiple cities throughout the county. ICTC will be coordinating with the various cities to complete the development. *It is anticipated that the project will be completed within FY23-24/FY24-25.*
- 17) **2022 Long Range Transportation Plan:** The ICTC in its capacity as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency is responsible for leading the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in Imperial County. The last update to the LRTP was conducted in 2013. ICTC staff completed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to prepare a full update of the Imperial County LRTP. Michael Baker International was the selected consultant. The process took around 18 months to complete, and included various outreach activities including several pop-up events, technical and stakeholder meetings. The final LRTP document adoption took place in the month of February 2024. The completed document and project listings are posted on the ICTC website for review and download, at <https://www.imperialctc.org/publications-and-reports/transportation-plans-and-studies>.
- 18) **Forrester Road Project Study Report (PSR):** Caltrans District 11 has been working on a project report on behalf of ICTC. The PSR will analyze safety and operation improvements along Forrester Road between I-8 and SR86/SR78. Other improvements include the Westmorland bypass. A meeting to discuss the draft PSR took place at the ICTC offices on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 9 a.m. Further updates to the PSR are anticipated along with additional meetings to discuss the updated PSR. *The updated PSR was recently received, and staff will be reviewing the updated document.*
- 19) **Calexico Microtransit Service – Calexico On Demand:** ICTC submitted a grant application for the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) program in October of 2020. The grant application was submitted to provide a clean energy microtransit service in the city of Calexico. In early 2021, ICTC was notified of its grant award of \$1

Million to fund the pilot microtransit service. The microtransit service will operate as an on-demand service available to provide trips to the general public within the boundaries of the city of Calexico. The award required that ICTC fund and operate the service for a minimum of 4 years. ICTC partnered with Via Transportation, an experienced transportation operator to operate the service. ICTC and Via began the development of the project including service criteria, marketing information, and operational criteria. ICTC obtained approval from the CMO program to commence the service. ICTC kicked off the service on January 9th, 2023, and intends to have a formal event to celebrate the kickoff of the service as soon as approval is received by the CMO. The service was free for all passengers until February 9th, 2023. Further information about the service can be viewed on the website: <https://city.ridewithvia.com/calexico-ondemand>. *The service has averaged 180 passengers per day since the removal of the free fares and has been well received. ICTC has been working with CMO to obtain additional funding for the project. ICTC was awarded an additional \$500,000 to be utilized for operations of the service and additional service hours. The contract amendment with the operator was approved at the June 23, 2024 meeting. ICTC is pursuing additional grant opportunities to continue to fund the project.*

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

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

- 21) **Bus Stop along Cole Road west of Highway 111 in the City of Calexico:** *ICTC received a request through its Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process asking for the installation of bus stop improvements along Cole Road west of Highway 111 in the City of Calexico. ICTC and the City of Calexico were able to work together to have the bus shelter and associated infrastructure improvements installed. The bus stop is now open for public use.*
- 22) **Clean California Bus Stop Improvement Project:** Through Clean California Round 1 Funding, Caltrans was able to secure funding to complete bus stop and shelter improvements in the communities of Niland, Calipatria, Brawley and Holtville along various state routes. Caltrans, ICTC and the communities worked together to identify locations, in addition to reviewing possible secondary amenities such as trash enclosures. Construction activities for the new bus stop improvements began on March 13, 2023. The project bus stop improvements were completed in November/December 2023. The final set of bus stop improvements were completed in the city of Brawley in late March/early April 2024.
- 23) **Funding for Phase II of the Calexico West Port of Entry:** As previously noted, Congress authorized \$98 million for Phase 1. The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) began construction for Phase 1 in December 2015 with completion now scheduled for July 2018. Phase 2A was awarded in the amount of \$191million and will include six additional northbound privately-owned vehicle (POV) inspection lanes, permanent southbound POV inspection, expanded secondary inspection and adding a pre-primary canopy, new

administration building, and employee parking structure. *Funding for phase 2B was awarded in the amount of \$103.4 million. Work for phase 2B will include demolition of the old port building and construction of the new pedestrian building. The total estimated investment for the Calexico West POE improvements are \$416.2 million. Construction efforts for the West Port of Entry are anticipated to begin on September 26, 2022. Noticing information pertaining to lane closures and closure times, adjustments to the East Port of Entry passenger vehicle operating hours and other items have been distributed and shared via multiple media outlets including ICTC's website at [Canopy construction at the Calexico West Port of Entry to impact vehicle traffic | Imperial County Transportation Commission \(imperialctc.org\)](https://www.imperialctc.org)*

- 24) **Regional Active Transportation Program:** ICTC staff has been working with staff from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in the development of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) guidelines. The ATP is funded from various federal and state funds including the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), State Highway Account, and Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S). The approved California Transportation Commission 2023 ATP (Cycle 6) program guidelines divide the funds into state and regional shares. State funds are available through a competitive application process. Applicants that are unsuccessful at the state level are considered for regional funds. Regional ATP funds are administered by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO). SCAG is Imperial County’s MPO. Per SCAG’s 2023 ATP Regional Guidelines, county transportation commissions may assign up to 20 points to each statewide project application deemed consistent and meeting eligibility requirements. ICTC staff has completed the adoption process of the scoring methodology. ICTC staff received state scoring of ATP applications from Imperial County and presented staff recommendations to TAC members on December 15, 2022. Projects are underway at various stages by the agencies. Staff recommendations were approved at the January Commission meeting. See the table below for further information.

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

- 25) **Orchard Road & SR115 Traffic Concept Report:** During the Commission meeting of September 2022, the Commission asked ICTC staff to follow up on the SR 115 Transportation Concept Report (TCR). ICTC staff has conducted meetings with Caltrans and County Public Works staff during the week of October 17th. ICTC staff in partnership with County and Caltrans staff are continuing discussions for short term options to deter trucks from using Orchard Road. The parties are also expected to discuss long term options as well. More information will be shared as discussions continue.
- 26) **San Diego & Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Strategy:** San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and ICTC received a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for a Sustainable Freight Implementation Strategy for both counties. The goal with the strategy is to help transition the freight sector in San Diego and Imperial Counties to sustainable technologies, operations, infrastructure over the next 30 years. The strategy will systematically implement multimodal freight projects and policies, seek to pilot innovation technologies, create a workforce development toolkit, and identify potential funding sources for implementation. The area of study includes communities adjacent to major freight infrastructure in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Environmental justice areas, as defined by AB617, will be a particular focus and include the Portside Environmental Justice Communities, the International Border Community, and Calexico-El Centro-Heber corridor. This plan kicked off in February 2022 and is expected to be completed March 2024. Public engagement has been instrumental in the creation of this strategy, participants of Imperial County have included County Public Works department, Work Force Development, Comité Civico del Valle, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation, among others. Strategy outcomes are scheduled to be presented to SANDAG and ICTC groups as well as community organizations such as IMBA and AB617 meetings starting in June in Imperial County.

