



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, April 24, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: ICTC Offices
1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104
El Centro, CA 92243

CHAIRPERSON: CITY OF IMPERIAL

VICE-CHAIR: CITY OF CALEXICO

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Introduction**
2. **Adoption of Minutes for March 27, 2025.** *ACTION*
Requesting a motion to adopt
3. **Comprehensive Operational Analysis** *PRESENTATION*
Presented by ICTC Staff
4. **Caltrans Updates/ Announcements**
Presented by Caltrans Staff
5. **SCAG Updates/ Announcements**
Presented by SCAG Staff
6. **ICTC Updates / Announcements**
Presented by ICTC Staff
 1. Transit Updates
 - Transit Infrastructure Maintenance
 2. Transportation Planning Updates
 - State/Federal Funded Project Obligation Updates 24/25
 - Update CMAQ & STBG Call for Projects Update
7. **Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates**
All
8. **General Discussion / New Business**
9. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the ICTC TAC is tentatively scheduled for May 22, 2025. For questions you may call Marlene Flores at (760) 592-4494 or contact by email at marleneflores@imperialctc.org

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 27, 2025

Requesting a motion to adopt



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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 MINUTES**

March 27, 2025

Present:

Juan Manuel Cabrera	City of Brawley
Cristhian Barajas	City of Brawley
Gloria Moreno	City of Calexico
Patricia Ramirez	City of Calipatria
Abraham Campos	City of El Centro
Hector Salcedo	City of El Centro
Melanie Amarillas	City of Holtville
Jesus Villegas	City of Imperial
Veronica Atondo	County of Imperial
Manuel Ortiz	IID

Others:

David Aguirre	ICTC
Marlene Flores	ICTC
Cesar Beltran	ICTC
Bryan Ott	Caltrans
Frank Safaie	Caltrans
Rebecca Villarino	Caltrans
Heidi Busslinger	SCAG
Shea Northfield	SCAG
Anna Eichelberger	SCAG
Denise Sifford	SCAG
Pablo Gutierrez	SCAG
Jessica Karn	SCAG

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 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 February 27, 2025 ([Ortiz/De Leon](#)), **Motion Carried.**

2. Caltrans Updates/Announcements

(Presented by Caltrans Staff)

- For Inactive Projects, complete justification and contact Alma at and CC your area engineer: Alejandro Lopez-Rangel at Alejandro.lopez-rangel@dot.ca.gov or Frank Safaie at frank.safaie@dot.ca.gov
- Directions, deadlines, and links to apply for the **U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Grant Opportunities** are here: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants>
- 8/2025 is the Deadline for the **Bridge Investment Program (BIP)**, for more information, please visit the following link: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/bip/>
- 2 billion funding available for the **Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Program**, more information, please visit the link: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>
- 1.5 billion funding available for the **Buses and Bus Facilities Program**, anticipated opening in Spring of 2025. More information in the link: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fact-sheet-buses-and-bus-facilities-program>
- Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grants anticipated opening Fall of 2025. 2.5 billion funding available over five years. For more information please visit the link: <https://www.transportation.gov/rural/grant-toolkit/charging-and-fueling-infrastructure-grant-program>

3. SCAG Updates / Announcements

No updates were given

4. Congestion Mitigation and Air quality (CMAQ) & Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Call for projects Workshop

(Presented by SCAG Staff)

A workshop for CMAQ & STBG Call for projects was presented by SCAG Staff. The remaining dates to follow the CMAQ & STBG Call for projects are listed below:

May 16, 2025 (Friday)	SCAG Call for Projects Nomination ends. Project applications deadline is 5:00 pm. <i>(Applications are submitted to SCAG online portal)</i>
May 19, 2025 (Monday)	Project selection evaluation process begins based on the ICTC Project Prioritization Framework .
June 19, 2025 (Thursday)	ICTC Project Prioritization Framework Scoring and Ranking Documentation Due to ICTC.
June 26, 2025 (Thursday)	ICTC Project Prioritization process ends (ICTC staff generates list of projects designated as Highly Recommended, Recommended, Contingency List, or Not Recommended for funding based on eligible applicant evaluation and ranking). Eligible Applicants will meet to complete the ranking process.
July 9, 2025 (Wednesday)	Management Committee reviews and approves project prioritized list recommendations.
July 9, 2025 (Wednesday)	Applicant Executed Resolutions (for match commitment) due to ICTC.
July 23, 2025 (Wednesday)	ICTC Board reviews and approves project prioritized list recommendations.
August 1, 2025 (Friday)	ICTC submits Project Prioritized List to SCAG.

