

July 18, 2025

June 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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Chair David Zito (North County Coastal) called the Transportation Committee meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

1. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

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

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

Member Comments: Rafael Perez (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority), Ann Fox (Caltrans).

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Transportation Committee was asked to approve the minutes from its June 6, 2025, meeting.

3. FY 2026 Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance Claims Program Project Amendment

The Transportation Committee was asked to recommend that the Board of Directors:

1. Adopt Resolutions Nos. 2025-15 through 2025-20, approving the FY 2026 Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance (STA) claims in substantially the same form as the attached resolutions; and
2. Approve the STA findings as certified by North County Transit District (NCTD).

4. TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant

The TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee recommended that the Transportation Committee approve a 12-month time extension for the San Diego Habitat Conservancy's Thornmint Enhancement Project.

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

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Dane White (North County Inland), and a second by Mayor John Duncan (South County), the Transportation Committee voted to approve the consent agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Zito, Vice Chair Sean Elo-Rivera (City of San Diego), Rafael Perez, Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe (County of San Diego), Vice Mayor Patricia Dillard (Metropolitan Transit System [MTS]), Mayor White, Mayor Pro Tem Priya Bhat Patel (NCTD), Job Nelson (Port of San Diego), Mayor Duncan.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: East County.

Reports

5. Flexible Fleets Grant Program Final Call for Projects

Grant Program Manager Jenny Russo and Khalisa Boling presented the item.

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

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Elo-Rivera and a second by Vice Mayor Dillard, the Transportation Committee voted to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the release of the Flexible Fleets Pilot Grant Program Call for Projects.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Zito, Vice Chair Elo-Rivera, Rafael Perez, Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, Vice Mayor Dillard, Mayor Pro Tem Bhat Patel, Job Nelson.

No: Mayor White, Mayor Duncan.

Abstain: None.

Absent: East County.

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

Mark Olson, MTS, presented the Comprehensive Operational Analysis initiative (MTS OnTrack) which is analyzing two funding scenarios to address the agency's financial challenges.

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

Action: Discussion.

7. Coordinated Plan Update

Associate Regional Planners Tim Garrett and Rubi Morales presented initial recommendations to support the update of the region's Coordinated Plan.

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

Action: Information.

8. Adjournment

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 18, 2025, at 9 a.m.

Chair Zito adjourned the meeting at 11:30 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	Yes
	Supervisor Joel Anderson	Alternate	No
	Vacant	Alternate	--
East County	Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Mendoza	Member	No
	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, Chair	Member	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Joy Lyndes	Alternate	No
North County Inland	Mayor Dane White	Member	Yes
	Councilmember Mike Sannella	Alternate	No
North County Transit District	Mayor Pro Tem Priya Bhat-Patel	Member	Yes
	Councilmember Jewel Edson	Alternate	No
	Deputy Mayor Eric Joyce	Alternate	No
Port of San Diego	Commissioner Michael Zucchet	Member	No
	Job Nelson	Alternate	Yes
South County	Mayor John Duncan	Member	Yes
	Councilmember Cesar Fernandez	Alternate	No
Advisory Members			
Caltrans	Director Ann Fox	Member	Yes
	Deputy Director Melina Pereira	Alternate	Yes
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Chairwoman Erica Pinto	Member	No
	Chairman Eric LaChappa	Alternate	No
Association of Planning Groups	Danielle Weizman	Member	Yes
	Steve Hutchison	Alternate	No