- 27) **State Route 98 Widening from Ollie to Rockwood:** As part of the Calexico West POE Expansion project, SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Boulevard were widened and improved to serve the expansion to the west. Caltrans' SR-98 work between VV Williams and Ollie Avenue was completed in March 2018, and the Cesar Chavez Blvd. Widening was completed in October 2019. Caltrans has completed the design and right of way phase for SR-98 Widening between Rockwood Avenue and Ollie Avenue. On June 24, 2020, CTC authorized construction funding. The total project cost is estimated at \$7 million using a combination of 2016 Earmark Repurposing, Demonstration, Traffic Congestion Relief, ICTC and local funds. The construction start date was delayed due to environmental impacts and other utility projects in progress within the project area. Construction of the project began on August 6, 2021. The existing contractor of the project has been removed. Caltrans has secured a new temporary contractor to complete the project improvements from Ollie Avenue to Highway 111. Caltrans completed Phase 1 in late November. *Phase 2 of the project commenced on January 9th, 2023. The portion of the project that consisted of the north side of Highway 98 between Highway 111 and Ollie Avenue has been completed. Caltrans is now working on completing the southeast side of Highway 98 between Highway 111 and Rockwood Avenue.*
- 28) **State and Federal Local funding Obligations:** Projects programmed in programmed in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019/2020 were fully obligated according to Caltrans Local Assistance. Beginning October 1, 2020, agencies can move forward with request for authorization (RFA) for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) programmed in FFY 2020/2021. Other state funding also included in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) include the Active Transportation Program (ATP).
- 29) **State Legislation for Transportation Funding – SB 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA):** *According to the California League of Cities, overall local streets and roads allocations to cities and counties from the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) and the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) are projected to climb 14.8% in the current fiscal year, 2021-22, above last year, reflecting a rebound from peak impacts of the pandemic in 2020. For the budget year 2022-23, allocations are projected to grow 10.8% over the current year. This presumes that if the scheduled July 1 cost-of-living fuel tax increase is suspended, the Legislature will backfill any revenue impacts to local governments as leaders have pledged. The estimates are based on new statewide tax revenue estimates released by the California Department of Finance with the Governor's 2022-23 Proposed Budget. The county estimates were prepared in collaboration with the California State Association of Counties.*
For RMRA remittance advice by cities visit: https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard_payments_rmra_cities.html
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- 30) **Funding Opportunities:**
- **ATP Cycle 7 Call-for-Projects:** *ATP Cycle 7 is expected to include about \$568M made up of Federal, State SBI, and State Highway Account (SHA) funding. The funding/programming years include the 25/26, 26/27, 27/28, and 28/29 fiscal years.*
 - *Schedule and major milestones can be found at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program/cycle7>*
 - *For a complete list of California specific grant opportunities go to <https://www.grants.ca.gov/>.*
 - *[Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2023 through FY 2026 Bridge Investment Program, Planning and Bridge Project Grants](#)*
 - *For a complete list of federal transportation grant opportunities go to <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notice-funding-opportunity>.*
- 31) **Meetings/trainings attended on behalf of ICTC:**
- Various Weekly Reoccurring Calexico East POE Bridge Widening Project Meetings
 - Various Weekly Project Specific Meetings
 - April 25, 2024 – ICTC TAC Meeting at the ICTC offices and via Zoom meeting
 - April 25, 2024 – IVRMA TAC Meeting at the ICTC offices and via Zoom meeting
 - April 26, 2024 – Arbor Day event at SDSU Imperial Valley
 - April 29, 2024 – Unmet Transit Needs second meeting at the ICTC offices and via Zoom meeting.

- April 29, 2024 – Intermediate Governmental Accounting Session II via Zoom meeting (attended by Michelle Bastidas)
- April 30, 2024 – Meeting with Alegria at the ICTC offices
- May 1, 2024 – ICTC SSTAC meeting at the ICTC offices and via Zoom meeting.
- May 1-2, 2024 – Funding and Programming Transportation Projects Training in Ontario, CA (attended by Marlene Flores and Katie Luna)
- May 1-3, 2024 – SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly in Palm Desert, CA
- May 2, 2024 – Health Resource Fair in Calexico (attended by mobility staff)
- May 7, 2024 – Southern California Roundtable Meeting via Teams (attended by Katie Luna)
- May 8, 2024 – Local Assistance Day: Quarterly Webinar (attended by Katie Luna)
- May 8, 2024 – ICTC Management Committee Meeting at the ICTC offices and via Zoom meeting
- May 8, 2024 – AB617 Calexico-El Centro-Heber May CSC Meeting (attended by Gustavo Gomez)
- May 8, 2024 – Calexico Council Meeting (attended by David Aguirre)
- May 9, 2024 – Training: DBE Goal Setting (attended by David Aguirre)
- May 9, 2024 – Imperial-Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA) Meeting at CETYS Universidad (attended by David Aguirre, Katie Luna, and Marlene Flores)
- May 13, 2024 – Outreach at Calexico and El Centro Medical Offices (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- May 13-17, 2024 – 2024 Virtual Transportation Planning Basic Academy (attended by Katie Luna and Marlene Flores)
- May 14, 2024 – Transit Summit: Improving Access & Equity through Connected Transit in Southern California (attended by Gustavo Gomez)
- May 15, 2024 – Brawley Senior Center Community Service (attended by mobility staff)
- May 16, 2024 – IVRMA TAC Meeting at the ICTC Office
- May 17, 2024 – Community Service Event-IVC Students (attended by mobility staff)
- May 17, 2024 – In-Person at Metro: Mobility 21 Board Meeting (attended by David Aguirre)
- May 17, 2024 – CTC CEOs/SCAG Meeting in person at the Metro offices

FFY22/23 Federal/State Funded Project Obligation List

Updated on 10/27/2023

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

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STBG- Surface Transportation Block Grant

FFY23/24 Federal Funded Project Obligation List

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

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CMAQ- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
STBG- Surface Transportation Block Grant

*Refer to attached project sheet for complete funding details

FY23-24 State Funded Project Obligation List

Updated on 10/27/2023

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

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

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

4. CALTRANS UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presented by Caltrans Staff

California Department of Transportation



To: ICTC Commission

Date: May 2024

From: EVERETT TOWNSEND (Acting)
Caltrans District 11 Director

Subject: **DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

CONSTRUCTION

- 1. SR-98 Widening Project:** As part of the Calexico West POE Expansion project, SR-98 and Cesar Chavez Blvd were widened and improved to serve the expansion to the west. SR-98 work between VV Williams and Ollie Avenue was completed in March 2018, and the Cesar Chavez Blvd widening was completed in October 2019 by the City of Calexico. Construction for stage 1 of the SR-98 eastbound widening between Rockwood Avenue and Ollie Avenue was completed in November 2022. The construction of Stage 2 (westbound SR-98 from SR-111 to Ollie Ave) has been completed. Stage 3 has been completed in January 2024. Completion of Stage 4 is estimated for end of June 2024. The total project cost is estimated at \$8.2 million.
- 2. I-8, SR-78 Bridge Rehab:** The project rehabilitates four bridges on I-8 and two on SR-78. Total estimated cost is \$8 million. Bridges on I-8 are Brock Research Center Road, All American Canal (left/right) and Winterhaven Drive/4th Avenue. The two bridges on SR-78 are at Palo Verde Drain and Palo Verde Outfall. Work has begun at the I-8 location over the All-American Canal, bridge deck work is complete. These bridge repairs will install a long-term automated traffic control signal at both locations for reversible 1 way traffic throughout the duration of construction. Painting at the All- American Canal is complete. Work at Brock Research Center Rd is complete. Target start for the Winterhaven Drive/4th Ave bridge is late June 2024. The Palo Verde locations have started.

