



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

**DATE:** Thursday, June 27, 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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IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Introductions**
2. **Adoption of Minutes for May 23, 2024** *ACTION*  
*Requesting a motion to adopt*
3. **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Procurement & Resource Fair** *INFORMATION ITEM*  
*Presented by Caltrans*
4. **811 Notifications** *PRESENTATION*  
*Presented by Deborah McGarrey, SoCal Gas*
5. **2025 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines and 20 Point Scoring Methodology** *ACTION*  
  
ICTC staff forwards this item to the Technical Advisory Committee for discussion and recommendation to submit to the ICTC Management Committee and Commission after public comments, if any:
  1. Approve the following methodology for assigning points of the 2025 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines:
    - a. 20 points for projects that have been identified in an adopted local and/or regional plan; and
    - b. Zero points for projects that have not been identified in an adopted local and/or regional plan.
6. **ICTC Updates / Announcements**  
*Presented by ICTC Staff*
  1. Transit Updates
  2. Transportation Planning Updates
7. **Caltrans Updates/ Announcements**  
*Presented by Caltrans Staff*  
*(Local Assistance, Traffic Operations, Business Liaison & Tribal Liaison)*
8. **SCAG Updates/ Announcements**  
*Presented by SCAG Staff*
9. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates**  
*All*
10. **General Discussion / New Business**
11. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC is tentatively scheduled for July 25, 2024. For questions you may call Marlene Flores at (760) 592-4494 or contact by email at [marleneflores@imperialctc.org](mailto:marleneflores@imperialctc.org)

## **2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR MAY 23, 2024**

Requesting a motion to adopt



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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 MINUTES**

**May 23, 2024**

**Present:**

Ericka 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
Adolfo Garcia	County of Imperial
Manuel Ortiz	IID

**Others:**

David Aguirre	ICTC
Katie Luna	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Esperanza Avila	ICTC
Andrea Montano	City of El Centro
Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Liz Zarate	City of El Centro
Hector Salcedo	City of El Centro
Laura Gutierrez	City of Calipatria
Fernando L. Williams	City of Imperial
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Rebecca Villarino	Caltrans
Nick Ventrilla	Caltrans
Maria Ibarra	Caltrans
Michaela Howard	Caltrans
Kevin Hovey	Caltrans
John Garcia	Caltrans
David Salgado	SCAG
Michael Kahler	ICOE
Patricia Ramirez	The Holt Group

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 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 April 25, 2024 (Montaño/Villegas) **Motion Carried.**

**2. 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.

**3. Caltrans Updates / Announcements:**

*(Presented by: Alejandro Lopez, Caltrans)*

- April 26, 2024 – Deadline for California Transportation Commission (CTC) Requests: 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.
- HSIP Training: Statewide Webinar for all local agencies in California (online attendance only): Caltrans and FHWA will hold a webinar on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Please register for this event at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/highway-safety-improvement-program/apply-now>
- Imperial County Training for Imperial County local agencies: Thursday, June 27, 2024, from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. The training will be offered in person at the ICTC office in El Centro
- Bridge Investment Program (BIP): The deadlines for Large Bridge Project Grant Applications to be submitted via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) are August 1, 2024, for consideration of FY 2025 funds & August 1, 2025, for consideration of FY 2026 funds.

**4. SCAG Updates / Announcements:**

*(Presented by: David Salgado, SCAG)*

- REAP 2.0 Update: Program Development Framework Information Sessions: 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.
- SCAG GIS Training Program: SCAG, in collaboration with Cal Poly Pomona's Department of Urban and Regional Planning, is organizing an upcoming GIS training program. This comprehensive training program will take place from **May 29 to May 31** at the ICTC Office. To register for this program, please visit the following link: [SCAG GIS Training Program Registration Form \(jotform.com\)](https://www.jotform.com)
- General Assembly Elects 2024-2025 Board of Officers: The General Assembly approved the nominations for the SCAG 2024-25 Board Officers as recommended by the Regional Council.
- 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.

**5. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:**

- Each jurisdiction gave its update.

