



Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

**April 17, 2026, 9 a.m.
SANDAG Boardroom
1011 Union Street, First Floor
San Diego, CA 92101**

**Voting Members
Present:**

Chair David Zito (North County Coastal)
Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza (East County)
Councilmember Patricia Dillard (Metropolitan Transit System)
Councilmember Jewel Edson (North County Transit District)
Job Nelson (Port of San Diego)
Rafael Perez (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority)
Councilmember Mark Fleming (South County)

**Voting Members
Absent:**

Vice Chair Sean Elo-Rivera (City of San Diego)
Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego)
Mayor Dane White (North County Inland)

**Other Members
Present:**

Steve Hutchinson (Association of Planning Groups)
Ann Fox (Caltrans)

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1. Call to Order

Chair Zito called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: Purita Javier, Cesar Javier, Arun Prem, Griselda Ramirez, Blair Beekman, the Original Dra.

Member Comments: Chair Zito, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Edson.

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

3. Consent

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

Motioned by: Councilmember Fleming

Seconded by: Councilmember Mendoza

to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 3.1 - 3.3.

For (7): Chair Zito, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Dillard, Rafael Perez, Councilmember Fleming, Job Nelson, Councilmember Edson

Absent (3): Vice Chair Elo-Rivera, Mayor White, and Supervisor Anderson

The motion passed. (7 to 0)

3.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approved the March 27, 2026, meeting minutes.

3.2 FY 2026 Transportation Development Act Claim Amendments

Adopted Resolution Nos. 2026-11 through 2026-15, in substantially the same form as attached, approving the FY 2026 Transportation Development Act claim amendments for the Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District, SANDAG, and the Coordinated Transportation Service Agency.

3.3 Revised Section 5310 Cycle 13 Call for Projects Funding Recommendations

Recommended that the Board of Directors approve the revised Section 5310 Cycle 13 call for projects awards as detailed in the report.

4. Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Report on Initial Findings and Recommendations of the FY 2025 TransNet Fiscal and Compliance Audits

Senior Accountant Marcus Pasqual; Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) Chair Frank Rivera; and Kyle Haas, Davis Farr LLP; presented the item. The Transportation Committee was asked to review the ITOC's draft independent fiscal auditor's report for any inconsistencies and technical issues. This item was presented for discussion only.

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

5. FY 2025 TransNet Extension Ordinance Funding Eligibility Request

Public Comments: Cesar Javier, The Original Dra.

Motioned by: Councilmember Edson

Seconded by: Rafael Perez

to recommend the Board of Directors, acting as the San Diego Regional Transportation Commission, approve the request of North County Transit District for both bus and rail and approve the request of Metropolitan Transit System; and recommend the Board begin discussions to amend the related section of the TransNet Ordinance.

For (3): Councilmember Dillard, Rafael Perez, and Councilmember Edson

Against (4): Chair Zito, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Fleming, and Job Nelson

Absent (3): Vice Chair Elo-Rivera, Mayor White, and Supervisor Anderson

The motion failed. (3 to 4)

Motioned by: Councilmember Fleming

Seconded by: Councilmember Mendoza

to recommend the Board of Directors, acting as the San Diego Regional Transportation Commission, approve the request of North County Transit District for both bus and rail and not approve the request of Metropolitan Transit System, and to recommend the Board begin discussions to amend the related section of the TransNet Ordinance.

For (6): Chair Zito, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Dillard, Councilmember Fleming, Job Nelson, and Councilmember Edson

Against (1): Rafael Perez

Absent (3): Vice Chair Elo-Rivera, Mayor White, and Supervisor Anderson

The motion passed. (6 to 1)

6. San Diego Regional Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Study

Senior Regional Planner Kirsten Uchitel; Stephen Cook, Intersecting Metrics; and Damon Davis, County of San Diego; presented the results of a Vehicle Miles Traveled mitigation study proposal developed through a Caltrans Strategic Partnership grant. The Transportation Committee was asked to discuss the results of the study and provide feedback on next steps. This item was presented for discussion only.

Public Comments: Cesar Javier, The Original Dra.

7. Adjournment

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 15, 2026, at 9 a.m.

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