

Meetings and Events Attended on Behalf of SANDAG

Overview

In accordance with Government Code § 53232.3, when members of a legislative body attend meetings at the expense of the local agency, a report is to be provided summarizing such meetings. Since the last report, members of the SANDAG Board of Directors reported their participation in the following meetings and events on behalf of SANDAG. Key topics of discussion are also summarized.

December 3, 2025: Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation (FACT) Board Retreat

Councilmember Jewel Edson (Solana Beach) participated in the FACT Board meeting as the officially appointed representative for SANDAG. The meeting included opening remarks from Board Chair Susan Hafner and Vice Chair LaVonna Connelly, followed by a welcoming message from sponsor Scripps Health. Key presentations covered Board officer elections, a financial audit update, and the FY 2025 Operations Report, highlighting the theme “Be well, ride FACT!” The Board also recognized FACT’s Transportation Brokerage Vendor of the Year and Driver of the Year and heard from a range of regional leaders and agency partners.

December 9, 2025: Legislative Meeting with Senator Akilah Weber Pierson

Chair Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach) participated in the legislative meeting with Senator Weber Pierson. Topics of discussion included: SANDAG projects and initiatives, the Board’s approved policy position on California Senate Bill 79 (Weiner), housing policy, border region resiliency, and California Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg, 2008) reform needs.

December 15, 2025: LOSSAN Special Board Meeting

Deputy Mayor Joy Lyndes (Encinitas) participated in the LOSSAN Board meeting as the officially appointed representative for SANDAG. The LOSSAN Board authorized the Managing Director to issue a letter of support for LA Metro’s federal grant application for the Link Union Station project. Members received a series of informational reports covering Pacific Surfliner system safety and incidents, grant reimbursement activity, and overall rail corridor trends for the reporting periods in FY 2024-2025 and FY 2025-2026. Additional updates summarized first quarter on-time performance for the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner and provided an overview of the agency’s first quarter FY 2025-2026 budget status.

January 22, 2026: FACT Board Meeting

Councilmember Jewel Edson (Solana Beach) participated in the FACT Board meeting as the officially appointed representative for SANDAG. The FACT Board conducted several key actions, including electing officers for 2026, appointing a new member, and reviewing the 2026 meeting calendar. Updates were provided on SANDAG-related actions, including the Access for All 2 Agreement and the implementation of Cycle 13; Operations and Mobility Services; and Mobility Management, RideFACT, and Grants.

Robyn Wapner, Senior Director of Administration and Public Affairs

Action: Information

This report provides an update on meetings and events attended by members of the SANDAG Board of Directors.

Fiscal Impact:

Members of the SANDAG Board of Directors receive a stipend from SANDAG for participation in meetings and events representing the agency: in-county or virtual \$100 per meeting or event; out-of-county, \$150 per day, per meeting, or event.

Funding for expenses related to these meetings is provided via Overall Work Program Project No. 9000100 in accordance with Article III, Section 5 of the SANDAG Bylaws.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

None.