**6. General Discussion / New Business**

*(Presented by Rebecca Villarino, Caltrans)*

ICTC TAC 05/23/2024

- The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Procurement and Resource Fair is scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 at the district 11 courtyard.

Next TAC meeting will be on June 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

**3. 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
PROCUREMENT  
& RESOURCE FAIR**

Presented by Caltrans



# 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Procurement and Resource Fair.

*Please join us to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> 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:**

- Caltrans District 11 Purchasers
- 70+ public agencies and organizations
- Construction Primes
- Architectural and Engineering Primes



**Register Here**





**5. 2025 ACTIVE  
TRANSPORTATION  
PROGRAM REGIONAL  
GUIDELINES AND 20  
POINT SCORING  
METHODOLOGY**



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June 21, 2024

ICTC Technical Advisory Committee  
Imperial County Transportation Commission  
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SUBJECT: 2025 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines and 20 Point Scoring Methodology

Dear Committee Members:

Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) staff has been working with staff from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in the review 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).

As a part of Senate Bill (SB) 1, the 2025 ATP Cycle 7 Call for Projects at the state level is expected to include about \$569 Million in funding made up of Federal funding, State SB1 and State Highway Account (SHA) funding. The funding programming years include FY2025/2026, FY2026/2027 FY2027/2028 and FY2028/2029 funding years.

Per the 2025 guidelines issued by the California Transportation Commission (CTC), the program is divided into state and regional shares. Project applications that are not selected for funding from the state's share of the funds will be passed on to the other Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) for consideration for regional share funding.

The goals of the ATP are to:

- Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking;
- Increase the safety and mobility of non-motorized users;
- Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reductions goals as established pursuant to SB 375 and SB 391;
- Enhance public health, including reduction of childhood obesity through the use of programs including, but not limited to, projects eligible for Safe Routes to School Program funding;
- Ensure that disadvantaged communities (DAC) fully share in the benefits of the program; and
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

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Per the 2025 ATP Statewide Guidelines, Regional Program funding must be administered by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) working with Regional Planning Agencies and Transportation Commissions like ICTC to recommend projects receiving ATP Regional funds.

In this seventh call for projects of ATP funds, SCAG does not intend to host a separate Call for Projects. Caltrans will instead forward grant proposals from the SCAG region that were not awarded funding at the statewide selection round for consideration in the Regional Program. Therefore, all project applications must meet the state's criteria and be submitted to Caltrans first. Imperial received a total of four (4) applications during Cycle 7. Imperial County has an approximate ATP Regional fund amount of \$1.1 million.

ICTC is responsible for scoring from within Imperial County for their consistency with plans adopted by local and regional governments within the county.

Assigning a methodology for assigning the twenty (20) points needs to be completed by ICTC. During past cycles, ICTC has established point scoring methodology with guidance of SCAG. For ATP Cycle seven (7) ICTC staff is recommending the following scoring methodology: 20 points for projects that have been identified in an adopted local and/or regional plan; zero points for projects that have not been identified in an adopted local and/or regional plan.

ICTC staff forwards this item to the Technical Advisory Committee for discussion and recommendation to submit to the ICTC Management Committee and Commission after public comments, if any:

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Sincerely,



David Aguirre  
Executive Director

# **6. ICTC UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Presented by ICTC Staff



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## Memorandum

**Date:** June 26, 2024  
**To:** ICTC Commission Members  
**From:** David Aguirre, Executive Director  
**Re:** Executive Director's Report

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The following is a summary of the Executive Director's Report for the ICTC Commission meeting on June 26, 2024.

- 1) **Active Transportation Program, Cycle 7:** *The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has released the Active Transportation Program (ATP) guidelines as of March 22, 2024. Approximately \$568 Million funding will be available for fiscal years 2025/26 through 2028/29 statewide. **Applications were due to the CTC by June 17, 2024.** Imperial County applicants were asked to submit a copy of their applications to the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC). For a copy of the adopted ATP guidelines please refer to Active Transportation Program Guidelines directly at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program/cycle7>.*

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

***ICTC received correspondence indicating four (4) applications for the Imperial County Region. Applications were submitted by the City of El Centro, Imperial County Office of Education, Heber Public Utility District and City of Holtville.***

