

March 12, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Chair Catherine Blakespear (Encinitas) called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:04 a.m.

Action: Approve

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the minutes from its March 12, 2021, meeting.

1. Public Comments/Continued Public Comments

Miguel Aguirre, member of the public, spoke regarding equity in transportation issues in San Ysidro and along the border.

Cris, Mid-City CAN, spoke in support of social equity in transportation issues, including Youth Opportunity Transit Passes.

Phuong Cao, Mid-City CAN, spoke in opposition to fare increases on public transit.

Councilmember Jack Shu (City of La Mesa) requested to agendaize a Board resolution to address certain desired outcomes in the next Regional Transportation Plan.

Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans District 11 Director, provided an update on Caltrans projects and agency initiatives.

Mayor Rebecca Jones (City of San Marcos) requested documentation on how the merit pool recently approved by the Board will be distributed across agency employees to ensure equity.

2. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Hasan Ikhata presented an update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives, including Del Mar Bluffs stabilization and weekend rail closures, the COVID-19 Economic report, the Central Mobility Hub outreach meeting on March 11, and the Digital Divide Bill of Rights resolution.

There were no public comments on this item.

Consent

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its February 26, 2021, meeting.

4. Policy Advisory Committee Actions (Approve)

The Board of Directors was asked to ratify the delegated actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committees.

5. Waiver of Review for Time Extension Amendments: SANDAG Grant Programs (Approve)

The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors extend the amount of time that SANDAG grants may be extended due to COVID-19 under the Executive Director's Delegated Authority for an aggregate total of up to 24 months.

6. Commercial Paper Program (Approve)

The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve an increase to the borrowing limit for the Commercial Paper Program to \$200 million.

7. Executive Director Emergency Actions (Approve)

The Board of Directors was asked to ratify the actions taken by the Executive Director in response to the recent bluff collapse adjacent to the LOSSAN corridor, including pursuing and accepting state funding for the emergency repairs to the greatest extent possible and applying any state funds received to the emergency repair project; accepting \$500,000 from NCTD, and applying those funds to the project budget; authorizing the Del Mar Bluffs Phase 4 Contractor - Blue Pacific Engineering and Construction - to perform emergency repairs on a sole-source basis; and authorizing the execution of a Right of Entry Permit with State Parks needed to access the repair site, including authorization of a CEQA exemption as required for that permit.

There were no public comments on the Consent agenda.

Mayor Matt Hall (City of Carlsbad) requested to pull Item No. 3 from the Consent agenda. Councilmember Christopher Rodriguez (City of Oceanside) requested to pull Item No. 6 from the Consent agenda.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor John Minto (City of Santee), and a second by Mayor Lesa Heebner (City of Solana Beach), the Board of Directors voted to approve Consent Item Nos. 4, 5, and 7.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Blakespear, Vice Chair Todd Gloria (City of San Diego), Second Vice Chair Alejandra Sotelo-Solis (City of National City), Mayor Hall, Mayor Richard Bailey (City of Coronado), Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer (County of San Diego), Mayor Terry Gaasterland (City of Del Mar), Mayor Bill Wells (City of El Cajon), Mayor Paul McNamara (City of Escondido), Councilmember Ed Spriggs (City of Imperial Beach), Councilmember Shu, Mayor Racquel Vasquez (City of Lemon Grove), Councilmember Rodriguez, Mayor Steve Vaus (City of Poway), Mayor Jones, Mayor Minto, Mayor Heebner, and Mayor Judy Ritter (City of Vista).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of Chula Vista.

Mayor Hall made a motion to reconsider Item No. 8, Proposed 2021 Legislative Program, from the February 26, 2021, agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Jones. General Council John Kirk advised that the motion was out of order as a motion to reconsider can be made only on the same day the vote to be reconsidered was taken.

Action: Upon a motion by Second Vice Chair Sotelo Solis, and a second by Vice Chair Gloria, the Board of Directors voted to approve Item No. 3.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Blakespear, Vice Chair Gloria, Second Vice Chair Sotelo-Solis, Mayor Mary Salas (City of Chula Vista), Supervisor Lawson-Remer, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor McNamara, Councilmember Spriggs, Councilmember Shu, Mayor Vasquez, Mayor Vaus, Mayor Minto, and Mayor Heebner.

