

October 11, 2024, Board of Directors Minutes

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Chairwoman Nora Vargas (County of San Diego) called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:35 a.m.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: Alan C., Truth, Michael Brando, Mark, and Robert Germann.

Member Comments: Deputy Mayor Terry Gaasterland (Del Mar), Councilmember Melanie Burkholder (Carlsbad), and Chief Executive Officer Mario Orso.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its September 27, 2024, meeting.

3. 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.

4. Meetings and Events Attended on Behalf of SANDAG

This report provided an update on the meetings and events attended by Board members.

5. FY 2025 Proposed Program Budget Amendment: State Route 125 Toll Removal Analysis

The Board of Directors was asked to approve an amendment to the FY 2025 Program Budget to allocate funds and create a new Capital Improvement Program project number to develop a Project Initiation Document and Preliminary Environmental Analysis Report and evaluate benefits and burdens to social equity populations for the State Route 125 corridor.

Public Comments: Alan C., No. 5; Truth, Nos. 2-5; Mark, Nos. 2-5; Phone #813, Nos. 2-5; and Paul the Bold, Nos. 2-5.

A motion was made by Chairwoman Vargas, with a second by Councilmember Chavez, for the Board to vote to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended removing Item No. 5, FY 2025 Proposed Program Budget Amendment: State Route 125 Toll Removal Analysis, with direction to staff to bring that item back to the next scheduled meeting.

Chairwoman Vargas directed staff to bring a financial analysis detailing the impacts of immediately removing tolls on SR 125 to the next scheduled meeting.

Action: A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Vivian Moreno (City of San Diego), and a second by Councilmember Chavez, to approve an amendment to the FY 2025 Program Budget to allocate funds and create a new Capital Improvement Program project number to develop a Project Initiation Document and Preliminary Environmental Analysis Report for the SR 125 corridor and move the balance of the consent agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chairwoman Vargas, Second Vice Chair Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach), Councilmember Burkholder, Councilmember Carolina Chavez (Chula Vista), Councilmember John Duncan (Coronado), Deputy Mayor Gaasterland, Councilmember Steve Goble (El Cajon), Mayor Tony Kranz (Encinitas), Councilmember Joe Garcia (Escondido), Councilmember Jack Fisher (Imperial Beach), Councilmember Jack Shu (La Mesa), Mayor Racquel Vasquez (Lemon Grove), Councilmember Luz Molina (National City), Councilmember Rick Robinson (Oceanside), Councilmember Moreno, Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos), and Deputy Mayor Katie Melendez (Vista).

No: Mayor John Minto (Santee).

Abstain: None.

Absent: Poway.

Closed Session Public Comments: Truth, Kathryn Rhodes, Paul the Bold, and Phone #813.,

Chairwoman Vargas recessed to closed session at 12:06 p.m.

Closed Session

6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (D)(2) (One Potential Case)

The Board was briefed in closed session on potential claims related to the delivery of its toll operations back-office system.

Chairwoman Vargas reconvened to open session at 2:15 p.m.

Board Counsel Alfred Smith reported the following out of closed session: The Board met in closed session on Agenda Item No. 6, and there was no reportable action.

Reports

7. Back Office System Update

Senior Director of Regional Planning Antoinette Meier, Director of Operations Lucinda Broussard, Director of Accounting and Finance Kimberly Trammel, and Technology Planning Manager Alex Estrella presented a progress update on the development and implementation of the new Tolling Back Office System.

Public Comments: Alan C., Truth, Kathryn Rhodes, Michael Brando, and Paul the Bold.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Moreno, and a second by Councilmember Chavez, the Board of Directors voted to approve writing off uncollectable account receivable balances older than three years in two phases (as of June 30, 2024, and in coordination with the BOS data migration date.)

The motion passed.

Yes: Chairwoman Vargas, Second Vice Chair Heebner, Councilmember Burkholder, Councilmember Chavez, Councilmember Duncan, Deputy Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Kranz, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Shu, Councilmember Molina, Councilmember Robinson, and Councilmember Raul Campillo (City of San Diego).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: El Cajon, Lemon Grove, Poway, Santee, San Marcos, and Vista.

Continued Non-Agenda Public Comments: Kathryn Rhodes, Paul the Bold, and Blair Beekman.

8. Adjournment

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 25, 2024, at 9 a.m.

Chairwoman Vargas adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors	Title	Name	Attend
Carlsbad	Councilmember	Melanie Burkholder (Primary)	Yes
Chula Vista	Councilmember	Carolina Chavez (Primary)	Yes
Coronado	Councilmember	John Duncan (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego	Chairwoman	Nora Vargas (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego	Supervisor	Joel Anderson (Primary)	No
Del Mar	Deputy Mayor	Terry Gaasterland (Primary)	Yes
El Cajon	Councilmember	Steve Goble (Alternate)(left 1:01pm)	Yes
Encinitas	Mayor	Tony Kranz (Primary)	Yes
Escondido	Councilmember	Joe Garcia (2nd Alternate)	Yes
Imperial Beach	Councilmember	Jack Fisher (Primary)	Yes
La Mesa	Councilmember	Jack Shu (Primary)	Yes
Lemon Grove	Mayor	Racquel Vasquez (Primary) (left 12:58 pm)	Yes
National City	Councilmember	Luz Molina (Primary)	Yes
Oceanside	Councilmember	Rick Robinson (Alternate)	Yes
Poway	Mayor	Steve Vaus (Primary)	No
City of San Diego	Councilmember	Raul Campillo (Alternate) (left 11:12am; return 12:06pm to end)	Yes
City of San Diego	Councilmember	Vivan Moreno (Alternate)	Yes
San Marcos	Mayor	Rebecca Jones (Primary) (left 2:15 pm)	Yes
Santee	Mayor	John Minto (Primary) (left 2:15 pm)	Yes
Solana Beach	Second Vice Chair	Lesa Heebner (Primary)	Yes
Vista	Councilmember	Katie Melendez (Primary) (left 2:15 pm)	Yes
Caltrans	Director	Everett Townsend	Yes
Metropolitan Transit System	Councilmember	Patricia Dillard (Alternate)	Yes
North County Transit District	Deputy Mayor	Jewel Edson (Primary)	No
Imperial County	Supervisor	Jesus Eduardo Escobar	No
U.S. Department of Defense	Executive Director	Dennis Keck (Primary)	Yes
Port of San Diego	Commissioner	Dan Malcolm (Primary)	No
SD County Water Authority	Director	Mel Katz (Primary)	No
SDCRAA	Director	Gil Cabrera	Yes
Mexico	Consul General	Alicia Kerber (Primary)	No
SCTCA	Chairwoman	Erica Pinto (Alternate)	Yes
Association of Planning Groups	Board Chair	Robin Joy Maxson	Yes