

## February 28, 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 9 a.m.

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

Public Comments Alan C., Robert Germann, Truth, Purita Javier, Cesar Javier, Michael Brando, Alex Wong, Paul the Bold, Consuelo, Blair Beekman, Dorene Dias Pesta, The Original Dra, Katheryn Rhodes

Member Comments: Jewel Edson (North County Transit District), Chair Heebner, Chief Executive Officer Mario Orso.

### Consent

### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its February 14, 2025, 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. Proposed 2025 Legislative Program

The Executive Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the proposed 2025 Legislative Program.

### 5. SANDAG Policy Advisory Committees Advisory Membership Request by Association of Planning Groups - San Diego County

The Executive Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the request of the Association of Planning Groups - San Diego County to be appointed as a regular advisory member of the Regional Planning Committee, Transportation Committee, Borders Committee and Public Safety Committee.

### 6. TransNet Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program Proposed Fee Adjustment

The Board of Directors was asked to approve a 6% adjustment to the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program, raising the fee from \$2,875.06 to \$3,047.57 beginning July 1, 2025.

### 8. 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.

Public Comments: Alan C., Truth, Cesar Javier, Brother Hameed, Shane Harris, The Original Dra, Paul the Bold, Consuelo, Blair Beekman, Katheryn Rhodes.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos) and a second by Mayor Esther Sanchez (Oceanside), the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8. Item 7 was pulled for future discussion and a separate vote at the request of Mayor Jones.

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 John Duncan (Coronado), Mayor Terry Gaasterland (Del Mar), Mayor Bill Wells (El Cajon), Mayor Bruce Ehlers (Encinitas), Mayor Dane White (Escondido), Councilmember Mitch McKay (Imperial Beach), Councilmember Lauren Cazares (La Mesa), Mayor Alysson Snow (Lemon Grove), Councilmember Luz Molina (National City), Mayor Sanchez, Mayor Jones, Deputy Mayor Katie Melendez (Vista), and Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Poway.

**7. Approval of Proposed Solicitation for Construction Management (CM) Services and Contract Award for Project Management Consultant (PMC) Services for Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project<sup>1</sup>**

The Board of Directors was asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to conduct the solicitation and award a contract as outlined in the report.

At the request of Chair Heebner, the Board bifurcated the item to vote on each issue separately.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Sanchez and a second by Vice Chair LaCava, the Board of Directors voted to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to conduct the solicitation for Construction Management Services as outlined in the report.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Second Vice Chair Minto, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor Ehlers, Councilmember McKay, Mayor Snow, Councilmember Molina, Mayor Sanchez, Mayor Jones, Deputy Mayor Melendez, and Supervisor Anderson.

No: Mayor White.

Abstain: Councilmember Cazares.

Absent: Poway.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Sanchez and a second by Deputy Mayor Chavez, the Board of Directors voted to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to approve the contract award for Project Management Consultant Services for the Route 11 / Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Second Vice Chair Minto, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Wells, Mayor Ehlers, Councilmember McKay, Mayor Snow, Councilmember Molina, Mayor Jones, Deputy Mayor Melendez, and Supervisor Anderson.

No: Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor White, Mayor Jones.

Abstain: Councilmember Cazares.

Absent: Poway.

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<sup>1</sup> This item was taken out of order.

## Reports

### 9. San Diego LOSSAN Rail Realignment Project Objectives and Alternative

Mayor Gaasterland shared a statement noting her abstention on this item.

Chief Executive Officer Mario Orso introduced this item, emphasizing the project's complexity and highly collaborative effort. The input from key stakeholders, including community representatives, has been invaluable in refining the project's approach. SANDAG will continue maintaining this dialogue and consider all viable alternatives. With the Board's guidance, SANDAG remains committed to a thorough and transparent Notice of Preparation process.

Director of Mega Projects, Border, and Goods Movement Maria Rodriguez Molina; Deputy Director of Regional Planning Keith Greer; and Regional Planning Program Manager Danny Veeh presented the item. The Board of Directors was asked to provide feedback on the project goals and objectives; and provide direction to staff on the alternative alignments to analyze in the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the San Diego LOSSAN Rail Realignment Project.

Public Comments: Alan C. John Stahl, Carol Kerridge, Camilla Rang, Truth, Beth Westburg, Mark Rittenbaum, Amy Cheshire, Angelina Neglia, Monica Meredith, Shawna Anderson, Rita Clement, Dee Rich, Shirli Weiss, Karen Lare, John Freedman, Alyssa Muto, Tristan Hallman, Joe Linn, Cesar Javier, Allegedly Audra, Leif Gensert, Jim Jaffee, Katheryn Rhodes, Carrie Benner, Paul the Bold, Consuelo, Blair Beekman, Jonathan Polikoff, Tony Kranz, and Mike Hastings.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair LaCava and a second by Mayor Sanchez, the Board of Directors voted to direct staff to move forward in the environmental process with the staff proposed project goals and objectives and staff proposed alternative alignments including a no build alternative for the San Diego LOSSAN Rail Realignment Project.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Second Vice Chair Minto, Councilmember Shin, Councilmember Cesar Fernandez (Chula Vista), Councilmember McKay, Mayor Snow, Councilmember Cazares, Councilmember Molina, Mayor Sanchez, Mayor Jones, Deputy Mayor Melendez, and Supervisor Anderson.

No: Mayor Duncan, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor White.

Abstain: Mayor Gaasterland.

Absent: El Cajon, Poway.

### 10. Adjournment

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 14, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Heebner adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

## Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors	Title	Name	Attend
City of Carlsbad	Councilmember	Kevin Shin (Primary)	Yes
City of Chula Vista	Deputy Mayor	Carolina Chavez (Primary)	Yes
	Councilmember	Cesar Fernandez (Alternate) <sup>2</sup>	Yes
City of Coronado	Mayor	John Duncan (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego	Supervisor	Vacant (Primary)	
County of San Diego	Supervisor	Joel Anderson (Primary)	Yes
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	Mitch McKay (Alternate)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Councilmember	Lauren Cazares (Alternate)	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)	No
City of San Diego	Mayor	Kent Lee (Alternate)	Yes
City of San Diego	Vice Chair	Joe LaCava (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		Melina Pereira (Alternate)	Yes
Metropolitan Transit System	Deputy Mayor	Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez (Primary)	Yes
North County Transit District	Councilmember	Jewel Edson (Primary)	Yes
Imperial County	Supervisor	Jesus Eduardo Escobar (Primary)	No
U.S. Department of Defense	Executive Director	Dennis Keck (Primary)	Yes
Port of San Diego	Commissioner	Job Nelson (Alternate)	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority		Patricia Dillard (Primary)	No
SDCRAA	Director	Gil Cabrera (Primary)	Yes
Mexico	Consul General	Alicia Kerber (Primary)	No
SCTCA	Chairwoman	Erica Pinto (Primary)	No
Planning Association	Chairwoman	Robin Joy Maxson (Primary)	Yes

<sup>2</sup> Arrived at 12 noon to replace primary member