Ms. Flores went through the CMAQ & STBG Call for projects supplemental questionnaire link at the ICTC website, for more information please follow the link below:

<https://www.imperialctc.org/doing-business-with-ictc>

For more information regarding the CMAQ & STBG Call for projects presentation, please follow the link:

<https://scag.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2025-03/SCAG-STBG-CMAQ-General-Workshop-Presentation.pdf>

5. ICTC Updates / Announcements

(Presented by ICTC Staff)

- A public hearing will take place for the **Unmet Transit Needs** on April 7, 2025. At 3:00PM at ICTC's office and via Zoom.
- **Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center** will start construction on April first week.
- ICTC is working on redeveloping the IVT Ride Service logo, in addition to building the mobile software for anticipated use. The project is proposed to go live in July 2025.

6. Cities and County Planning / Public Works Updates:

Updates were given by the agencies.

Cristhian Barajas was presented as new Development Service Director for the City of Brawley.

7. General Discussion / New Business

No new business was discussed.

The next TAC meeting will be on April 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom for the public and in person at the ICTC offices.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

5. SCAG

Updates/Announcements

Presented by SCAG Staff



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Memorandum

Date: April 9, 2025
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 (ICTC) Management Committee and Regular Commission meeting for the month of APRIL 2025.

1. 2025 SCAG Scholarship Program

The 2025 SCAG Scholarship Program application process closed Friday March 21. The program, in partnership with the California Transportation Foundation, provides nine \$4,000 scholarship awards for high school or community college students from the SCAG region. Students of any field of study are invited to apply; however, preference is given to applications that demonstrate a commitment to community planning, regional planning, urban planning, civil engineering, political science, public administration, sustainable development, or other related fields.

SCAG Regional Council Member Mike Goodsell will serve on the SCAG Scholarship Committee. The committee will convene and review the top applicants to identify successful awardees. IT is anticipated the scholarships will be awarded at the 2025 SCAG General Assembly and Regional Conference.

2. 2025 Regional Conference & General Assembly

Join SCAG for the 2025 Regional Conference and General Assembly, May 1-2 at the JW Marriott in Palm Desert. This year, SCAG will celebrate its 60th anniversary. SCAG has worked with the region’s leaders to plan for a brighter future for Southern California since 1965.

Attend the 2025 Regional Conference and General Assembly and join regional leaders from the public and private sectors to share best practices and lessons learned and work toward common goals. At the event, SCAG members can access all the benefits of membership while networking with panelists and SCAG staff to learn about resources and tools available to support the region’s collective success. The Regional Conference and General Assembly also offers an annual opportunity to represent local causes at the regional scale, including voting on SCAG’s new leadership and budget for the coming fiscal year.

Program Preview Now Available

The 2025 Regional Conference and General Assembly's program of panels, discussions, and activities will feature leading thinkers and practitioners in planning and related fields from Southern California and around the nation. Event panels are already taking shape:

- **From Smart Cities to a Smart Region: Advancing Mobility Strategies and Technology Innovations** – An exploration of a holistic, regional approach to smart cities to create efficiency and deliver better services.
- **Fostering a Healthy Local Economy for All** – A look at the economic recovery toward greater resilience in the context of new population trends.
- **Strong Foundations: Housing Solutions in the Wake of Disaster** – A showcase of innovative housing and community development success stories, recognizing the heightened urgency and changing market due to Southern California wildfires.
- **Sustainable Infrastructure for Resilient Growth** – A discussion of infrastructure's role in sustainable growth, with a focus on utilities.

Register online today to join SCAG in celebrating the 60th anniversary of regional planning in Southern California while looking to the next 60 years and beyond

3. Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Call for Project Nominations Now Open

The federal fiscal year 2026-27 and federal fiscal year 2027-28 Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program (CMAQ) SCAG online application opened for all eligible applicants on March 31. This application will be available through May 16 at 5 p.m.

