

April 4, 2025

March 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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Chair David Zito (North County Coastal) called the Transportation Committee meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Priya Bhat-Patel (North County Transit District) participated in the meeting remotely, and confirmed it was for “just cause” under AB 2449.

1. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

Public Comments: Purita Javier, Cesar Javier, Blair Beekman, The Original Dra.

Member Comments: Senior Director of Regional Planning Antoinette Meier; Melina Pereira, Caltrans.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Transportation Committee was asked to approve the minutes from its February 7, 2025, meeting and the February 21, 2025, Joint Policy Advisory Committee meeting.

3. SANDAG Grant Programs: Quarterly Status Update and Specialized Transportation Grant Program Amendment Request

The Transportation Committee was asked to approve a six-month time extension for the Home of Guiding Hands Section 5310 grant agreement.

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

The Transportation Committee was asked to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2025-12, authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to execute the Master Agreement for Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program with Caltrans.

Public Comments: Cesar Javier, The Original Dra, Blair Beekman.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Mendoza (East County), and a second by Mayor John Duncan (South County), the Transportation Committee voted to approve the consent agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Zito, Supervisor Monica Montgomery-Steppe (County of San Diego), Mayor Esther Sanchez (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority), Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, Vice Mayor Patricia Dillard (Metropolitan Transit System), Mayor Pro Tem Priya Bhat-Patel (North County Transit District), and Mayor Duncan.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of San Diego, North County Inland, Port of San Diego.

Reports

5. TransNet Active Transportation Grant Program Project Amendment

Associate Grants Program Analyst Ben Gembler presented the item. The ITOC recommended 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.

Public Comments: Cesar Javier, The Original Dra, Blair Beekman.

Action: Mayor Duncan made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, to 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Bhat-Patel made a substitute motion, which was seconded by Mayor Sanchez, that the Transportation Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve the City of Carlsbad's request for a two-year time extension and a reduced project scope of work.

The motion failed.

Yes: Mayor Sanchez and Mayor Pro Tem Bhat-Patel.

No: Chair Zito, Supervisor Montgomery-Steppe, Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, Vice Mayor Dillard, and Mayor Duncan.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of San Diego, North County Inland, Port of San Diego.

The Transportation Committee voted on the original motion made by Mayor Duncan.

The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor Montgomery-Steppe, Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, Vice Mayor Dillard, and Mayor Duncan.

No: Chair Zito, Mayor Sanchez, and Mayor Pro Tem Bhat-Patel.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of San Diego, North County Inland, Port of San Diego.

6. Regional Active Transportation Program Funding Recommendations

Grants Program Manager Jenny Russo presented the item.

Public Comments: Cesar Javier, The Original Dra.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe and a second by Mayor Duncan, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-13, certifying the results of the San Diego Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP); and
2. Recommend that the California Transportation Commission fund the San Diego Regional ATP projects consistent with Attachment 3.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Zito, Supervisor Montgomery-Steppe, Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, Vice Mayor Dillard, Mayor Pro Tem Bhat-Patel, and Mayor Duncan.

No: Mayor Sanchez.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of San Diego, North County Inland, Port of San Diego.

7. Flexible Fleets Pilot Grant Program Call for Projects

Jenny Russo and Associate Regional Planner Emily Doss presented an overview of the new grant program and requested feedback on the draft call for projects from Transportation Committee members.

Public Comments: Cesar Javier, The Original Dra.

Action: Discussion

8. Adjournment

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 4, 2025, at 1 p.m.

Chair Zito adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Transportation Meeting

Jurisdiction	Name	Member/ Alternate	Attend
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority	Mayor Esther Sanchez	Member	Yes
	Rafael Perez	Alternate	Yes
City of San Diego	Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera	Member	No
	Councilmember Marni von Wilpert	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe	Member	Yes
	Supervisor Joel Anderson	Alternate	Yes
	Vacant	Alternate	--
East County	Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Mendoza	Member	Yes
	Councilmember Ronn Hall	Alternate	No
Metropolitan Transit System	Vice Mayor Patricia Dillard	Member	Yes
	Councilmember Cesar Fernandez	Alternate	No
North County Coastal	Councilmember David Zito	Member	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Joy Lyndes	Alternate	No
North County Inland	Mayor Dane White	Member	No
	Councilmember Mike Sannella	Alternate	No
North County Transit District	Mayor Pro Tem Priya Bhat-Patel	Member	Yes - remote
	Deputy Mayor Jewel Edson	Alternate	No
	Deputy Mayor Eric Joyce	Alternate	No
Port of San Diego	Commissioner Michael Zucchet	Member	No
	Job Nelson	Alternate	No
South County	Mayor John Duncan	Member	Yes
	Councilmember Cesar Fernandez	Alternate	No
Advisory Members			
Caltrans	Ann Fox	Member	No
	Melina Pereira	Alternate	Yes
	Vacant	Alternate	--
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Erica Pinto	Member	No
	Eric LaChappa	Alternate	Yes
Association of Planning Groups	Jim Custeau	Member	Yes
	Paul Dombkowski	Alternate	No