

February 14, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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Chair Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach) called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:31 a.m.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: Michael Brando, Truth, Allegedly Audra, Bryant Rumbaugh, Rita Clement, Doris Nguyen, Shirli Weiss, Robert Germann.

Member Comments: Chairwoman Robin Joy Maxson (Association of Planning Groups – San Diego County), Councilmember Luz Molina (National City), Mayor Terry Gaasterland (Del Mar), Chair Heebner, CEO Mario Orso (SANDAG), Anna Shepherd (U.S. Department of Defense).

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its January 31, 2025, meeting.

3. Policy Advisory Committee Actions

The Board of Directors was asked to ratify the actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committees as noted in the report.

4. Meetings and Events Attended on Behalf of SANDAG

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

5. Appointment of the Policy Advisory Committee Members and Designation of Transit Representatives to the Board of Directors

This report provided a summary of the voting and advisory members appointed to the Policy Advisory Committees, including the Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs appointed by the SANDAG Chair, and the designation of Board members as transit representatives for the purpose of meeting federal requirements.

6. Appointment of Board Members: SANDAG Audit Policy Advisory Committee and Military Working Group

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the appointment of Board members to the SANDAG Audit Policy Advisory Committee as recommended by the SANDAG Chair, including waiving the three-year service requirement as it pertains to Councilmember Fisher and Molina's appointments; and City of El Cajon Councilmember Steve Goble as the San Diego Regional Military Working Group Chair.

Public Comments: Allegedly Audra, Truth, Cesar Javier, Bryant Rumbaugh, Kathryn Rhodes, Blair Beekman, Paul the Bold, Consuelo.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Esther Sanchez (Oceanside) and a second by Mayor John Duncan (Coronado), the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair Joe LaCava (City of San Diego), Second Vice Chair John Minto (Santee), Councilmember Kevin Shin (Carlsbad), Deputy Mayor Carolina Chavez (Chula Vista), Mayor Duncan,

Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Bill Wells (El Cajon), Mayor Bruce Ehlers (Encinitas), Mayor Dane White (Escondido), Councilmember Jack Fisher (Imperial Beach), Mayor Mark Arapostathis (La Mesa), Mayor Alysson Snow (Lemon Grove), Councilmember Molina, Mayor Sanchez, Mayor Steve Vaus (Poway), Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos), and Deputy Mayor Katie Melendez (Vista).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: County of San Diego.

Reports

7. Economic & Budget Outlook

7A. Revised FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2030 TransNet Program and Transit-Related Revenues

The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve:

1. The Revised FY 2025 Transportation Development Act (TDA) and TransNet Estimates with a reduction of \$3.9 million in TDA funding and a reduction of \$13.9 million of TransNet funding; and
2. The FY 2026 to FY 2030 estimates and apportionments for TDA, Federal Transit Administration, and TransNet funds.

Action: Approve.

7B. Overview of Developments in the Financial Markets, Quarterly Finance Report as of December 31, 2024*

Staff presented 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.

Action: Information.

7C. Preliminary FY 2026 Program Budget and Strategic Planning Framework

Staff presented preliminary information on the development of the FY 2026 Program Budget.

Action: Information.

Public Comments: Truth, Allegedly Audra, Bryant Rumbaugh, Cesar Javier, Paul the Bold, Kathryn Rhodes, Consuelo.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair LaCava and a second by Mayor Arapostathis, the Board voted to approve 1) the Revised FY 2025 TDA and TransNet Estimates with a reduction of \$3.9 million in TDA funding and a reduction of \$13.9 million of TransNet funding; and 2) the FY 2026 to FY 2030 estimates and apportionments for TDA, Federal Transit Administration, and TransNet funds.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor White, Councilmember Fisher, Mayor Arapostathis, Mayor Snow, Councilmember Molina, Mayor Sanchez.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: County of San Diego, El Cajon, Poway, San Marcos, Santee, Vista.

Continued Non-Agenda Public Comment: Blair Beekman, L. Robin, Paul the Bold, Camila Rang, Kathryn Rhodes, Mary D., Consuelo

8. Adjournment

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2025, at 9 a.m.

Chair Heebner adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors		Name	Attend
City of Carlsbad	Councilmember	Kevin Shin (Primary)	Yes
City of Chula Vista	Deputy Mayor	Carolina Chavez (Primary)	Yes
City of Coronado	Mayor	John Duncan (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego	Supervisor	Vacant (Primary)	
County of San Diego	Supervisor	Joel Anderson (Primary)	No
City of Del Mar	Mayor	Terry Gaasterland (Primary)	Yes
City of El Cajon	Mayor	Bill Wells (Primary)	Yes
City of Encinitas	Mayor	Bruce Ehlers (Primary)	Yes
City of Escondido	Mayor	Dane White (Primary)	Yes
City of Imperial Beach	Councilmember	Jack Fisher (Primary)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Mayor	Mark Arapostathis (Primary)	Yes
City of Lemon Grove	Mayor	Alysson Snow (Primary)	Yes
City of National City	Councilmember	Luz Molina (Primary)	Yes
City of Oceanside	Mayor	Esther Sanchez (Primary)	Yes
City of Poway	Mayor	Steve Vaus (Primary)	Yes
City of San Diego	Vice Chair	Joe LaCava (Primary)	Yes
City of San Diego	Councilmember	Kent Lee (Primary)	Yes
City of San Marcos	Mayor	Rebecca Jones (Primary)	Yes
City of Santee	Second Vice Chair	John Minto (Primary)	Yes
City of Solana Beach	Chair	Lesa Heebner (Primary)	Yes
City of Vista	Deputy Mayor	Katie Melendez (Primary)	Yes
Caltrans		Ann Fox (Primary)	Yes
Metropolitan Transit System	Vice Mayor	Patricia Dillard (Alternate)	Yes
North County Transit District	Councilmember	Jewel Edson (Primary)	Yes
Imperial County	Supervisor	Jesus Eduardo Escobar (Primary)	No
U.S. Department of Defense		Anna Shepherd (Alternate)	Yes
Port of San Diego	Commissioner	Job Nelson (Alternate)	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority	Deputy Mayor	Joy Lyndes (Primary)	No
SDCRAA	Director	Gil Cabrera (Primary)	Yes
Mexico	Consul General	Alicia Kerber Palma (Primary)	No
SCTCA	Chairwoman	Erica Pinto (Primary)	No
Association of Planning Groups	Chairwoman	Robin Joy Maxson	Yes