

## **January 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

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Vice Chair Lesa Heebner (City of Solana Beach) called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9 a.m.

#### **1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments**

Public comments: Sara Ochoa, Alan C., Cori Schumacher, Michael Brando, Rita Clement.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Coleen Clementson recognized Consul General Carlos Gonzalez Guterrez for his service to SANDAG.

CEO Clementson informed the Board of changes to the draft February 9, 2024, Board agenda. The item regarding the Airport Connection update will be removed and an item regarding an update on the Otay Mesa East project will be added.

Member comments: Councilmember Vivian Moreno (City of San Diego), Councilmember Melanie Burkholder (City of Carlsbad), Councilmember Steve Goble (City of El Cajon), Councilmember John Duncan (City of Coronado), Deputy Mayor Jewel Edson (NCTD), Mayor Rebecca Jones (City of San Marcos), Councilmember Carolina Chavez (City of Chula Vista), Councilmember Luz Molina (City of National City), Deputy Mayor Terry Gaasterland (City of Del Mar), Acting Director Everett Townsend (Caltrans), Chairwoman Nora Vargas (County of San Diego).

#### **Consent**

#### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its January 12, 2024, meeting.

#### **3. Approval of Proposed Solicitations and Contract Awards**

The Board of Directors was asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to conduct a solicitation for Public Outreach Services for the San Diego LOSSN Rail Realignment - San Dieguito to Sorrento Valley Double Track (SDSVDT) Project.

#### **4. New Grant Funding: Transportation Network Company Access for All Grant Program**

The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve an amendment to the FY 2024 Program Budget accounting for all grant funding from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for FY 2022-2024.

#### **5. Office of the Independent Performance Auditor's Revised Annual Audit Plan**

The Board was asked to consider and adopt the OIPA's Revised Audit Annual Plan for FY 2024.

## **6. Overview of Developments in the Financial Markets, Quarterly Finance Report as of September 30, 2023\***

This report provided an update on the latest developments in the financial markets, economy, sales tax revenues, and strategies being explored and implemented to minimize possible impacts to the TransNet Program.

## **7. Quarterly Progress Report on SANDAG'S Capital Program**

This quarterly report provided an update on the status of the projects that comprise SANDAG's Capital Program as approved in the FY 2024 Program Budget through September 2023.

## **8. Policy Advisory Committee Actions**

The Board of Directors was asked to ratify the actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committees since the last Board meeting.

## **9. Chief Executive Officer Delegated Actions\***

In accordance with various Board Policies, this report summarized delegated actions taken by the Chief Executive Officer.

## **10. Conflict of Interest Code Updates**

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the updates to the SANDAG Conflict of Interest Code.

Public comments: Alan C., Michael Brando, Consuelo, Mark, Truth, Mike, Blair B., Paul the Bold, The OriginalDra, Mary Davis, Corrinna Contreras.

A motion was made by Mayor Jones, and a second by Councilmember Ronn Hall (City of Santee), to approve the Consent Agenda including an amendment to Agenda Item No. 10, to add Disclosure Category 3 to all director and manager classifications.

The motion was withdrawn by unanimous consent of the Board of Directors.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Jones, and a second by Deputy Mayor Ryan Keim (City of Oceanside), the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chairwoman Vargas, Vice Chair Heebner, Councilmember Burkholder, Councilmember Chavez, Councilmember Duncan, Deputy Mayor Gaasterland, Councilmember Goble, Mayor Tony Kranz (City of Encinitas), Mayor Dane White (City of Escondido), Councilmember Jack Fisher (Imperial Beach), Councilmember Jack Shu (City of La Mesa), Mayor Racquel Vasquez (City of Lemon Grove), Councilmember Molina, Deputy Mayor Keim, Mayor Steve Vaus (City of Poway), Councilmember Moreno, Mayor Jones, Councilmember Hall, and Councilmember Katie Melendez (City of Vista).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

## **Reports**

### **11. Operational Process and System Control Audit for Board Member and Employee Travel and Other Business-Related Reimbursements**

Audit Committee Chair David Zito (City of Solana Beach) introduced the item.

Independent Performance Auditor Courtney Ruby presented the findings of the Operational Process and System Control Audit for Board Member and Employee Travel and Other Business-Related Reimbursements (Audit).

Senior Director of Organizational Effectiveness Melissa Coffelt presented the management response to the Audit.

Public Comments: Alan C., Michael Brando, Consuelo, Truth, Mark, Paul the Bold, The OriginalDra.

Action: Information.

### **12. Toll Road Operations Update**

Deputy CEO Ray Major discussed options to reduce costs during the transition to the new back-office system, including the role of HNTB and ETAN.

Public Comments: Alan C., Michael Brando, Truth, Mark, The OriginalDra, Paul the Bold.

