



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**September 26, 2025, 9 a.m.**  
**SANDAG Boardroom**  
**1011 Union Street, First Floor**  
**San Diego, CA 92101**

Voting Members Present: Chair Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach)  
Vice Chair Joe LaCava (City of San Diego)  
Councilmember Kevin Shin (Carlsbad)  
Deputy Mayor Carolina Chavez (Chula Vista)  
Mayor John Duncan (Coronado)  
Mayor Terry Gaasterland (Del Mar)  
Mayor Bruce Ehlers (Encinitas)  
Mayor Dane White (Escondido)  
Councilmember Jack Fisher (Imperial Beach)  
Mayor Alysson Snow (Lemon Grove)  
Councilmember Luz Molina (National City)  
Councilmember Christopher Pikus (Poway)  
Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos)  
Deputy Mayor Katie Melendez (Vista)  
Supervisor Paloma Aguirre (County of San Diego)

Voting Members Absent: Second Vice Chair John Minto (Santee)  
Mayor Bill Wells (El Cajon)  
Mayor Mark Arapostathis (La Mesa)  
Mayor Esther Sanchez (Oceanside)

Others Present: Council President Pro Tem Kent Lee (City of San Diego - Seat B)  
Robin Joy Maxson (Association of Planning Groups)  
Executive Director Ann Fox (Caltrans District 11)  
Executive Director Dennis Keck (U.S. Department of Defense)  
Anna Shepherd (U.S. Department of Defense)

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#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Heebner called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**2. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments**

Public Comments: Truth, Allegedly Audra, Arun Prem, Dorene Dias, Paul the Bold, Consuelo.

The Board recognized the service of outgoing TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee member Les Hopper.

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

**3. Consent**

Public Comments: Truth, Allegedly Audra, Paul the Bold, Consuelo, Blair Beekman.

**Motioned by:** Vice Chair LaCava

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Chavez

To approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 3.1, 3.2, and 3.4 through 3.7.

For (15): Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor White, Councilmember Fisher, Mayor Snow, Councilmember Molina, Councilmember Pikus, Mayor Jones, Deputy Mayor Melendez, Supervisor Aguirre

Absent (4): Second Vice Chair Minto, Mayor Wells, Mayor Arapostathis, Mayor Sanchez,

**The motion passed. (15 to 0)**

**3.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Approved the September 12, 2025, meeting minutes.

**3.2 Chief Executive Officer Delegated Actions and Other Reportable Actions**

In accordance with various Board Policies, this report summarized delegated actions taken by the Chief Executive Officer.

**3.4 Proposed FY 2026 Program Budget Amendment: Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Awards**

Approved the proposed amendments to the FY 2026 Program Budget, accepting \$1,200,000 in Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant funds and creating three new planning projects.

**3.5 Overview of Developments in the Financial Markets, Quarterly Finance Report as of June 30, 2025**

This report provided an overview on the latest developments in the financial markets, economy, sales tax revenues, and strategies being

explored and implemented to minimize possible impacts to the TransNet Program.

**3.6 Audit Committee Public Member Screening Committee**

Approved the Audit Committee Public Member Screening Committee.

**3.7 Quarterly Project Progress and Budget Update, FY 2025, Quarter 4**

This quarterly report provided an update on the status of the agency's projects as approved in the FY 2025 Program Budget through June 2025 (Quarter 4).

**3.3 TransNet Active Transportation Grant Program Project Amendment**

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

**4. SR 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project Updates**

Public Comments: Truth, Allegedly Audra, Alejandra Mier y Teran, Maryam Mendoza, Dorene Dias, Blair Beekman, Paul the Bold, Consuelo, Joaquin Luken.

**4.1 Approval of Proposed Construction Contract Award and Work Package 1 for the SR-11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project**

**Motioned by:** Deputy Mayor Chavez

**Seconded by:** Mayor Gaasterland

To authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award and execute the Construction Services Agreement and Work Package 1 for the Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project.

For (14): Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Ehlers, Councilmember Fisher, Mayor Snow, Councilmember Molina, Councilmember Pikus, Mayor Jones, Deputy Mayor Melendez, Supervisor Aguirre

Against (1): Mayor White

Absent (4): Second Vice Chair Minto, Mayor Wells, Mayor Arapostathis, Mayor Sanchez,

**The motion passed. (14 to 1)**

**4.2 SR 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project: Introduction of SANDAG Ordinance Adopting the California Building Standards Code and Delegation of Authority to Act as Building Authority**

**Motioned by:** Vice Chair LaCava

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Chavez

To waive the first reading of Ordinance No. ORD-2026-01, related to adopting the California Building Standards Code and Delegation of Authority to Act as a Building Authority for the Otay Mesa East Port of Entry facility.

For (15): Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor White, Councilmember Fisher, Mayor Snow, Councilmember Molina, Councilmember Pikus, Mayor Jones, Deputy Mayor Melendez, Supervisor Aguirre

Absent (4): Second Vice Chair Minto, Mayor Wells, Mayor Arapostathis, Mayor Sanchez,

**The motion passed. (15 to 0)**

**5. 2025 Regional Plan Update**

Senior Director of Regional Planning Antoinette Meier; Director of Financial Planning, Budgets, and Grants Susan Huntington; Regional Planning Program Manager Rachel Kennedy; and Senior Regional Planner Cecily Taylor presented an overview of public comments received and proposed changes to the draft 2025 Regional Plan.

Public Comments: Truth, Allegedly Audra, Karely Serrano, Ian Hembree, Stephan Vance, Dorene Dias, Steve Gelb, Adian, Zach Sturgeon, Jason, Phone number ending in 8226, Rachel Graham, Blair Beekman, Paul the Bold, Nicole Burgess, Cesar Javier.

**6. Adjournment**

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

Chair Heebner adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.