3. **I-8 Roadside Safety Improvements:** Slope paving, minor concrete, and sign installation on I-8 from PM 32.4 to PM 46.1 This project is implementing various safety improvements at various locations on I-8 between Silsbee Rd and Anderholt Rd. The scope includes slope paving, gore paving and rumble strip installations. Construction activities are underway and estimated completion is end of May 2024. The total project cost is estimated at \$4.6 million.

4. **Clean California Projects:** District 11 has substantially completed three Clean CA Projects in Imperial County. Bus Shelters in El Centro, Brawley, Niland, Calipatria, and Holtville. County of Imperial, in the City of El Centro and City of Brawley respectively have been completed. They include bus shelter improvements in Niland (SR111), and bus shelter installations in Calipatria (SR111) and Holtville (SR115). The Bus shelters have been installed. The construction of the curb ramp has been completed on the southwest quadrant of S. Rio Vista Ave. Below are completed pictures of all the work consisting of Bus Shelter, curb ramps, loop detectors, camera installation and striping.



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Clean CA – Median Island 11-IMP-86-PM L7.4/L7.61 Located in the City of El Centro.

Median island improvements in El Centro (SR86) A gateway beautification project at SR-7/Nina Lee Rd just north of the Calexico Port of Entry are also included as part of this effort. The gateway project is complete along with three (3) of the median island improvements.



- 5. SR-111 Roadside Improvements:** This project will be implementing improvements at various locations on SR-111 between Heber Rd and Niland. The scope includes upgrading guardrail, ADA curb ramps and rumble strip

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installations. The project cost is estimated at \$11 million and was advertised in August and awarded in October. Construction started February 2024, to be completed in Fall 2024.

PROJECT DELIVERY

1. **SR-186 All-American Canal Bridge:** This project proposes to construct a new bridge over the All-American Canal (AAC). The new bridge will improve safety and better facilitate international and interregional movement of people, goods and services. A 2019 feasibility study proposed 8 alternatives including a no-build option. The following stakeholders have been identified, Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe, US BIA, US BOR, IID, International Boundary and Water Commission, County of Imperial, Union Pacific Railroad and US GSA. Preliminary Design of the bridge is underway, as well as environmental studies. Project Milestones: Project Approval/Environmental Clearance 12/2024.

MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

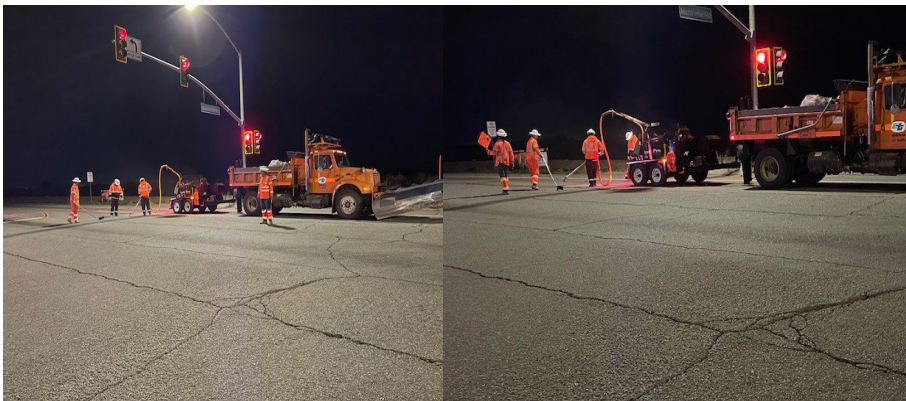
1. El Centro Traveled Way Crew – Fence repair: I-8/SR-111, Sealing intersections: SR-86, Storm damage repair/drain cleaning: I-8



2. El Centro Functional/Marking Crew – Sign/Landscape maintenance, Refresh pavement markings-SR-7/Carr Road.



3. Midway Traveled Way Crew – Crack sealing SR98/SR-7 (Night work).



4. Brawley Traveled Way Crew – Sweeping/brush control
Crack sealing-SR-111/Rutherford Road, Dig outs-paving: SR-86/Salton City area.



5. El Centro Clean CA Crew – Litter control/landscaping activities I-8/4th , Graffiti abatement: I-8/Dogwood Road.



6. **SR-86/Customs & Border Protection (CBP) Checkpoint Expansion:** AECOM has submitted a revised concept plan with a standard acceleration lane from the secondary inspection facility and it has been approved. The environmental studies are being prepared by ICTC/CBP and will soon be sent for review. Caltrans will assist ICTC in coordinating upcoming meetings.

Caltrans has not received all required documents from AECOM such as the QMP, SIQMP, or the environmental document. Caltrans will proceed with the 0 phase. A series of permits will be required for existing traffic control at the checkpoint, for the inspection operations and equipment within the facility, and for a temporary checkpoint while the project is in construction. A new Freeway Maintenance Agreement will be required for the portion of the existing canopy that is within Caltrans ROW. On 5/1, ICTC emailed Caltrans stating they will not be submitting any further submittals until CBP elects to proceed with the environmental process.

7. **11-2N164 at IMP-8-PM R3.7/48:** HM-1 Pave Preservation Ramp Project. D11 Construction has completed the final punch list. The baseline CCA was on 4/5/2024 the actual milestone will be at the end of this month.
8. **FY 23/24 Major HM Projects** that are currently advertised and scheduled to start construction around July 2024, mostly JOC's:
- 11-2N178: IMP-8-PM 0/10: HM-1/part of JOC 11JOC23241: Pavement Preservation - Microsurfacing. Start of construction after July 2024.
 - 11-2N176: IMP-8-PM R50.3/R96.7: HM-1/part of JOC 11JOC23241: Pavement Preservation of Various Ramps. Start of construction after July 2024.
 - 11-2N197: IMP-111-PM 23.5/32.1: HM-1/part of JOC 11JOC23241: Pavement Preservation at Various Locations. Start of construction after July 2024.

(Non-JOC)

- 11-2N194: IMP-8-PM R74.5/R83.2: HM-1 Pavement Preservation – Cold Plane and Overlay with HMA. Start of construction around July 2024.
- 11-2N167: IMP-86-PM 50.46/52.43: HM-3 Bridge Preservation. Start of construction around July 2024.
- 11-2N204: IMP-8-PM R36.4/R39.5 and SD-8-PM 2.9/11.7: HM4 Safety Project – Rumble Strips. Start of construction around July 2024.

9. FY 24/25 Major HM projects:

- 11-2N230: IMP-86-PM 4.5/8.5 and 20.4/21.39. HM-1 Pavement Preservation – Microsurfacing. In design phase, RTL @ December 2024, in construction @ July 2025.
- 11-2N147: IMP-111-PM 50.56/52.43. HM-3 Bridge Preservation. In design phase, RTL in September 2024, in construction in March 2025.
- 11-2N226: IMP-98 PM 0/57: HM4 Safety – Rumble Strips. In design phase, RTL in December 2024, in construction @ July 2025.
- 11-2N225: IMP-78-PM 0/34 and SD-78 PM 16/95. HM4- Safety – Rumble Strips. In design phase, RTL in December 2024, in construction @ July 2025.

10. 11-2N228: IMP-78-PM 0/13. HM-1 Pavement Preservation. In design phase, RTL in December 2024, in construction @ July 2025.

