

**IMPERIAL COUNTY
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
155 South 11th Street
El Centro, California 92243
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**AGENDA
April 30, 2025
10:00 A.M.**

- I. Comments on Previous Meeting Minutes
- II. New Business from General Public
 - i. Request for Stop Sign at Heber Avenue and Correll Road
 - ii. Request for Flashing Beacons on SR-86
- III. Old Business
 - A. McCabe School Traffic Congestion
 - B. Caltrans Updates
 - C. County Limits Signs
 - D. Procedure for Malfunction of Traffic Signal Lights
 - E. School Zone Signs – McCabe School and Dogwood School
 - F. Off Highway Vehicle Use Request
 - G. Forrester Road and Andre Road
- IV. New Business
 - A. Law Enforcement Agencies
 - B. Engineering Agencies
- V. Next Meeting – June 25, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

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**MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2025
10:00 A.M.**

Attendees

Imperial County Public Works:	Francisco Olmedo, Naomi Robles
Imperial County Risk Management:	Lilian Casillas
Imperial County Sheriff Office:	Aaron Curiel
California Highway Patrol:	Arcy Zendejas
General Public:	Bette Van Der Linden

I. Previous Meeting Minutes

No comments were received.

II. New Business – Traffic Concerns from General Public

Ms. Van Der Linden thanked Public Works for the improvements that occurred on Orchard Road and asked for a status on Nimura Road. Ms. Robles stated that Public Works posts road projects on a list by phase (e.g., preliminary/design engineering, construction, etc.) and it just depended on what phase the project was with the Engineering Department.

III. Old Business

A. McCabe School Traffic Congestion

Mr. Olmedo stated that traffic safety studies have been finalized for five county schools in rural areas of which McCabe School was included. Public Works will review the improvements proposed in the studies that would ultimately help facilitate traffic.

B. Caltrans Updates

No updates were presented.

C. County Limits Signs

No updates were presented.

D. Update on Procedure for Malfunction of Traffic Signal Lights

No updates were presented.

E. Update on School Zone Signs at McCabe School and Dogwood Schools
See Item III.A.

F. Off Highway Vehicle Use Request

Mr. Olmedo stated that Public Works received approval from the California Highway Patrol to designate a portion of Evan Hewes Highway as dual use so long as certain improvements were made, including the resurfacing of the road. The item is pending as Public Works has not completed the improvements.

G. Forrester Road and Andre Road

Mr. Olmedo stated that he was reviewing the intersection collision history, but the road crossing didn't seem to have enough crashes that qualify for stop signs warrant. Mr. Olmedo stated he requested a copy of the 2024 SWITRS Report to confirm the number of collisions at the intersection. Mr. Zendejas stated he would provide Mr. Olmedo with the pending report after the meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Traffic concerns from Law Enforcement Agencies

1. Mr. Zendejas asked about the traffic signal on Aten Road at Imperial Valley College entrance, inquiring whether its timing could be adjusted for day and night or if it operated on a sensor. Mr. Zendejas stated that the traffic signal would take a long time to cycle even when there are no other vehicles at the other approaches and that the long cycle time gets worse at night. Mr. Olmedo stated he would contact the Public Works traffic signal vendor to look into it.
2. Mr. Zendejas stated that the portion of Evan Hewes Highway connecting to SR-115 just west of the Highline Canal is in very poor condition. Mr. Olmedo mentioned that he will communicate with our Roads Division about this issue.

B. Traffic concerns from Engineering Agencies

1. Mr. Olmedo stated that Public Works had closed Picacho Road Bridge. Caltrans previously completed inspections on the bridge which led to lowering the bridge load capacity and restricting truck traffic; however, a collision that occurred over the weekend damaged the bridge guardrails, forcing the department to close the bridge. The closure of the Picacho Road Bridge is scheduled for March 3, 2025, to allow for a few days of notification.
2. Mr. Olmedo continued that Menvielle Road from Gateway Road to Maggio Road had conflicting striping that the County had cleaned up. There are two southbound lanes and one northbound lane along Menvielle Road. Although east Menvielle Road has been constructed for two northbound lanes, it will remain a one lane road to prevent bottlenecking. Mr. Olmedo also mentioned

that the intersection of Menvielle Road and Gateway Road was converted to an all-way stop controlled intersection during the striping work.

3. Mr. Olmedo stated that construction to complete the improvements at the intersection of Maggio Road and State Route 7 will begin soon. It is estimated that there will be approximately two months' worth of work and is expected to be completed by the end of April 2025.
4. Mr. Olmedo added that LED Signs were installed for the 4-way stop signs located at the intersection of Evan Hewes Highway and Bennett Road and the 2-way stop signs at Holt Road and Norrish Road.
5. Mr. Olmedo mentioned that he had been in communication with the Quechan Parks and Recreation Department regarding a site fence that was installed at their office located at Picacho Road and San Pasqual School Road. Apparently, the tribe has received complaints from the public about line-of-sight issues with the new fence, but the Parks and Recreation representative stated that they haven't received any complaints from either CHP or ICSO. Mr. Olmedo provided the tribe with information from the Highway Design Manual related to corner sight distance and an exhibit illustrating schematically obstructed and unobstructed sight distance areas. Mr. Zendejas provided contact information from CHP Winterhaven Area for Mr. Olmedo to reach out to. Mr. Olmedo will inform both CHP and ICSO in Winterhaven to inform them of this potential issue.

V. Next meeting: April 30, 2025, at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.