



Imperial County Local Transportation Authority

# IMPERIAL COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FACT SHEET JANUARY 2025

## BACKGROUND

Measure D, a one-half cent transportation sales tax that was approved by Imperial County voters in 1989, has generated more than \$175 million for transportation improvement projects in Imperial County.

The approval of Measure D earned Imperial County the status of a Self Help County, one of twenty-five counties out of a total of fifty-eight in California that have achieved this status. This is significant in that it was the voters within the community that realized the need for additional resources to ensure adequate transportation improvements, hence the name Self Help as the citizenry pays an additional tax in order to realize the funding. Even more important is that in November 2008, 81% of the voters approved an extension for an additional forty years, and became effective in 2010.

To ensure transparency and responsible use of resources, Measure D requires a board authority and Taxpayer Oversight Committee was established to oversee the use of funds. The board is the Imperial County Local Transportation Authority (LTA). As approved by the LTA, the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) provides the daily staff support to the LTA board for administration of receipts and disbursements as allocated by the State Board of Equalization.

The Authority Board consists of the County of Imperial and the seven incorporated cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, and Westmorland. The membership of the Board consists of one council member for each city and two County Supervisors. They all serve staggered terms and the Chair and Vice Chair are elected each year in January.

Within the allocation of funding; 92% of the funds collected go to the cities and County of Imperial to pay for critical road repair projects, 5% is targeted for regional highway projects, 2% for transit projects and 1% for administration.



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- A Self Help County
- Seven Cities and the County of Imperial
- Regional Transit Support
- Regional Highway Support
- Federal and State Matching Funds

### LTA 2% Transit Set-Aside

Total Allocations for FY 2024-25

- IVT Ride \$250,000 (Brawley, Calexico, Imperial, El Centro, Heber & West Shores)

### LTA 5% Highway Set-Aside

- Processed Disbursements - \$5,951,150
- Pending projects - \$2,826,250
  - Traffic Signal SR 86 & Dogwood Rd Imperial County - \$1,680,815
  - Forrester Road PSR - \$108,879
  - SR 86 Border Patrol Checkpoint - \$712,068
- Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Expansion - \$324,488



**More information regarding Regional Programs and Projects can be found on the LTA website at:**  
**<https://www.ltaimperial.com/regional-programs-and-projects>**



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## BOND ISSUANCE

Under California law, the Local Transportation Authority is permitted to issue bonds on behalf of a Local Agency that is payable from the Measure D Sales Tax Revenues that are allocable to such Local Agency. In May 2012, the Cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, Imperial and the County of Imperial identified certain street and highway projects that needed to be undertaken and requested that the Authority issue a series of bonds on its respective behalf. Each Participating Local Agency is solely responsible for repayment from the portion of the Measure D Sales Tax Revenues allocable to that Participating Local Agency. Below is a summary of the revenues issued to each Participating Local Agency.

In 2012, the LTA issued bonds in the amount of \$54 million on behalf of the following member agencies: County of Imperial and Cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria and Imperial. All 2012 bond funding has been spent.

- Total Sales Tax Revenue Bonds \$53,975,000
- \$8,155,000 Series 2012A (City of Brawley)
- \$15,410,000 Series 2012B (City of Calexico)
- \$2,305,000 Series 2012C (City of Calipatria)
- \$6,170,000 Series 2012D (City of Imperial)
- \$21,935,000 Series 2012E (County of Imperial)

In 2018, the LTA issued bonds in the amount of \$16 million on behalf of the following member agencies: the Cities of Calexico, Calipatria and Holtville.

- Total Sales Tax Revenue Bonds \$16,765,000
- \$12,375,000 Series 2018A (City of Calexico)
- \$1,450,000 Series 2018B (City of Calipatria)
- \$2,940,000 Series 2018C (City of Holtville)

The bond proceeds have assisted in the acceleration of transportation projects throughout the region. The 2018 bonds have remaining funds. The table below illustrates the balance.

| 2018 Original Bond Funds |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Calexico                 | \$12,375,000 |
| Calipatria               | \$1,450,000  |
| Holtville                | \$2,940,000  |

| Remaining Bond Funds* |             | % Spent |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
| Calexico              | \$2,882,186 | 77%     |
| Calipatria            | \$0         | 100%    |
| Holtville             | \$0         | 100%    |

\*Remaining Project Bond funds as of Bank Statements dated 7-31-24

## LTA Revenues

|                       | FY 2019-20      | FY 2020-21      | FY 2021-22      | FY 2022-23      | FY 2023-24      | FY 2024-25*    |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Brawley               | \$1,708,309.63  | \$1,973,179.09  | \$2,329,277.17  | \$2,440,857.37  | \$2,912,265.31  | \$1,209,855.10 |
| Calexico              | \$2,496,364.99  | \$2,895,513.18  | \$3,373,877.73  | \$3,443,349.35  | \$4,017,313.18  | \$1,646,392.62 |
| Calipatria            | \$375,010.38    | \$411,033.42    | \$455,012.61    | \$467,550.20    | \$520,741.26    | \$215,929.23   |
| El Centro             | \$2,745,303.02  | \$3,169,283.41  | \$3,721,630.08  | \$3,882,895.46  | \$4,550,959.38  | \$1,859,823.47 |
| Holtville             | \$530,539.51    | \$592,883.74    | \$661,781.67    | \$641,483.65    | \$713,833.01    | \$293,441.57   |
| Imperial              | \$1,284,456.38  | \$1,500,288.41  | \$1,758,809.88  | \$1,972,479.10  | \$2,332,891.85  | \$969,324.72   |
| Westmorland           | \$287,435.95    | \$312,555.82    | \$339,173.06    | \$328,432.76    | \$354,632.47    | \$147,546.72   |
| County of Imperial    | \$4,179,704.84  | \$4,830,782.66  | \$5,753,297.52  | \$5,695,632.54  | \$6,630,055.35  | \$2,720,161.31 |
| 1% Administration     | \$199,626.70    | \$211,624.03    | \$227,015.72    | \$256,416.23    | \$270,880.37    | \$120,563.35   |
| 2% Transit            | \$296,919.39    | \$341,874.07    | \$400,427.43    | \$411,378.42    | \$479,646.72    | \$197,484.70   |
| 5% Regional Set-Aside | \$742,298.46    | \$854,685.13    | \$1,001,068.57  | \$1,028,446.07  | \$1,199,116.78  | \$493,711.71   |
|                       | \$14,845,969.25 | \$17,093,702.96 | \$20,021,371.44 | \$20,568,921.15 | \$23,982,335.68 | \$9,874,234.50 |