PLANNING AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE

1. **Project Study Report: Forrester Road Improvements** - This study is developing various improvements for Forrester Road (I-8 to SR 78/86). It is being prepared as Project Study Report – Project Development Support (PSR-PDS) and identifies improvements that can proceed to the Project Approval/ Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase of the project development process. The project creates a truck bypass to the City of Westmorland using local roads, proposes passing lanes in the New River area, and makes improvements to the Forrester Road intersections at Ross Road and Evan Hewes Highway. The draft PSR (PDS) document is being reviewed by ICTC and is anticipated to be completed by early spring of 2024.
2. **Feasibility Studies: District 11 Truck Parking and Medium/Heavy Duty ZEV Charging Station Site Assessment** – The purpose of this study is to identify potential sites, assess site feasibility, and develop conceptual planning plans for four future truck parking facilities and Medium Duty/Heavy Duty (MD/HD) Zero Emission (ZEV) charging and fueling stations in San Diego and Imperial counties primarily along corridors identified by the Senate Bill (SB) 671 Clean Freight Corridor Efficiency Assessment. The study will also support regional

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and local efforts to advance MD/HD ZEV including the San Diego and Imperial County Sustainable Freight Implementation Strategy. Caltrans staff has finalized the rating of potential parcels. Six potential locations have been identified in Imperial County. These locations will be studied further. The Project team has identified potential funding sources. The draft report will be circulated in the last week of May. The study completion is estimated for the summer of 2024.

3. **California-Baja California Border Master Plan Addendum- Zero Emission Strategy.** On 2/21/2024 the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) of the California-Border Master Plan (BMP) kicked off efforts to develop a "Tri-State Zero Emissions approach." The proposed concept will develop a ZEV strategy for the states of California, Baja California, and Baja California Sur. The draft report was presented to the BMP Technical Working Group on May 2nd and is out for public review. The overall study completion is estimated for summer 2024.
4. **Calexico East Land Port of Entry Joint Operations Systems-** This study will develop a concept for a joint operation system for the Calexico East Port of Entry (POE), which will also debut the first land POE appointment system for commercial vehicles and potentially passenger vehicles. Using current border conditions, the system will allow commercial vehicle border users to pay for a designated appointment window to cross the border. This first-in-the-nation application will be piloted initially for commercial vehicles and could be expanded to passenger vehicles. If successful, this pilot has the potential to be scalable by expanding to other POE and could be utilized at other POEs along the northern and southern borders of the United States. Caltrans staff is developing a decision tree, identifying recommendations and potential funding sources. The draft report will be circulated in the last week of May. The study completion is estimated for the summer of 2024.
5. **Calexico Travel Corridor Improvements (11-43220):** A PSR-PDS is being prepared for the Calexico West POE – Mobility, Operational Improvements, Complete Streets, and Traffic Signals project. The study includes four alternatives and a no-build option. All options (except the no-build) include accessibility improvements along SR-111 (i.e., curb ramps, crosswalk enhancement at 10th St, pedestrian push buttons at 2nd St, additional guide signs where needed, ITS infrastructure to inform users on border wait time Calexico East and West, & proposed bus stop at W 5th St – for EB direction – on SR-111 PM R0.55.

IMPERIAL COUNTY MMBN PROJECTS

California Department of Technology's (CDT) Middle Mile Broadband Network has routes going through Imperial County and they are being delivered by multiple

methods. Two are being built by Caltrans and two are built by a third party (Lumen).

Lumen

Lumen will build the route that follows the Union Pacific North/South Rail line north from the City of El Centro through Brawley, Calipatria, Niland, and up to the Imperial/Riverside County line (this follows roughly Route 86 to Brawley and Route 111 north of Brawley). This route is being provided as a leased route by Lumen. Lumen is also building a joint build route along former US 80 from the San Diego/Imperial County line to the Arizona State Line. It deviates from this routing to follow the rail line near El Centro, and south to Route 98 east of Calexico. Neither of these two projects will be designed or constructed by Caltrans.

Caltrans

Caltrans is with two projects following Routes 86 and 78. It will begin at the Riverside/Imperial County Line along Route 86 (4B018) and travel south to the Route 78/86 Interchange (the South Junction where the Brawley Bypass begins northwest of Brawley). On a different project (4B015) the routing will follow Route 78 along the Brawley Bypass and conventional highway all the way to the Riverside/Imperial County Line.

A total of 6 hubs will be placed in Imperial County. One will be a backbone hub (Hub 181 in El Centro) and 5 will be lateral hubs. Hub 169 (Glamis along Route 78) and Hub 182 (near the 8/186 Interchange near Winterhaven and Fort Yuma) are considered off-system and will be designed by CDT's partner GSN (Golden State Network). Caltrans will most likely oversee the construction of these two hubs. The remaining hubs will be located at the 78/111 freeway Interchange, along Route 111 south of Bombay Beach, and along Route 86 near Salton City.

CDT may make changes to this and have made changes before.