Action: A motion was made by Second Vice Chair Heebner, and a second by Councilmember Molina, to direct staff to implement the proposed cost reduction measures, take all necessary steps to minimize continued funding to ETAN and HNTB while ensuring a functional tolling system and a successful transition to the new back-office system.

A substitute motion was made by Mayor Jones, and a second by Councilmember Burkholder, to implement the cost reduction measures and transition to the new back-office system utilizing ETAN, but to remove any contractual agreement with HNTB.

The substitute motion was withdrawn by unanimous consent of the Board of Directors.

The Board voted on the original motion after accepting a friendly amendment by unanimous consent to accept the \$50,000 credit from HNTB and directed staff to inform the Board in a timely manner if the expended amount approaches the credit.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chairwoman Vargas, Vice Chair Heebner, Councilmember Burkholder, Councilmember Chavez, Councilmember Duncan, Deputy Mayor Gaasterland, Councilmember Goble, Mayor Kranz, Mayor White, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Shu, Mayor Vasquez, Councilmember Molina, Deputy Mayor Keim, Councilmember Moreno, Mayor Jones, Councilmember Hall, and Councilmember Melendez.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of Poway.

### **13. 2025 Regional Plan: Initial Concept**

Senior Director of Planning Antoinette Meier, Senior Director of Data Science Dr. Cindy Burke, and Director of Financial Planning, Budgets, and Grants Susan Huntington presented an overview of the initial concept for the draft 2025 Regional Plan, including projects, programs, policies, and estimated costs and revenues.

Public Comments: Cori Schumacher, Alan C., Rita Clement, Michael Beck, Michael Brando, Consuelo, Truth, Mark, Mike, Karl Aldinger, Paul the Bold, Diane Nygaard, Emma Rodriguez, Christina Marquez, Connor Proctor, Corinna Contreras, Karin Zirk, Pamela Heatherington, Blair B., Dan Silver, The OriginalDra, Jason Vance.

Action: Discussion.

Continued non-agenda comments: Paul the Bold, Camila Rang, Blair B., The OriginalDra, Pamela Heatherington, Phone #731.

#### **14. Adjournment**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 9, 2024, at 10 a.m.

Chairwoman Vargas adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

## Confirmed Attendance at Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors	Title	Name	Attend
City of Carlsbad	Councilmember	Melanie Burkholder (Primary)	Yes
City of Chula Vista	Councilmember	Carolina Chavez (Primary)	Yes
City of Coronado	Councilmember	John Duncan (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego	Chairwoman	Nora Vargas (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego	Supervisor	Joel Anderson (Primary)	Yes
City of Del Mar	Deputy Mayor	Terry Gaasterland (Primary)	Yes
City of El Cajon	Councilmember	Steve Goble (Alternate)	Yes
City of Encinitas	Mayor	Tony Kranz (Primary)	Yes
City of Escondido	Mayor	Dane White (Primary)	Yes
City of Imperial Beach	Councilmember	Jack Fisher (Primary)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Councilmember	Jack Shu (Primary)	Yes
City of Lemon Grove	Mayor	Racquel Vasquez (Primary)	Yes
City of National City	Councilmember	Luz Molina (Primary)	Yes
City of Oceanside	Deputy Mayor	Ryan Keim (Primary)	Yes
City of Poway	Mayor	Steve Vaus (Primary)	Yes
City of San Diego	Councilmember	Joe LaCava (1st Alt)	Yes
City of San Diego	Councilmember	Vivian Moreno (1st Alt)	Yes
City of San Marcos	Mayor	Rebecca Jones (Primary)	Yes
City of Santee	Councilmember	Ronn Hall (1st Alt)	Yes
City of Solana Beach	Second Vice Chair	Lesa Heebner (Primary)	Yes
City of Vista	Councilmember	Katie Melendez (Primary)	Yes
Caltrans	Executive Director	Everett Townsend (1st Alt.)	Yes
Metropolitan Transit System	Councilmember	Patricia Dillard (Alternate)	Yes
North County Transit District	Deputy Mayor	Jewel Edson (Primary)	Yes
Imperial County	Supervisor	Jesus Eduardo Escobar (Prmary)	Yes
U.S. Department of Defense	Deputy Director	Anna Shepherd (Alt)	Yes
Port of San Diego	Executive Director	Joe Stuyvesant (Primary)	No
San Diego County Water Authority	Director	Mel Katz (Primary)	Yes
SDCRAA	Director	Gil Cabrera (Primary)	Yes
Mexico	Consul General	Carlos González Gutiérrez (Primary)	Yes
SCTCA	Chairwoman	Erica Pinto (Primary)	Yes
Association of Planning Groups	Member	Robin Joy Maxson (Primary)	Yes