No: Mayor Hall, Mayor Bailey, Mayor Wells, Councilmember Rodriguez, Mayor Jones, and Mayor Ritter.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Gloria, and a second by Second Vice Chair Sotelo Solis, the Board of Directors voted to approve Item No. 6.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Blakespear, Vice Chair Gloria, Second Vice Chair Sotelo-Solis, Mayor Hall, Mayor Salas, Mayor Bailey, Supervisor Lawson-Remer, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor McNamara, Councilmember Spriggs, Councilmember Shu, Mayor Vasquez, Councilmember Rodriguez, Mayor Vaus, Mayor Jones, Mayor Minto, Mayor Heebner, and Mayor Ritter.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Reports

8. 2021 Regional Plan (Discussion)

8B. Cost Estimation Methodology and Funding Strategies*

**This item was taken out of order.*

A panel of academic and policy experts discussed how transportation financing and pricing strategies can improve traffic flow, prioritize equitable mobility choices, help achieve climate goals, and create more long-term sustainable funding sources. SANDAG staff described cost and funding assumptions developed for the draft 2021 Regional Plan.

David Grubb, Sierra Club San Diego and Quality of Life Coalition, spoke in support of the shift in transportation funding toward active transportation as an investment in the future.

Gretchen Newsom, IBEW569, spoke in support of investments in a modern, sustainable transit system.

Jonathan Yellen, member of the public, spoke regarding private investment in public transportation.

Miguel Aguirre, member of the public, spoke regarding cross-border investment and transportation issues.

Noah Harris, Climate Action Campaign, spoke regarding reductions in carbon emissions, youth opportunity transit passes, Del Mar Bluffs stabilization, and greenhouse gas reductions.

Nicole Burgess, member of the public, spoke in support of biking and active neighborhood transportation.

Carolina, Environmental Health Coalition, asked the Board to ensure that funding is prioritized for environmental justice communities, and for their proposed solutions to be included in the Regional Transportation Plan.

Action: Discussion only.

8A. Overview of the Data Used in the Planning Process*

**This item was taken out of order.*

A panel of SANDAG staff described the data and methods used during the planning process for the development of the draft 2021 Regional Plan.

Action: Discussion only.

9. Upcoming Meetings

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2021, at 9 a.m.

10. Adjournment

Chair Blakespear adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at Board of Directors Meeting

| Board of Directors | Title | Name | Attend Virtually |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| City of Carlsbad | Mayor | Matt Hall (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Chula Vista | Mayor | Mary Salas (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Coronado | Mayor | Richard Bailey (Primary) | Yes |
| County of San Diego | Supervisor | Terra Lawson-Remer (Primary) | Yes |
| County of San Diego | Supervisor | Joel Anderson (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Del Mar | Mayor | Terry Gaasterland (Primary) | Yes |
| City of El Cajon | Mayor | Bill Wells (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Encinitas | Chair | Catherine Blakespear (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Escondido | Mayor | Paul McNamara (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Imperial Beach | Mayor | Ed Spriggs (1st Alt) | Yes |
| City of La Mesa | Councilmember | Jack Shu (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Lemon Grove | Mayor | Racquel Vasquez (Primary) | Yes |
| City of National City | Mayor | Alejandra Sotelo-Solis (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Oceanside | Councilmember | Christopher Rodriguez (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Poway | Mayor | Steve Vaus (Primary) | Yes |
| City of San Diego | Mayor | Todd Gloria (Primary) | Yes |
| City of San Diego | Council President | Jennifer Campbell (Primary) | Yes |
| City of San Marcos | Mayor | Rebecca Jones (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Santee | Mayor | John Minto (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Solana Beach | Mayor | Lesa Heebner (Primary) | Yes |
| City of Vista | Mayor | Judy Ritter (Primary) | Yes |
| Caltrans | | Gustavo Dallarda (1st Alt.) | Yes |
| Metropolitan Transit System | Councilmember | Paloma Aguirre (Primary) | Yes |
| North County Transit District | NCTD Chair | Tony Kranz (Primary) | Yes |
| Imperial County | Supervisor | Mark Baza (Alternate) | Yes |
| U.S. Department of Defense | | Steve Chung (Alternate) | Yes |
| Port of San Diego | Commissioner | Garry Bonelli (Primary) | Yes |
| San Diego County Water Authority | Councilmember | Mel Katz (Primary) | Yes |
| San Diego County Regional Airport Authority | | Johanna Schiavoni (Primary) | Yes |
| Mexico | Consul General | Natalia Figueroa (Alternate) | No |
| SCTCA | Chairman | Cody Martinez | Yes |