The call for project nominations will make available an estimated \$1.2 billion for eligible transportation projects in the SCAG region in federal fiscal year 2026-27 and federal fiscal year 2027-28.

SCAG hosted two general program workshops and co-hosted five additional county-level program workshops in March 2025 to support eligible applicants in learning about program requirements. Workshop materials are available for reference on the [SCAG STBG/CMAQ webpage](#)

Applicants should coordinate with their county transportation commissions to ensure project applications align with county priorities. Award recommendations will be presented to the SCAG Regional Council by December 2025.

These Federal Highway Administration programs fund transportation projects and programs based on unique eligibility criteria. The STBG program supports transportation projects that preserve and improve



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conditions and performance of highways, bridges, and public roads; pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure; and transit capital projects. The CMAQ program supports transportation projects and programs that reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter (i.e., nonattainment areas) and for former nonattainment areas that are now in compliance (i.e., maintenance areas).

4. Regional Council Adopts 2025 Federal Legislative Platform

In April, the Regional Council adopted SCAG’s 2025 Federal Legislative Platform. The 2025 platform updates the adopted 2024 platform, streamlining language and aligning with the Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities strategy, newly implemented laws, and other changes to the political landscape. SCAG’s 2025 Federal Legislative Platform is available online.

5. Regional Council Approves 2025 Active Transportation Program

In April, the Regional Council approved the 2025 Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP), comprising 15 projects totaling \$35 million and 113 contingency projects totaling \$972.2 million that support walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transportation in the region. SCAG partnered with the region’s six county transportation commissions to develop the program according to the statewide 2025 ATP Guidelines and 2025 ATP Regional Guidelines, the latter of which were adopted by the Regional Council in April 2024.

At its March 6, 2025, meeting, the SCAG Transportation Committee recommended the 2025 Regional ATP for Regional Council approval. SCAG staff will now submit the 2025 Regional ATP for adoption by the California Transportation Commission on June 26, 2025. More information about the 2025 Regional ATP is available in the April staff report.

6. ICTC

Updates/Announcements

Presented by ICTC Staff



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Memorandum

Date: April 17, 2025
To: ICTC Commission Meeting
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 April 23, 2025.

- 1) **Unmet Transit Needs Hearing:** Section 99401.5 of the Public Utilities Code states that: "The Transportation Planning Agency shall hold at least one public hearing pursuant to 99238.5, for the purpose of soliciting comments on the Unmet Transit Needs that may exist within the jurisdiction." Unmet Transit Needs that are determined to be "Reasonable to Meet" by ICTC may be established by providing transit services directly, by contracting for new transit services, or the expansion of existing services. **The Unmet Transit Needs Meeting was held on April 7, 2025. Approximately 50 comments were received through various methods including in-person attendance, Zoom participation, electronic surveys, and physical submissions. The team is currently evaluating these comments and will have another meeting on April 28th at 3 p.m. to approve the findings.**
- 2) **CMAQ and STBG Call for Projects:** ICTC in accordance with SCAG guidelines has implemented a call for projects for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG). The funding years associated with this call for projects are FFY 2026-27 and FFY 2027-28. SCAG adopted the CMAQ/STBG Guidelines at its March 6, 2025, Regional Council Meeting. This item was taken to the ICTC TAC in February and was presented to the Management Committee and Commission respectively in March 2025. ICTC adopted its scoring framework at the March 2025 Commission Meeting. **The Call for Projects opened on March 31, 2025, and closes on May 16, 2025, at 5 p.m. All applications must be submitted through the [SCAG portal](#). For additional resources and complete instructions visit the ICTC website's [Doing Business with ICTC page](#).**
- 3) **Imperial County CTC Town Hall:** ICTC and the County of Imperial have been working with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to conduct a CTC Town Hall Meeting in the Imperial County. A CTC Town Hall Meeting promotes the opportunity for Imperial County residents to communicate with the California Transportation Commission while also providing the opportunity for Imperial County local agencies to share project achievements and potential transportation infrastructure needs. The California Transportation Commission is responsible for programming and allocating funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail, transit and active transportation improvements throughout California. The Town Hall will take place on April 24th in the city of El Centro. **The CTC Town Hall Agenda is attached to this report.**
- 4) **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 for the project has been completed. ICTC was 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 and Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Programs. ICTC recently completed the construction procurement efforts, and a contract award was issued to Hazard Construction. **The project is anticipated to take a year to complete. We had a successful groundbreaking ceremony on February 28, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the project site. The Contractor has begun construction activities for the project.**