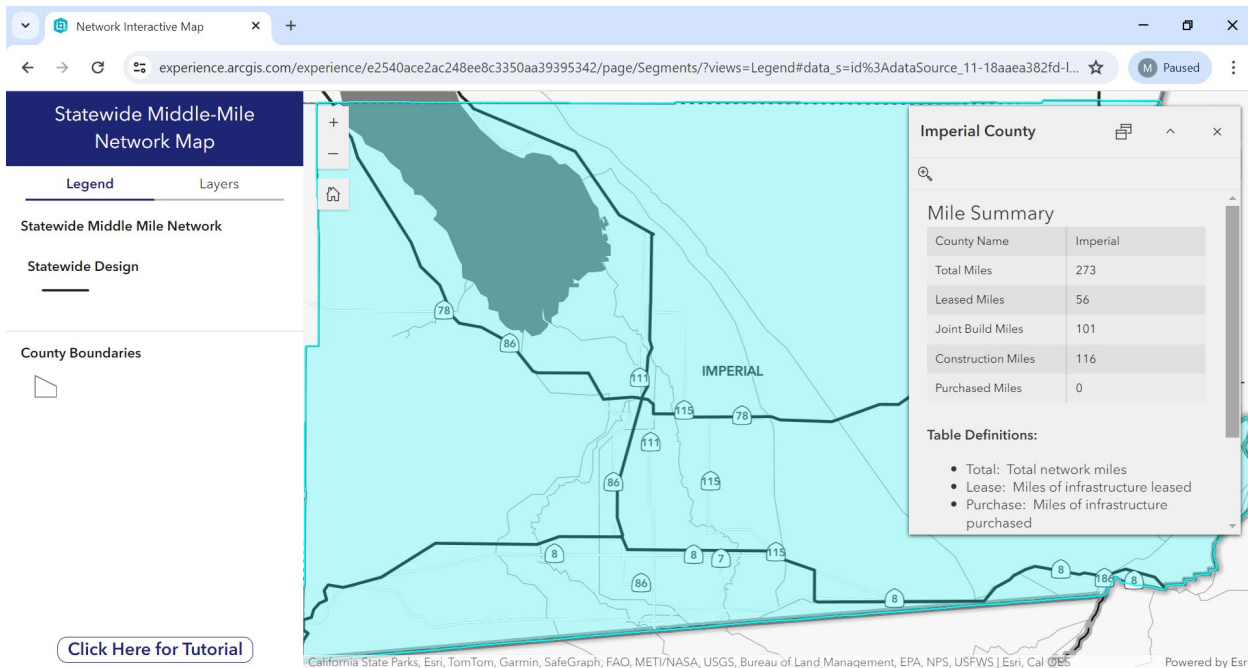
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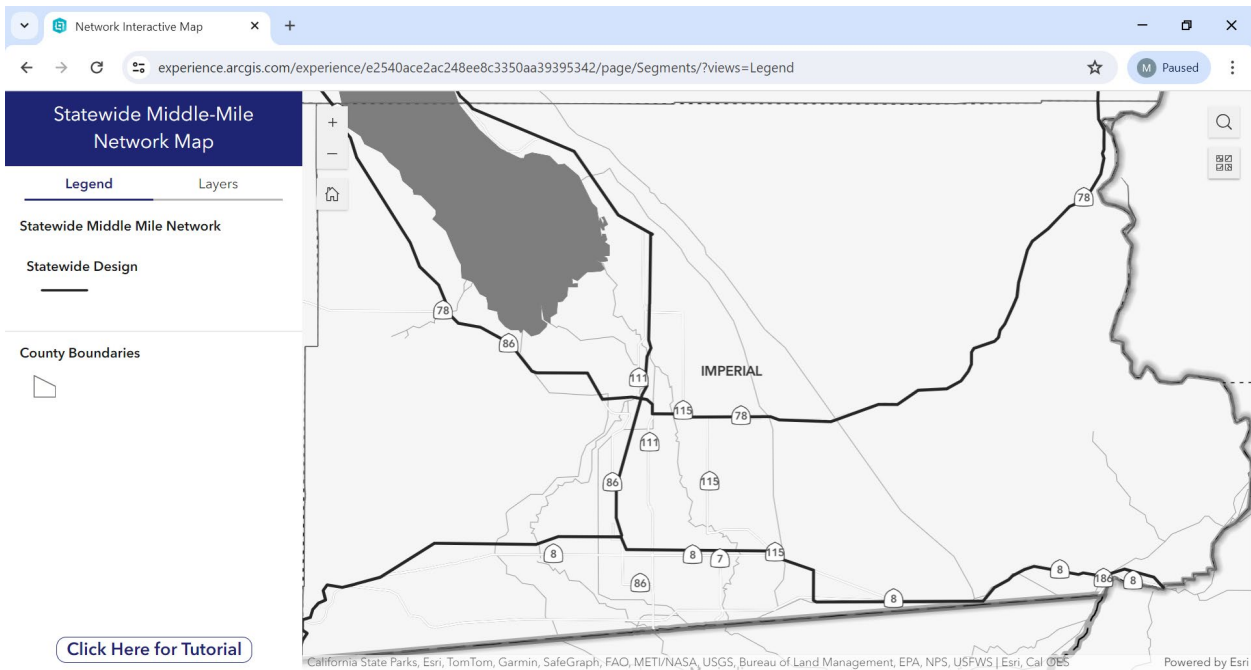
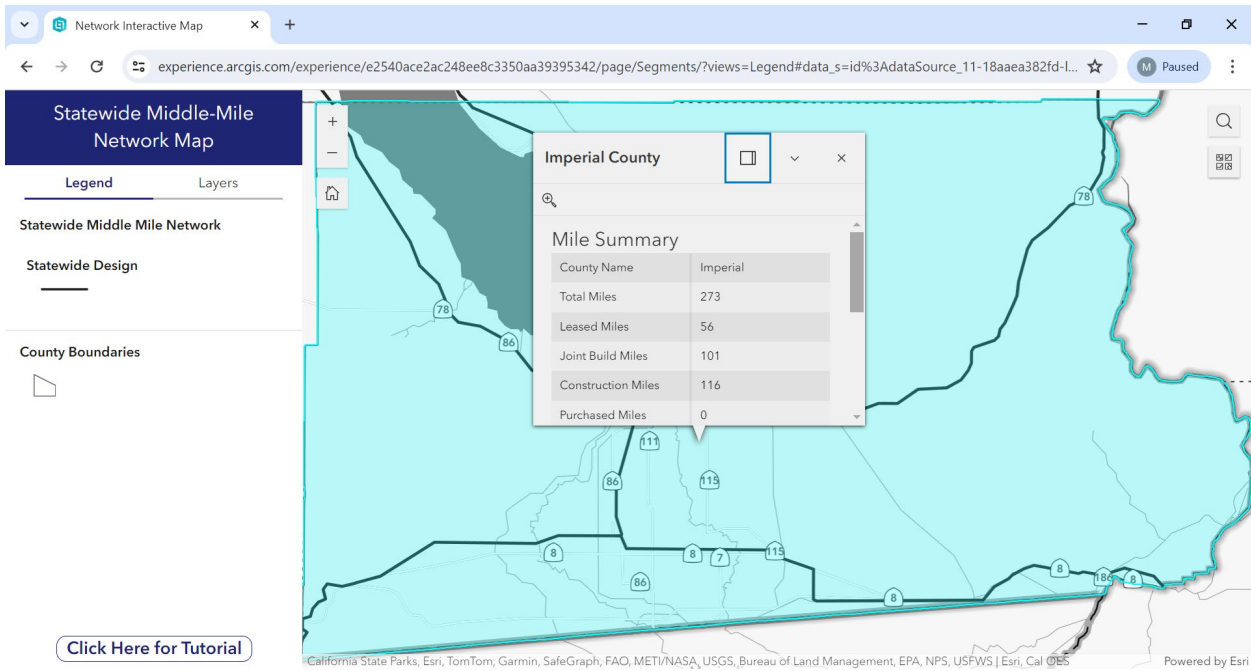
Fiber Projects (CT Build)

- 4B010: Now Lumen Route
- 4B015: Route 78 from 86/78 South Jct (Brawley Bypass Start) to RIV/IMP Co Ln (72.7 mi)
- First half working towards 60%
- Second half working towards 30%
- 4B017: Now Lumen Route
- 4B018: Route 86 from 86/78 South Jct (Brawley Bypass Start) to RIV/IMP Co Ln (43.63 mi)
- First half working towards 60%

