

IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR August 28, 2024
6:00 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Brawley	Absent
City of Calipatria	Maria Nava-Froelich
City of Calexico	Camilo Garcia
City of El Centro	Tomas Oliva
City of Imperial	Robert Amparano
City of Holtville	Mike Goodsell
City of Westmorland	Absent
County of Imperial	Luis Plancarte
County of Imperial	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Karin Eugenio

STAFF PRESENT: David Aguirre, Cristi Lerma, Maricela Galarza (Zoom), Esperanza Avila, Cesar Beltran,

OTHERS PRESENT: Eric Havens: Counsel; Roy Abboud, John Garcia: Caltrans, David Salgado: SCAG,

PUBLIC: None

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Imperial County Transportation Commission and as listed on the agenda for the meeting held Wednesday, August 28, 2024, together with staff reports and related documents attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

[Chair Plancarte](#) called the Commission meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. EMERGENCY ITEMS

There were none.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. ICTC Commission Minutes: June 26, 2024
- B. Received and filed:
 - 1. ICTC Management Committee Minutes: June 12, 2024
 - 2. ICTC TAC Minutes: June 27, 2024
- C. State of Good Repair Grant Program, FY 2024-25

The ICTC Management Committee met on August 14, 2024, and forwarded this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approved the attached resolution authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to take any actions necessary on behalf of the ICTC for the purposes of obtaining FY 2024-25 financial assistance, provided by the State of California Department of Transportation under the State of Good Repair Grant Program.

- D. Agreement between the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)/Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) and the Department of California Highway Patrol (CHP) for Call Box Services and Assistance

The ICTC Management Committee met on August 14, 2024, and forwarded this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approved the Agreement with the Department of California Highway Patrol (CHP) for services and assistance provided by CHP for the motorist aid call box system, for the term of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027, in the amount not to exceed \$1,572.00.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to sign the agreement.

- E. ATP Guidelines 2025 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines and 20-Point Scoring Methodology

The ICTC Management Committee met on August 14, 2024, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the following methodology for assigning points of the 2025 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines:
 - a. Twenty (20) points for projects that have been identified in an adopted local and/or regional plan; and
 - b. Zero (0) points for projects that have not been identified in an adopted local and/or regional plan.

A motion was made by [Amparano](#) and seconded by [Nava-Froelich](#) to approve the consent calendar as presented, roll call:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Absent
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Plancarte	Yes
County of Imperial Hawk	Absent
City of Westmorland	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

Motion Carried.

V. REPORTS

- A. ICTC Executive Director
 - Active Transportation Program Cycle 7: ICTC received correspondence indicating five (5) applications for the Imperial County Region. Applications were submitted by the City of El Centro, Imperial County Office of Education, Heber Public Utility District, City of Calipatria and City of Holtville. As a result of the State of California’s budget deficit the ATP program overall funding was reduced significantly. Funding was anticipated to be \$568 Million overall but was ultimately reduced to approximately \$168 Million. Also, because of the budget deficit and associated cuts, the anticipated Imperial County Regional Share was reduced to approximately \$300k. More information is to come pertaining to State and Regional Share awards.

- Partnerships with IVEDC: IVEDC staff presented at the June Commission meeting to provide an update on this project. For more information, please contact Carlos Montes at carlos@ivedc.com.
 - Community Project Funding/Congressional Directed Spending (CPFCDs): ICTC recently received an award of 4.1 million dollars to be utilized towards the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center Project. ICTC will continue to work with all the awardees to ensure that their projects are programmed to enable the use of the project funding.
 - Imperial County EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study – ICTC recently submitted a grant application under the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) to prepare a Countywide EV Charging Infrastructure Feasibility Study. The project will aim to identify strategic locations within the county for EV Charging Infrastructure. Caltrans is currently developing a similar project for locations along State facilities. Staff is currently working on the development of the Scope of Work for the project to proceed to the issuance of a Request for Proposals.
 - Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project: The final project improvements which consisted of the reinstallation of new bolts under the existing bridge section was completed in early August 2024. The project construction efforts are now complete and the project is now in the closeout phase.
 - Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA): September 12th – Mexicali and November 14th (Strategic Planning and IMBA meetings) – Imperial County
 - 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. 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.
 - Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC Staff recently released the Request for Proposals to the public and are anticipated to work towards a contract award in September/October 2024. The analysis is anticipated to take a year to complete.
 - Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis: Staff are 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.
 - All other updates are on the Executive Director report on page 76 of the agenda.
- B. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
Mr. Salgado had the following update:
- Regional Early Action Plan: Full Funding Anticipated for REAP 2.0 Grants Following \$231.5 Million Allocation: Following the 2024 Budget Act, the state allocated \$560 million to restore the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) grant program. SCAG received a final award of \$231.5 million from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, which represents a reduction of \$14.5 million from SCAG’s initial allocation. Despite this reduction, SCAG anticipates full funding for all competitive and formula based grant awards previously approved by the Regional Council.
 - Sustainable Communities Program- Active Transportation and Safety Call for Applications Guidelines: The Active Transportation and Safety call for applications for the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) opened on July 8, 2024. Available funding in this call for applications is estimated to be \$10.4 million, comprising Active Transportation Program Cycle 7 regional funds and a 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All federal grant.
 - SCAG 2024 Southern California Demographic Workshop: Registration is now open for the 2024 Southern California Demographic Workshop, “Navigating the New Growth Reality,” presented by SCAG and the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern

