

March 28, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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Vice Chair Joe LaCava (City of San Diego) called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:01 a.m.

Chair Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach) participated in the meeting remotely, and confirmed it was for “just cause” under AB 2449.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: Purita Javier, Cesar Javier, Michael Brando, Truth, Mark, Allegedly Audra, Paul the Bold, Blair Beekman, Consuelo.

Member Comments: Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos).

Vice Chair LaCava allowed for additional non-agenda public comments remaining from the March 14 meeting: Paul the Bold, Consuelo.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its March 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. TransNet Active Transportation Grant Program Project Amendment

The Transportation Committee and Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee recommend that the Board of Directors reject the City of Carlsbad’s request for a two-year time extension and a reduced project scope of work for their Active Transportation Grant Program-funded Carlsbad Boulevard and Tamarack Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project.

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and deferred to a future meeting at the request of Councilmember Kevin Shin (Carlsbad).

5. Regional Active Transportation Program Funding Recommendations

This quarterly report provided an update on the status of the agency’s capital projects as approved in the FY 2025 Program Budget through December 2024 (Quarter 2).

6. Master Agreement for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program with Caltrans

The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2025-12, authorizing the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Financial Planning, Budgets, and Grants to execute the Master Agreement for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program with Caltrans.

7. 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: Truth, Cesar Javier, Allegedly Audra, Mark, Paul the Bold, Blair Beekman.

Action: Upon a motion by Second Vice Chair John Minto (Santee) and a second by Deputy Mayor Carolina Chavez (Chula Vista), the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Second Vice Chair Minto, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Chavez, Mayor John Duncan (Coronado), Mayor Terry Gaasterland (Del Mar), Mayor Bill Wells (El Cajon), Mayor Bruce Ehlers (Encinitas), Councilmember Joe Garcia (Escondido), Councilmember Mitch McKay (Imperial Beach), Councilmember Laura Lothian (La Mesa), Mayor Alysson Snow (Lemon Grove), Councilmember Ditas Yamane (National City), Mayor Steve Vaus (Poway), Mayor Jones, Deputy Mayor Katie Melendez (Vista), and Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of Oceanside.

Reports

8. Draft FY 2026 Program Budget

Director of Financial Planning, Budgets and Grants Susan Huntington, Chief Financial Officer Dawn Vettese, Senior Director of Regional Planning Antoinette Meier, Director of Regional Transportation Services Lucinda Broussard, Director of Program/Project Management Clint Peace, Director of Human Resources Joshua Golter, and Senior Director Robyn Wapner presented an overview of the Draft FY 2026 Program Budget.

Public Comments: Truth, Cesar Javier, Allegedly Audra, Mark, Guadalupe Rojas, Rynell Baker, Alexis Crespo, Karely Serrano, Bryiseyda Cisneros, Maria Cortez, Paul the Bold, Blair Beekman, Consuelo.

Action: Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Chavez and a second by Second Vice Chair Minto, the Board of Directors voted to approve the Draft FY 2026 Program Budget as presented.

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 Garcia, Councilmember McKay, Councilmember Lothian, Mayor Snow, Councilmember Yamane, Mayor Jones, and Supervisor Anderson.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Oceanside, Poway, Vista

9. Adjournment

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Vice Chair LaCava adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.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
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	Councilmember	Joe Garcia (Alternate)	Yes
City of Imperial Beach	Councilmember	Mitch McKay (Alternate)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Councilmember	Laura Lothian (Alternate)	Yes
City of Lemon Grove	Mayor	Alysson Snow (Primary)	Yes
City of National City	Councilmember	Ditas Yamane (Alternate)	Yes
City of Oceanside	Mayor	Esther Sanchez (Primary)	No
City of Poway	Mayor	Steve Vaus (Primary)	Yes
City of San Diego	Councilmember	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	Mayor	Lesa Heebner (Primary)	Yes
City of Vista	Deputy Mayor	Katie Melendez (Primary)	Yes
Caltrans	Executive Director	Ann Fox (Primary)	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)	Yes
U.S. Department of Defense	Executive Director	Dennis Keck (Primary)	Yes
Port of San Diego		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)	Yes
SCTCA	Chairwoman	Erica Pinto (Primary)	No
Association of Planning Groups	Chairwoman	Robin Joy Maxson (Primary)	Yes