- 5) **New Border Express Route starting February 10, 2025:** Staff have coordinated the implementation of a demonstration route that will operate Monday through Friday at select times between the 3rd and Paulin Bus Stop to the Calexico East POE. This is being demonstrated in anticipation of a larger scale route associated with the upcoming transit facility that is anticipated to begin when the new East POE facility is completed. There is also an additional IVC Express Trip embedded in the new service which will help alleviate some of the congestion we see on some of our IVC Express trips. **Staff will be providing updates as it pertains to the development of the service.**
- 6) **2nd Street/Anza Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project:** ICTC is working with Caltrans to develop an approach towards proceeding with the development of the required environmental and engineering phases for the rehabilitation 2nd Street/Anza Road Bridge Project. **ICTC met with Caltrans to discuss next steps and will begin development of the required actions to proceed with the project. ICTC will be working closely with Caltrans and the city of Calexico on further actions.**
- 7) **IVT Ride 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 anticipate 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. Staff provided the Commission with a presentation on August 28, 2024, with further details. There was consensus to proceed with the software development and hardware acquisition. This item received approval to proceed to further development by the commission. ICTC has received state funding to complete the software and hardware upgrades for the project. ICTC Staff are currently working on developing a plan to conduct outreach (including in-person presentations and surveys) to the public about possible service modifications. **ICTC is working on redeveloping the service logo, in addition to building the mobile software for anticipated use. The project is proposed to go live in July 2025. ICTC will be completing presentations about the service modifications to key stakeholders and the city councils of the affected communities and will also be conducting a public hearing to finalize the modifications to the service.**
- 8) **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 recently released the Request for Proposals to the public and issued a contract award in October 2024. **The analysis is anticipated to take a year to complete. The project has kicked off and outreach efforts are underway.**
- 9) **Calexico East Port of Entry Intermodal Transportation Center:** ICTC was recently awarded \$12.6 million by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) through its Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) to acquire, design and construct a transit facility at the Calexico East Port of Entry (POE). The goal of the Calexico East POE Intermodal Transportation Center is to create a transformative transportation hub that integrates various modes

of transportation including public transit buses. The facility is anticipated to offer amenities such as shade, seating, bicycle parking, signage, and travel guidance, addressing the current lack of amenities and transportation options for pedestrians crossing the border at the Calexico East POE. Additionally, this project will bring four new zero emission vehicles to provide public transit services to the area. The project will have several phases with an estimated completion date in 2030. The Master Agreement between ICTC and Caltrans will be considered at the April 2025 Commission Meeting. **More information to come in the coming months.**

- 10) **Imperial Mexicali Binational Alliance (IMBA):** The IMBA Strategic Planning and regular meetings were held on January 9, 2025, in the City of Mexicali at the CDEM Offices. The rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair was done during the Strategic Planning Meeting. IMBA's 2025 Chair is Abel Graciano representing the Mexicali Region and Vice-Chair is David Aguirre from ICTC representing the Imperial County Region. **The next IMBA is scheduled to be held in Imperial County on May 15, 2025, at the ICTC offices.**
- 11) **Electronic Fare Payments:** ICTC is currently pursuing the implementation of an electronic fare payment system to its fixed route transit services. The system would allow all of its fixed route buses to take card payments in addition to its existing cash payment system. ICTC has received approval to utilize grant funds and intends to proceed with the development of the project. **More information to come in the coming months.**
- 12) **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 completed, and the PSR was presented to the management committee and commission in September 2024. ICTC will proceed with further aspects of project development.**
- 13) **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, 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 the final draft form and have been submitted to Caltrans for review. Caltrans has provided review comments on the improvement plans. ICTC will work with the design engineer to complete the required updates. Environmental studies and Caltrans submittal are pending submittal by CBP. **ICTC's consultant has finalized the project improvement plans and CBP will proceed with developing environmental documents and pursue funding for the construction of the facility. ICTC continues to engage in discussions with the CBP team on the next steps for the project.**