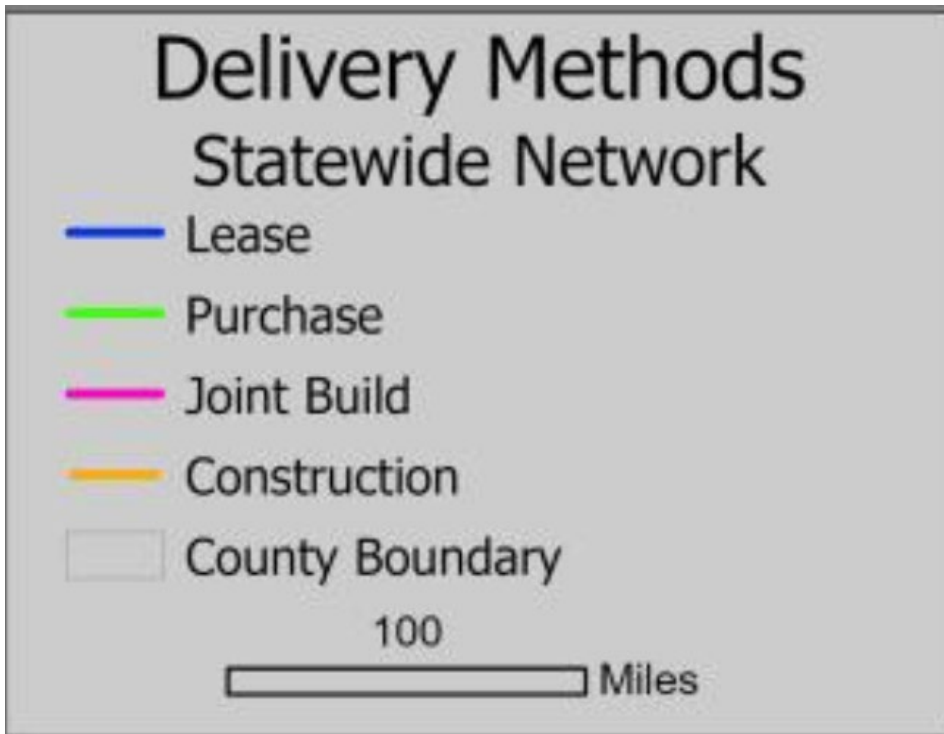
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- Second half working towards 30%
- Lumen Fiber Routes (Distance based on actual distance from CDT maps)
- 4B010/ Route 8 Replacement: 101 mi (Lumen will build as a joint-build)
- 4B017/ Route 111 Replacement: 56 mi (Lumen will lease existing route to CDT)
- ON-System Hubs (CT Design)
- Hub 183 (Bombay Beach) (4B017)
- Hub Submitted to CT HQ DES
- Hub 79 (Brawley) (4B015)
- Hub Submitted to CT HQ DES
- Hub 181 (El Centro) (4B010)
- Hub Design by District in progress, will submit soon to CT HQ DES
- Hub 80 (Salton City) (4B018)
- Hub Submitted to CT HQ DES
- OFF-System Hubs (GSN Design)
- Hub 169 (Glamis) (4B015?)
- Hub 182 (Winterhaven/Ft. Yuma Reservation) (4B010?)





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3. Local Assistance:

Inactive Projects

Please see link [HERE](#), open file and apply filters to locate your agencies inactive projects, and please submit justification form for inactive projects to Alma Sanchez @ alma.sanchez@dot.ca.gov

June 14, 2024 – Deadline for California Transportation Commission (CTC) Requests

Please see link below to review the schedule of deadlines and prepare requests for California Transportation Commission (CTC) approval during the August 15-16, 2024, CTC meeting –

dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/financial-programming/documents/proposed-2024-draft-prep-external-063024.pdf

When possible, do not wait to submit requests. Caltrans District 11 must receive all documents at least two months prior to the desired CTC meeting date.

Friday, **June 14**, 2024, is the final deadline (for the August 15-16, 2024, CTC meeting).

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Renewals

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

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

To confirm a UEI, click the UEI SmartSheet link [HERE](#), and enter information in the yellow columns –

No agency UEI is expiring at the moment, but please see table below for expiration dates:

AGENCY	UEI Expiration Date
Brawley	10/02/2024
Calexico	02/07/2025
Calipatria	11/19/2024
El Centro	03/15/2025
Holtville	01/24/2025
City of Imperial	08/06/2024
County of Imperial	09/20/2024
ICTC	09/06/2024
Westmorland	10/31/2024

For assistance, please contact the Caltrans Imperial Area Engineer, Alejandro Lopez-Rangel: 858-229-1721.

2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7)

ATP Cycle 7 Applications Due by June 17, 2024.

Further details are available at this ATP link –

<https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>

AND

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program/cycle7>

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) – Cycle 12

HSIP Cycle 12 Call-for-Projects has been announced and is now open.

Deadline is Monday, September 9, 2024.

Application instructions [HERE](#).

*June 27 – Additional training for HSIP Cycle 12 Call-for-Projects, specifically for Imperial County Local Agencies from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the ICTC El Centro Office (can attend in person or online). An Outlook invitation was sent to each local agency, please see the invitation for training details.

Further HSIP details are available at this link –

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/highway-safety-improvement-program/calls-for-projects-hsip-ssarp>

Annual Exhibit 9B & 9C Submittal

Please submit “Local Agency DBE Annual Submittal form” (Exhibit 9-B) and “Local Agency ADA Annual Certification form” (Exhibit 9-C) by June 1, 2024 for Federal Fiscal Year 24/25 (October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025) per Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) Chapter 9 sections 9.3 and 9.6. With your 9-B submittal please include an organizational chart showing the DBELO and his/her contact information.

*Note that failure to submit the completed forms may result in a delay to the processing of an agency’s “Request for Authorization” (E-76).

- Link to Local Assistance Procedures Manual:
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/guidelines-and-procedures/local-assistance-procedures-manual-lapm>
- Link to LAPM Forms:
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/forms/local-assistance-procedures-manual-forms>

Division of Local Assistance Office Hours & Webinars

* June 6 – Preliminary Environmental Study – Open office hours

Further details are available at this link –
[DLA Office Hours & Webinars](#)

Caltrans Office of Guidance & Oversight Architectural & Engineering Office Hours 2024

- * July 18
- * September 19
- * November 21
- ** Each date: 10:00 am – 11:00 am PT

The Division of Local Assistance (DLA) Office of Guidance and Oversight will host open office hours to assist with questions regarding the use of the Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Consultant Procurement Checklist for Local Public Agencies (LPAs) performing consultant procurement for A&E services with federal funds. The goal of these open office hours is to provide information to LPAs regarding DLA resources for A&E consultant procurements such as utilization of the A&E Consultant Procurement Checklist. Caltrans must ensure that sub-recipients (LPAs) comply with the requirements of 23 CFR 172 (Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter B, Part 172).

Further details are available [HERE](#)

Caltrans Oversight Information Notice #24-01 – Environmental Mitigation Work

The Caltrans Oversight information Notice (COIN) provides information and guidance to Local Public Agencies (LPAs) on issues pertaining to federal-aid projects.

COIN #24-01: Environmental Mitigation Work:

Environmental mitigation work that involves actual field work or construction activities must be performed under a construction contract, and not under an Architectural and Engineering (A&E) services contract. As explained in Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) Chapter 10: Consultant Selection, 23 CFR 172 and California Government Code 4525 define A&E services as those private consulting firms providing architectural, landscape architectural, engineering, environmental, land surveying, construction engineering, or program management.

Further details are available at this link [HERE](#).

Bridge Investment Program (BIP)

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

- The deadlines for applications to be submitted via [Grants.gov](#) are:

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

The deadlines for **Large Bridge Project Grant Applications** to be submitted via [Grants.gov](#) are:

- August 1, 2024, for consideration of FY 2025 funds.
- August 1, 2025, for consideration of FY 2026 funds.

Further details are available at this link –

[BIP - Funding Programs - Management and Preservation - Bridges & Structures - Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

U.S. Department of Transportation Grant Opportunities

The USDOT website provides a DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard, which is a great tool that your local agency can use to find grant opportunities in various areas such as, Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation grants program (SMART), Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES), and Federal Transit Administration Grant Programs (FTA), just to name a few. In the link, provided below, you can filter for your agency specifics to narrow down grant opportunities. Directions, deadlines, and links to apply are also provided.

