

June 6, 2025

May 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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Vice Chair Sean Elo-Rivera (City of San Diego) called the Transportation Committee meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Chair David Zito (North County Coastal) 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, Kaley Levitt, Deb Martin, The Original Dra, Blair Beekman.

Chief Executive Officer Mario Orso provided an update on agency activities.

Member Comments: None.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Transportation Committee was asked to approve the minutes from its April 18, 2025, meeting.

Action: Upon a motion by Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego), and a second by Mayor Dane White (North County Inland), the Transportation Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair David Zito (North County Coastal), Vice Chair Elo-Rivera, Rafael Perez (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority), Supervisor Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Mendoza (East County), Vice Mayor Patricia Dillard (Metropolitan Transit System), Mayor White, Councilmember Jewel Edson (North County Transit District), and Councilmember Cesar Fernandez (South County).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Port of San Diego.

Reports

3. Transportation Development Act: FY 2025 Productivity Improvement Program and FY 2026 Allocations

Senior Regional Planner Brian Lane presented the item.

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

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Edson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, the Transportation Committee voted to approve the eligibility of the Metropolitan Transit System and North County Transit District to receive their FY 2026 Transportation Development Act allocations of funds.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Zito, Vice Chair Elo-Rivera, Rafael Perez, Supervisor Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza,

Vice Mayor Dillard, Mayor White, Councilmember Edson, and Councilmember Fernandez.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Port of San Diego.

4. SANDAG Grant Programs: Quarterly Status Update and the Smart Growth Incentive Program Amendment Requests

Senior Grants Program Analyst Goldy Herbon presented the item.

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

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza and a second by Councilmember Fernandez, the Transportation Committee voted to approve a three-month retroactive time extension for the City of Lemon Grove and a six-month time extension for the County of San Diego for their Smart Growth Incentive Program projects.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Zito, Vice Chair Elo-Rivera, Rafael Perez, Supervisor Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, Vice Mayor Dillard, Mayor White, Councilmember Edson, and Councilmember Fernandez.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Port of San Diego.

5. Specialized Transportation Grant Program Cycle 13 Call for Projects Funding Recommendations

This item was postponed and will be presented at a future meeting.

6. Adjournment

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2025, at 1 p.m.

Vice Chair Elo-Rivera adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Transportation Meeting

Jurisdiction	Name	Member/ Alternate	Attend
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority	Mayor Esther Sanchez	Member	No
	Rafael Perez	Alternate	Yes
City of San Diego	Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera, Vice Chair	Member	Yes
	Councilmember Marni von Wilpert	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe	Member	No
	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	Yes
North County Coastal	Councilmember David Zito, Chair	Member	Yes (Virtual)
	Deputy Mayor Joy Lyndes	Alternate	Yes
North County Inland	Mayor Dane White	Member	Yes
	Councilmember Mike Sannella	Alternate	No
North County Transit District	Mayor Pro Tem Priya Bhat-Patel	Member	No
	Deputy Mayor Jewel Edson	Alternate	Yes
	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	No
	Councilmember Cesar Fernandez	Alternate	Yes
Advisory Members			
Caltrans	Director Ann Fox	Member	No
	Deputy Director Melina Pereira	Alternate	Yes
	Roy Abboud	Alternate	No
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Chairwoman Erica Pinto	Member	No
	Chairman Eric LaChappa	Alternate	Yes
Association of Planning Groups	Jim Custeau	Member	No
	Paul Dombkowski	Alternate	No