- 14) **Reap 2.0 – Subregional Partnership Program:** ICTC was awarded a total of \$274,133 in funding from the Reap 2.0 Subregional Partnership Program to provide technical support to our local agencies with housing planning and to facilitate housing production. ICTC has notified each of our member agencies about the funding availability. Several cities have expressed interest in the funding and staff is working with each of the agencies to further evaluate their

proposed projects. **Final projects have been identified and awarded by the commission. ICTC is working on next steps with the proposed agencies and SCAG. A project kickoff meeting was held with SCAG and the funding awardees.**

- 15) **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 currently operates 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. Further information about the service can be viewed on the website: <https://city.ridewithvia.com/calexico-ondemand>. ICTC was awarded an additional \$500,000 to be utilized for operations of the service and additional service hours through the CMO program in late 2023. ICTC was recently awarded a grant from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program in the amount of \$520k to continue funding operations for the service. ICTC was also able to secure an additional grant through the CMO program to continue funding the service. ICTC also received an additional funding commitment to further continue the service beyond the current grant funding received.
- 16) **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 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

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. The CTC has released the scoring for all submitted projects. The Imperial County Region was not awarded a statewide award; however, statewide applications will be eligible for regional share consideration. Of the five Imperial County projects, the highest scoring project was submitted by the Imperial County Office of Education. The recommendation for the award was presented to all ICTC committees and the commission in February 2025. **SCAG is scheduled to present the Regional ATP to the Regional Council for final approval on April 3, 2025. This step is crucial for formalizing the program and initiating the funding process for selected projects.**

- 17) **2024 Local Partnership Program, Cycle 5:** The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Senate Bill 1) created

the Local Partnership Program (LPP) as a program to reward and incentivize local or regional transportation agencies that have sought and received voter approval of taxes or that have imposed fees, which taxes or fees are dedicated solely for transportation improvements. The program is implemented by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The CTC adopted the 2024 LPP Program Cycle 5 Guidelines on August 15-16, 2024. As a result of the adoption of the Cycle 5 Guidelines the Call for Projects has opened. The LPP Grant funds require a one-to-one match. The Imperial County Region's estimated allocation amount for FY 2025/26 is \$524million and \$520 million for FY2026/27 for a total of \$1,044 million. There is also a competitive program that is administered by the CTC. Guidelines for the program can be found at <https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/senate-bill-1/2-bi-4-12-draft-2024-lpp-competitive-guidelines-red-line-v8.pdf>

In the past call for projects, ICTC staff proposed options to TAC members for the distribution of the LPP funds. The distribution calculations proposed were Option 1- Population and Maintained Mileage Based Distribution and Option 2- Using a Flat Distribution in addition to Population and Maintained Mileage Distributions. The proposed distribution is similar to the Local Transportation Authority (LTA) formula distribution.

On August 22, 2024, the TAC committee members reviewed and ultimately recommend Option 2 to be forwarded to the Commission for approval and to authorize ICTC to open the Call for Projects for the Local Partnership Formulaic Program Cycle 5. On August 28, 2024, the Commission approved TACs recommendation. **The Competitive Call for Projects for the CTC opened on August 16, 2024, with a deadline of November 20, 2024, for submittal to the CTC. All agencies with the exception of the city of Westmorland were able to submit a project to the CTC for consideration. All agencies have had their projects approved by the CTC. Project Allocations will take place in the coming months as needed by the cities/county.**

- 18) **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. The project design is ongoing and is anticipated to be completed in the next few months. ICTC obtained additional funding to incorporate additional bus stop locations. The new location designs are being incorporated into the overall project design. **The 65% percent improvement plans have been completed and were distributed to participating agencies. ICTC has received agency comments, and the comments have been forwarded to the consultant for incorporation into the project improvement plans. The improvement plans are being finalized to obtain 90% completion level.**
- 19) **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. Staff reviewed the proposed SOW with the ICTC TAC to obtain additional feedback. Staff is anticipating releasing the RFP in the coming weeks.**
- 20) **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. **A preliminary site plan has been prepared and was shared with the commission. ICTC was recently informed that it had received a funding commitment for the completion of the design/environmental phases of the project. ICTC is working towards completing a phase 1 site assessment for the proposed site. ICTC has obtained NEPA clearance from the FTA for the acquisition of the project. ICTC is working to finalize FTA**

compliance in the coming weeks. During the meeting on March 26, 2025, the Commission approved the acquisition of the property pending FTA concurrence. Staff is currently working with