Further details are available at this link –

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants>

Key Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

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

A few of the key programs and their deadlines:

* Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

1) FY 2025: 1/13/2025

2) FY 2026: 1/13/2026

Further details are available at this link –

[Key Notices of Funding Opportunity | US Department of Transportation](#)

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) FY 24: Caltrans Call for Letters of Support (LOS)

The purpose of SS4A grants is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and refinement and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators. The program provides funding to develop the tools to help strengthen a community's approach to roadway safety and save lives and is designed to meet the needs of diverse local, Tribal, and regional communities that differ dramatically in size, location, and experience administering Federal funding.

Eligible SS4A Projects Include:

- Develop a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan).
- Conduct supplemental safety planning to enhance an Action Plan.
- Carry out demonstration activities to inform the development of, or an update to, an Action Plan.
- Perform planning, design, and development activities for projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.
- Implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that address roadway safety problems.

SS4A makes available up to \$1.2 billion for FY 2024. Of the funding made available, up to \$580 million is available to implement projects and strategies. \$656 million must be awarded for developing Action Plans; conducting supplemental planning to update existing Action Plans; or carrying out demonstration activities to inform the development of, or updates to, Action Plans.

Planning and Demonstration Grant applicant deadline:

- Thursday, August 29, 2024, 5:00 PM (ET)

The deadline for requesting a Letter Of Support (LOS) for a SS4A Project signed by a Caltrans District Director has passed (April 19, 2024), however if in the future you are interested in requesting a LOS, you will need to coordinate with your Caltrans District Representative to submit your request. The Caltrans District 11 Representative is:

Brian Miller
(619) 985-5288
brian.miller@dot.ca.gov

Visit the [Office of Strategic Investment Planning](#) website for complete resources. Copies of all LOS that were or were not signed by the District Director must be provided to OSIP for record keeping. Please include justifications.

Please click [HERE](#) for additional resources on Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A).

November 21, 2024 – Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a new Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants program (Community Change Grants), announced via a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), for approximately \$2 billion dollars in Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will be focused on community-driven initiatives to be responsive to community and stakeholder input. They are designed to deliver on the transformative potential of the IRA for communities most adversely and disproportionately impacted by climate change, legacy pollution, and historic disinvestments.

Applications are now open, which the EPA is accepting on a rolling basis. Final deadline to apply is November 21, 2024.

EPA is offering grant technical assistance to applicants, including requirements for community engagement and governance plans, community strength plans, and readiness approach.

Program NOFO:

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

Title VI Nondiscrimination Program

Local agencies must comply with all Title VI requirements (*LAPM* Section 9.2). Title VI compliance is subject to review at any time.

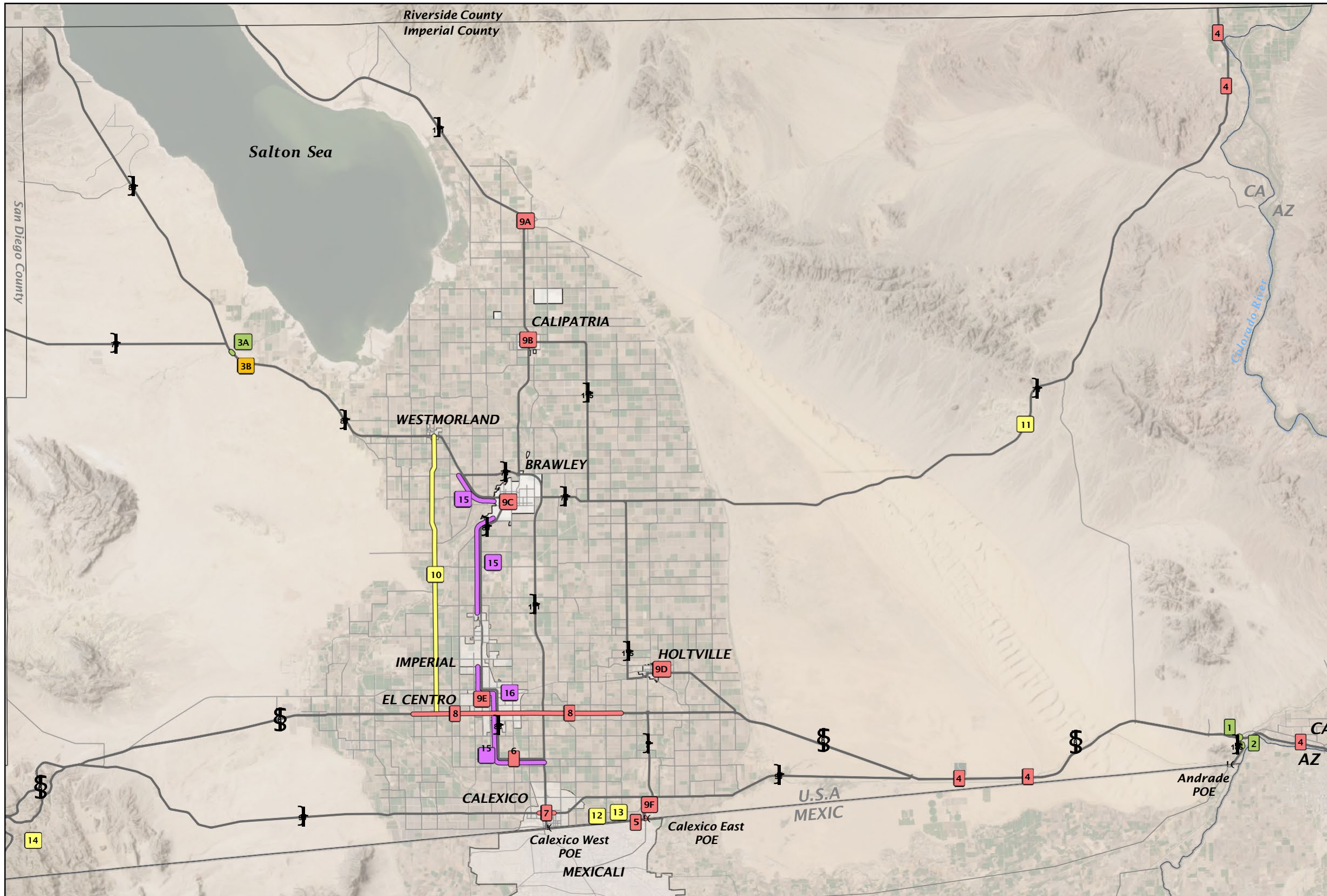
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/local-civil-compliance/title-vi>

RELINQUISHMENTS

1. SR-86 from SR-111 to Countryside Dr, West Ralph Rd to Calle Estrella, and just east of Brandt Rd to SR-78. Relinquishment to County of Imperial, County did not provide any input, planning to close project. County of Imperial needs to provide information whether still interested (#15 on Status Map) (EA 11-43098).
2. SR-86 from Countryside Dr to Treshill Rd. Relinquishment to City of El Centro, City provided comments and Caltrans responses. Currently waiting for City of El Centro to review proposed estimate (#16 on Status Map) (EA 11-43099).

