



Imperial County Local Transportation Authority

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MINUTES FOR  
January 25, 2023

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| City of Brawley     | George Nava         |
| City of Calipatria  | Maria Nava-Froelich |
| City of Calexico    | Raul Ureña          |
| City of El Centro   | Martha Singh        |
| City of Imperial    | Robert Amparano     |
| City of Holtville   | Mike Goodsell       |
| City of Westmorland | Ana Beltran         |
| County of Imperial  | John Hawk           |
| County of Imperial  | Luis Plancarte      |

STAFF PRESENT:

David Aguirre, Cristi Lerma, Michelle Bastidas, Virginia Mendoza, Gustavo Gomez, Esperanza Avila, Angela Delgadillo, Eric Havens (Counsel)

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Salgado: SCAG, Esperanza Colio-Warren; City of Calexico

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Tim Jones, Javier Gonzalez, Jesus Serrano, Gil Rebolgar, Dillan Castillo

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Goodsell at 7:47 p.m. and roll call was taken.

II. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Adopt resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings in accordance with Assembly Bill 361

1. Approved the resolution of the Imperial County Transportation Commission authorizing remote meetings in accordance with the provisions of the State Assembly Bill (AB) 361.
2. Authorized the Chairperson to sign the resolution.

A motion was made by [Nava-Froelich](#) and seconded by [Plancarte](#), roll call:

Agency	Roll Call
City of Brawley	Yes
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	Yes

City of Westmorland	Yes
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**Motion Carried.**

**III. EMERGENCY ITEMS**

There were none.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Tim Jones, member of the LTA Oversight Committee, provided some comments that he would like the board to evaluate: Training to all agencies about LTA processes; uniformity of reports requested by the LTA for all agencies; major accomplishments of LTA projects should be provided to the public; a list of completed projects (annually) to LTA; and coordination between the cities of Imperial and El Centro.
- Raul Ureña, resident from the City of Calexico, provided some comments regarding action item #6a. He stated that it is very difficult for residents and businesses from the City of Calexico during peak hours. He provided various examples on the difficulty of the traffic issue in the City of Calexico.
- Javier Gonzalez, IID Board Director, provided some comments regarding action item #6. He stated that the traffic issue is not only City of Calexico’s problem; it is a county issue.
- Jesus Serrano, representing the City of Calexico police department, provided some comments regarding action item #6a. He provided information regarding the amount of border crossings. He also mentioned two major projects that were going on in the City of Calexico: Highway 98 and the new port of entry construction. Highway 98 has been ongoing for almost two years and has impacted traffic, as well as the construction of the new port of entry. A project mentioned by Mr. Serrano is the Second street bridge. He stated that the City of Calexico needs funding to fix that bridge to allow traffic to flow through there as well.
- Gil Rebollar, City Councilmember for the City of Brawley, provided some comments regarding action item #6a. He provided some comments regarding the incidents that occurred with some traffic controllers in the City of Calexico. He mentioned due to some issues with the healthcare system it might be difficult for them to transport patients in ambulance with traffic. He recommends and encourages the board to approve this action item for the sake of public safety.
- Dillan Castillo, planning commissioner from the City of Calexico and a member of the Imperial Valley Equity and Justice Coalition, provided some comments regarding action item #6a. He read a response from their community executive organizer, Daniela Flores. They ask the commissioners to stand in solidarity with the residents of Calexico and pass the proposed allocation to support the traffic control that the City of Calexico facilitates to and from Mexico. He stated that there were numerous instances that traffic controllers have been hit by drivers. Without funding, the City of Calexico is afraid that these incidents will continue to happen.

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approved minutes for October 26, 2022. A motion was made by [Plancarte](#) and seconded by [Nava-Froelich](#) as presented, roll call:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>
City of Brawley	Yes
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	Yes

City of Westmorland	Yes
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**Motion Carried.**

**VI. ACTION CALENDAR**

- A. Additional Fund Request to the Local Transportation Authority (LTA) – Traffic Control Assistance for Southbound Peak Traffic on State Route 111-Imperial Avenue, Cesar Chavez Boulevard and Second Street to the Downtown Calexico West Port of Entry

The Management Committee met on January 11, 2023, and forwarded the following recommendation(s) to the Authority for review and approval after public comment, if any:

1. Approve the allocation to the City of Calexico for additional funding needed in the amount of \$250,000 for one year from the Measure D 5% Highway set-aside allocations for FY 2023-24.
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign a one-year extension for FY 2023-24 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Calexico and the Imperial County Local Transportation Authority.

After several comments from both the board and the public, a motion was made to table this item and bring it back to the next meeting by [Nava-Froelich](#) and seconded by [Ureña](#) and include additional information regarding the city’s traffic plan. Roll call:

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City of Brawley	Yes
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	Yes
City of Westmorland	Yes

**Motion Carried.**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 p.m.