- 21) **Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency receives a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program award:** The HHW program provides Imperial Valley residents with the opportunity to dispose of HHW properly and free of charge. The IVRMA was notified in December that it was awarded the HHW grant for FY 2025/2026 and FY 2026/2027 in the amount of \$100,000. This is the first time that IVRMA has secured this grant. The award will allow IVRMA to continue to provide HHW services to its residents. More information regarding the HHW program can be found on the website at <https://www.ivrma.org/programs/household-hazardous-waste-program>.
- 22) **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. IID has completed its project with the assistance of the city of Holtville.
- 23) **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 with guideline documentation and 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 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:

Program	Applicants	Total Value Requested by All Applicants
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). **Several projects have already started development for use of the**

grant funds.

- 24) **Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project:** The project construction efforts are now complete, and the project is now in the closeout phase. For additional information regarding this project visit the ICTC website at: <https://www.imperialctc.org/projects/calexico-east-port-of-entry-bridge-expansion>.
- 25) **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 by FY 24-25/25-26.**
- 26) **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

- 27) **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.
- 28) **San Diego & Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Strategy:** The study is posted to the ICTC website at: <https://www.imperialctc.org/assets/san-diego-imperial-counties-sustainable-freight-implementation-strategy-final-report-2024-02-01.pdf>
- 29) **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).
- 30) **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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31) Funding Opportunities:

- **LPP Cycle 5 Call-for-Projects:** LPP Cycle 5 is expected to include about \$72M/per year made up of Federal and State funding. The funding/programming years include the 25/26 and 26/27 fiscal years.
 - Schedule and major milestones can be found at: <https://catc.ca.gov/-/media/ctc-media/documents/programs/senate-bill-1/2-bi-4-12-draft-2024-lpp-competitive-guidelines-red-line-v8.pdf>
- 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>.

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

Various project specific meetings are held throughout the month.

- March 26, 2025 – ICTC Commission/LTA/IVRMA Meetings at the ICTC offices
- March 27, 2025 – ICTC Technical Advisory Committee Meeting at the ICTC offices
- April 2, 2025 – ICTC SSTAC Meeting at the ICTC offices
- April 2-3, 2025 – Government Accounting Webinar (attended by Espy Avila)
- April 3, 2025 – 2nd IV Nurturing Communities Event in the City of Calipatria (attended by Gustavo Gomez)
- April 3, 2025 – Imperial County Encroachment Permit Status Update (attended by Espy Avila)
- April 4, 2025 – Ride Along 21 IVC Express (attended by Priscilla Baca & Maria Gamez)
- April 7, 2025 – UTN Public Hearing at the ICTC offices (attended by staff and Commissioner Martha Cardenas-Singh)
- April 9, 2025 – Literacy Fair Day in the City of Calexico (attended by Priscilla Baca)
- April 9, 2025 – ICTC Management Committee Meeting in the City of Brawley
- April 9, 2025 – AB 617 El Centro-Heber-Calexico April CSC Meeting on zoom (attended by David Aguirre and Gustavo Gomez)
- April 11, 2025 – Transit Budget Discussion (David Aguirre, Michelle Bastidas, Gustavo Gomez, Espy Avila)
- April 17, 2025 – IVT Ride Marketing meeting with Conveyor Group via zoom meeting (attended by Gustavo Gomez)
- April 18, 2025 – Mobility 21 Board meeting (Joint with Advisory Board) via teleconference
- April 18, 2025 – CTC CEO's/SCAG Meeting via zoom meeting

FFY24/25 Federal Funded Project Obligation List

Updated on 4/7/2025

Federal funding Obligations: *The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Authorization to Caltrans Local Assistance. Projects must obligate (E-76) federal funds in FFY 2024/25. (Starting October 1, 2024 thru September 30, 2025)*

