

## **October 25, 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 9:02 a.m.

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

Public Comments: Michael Brando, Truth, Paul the Bold, Blair Beekman, and Phone #899.

Member Comments: Executive Director Robin Joy Maxson (Association of Planning Groups), Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mario Orso, and Chairwoman Vargas.

#### **Consent**

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

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its October 11, 2024, meeting.

#### **3. Chief Executive Officer Delegated Actions**

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

#### **4. 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.

#### **5. Master Fund Transfer Agreement with Caltrans**

The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2024-08, authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to execute the Master Fund Transfer Agreement with Caltrans (2025-2035).

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

Action: Upon a motion by Second Vice Chair Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach), and a second by Councilmember Carolina Chavez (Chula Vista), the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chairwoman Vargas, Second Vice Chair Heebner, Councilmember Melanie Burkholder (Carlsbad), Councilmember Chavez, Councilmember John Duncan (Coronado), Deputy Mayor Terry Gaasterland (Del Mar), Mayor Bill Wells (El Cajon), Mayor Tony Kranz (Encinitas), Mayor Dane White (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), Mayor Steve Vaus (Poway), Councilmember Raul Campillo (City of San Diego), Councilmember Ed Musgrove (San Marcos).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Santee and Vista.

## **Reports**

### **6A. Office of the Independent Performance Auditor's Companion Investigation Reports to the State Route 125 Toll Operations Investigation**

Audit Committee Chair David Zito introduced the item and Independent Performance Auditor Courtney Ruby presented the reports for discussion.

#### **6B. Management Response**

CEO Orso presented the management response.

Public Comments: Truth, Michael Brando, Alan C., Paul the Bold, Phone #899, Phone #813, and Blair Beekman.

Action: Discussion.

### **7A. FY 2024 Compilation of External Audit Recommendations and OIPA Annual Audit and Investigations Recommendation and Corrective Action Plan Reports**

The Audit Committee recommended that the FY 2024 Compilation of External Audit Recommendations and OIPA Annual Audit and Investigations Recommendation and Corrective Action Plan Reports be provided to the Board of Directors for information.

#### **7B. Management Response**

CEO Orso presented the management response.

Public Comments: Truth, Michael Brando, Alan C, Kathryn Rhodes, Paul the Bold, and Phone #813.

Action: Information.

### **8. State Route 125 Toll Removal Process and Debt Retirement**

Chief Financial Officer Dawn Vettese and Senior Director of Planning Antoinette Meier presented an overview of the process and anticipated costs to retire the debt and remove toll operations from State Route 125.

Public Comments: Assemblymember David Alvarez, Truth, Michael Brando, Alan C., Paul the Bold, Phone #899, Kathryn Rhodes, Blair Beekman, and Phone #813.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Vivian Moreno (City of San Diego), and a second by Chairwoman Vargas, the Board voted to direct staff to bring back a detailed report on SR 125 income and revenue projections, and form a subcommittee to work with state and federal partners for possible funding opportunities.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chairwoman Vargas, Second Vice Chair Heebner, Councilmember Chavez, Councilmember Duncan, Deputy Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Kranz, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Shu, Councilmember Molina, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Moreno, and Councilmember Musgrove.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Carlsbad, El Cajon, Escondido, Lemon Grove, Poway, Santee, and Vista.

**9. Adjournment**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2024, at 10 a.m.

Chairwoman Vargas adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

### Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors	Title	Name	Attend
Carlsbad	Councilmember	Melanie Burkholder (Primary) (left 1:12p)	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	Mayor	Bill Wells (Primary) (left 12:17p)	Yes
Encinitas	Mayor	Tony Kranz (Primary)	Yes
Escondido	Mayor	Dane White (Primary)(left 12:25p)	Yes
Imperial Beach	Councilmember	Jack Fisher (Primary)	Yes
La Mesa	Councilmember	Jack Shu (Primary)	Yes
Lemon Grove	Mayor	Racquel Vasquez (Primary) (left 12:45p)	Yes
National City	Councilmember	Luz Molina (Primary)	Yes
Oceanside	Councilmember	Rick Robinson (Alternate)	Yes
Poway	Mayor	Steve Vaus (Primary)(left 11:16a)	Yes
City of San Diego	Councilmember	Raul Campillo (Alternate)(left 12:34p)	Yes
City of San Diego	Councilmember	Vivan Moreno (Alternate)	Yes
San Marcos	Councilmember	Ed Musgrove (Alternate)	Yes
Santee	Mayor	John Minto (Primary)	No
Solana Beach	Second Vice Chair	Lesa Heebner (Primary)	Yes
Vista	Councilmember	Dan O'Donnell (Alternate) (arr.10:30a-left 12:45p)	Yes
Caltrans	Director	Everett Townsend (Alternate)	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 (Primary)	No
U.S. Department of Defense	Deputy Director	Anna Shepherd (Alternate)	Yes
Port of San Diego	Commissioner	Dan Malcolm (Primary)	Yes
SD County Water Authority	Director	Mel Katz (Primary)	No
SDCRAA	Director	Gil Cabrera (Primary)	Yes
Mexico	Consul General	Alicia Kerber-Palma (Primary)	No
SCTCA	Chairwoman	Erica Pinto (Alternate)	No
Association of Planning Groups	Board Chair	Robin Joy Maxson (Primary)	Yes