- 2) **Partnerships with IVEDC:** Southern Border Broadband Consortium (SBBC) has worked with local stakeholders to identify, prioritize and advance broadband infrastructure and improvement projects; facilitate and promote broadband education community wide using survey data; work with the Boys and Girls Club of IV and the Workforce Development Board to create Digital Literacy Centers throughout Imperial County; The SBBC has participated in the development of a Digital Equity Best Practices Checklist and Imperial County Broadband Priority Routes. Cycle 2 Broadband grant amount is \$600,000. Reimbursement for the cycle 2 grant has been submitted to CPUC and is awaiting payment. *IVEDC staff will be present at the June Commission meeting to provide an update on this project.*

- 3) **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. Staff is working on grant applications to fund the preliminary phases of the project.
- 4) **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.
- 5) **Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (CPFCDS):** ICTC recently received an award of 4.1 million dollars to be utilized towards the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center Project. The project has already received awards from the RAISE, ATP and REAP 2.0 programs. We would like to thank our local, State and Federal Partners and Congressman Raul Ruiz for their continued support of the project, ICTC and the Imperial County. ICTC would also like to congratulate the cities of Imperial and El Centro, the County of Imperial and the Imperial Irrigation District on their awards. *ICTC will continue to work with all the awardees to ensure that their projects are programmed to enable the use of the project funding.*
- 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.

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

Due to the number of projects submitted, ICTC was able to evaluate all projects internally without utilizing the normal process which involves all cities participating in the scoring and ranking process. ICTC recommended projects to SCAG as part of the final submittal process. SCAG recently approved the list of projects anticipated to receiving funding. The project list is as follows:

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

ICTC staff will be working with local agency staff and programming all approved projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

- 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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. The June Agenda will include the proposed award action.*
- 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 complete 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. The following are the remaining dates scheduled for IMBA in 2024.*
  - **July 11<sup>th</sup> – Imperial County**
  - **September 12<sup>th</sup> – Mexicali**
  - **November 14<sup>th</sup> (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 final set of contract documents are being prepared in anticipation of the construction bidding phase.*
- 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 all of the effected agencies.*
- 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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

- 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 17<sup>th</sup>. ICTC staff in partnership with County and Caltrans staff are continuing discussions for short term options to deter trucks from using Orchard Road. The parties are also expected to discuss long term options as well. More information will be shared as discussions continue.
- 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 to due to environmental impacts and other utility projects in progress within the project area. Construction of the project began on August 6, 2021. The existing contractor of the project has been removed. Caltrans has secured a new temporary contractor to complete the project improvements from Ollie Avenue to Highway 111. Caltrans completed Phase 1 in late November. *Phase 2 of the project commenced on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](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-notices-funding-opportunity>.

### 31) Meetings/trainings attended on behalf of ICTC Executive Director and staff:

- Various Weekly Reoccurring Calexico East POE Bridge Widening Project Meetings
- Various Weekly Project Specific Meetings
- May 23, 2024 – ICTC TAC meeting at the ICTC office
- May 23, 2024 – Cal Cities Imperial County Division meeting in Holtville
- May 28, 2024 – Senior Center Community Service transportation in El Centro
- May 29-30, 2024 – SCAG GIS Training provided to local agencies in the ICTC Large Conference Room
- June 3-5, 2024 – Mobility 21 Legislative trip in Washington D.C.
- June 5, 2024 – Boys and Girls Club Community Service transportation in Brawley and Holtville
- June 6, 2024 – PERMA Board of Directors Meeting in Palm Desert (attended by Michelle Bastidas)
- June 10, 2024 – Quarterly Meeting with YCIPTA and Quechan regarding transit services (attended by Gustavo Gomez and David Aguirre)
- June 11, 2024 – Mobility Marketing Plan Overview via Zoom (attended by David Aguirre)
- June 12, 2024 – ICTC Management Committee Meeting at the City of Imperial
- June 12, 2024 – Presentation done at El Centro Regional Medical Center by mobility staff
- June 12, 2024 – AB617 Calexico-Heber-El Centro CSC Meeting
- June 13, 2024 – Panel Participation IVEDC Economic Summit
- June 18, 2024 – Southern California Legislative Roundtable Meeting (attended by Katie Luna)
- June 18, 2024 – Eco Interactive-Imperial County Transportation Commission (attended by Katie Luna and Marlene Flores)
- June 20, 2024 – Overall Economic Development Committee (attended by David Aguirre)
- June 21, 2024 – CTC CEOs/SCAG Meeting held via Zoom
- June 22-26, 2024 – SHRM Annual Conference (attended by Cristi Lerma)
- June 24, 2024 – CALCOG Board Business Meeting (attended by David Aguirre)
- June 25, 2024 – Quarterly Meeting Operations, Safety, Dispatch, and Maintenance at the ICTC Office (attended by mobility staff)