Agency	Project ID	Project Title	Funding Type	Programming Phase	Federal Amount in FY 2024/25 (in 000's)	Obligation Status/ Notes
Brawley	IMP220608	B Street from Eastern Avenue to Palm Avenue	STBG	CON	\$456	
Brawley	IMP240703	Western Avenue Improvement Project (HWY 86 to Main Street)	STBG	CON	\$599	
Calipatria	IMP220603	South Brown Avenue Roadway and Pedestrian Facilities Improvement Project between Main Street/SR115 to Church Street.	CMAQ	CON	\$1,649	Waiting on RW
Calipatria	IMP220610	Main Street Roadway Improvements Project between Lake Avenue and International Boulevard.	STBG	CON	\$298	Working on Enviromental and RW, May will submit RFA for CON
El Centro	IMP220604	Imperial Ave. Traffic Signal Synchronization Project from Ocotillo Dr. to Main St.	CMAQ	CON	\$570	Design phase
El Centro	IMP220611	S. Imperial Avenue Extension Phase III from Danenberg Dr. to Manuel Ortiz Ave.	STBG	CON	\$2,195	Danenberg closed to traffic
Holtville	IMP220612	West 9th Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project Between Melon Road and Olive Avenue	CPFCDs	R/W	\$871	E-76 Off the obligation list. IID will submit final packet.
Holtville	IMP220612	West 9th Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project Between Melon Road and Olive Avenue	STBG	CON	\$587	EPSP/ RFA sent 3/26/2025
Imperial City	IMP240701	Aten Boulevard Sidewalk Installation Project Phase II, Between Myrtle Road and Old SR-86	CMAQ	20 CON	\$112	Asphalt improvements will start in a couple of weeks

Imperial City	IMP240702	EV Charging Station of EV Purchase, Phase II	CRP	CON	\$311	Ending professional improvement plan by the end of February
Imperial County	IMP220607	Main Street Improvements from SR 111 to Memphis Ave. (South Side) and Isis Avenue Improvements from Main St. to Third St. in the Community of Niland	CMAQ	CON	\$1,163	
Imperial County	IMP220614	Bowker Road Rehabilitation from McCabe Rd. to Ross Rd.	STBG	CON	\$1,666	Out to Bid
Imperial County	IMPL507	Grouped Projects for Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction - HBP Program (projects are consistent with 40CFR part 93.126 exempt tables 2 categories - widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes) - Toll Credits used	HBP	CON	\$5,279	
ICTC	IMP160410	Construction of an Intermodal Transportation Center in downtown Calexico inclusive of sidewalk improvements on Rockwood Avenue between 1st Street to 3rd Street.	CPFCDS	R/W	\$553	
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ICTC	IMP230401	Installation of EV Charging Stations at various locations in Imperial Valley	CRP	CON	\$403	It is anticipated that the project will be completed within FY 24-25/25-26.

ICTC	IMP240603	Imperial County Region Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Feasibility Study	CRP	CON	\$150	Staff is anticipating releasing the RFP in the coming weeks.
				22	\$20,425	

FY24-25 State Funded Project Obligation List

Updated on 4/7/2025

State Funded Allocations: The following is a list of projects that must submit a Request for Allocation to Caltrans Local Assistance for State approval during FY 2024/2025 (Starting July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2025)

Agency	Project ID	Project Name	Funding Type	Programming Phase	State Amount in FY 2024/25 (in 000's)	Obligation Status/ Notes
County	IMP230703	Sidewalk improvements on Heffeman Avenue from 14th street to 11th street.	ATP		\$909	
Brawley	IMP230701	Main Street & 8th street Improvements	HSIP	CON	\$208	
Brawley	IMP230702	Dogwood Rd & Mead Rd. Roadway Improvements	HSIP	CON	\$692	
Calipatria	IMP230703	City of Calipatria - Bonita Place Pedestrian Safety Project	ATP MPO	CON	\$909	Time extension for CON was sent
El Centro	IMP230704	City El Centro Pedestrian Improvement Project	ATP MPO	CON	\$1,200	
ICTC	IMP100101	Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM) funds to pay for eligible staff and program expenses for ICTC	STIP	CON	\$279	
ICTC	IMP160410	Construction of an Intermodal Transportation Center in downtown Calexico inclusive of sidewalk improvements on Rockwood Avenue between 1st Street to 3rd Street.	ATP MPO	CON	\$1,073	Construction started on April 2025
			23		\$5,270	