California. This 35th annual event will be held on Sept. 24 at SCAG’s main office in Downtown Los Angeles and will also be available to attend online.

- All other updates are on the SCAG report on page 85 of the agenda.

C. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)- District 11

Mr. Aboud had the following updates:

- SR-98 Widening Project: Stage 4 of the project is to be completed by the end of August.
- I-8 Roadside Safety Improvements: Completed.
- SR-111 Roadside Improvements: To be completed in October 2024.
- SR- 186 All American Canal Bridge: Project Milestone: Project Approval/Environmental Clearance is 12/24.
- October 4, 2024 – Deadline for California Transportation Commission (CTC) Requests: <https://dot.ca.gov//media/dotmedia/programs/financialprogramming/documents/propoed-2024-draft-prep-external-063024.pdf>
- All other updates are on the Caltrans report on page 89 of the agenda.

D. Commission Member Reports

- Updates were provided by various commissioners.

VI. ACTION CALENDAR

A. ICTC audit award Agreement for Professional Financial Auditing Services - FY 2023-24 through FY 2025-26

The ICTC Management Committee met on August 14, 2024, and forwards this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement for the ICTC Agreement for Professional Financial Auditing Services effective July 1, 2024, for the audit periods FY 2023-24 through FY 2025-26, with the firm of Vasquez and Company:
 - a. For the fiscal reporting period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, the annual not to exceed fee set at \$82,000.00
 - b. For the fiscal reporting period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, the annual not to exceed fee set at \$84,460.00
 - c. For the fiscal reporting period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, the annual not to exceed fee set at \$86,994.00

A motion was made by [Nava-Froelich](#) and seconded by [Amparano](#) to approve the Action A as presented, roll call:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Absent
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Plancarte	Yes
County of Imperial Hawk	Absent
City of Westmorland	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

Motion Carried.

- B. Appointment of an ICTC Commission Member to the SCAG Regional Council
 - 1. Appointed Commissioner Mike Goodsell to the SCAG Regional Council and the SCAG Transportation Committee

A motion was made by [Nava-Froelich](#) and seconded by [Amparano](#) to approve the Action B as presented, roll call:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Absent
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Plancarte	Yes
County of Imperial Hawk	Absent
City of Westmorland	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

Motion Carried.

- C. Appointment of an alternate to the California Vanpool Authority (Calvans) Board
 - 1. Appointed Commissioner Mike Goodsell as an alternate from the Commission to the Calvans Board.

A motion was made by [Nava-Froelich](#) and seconded by [Amparano](#) to approve the Action C as presented, roll call:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Absent
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Plancarte	Yes
County of Imperial Hawk	Absent
City of Westmorland	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

Motion Carried.

- D. Proposed Distribution plan for the 2024 Cycle 5 Local Partnership Formulaic Program (LPP)

The ICTC TAC Committee met on August 22, 2024, and forwarded this item to the Commission for their review and approval after public comment, if any:

- 1. Approved Proposed Distribution Plan for the Local Partnership Formulaic Program funds;
 - a. Cycle 5 Option #2 Flat Distribution Plan
 - b. Authorize staff to open Call for Projects for the Local Partnership Formulaic Program Cycle 5
- 2. Authorized staff to submit the recommended projects to the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

A motion was made by [Nava-Froelich](#) and seconded by [Amparano](#) to approve the Action D as presented, roll call:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Absent
City of Calipatria	Yes
City of Calexico	Yes
City of El Centro	Yes
City of Holtville	Yes
City of Imperial	Yes
County of Imperial Plancarte	Yes
County of Imperial Hawk	Absent
City of Westmorland	Absent
Imperial Irrigation District	Yes

Motion Carried.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. IVT RIDE Adjustments

- Mr. Aguirre delivered a presentation on the Dial-A-Ride Adjustments. ICTC plans to consider adjustments to the IVT Ride service to overcome significant challenges.

VIII. The next meeting will be on September 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the ICTC Offices, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243, and via Zoom Meeting for the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.