# **7. CALTRANS UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Presented by Caltrans Staff

### 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](mailto:alma.sanchez@dot.ca.gov)

#### **August 16, 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 October 17-18, 2024, CTC meeting –

[dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/financial-programming/documents/proposed-2024-draft-prep-external-063024.pdf](https://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, **August 16**, 2024, is the final deadline (for the October 17-18, 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:

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>UEI Expiration Date</b>
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.

**Imperial County \*\*Federal\*\* Project Funding Reminders:**

\*For below projects, please submit LAPM Exhibit \*\*3-A\*\*

Agency	FPN	Description	Planned date of Obligation	Fund Type	Amount	Notes
Calipatria	5243(022)	Sth Brown Ave Rdw and Ped Facilities Improvement Project between Main Street/SR115 to Church Street.	6/2024	CMAQ	1,649,000	Project attached to LPP project, planning to go to CTC for May meeting for LPP fund. This project will no longer submit an RFA for 23/24, it has been EPSP'd (Expedited Project Selection Procedures) to FFY 24/25.
Calipatria	5243(023)	Main St Rdw Improvement Project between Lake Ave and International Blvd	6/2024	RSTP	298,000	City plans to submit RFA by June 2024. This project will no longer submit an RFA for 23/24, it has been EPSP'd (Expedited Project Selection Procedures) to FFY 24/25.
El Centro	5169(058)	Imperial Ave. Traffic Signal Synchronization Project from Ocotillo Dr. to Main St.	3/2024	CMAQ	85,000	City submitted 3A for PE funding on 5/7/2024. As of 6/19/2024, almost complete to submit to HQ via FADS. Modified Fed Reimb Ratio to Max 88.53% and updated Finance Letter to reflect this change. Plan to submit to HQ 6/20/2024, will notify El Centro when submitted.
Holtville	5174(034)	W 9th St Bicycle and Ped Improvements Project Between Melon Rd and Olive Ave	6/2024	RSTP	587,000	City plans to submit RFA for CON in June 2024. This project will no longer submit an RFA for 23/24, it has been EPSP'd (Expedited Project Selection Procedures) to FFY 24/25.
Imperial County	5958(130)	Bowker Rd Rehabilitation from McCabe Rd. to Ross Rd.	5/2024	RSTP	1,666,000	On DNA list. Since new Fed funding, need to first submit/finalize SAR, then can submit RFA for CON.***** This project will no longer submit an RFA for 23/24, it has been EPSP'd (Expedited Project Selection Procedures) to FFY 24/25.