FEDERAL FUNDING

1. \$850,000 for City of El Centro Imperial Avenue Extension Project Phase 4
2. \$1,000,000 for County of Imperial Gentry Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project
3. \$1,000,000 for County of Imperial Sinclair Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project
4. \$1,050,000 for County of Imperial- Eddins Road Bridge Rehabilitation
5. \$3,000,000 for City of Imperial-Imperial Corridor Safety Improvement Project
6. \$4,116,279 for Imperial County Transportation Commission
7. \$871,280 for Imperial Irrigation District- Ninth Street Pipeline Project

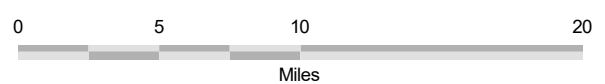



- ENVIRONMENTAL**
- 1. SR-186/I-8 Quechan Interchange Improvements*
Complete Dec 2023
- 2. SR-186 All-American Canal Bridge
Complete Dec 2024
- 3A. SR-86 USBP Checkpoint Canopy*
Complete Fall 2023
- DESIGN**
- 3B. SR-86 USBP Checkpoint Canopy*
Complete Fall 2023
- CONSTRUCTION**
- 4. Bridge Rehab Projects on I-8 and SR-78
Begin Construction March 2023, Complete Spring 2024 
- 5. Calexico East POE Bridge Widening
Design/Build Begin Mar 2021, Complete June 2023
- 6. SR-86/Dogwood Road Intersection Improvements County Permit*
- 7. SR-98 Widening Phase 1C Ollie Ave to Rockwood Ave
Complete Winter 2023 
- 8. I-8 Roadside safety improvements
Begin construction June 2023, Complete Spring 2024
- 9 A-F. Clean CA Projects - Bus Shelters, Median, Welcome Sign
- PLANNING**
- 10. Forrester Road Improvements PSR
- 11. SR-78/Mesquite Mine
- 12. Feasibility Study - Truck Parking & Med/Heavy Duty ZEV Charging Station Site Assessment
- 13. Feasibility Study - Calexico East Land Port of Entry Joint Operations Systems
- 14. Feasibility Study - Desert Line
- RELINQUISHMENT**
- 15. SR-86 Relinquishment to County of Imperial
Date Estimate 2026
- 16. SR-86 Relinquishment to City of El Centro
Date Estimate 2026

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




- Environmental
- Design
- Construction
- Planning
- Relinquishment



 :Project funded by Senate Bill 1

Abbreviations:

GSA: General Services Administration

 : Port of Entry

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Questions can be directed to (619) 688-6699
ct.public.information.d11@dot.ca.gov

Date:10/18/2023



20th Annual

Procurement & Resource Fair



Building Our Future, Honoring Our Past



Wednesday, August 14, 2024

From 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**District 11 Courtyard,
4050 Taylor Street, San Diego, CA 92110**

Caltrans District 11, in partnership with the San Diego Public Agency Consortium, presents the 20th Annual Procurement and Resource Fair.

Please join us to celebrate our 20th year anniversary!

Caltrans purchasers and partner will have a list of goods, services, contracts and upcoming opportunities for Small Businesses. **This event provides a great networking opportunity for your small business.**

Connect with:

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5. SCAG UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Memorandum

Date: May 8th, 2024
To: ICTC Committee and Management Meeting
From: David Salgado, Government Affairs Officer (GAO)
Re: **Southern California Association of Government’s (SCAG) Report**

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

1. REAP 2.0 UPDATE: PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK INFORMATION SESSIONS

As previously reported, Governor Gavin Newsom’s proposed draft fiscal year 2025 state budget would reduce SCAG’s \$246 million REAP 2.0 allocation by 50 percent. SCAG has worked expeditiously to develop the REAP 2.0 program for the region and has already suballocated \$192 million of this award via formula-based and competitive programs. We continue to urge Gov. Newsom to reconsider these cuts. To stabilize the REAP 2.0 program amid budget uncertainty, SCAG staff is preparing a phased expenditure plan to prioritize available funding. Funding priority will be based on the program’s core objectives and guiding principles, as defined in an updated version of the REAP 2.0 Framework.

SCAG staff will host two information sessions. Register online for a session on Tuesday, May 14 at 10 a.m. or Wednesday, May 15 at 1 p.m. REAP 2.0 awardees are invited to attend the information sessions and provide input. With Regional Council approval, the phased expenditure plan could allow some work to restart this summer while efforts continue to restore the full budget.

2. SCAG GIS TRAINING PROGRAM: GETTING STARTED WITH GIS FOR REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANNING

SCAG’s Local Information Services Team (LIST), in partnership with Cal Poly Pomona’s Department of Urban and Regional Planning, is excited to announce the upcoming GIS training program tailored for planning professionals, GIS technicians, engineers, management analysts and other related professionals within the SCAG region. Developed from feedback from SCAG’s Regional Data and Services Experience Survey, this two-and-a-half-day course equips attendees with essential GIS skills, focusing on real-world planning challenges. Trainees will gain hands-on experience with ArcGIS Pro software, learning data capture, analysis and visualization techniques.



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3. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTS 2024-25 BOARD OF OFFICERS

The General Assembly approved the nominations for the SCAG 2024-25 Board Officers as recommended by the Regional Council: Hon. Curt Hagman (County of San Bernardino) will serve as 2024-25 Regional Council president; Hon. Cindy Allen (City of Long Beach) will serve as Regional Council first vice president; and Hon. Ray Marquez (City of Chino Hills) will serve as Regional Council second vice president. Leadership also recognized Hon. Art Brown (City of Buena Park), who served as president for 2023-24 and will continue as a board officer in the role of immediate past president, and Hon. Carmen Ramirez, as Regional Council president in memorium for the past year.

4. SCAG BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 APPROVED

The General Assembly adopted the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-25. The General Fund is the designated financial resource for the operating budget of the Regional Council and supports SCAG activities not funded by, or are not allowable charges to, federal or state grant funds. The FY 2024-25 General Fund budget is \$3,089,698, nearly the same similar figure as the FY 2023-24 General Fund budget of \$3,089,747.

5. 12 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STUDENTS

SCAG announced the awardees of its 14th annual scholarship program, helping to inspire and support the next generation of public servants. SCAG received a record total of 115 applications from throughout the SCAG region.

The Scholarship Committee of 13 Regional Council members and two representatives from academia, recommended that the Regional Council award nine students with a 2024 SCAG Scholarship Program Award. The California Transportation Foundation, in generous partnership with SCAG, provided funding for three additional scholarship awards. An additional scholarship was made possible by generous donations from Randall Lewis, the Building Industry Association, the City of Santa Fe Springs and incoming Regional Council Second Vice President Ray Marquez. The list of scholarship award winners is in the [Scholarship Committee report](#) in the May Regional Council agenda packet.

6. CONNECT SOCAL 2024 POST-ADOPTION UPDATE

After SCAG's Regional Council adopted the Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) on April 4, SCAG staff submitted Connect SoCal 2024 and its adopted transportation conformity determination to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, which, in consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will make a final transportation conformity determination by June 5.



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Later this summer, SCAG will submit Connect SoCal 2024 to the California Air Resources Board to review SCAG’s determination that the SCS would, if implemented, achieve the established greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

Meanwhile, SCAG staff are working to advance the Implementation Strategies included in Connect SoCal 2024. In June, SCAG will launch the Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation and Safety call for projects to fund implementation efforts in local communities across the region. SCAG is also leading work to advance regional solutions, like with the “Highways to Boulevards Study,” the Last Mile Freight Program and the Smart Cities Strategic Plan.

**6. CITIES AND
COUNTY PLANNING/
PUBLIC WORKS
UPDATES**