**Imperial County \*\*State\*\* Project Funding Reminders:**

\*For below projects, please submit LAPG Exhibit \*\*25-A\*\*

Agency	PPNO/FPN	Description	Allocation Deadline	Fund Type	Amount	Notes
Calipatria	1536 / 5243(021)	Bonita Place pedestrian Safety Project	6/30/2024	ATP	20,000	PAED phase. Gen Fund type. SUBMITTED to HQ Req for Allocation for June CTC Mtg
	1536 / 5243(021)	same as above	6/30/2024	ATP	68,000	PSE Phase. Gen Fund type. SUBMITTED to TUF dropbox for Req for Time Ext for June CTC Mtg. Michelle extended from 4 to 6 months.
El Centro	1461 / 5169(060)	El Centro pedestrian improvements	6/30/2024	ATP	882,000	CON phase. RMRA Fund type. SUBMITTED to HQ Req for Allocation for May CTC Mtg.
Holtville	1510 / 5174(034)	Pedestrian and bicycle improvements on 9th street between Melon Rd and Olive Ave.	6/30/2024	LPP-F	40,000	CON phase. SUBMITTED to HQ Req for Allocation for June CTC Mtg. Agency already submitted both CEQA & NEPA Enviro Cert, <b><u>**just need RW Cert**</u></b> ...submitted to CT RW dept for review/approval since Fed STBG funds on project.
	1510 / 5174(034)	Same as above	6/30/2024	LPP-F	49,000	CON phase. SUBMITTED to HQ Req for Allocation for June CTC Mtg. For CEQA&NEPA and RW see directly above for status.
City of Imperial	1506 / 5134(029)	7th St rehabilitation and pedestrian improvements between South "D" St and South "E" st	6/30/2024	LPP-F	101,000	CON phase. SUBMITTED to HQ Req for Allocation for June CTC Mtg. Submitted to HQ Self-certified NOE/CE & RW Cert.
	1506 / 5134(029)	Same as above	6/30/2024	LPP-F	148,000	CON phase. SUBMITTED to HQ Req for Allocation for June CTC Mtg. Enviro Cert & RW Cert, see directly above for status.

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Calexico	1511 / 5168(034)	Scaroni Rd Improvements between Cole Blvd and Jasper Rd	6/30/2024	LPP-F	187,000	CON phase. SUBMITTED to HQ Req for Allocation for June CTC Mtg. Submitted Enviro & RW Certs.
	1511 / 5168(034)	Same as above	6/30/2024	LPP-F	284,000	CON phase. SUBMITTED to HQ Req for Allocation for June CTC Mtg. See directly above for status of Enviro/RW Cert.
Calipatria	1512 / 5243(018)	South Brown Ave Roadway Improvement between Main Street/SR115 to Church Street.	6/30/2024	LPP-F	29,000	CON phase. SUBMITTED to HQ Req for Allocation for June CTC Mtg. Submitted Enviro Cert. <b>**Need RW Cert**.</b>
	1512 / 5243(018)	Same as above	6/30/2024	LPP-F	38,000	CON phase. SUBMITTED to HQ Req for Allocation for June CTC Mtg. See directly above for status for Enviro/RW Cert.

Agency		Description		Fund Type	Amount	Notes
Calipatria		Maintain public roads		CRRSAA	50,000	Agency submitted MEMO to HQ for Scope Change to purchase Machinery. New scope change was approved and so were CRRSAA funds! Congrats Calipatria!

### **2025 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 7)**

ATP Cycle 7 Application deadline has passed. Applications were 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 currently 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>

## **Division of Local Assistance Office Hours & Webinars**

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 above: 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](mailto: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>

# **8. SCAG UPDATES/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Presented by SCAG Staff



# Memorandum

**Date:** June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 JUNE 2024.

## 1. REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

On May 30, the legislative leadership in the State Assembly and State Senate announced the Joint Legislative Budget Plan. Thanks to the collective advocacy efforts of SCAG and its partners, the legislature’s budget proposal restores funding for several programs cut under Gov. Gavin Newsom’s January Budget proposal and May Revision.

### **While still making the tough choices to balance the state’s budget, the Joint Legislative Budget Plan would:**

- Reduce proposed cuts to the Regional Early Action Planning program (REAP 2.0) from \$300 million to \$50 million.
- Protect the Active Transportation Program by rejecting the proposed cuts and shifting the source of funds from the General Fund to the State Highway Account.
- Reject the \$148 million cut from the competitive Transit and Intercity Capital Rail Program, but approve delays and fund shifts.
- Approve delays and fund shifts to the formula Transit and Intercity Capital Rail Program and delays an additional \$500 million in General Fund.
- Cut \$350 million from the Safety Grade Separations program, which eliminates the program.
- Adopt a \$235 million reduction to the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program. • Delay \$680 million for the Zero Emission Transit Capital Program.
- Cut \$75 million from OPR’s Regional Climate Resilience program and reduce funding for OPR’s Regional Climate Collaboratives by \$9.8 million.
- Delay \$100 million from Broadband Last Mile Infrastructure Grant program from 2024-25 to 2026-27.
- Proposes \$1 billion for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 6 grant funding to support local governments combating the homelessness crisis, a major priority for the Big City Mayor’s Coalition.



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Restoring funding to the REAP 2.0 program and protecting funding for the Active Transportation Program align with the goals of Connect SoCal 2024 and are important resources for plan implementation.

If this budget is approved, SCAG staff hope to move forward with significant REAP sub-allocations and will continue engagement to “restart” the program once the budget is finalized. Given that much is possible between now and June 15, SCAG staff recently released the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Updated Program Development Framework and Phased Expenditure Plan to prioritize available funding and ensure stability amid uncertainty with the state budget. Following release of the updated framework and expenditure plan, SCAG recently conducted information sessions on the proposed updates. Following the sessions, SCAG staff shared a FAQ and is processing input. SCAG will continue to share updates as they are available and post information on the SCAG website.

## **2. REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM – ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY CALL FOR APPLICATIONS GUIDELINES**

On June 6, the SCAG Regional Council approved a call for application guidelines for an estimated \$10.4 million in funding through the Sustainable Communities Program – Active Transportation and Safety, comprising Active Transportation Program Cycle 7 regional funds from the state and a 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All federal grant. Following the Regional Council’s adoption of Connect SoCal 2024, staff developed guidelines for the Active Transportation and Safety component of the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP). Eligible projects include communitywide/area plans and quick-build projects. Funded projects will align with Connect SoCal 2024 to build and maintain an integrated multimodal transportation network. SCAG staff conducted extensive engagement to inform the development of the 2024 SCP – Active Transportation and Safety guidelines. The call for applications is anticipated for Summer 2024

## **3. SCAG AWARDS \$280 MILLION IN STBG/CMAQ/CRP FUNDING**

The SCAG Regional Council approved \$280 million in funding for projects in through federal fiscal year 2026 via Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) programs. Eligible project sponsors submitted nominations through their respective county transportation commissions and were scored according to criteria outlined in the STBG/CMAQ and CRP Guidelines.

Upon Regional Council approval, project sponsors may now program projects into the Federal Transportation Improvement Program and begin the obligation process. For more information on STBG/CMAQ/CRP funding and award lists, visit SCAG’s STBG/CMAQ and CRP websites.

#### 4. IMPERIAL COUNTY SCAG GIS TRAININGS

In partnership with Cal Poly Pomona's Department of Urban and Regional Planning, SCAG is hosted a comprehensive GIS training course over 3 days in the County of Imperial. The training focuses on "hands on" learning and development of practical skills for spatial visualization, analysis, and data sharing with SCAG. Over 20-member city and stakeholder agency staff persons who work with GIS in their roles are attending the course to further develop skills which will support the ongoing development of SCAG's Regional Data Platform (RDP) and Local Data Exchange (LDX) Portal. The training provides practical concepts and principles designed to support ongoing GIS skill development and utilization. There are 6 sessions of the training available throughout the 6 county SCAG region, four of which will be provided remotely. Please contact Government Affairs Officer (GAO) David Salgado with any questions ([salgado@scag.ca.gov](mailto:salgado@scag.ca.gov)).



#### 5. 2025 DRAFT FTIP/DRAFT CONNECT SOCAL 2024 AMENDMENT 1 AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The SCAG Regional Council approved the Draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 for public review. To meet state and federal submittal deadlines, the 2025 FTIP will need to be released for a 30-day public review period starting on July 12 and ending on August 12. After the public comment period, staff will present a summary of comments to the Transportation Committee in September and request Regional Council approval of the Final FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 in October.

The 2025 FTIP includes approximately 1,900 projects with a total programming of \$38.5 billion over a six-year period. Amendment 1 includes project additions, deletions or changes to scope, cost and schedule for about 350 projects. The FTIP and Amendment 1 were prepared in coordination and consultation with county transportation commissions, including multimodal investments programmed with federal, state and local funds. The 2025 FTIP and Amendment 1 are anticipated for federal approval in mid-December 2024.



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## **6. 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.

## **7. 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.

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.