

February 11, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Chair Catherine Blakespear (City of Encinitas) called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:01 a.m.

Action: Approve

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the minutes from its February 11, 2022, meeting.

1. Chief Executive Officer's Report (Discussion)

Chief Executive Officer Hasan Ikhata presented an update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives.

Director Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans District 11, provided an update on the Coronado Bridge Suicide Prevention Barrier project.

Kathryn Rhodes, member of the public, spoke regarding the new Regional Equitable Housing Subcommittee, and funding opportunities for housing for the region's unsheltered population.

Dan Summers, member of the public, spoke regarding safety concerns along SR 67.

Action: Discussion only.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its January 28, 2022, meeting.

There were no public comments on this item.

3. Policy Advisory Committee Actions (Approve)

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

There were no public comments on this item.

4. San Diego Regional Military Working Group Chair Appointment (Approve)

The Board of Directors was asked to appoint City of National City Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis as the San Diego Regional Military Working Group Chair.

There were no public comments on this item.

5. Proposed FY 2022 Program Budget Amendment: Rail Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (Approve)

The Board of Directors was asked to approve an amendment to the FY 2022 Program Budget to:

1. Create new Overall Work Program Element No. 3401700 for the Rail Regional Infrastructure Accelerator project; and
2. Accept up to \$1,465,254 from the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Federal Highway Administration to fund the project.

There were no public comments on this item.

6. Continuation of Teleconferenced Meetings (Adopt)

The Board of Directors was asked to adopt Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Resolution No. RTC-2022-06, ratifying state and local health emergency conditions due to COVID-19 and the need for continuation of teleconferenced public meetings to ensure the health and safety of attendees.

Mary Davis, member of the public, requested that the agency return to in-person meetings.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Racquel Vasquez (City of Lemon Grove), and a second by Mayor Mary Salas (City of Chula Vista), the Board voted to approve Consent Item Nos. 3 through 7.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Blakespear, Vice Chair Todd Gloria (City of San Diego), Second Vice Chair Sotelo-Solis (City of National City), Mayor Matt Hall (City of Carlsbad), Mayor Salas, Councilmember Bill Sandke (City of Coronado), Supervisor Terra Lawson Remer (County of San Diego), Councilmember Terry Gaasterland (City of Del Mar), Mayor Bill Wells (City of El Cajon), Mayor Pro Tem Ed Spriggs (City of Imperial Beach), Mayor Vasquez, Councilmember Bill Baber (City of La Mesa), Councilmember Christopher Rodriguez (City of Oceanside), Mayor Steve Vaus (City of Poway), Mayor Rebecca Jones (City of San Marcos), Mayor John Minto (City of Santee), Mayor Lesa Heebner (City of Solana Beach), and Mayor Judy Ritter (City of Vista).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of Escondido.

Reports

7. TransNet Extension Ordinance Funding Overview (Discussion)

A comprehensive regional funding overview, including a breakdown of each TransNet subprogram, was presented.

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Information only.

8. Mid-Coast Extension of the UC San Diego Blue Line Trolley (Information)

An overview of the Mid-Coast Extension of the UC San Diego Blue Line Trolley was presented.

Mary Davis spoke in opposition to the agency's regional vision.

Kathryn Rhodes spoke regarding the need for amenities, such as restrooms, at transit facilities, as well as the Pacific Beach Corridor study skyway.

Tim Bilash, member of the public, spoke in support of the item and urged the Board to exclude politics from planning and decision-making.

Action: Information only.

10A. Salaries and Compensation Audit: Action Plan Progress Report (Information)

An update on progress achieved to date regarding the Salaries and Compensation Audit Action Plan was presented.

Action: Information only.

10B. Salaries and Compensation Audit: Action Plan Progress Report (Discussion)

Independent Performance Auditor Mary Khoshmashrab presented an update on the progress and testing results of the Corrective Action Plan actions that occurred for the quarter ending September 30, 2021.

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Discussion only.

11. Closed Session: Significant Exposure to Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): (One Potential Case)

The Board of Directors was briefed in closed session and provided direction to Counsel.

There were no public comments on this item.

9. Public Comments/Communications*

Chief of Safety Sean Loofbourrow, North County Transit District (NCTD), spoke regarding railroad safety related to trespassing and the Del Mar Bluffs.

* This item was taken out of order

12. Member Comments

Mayor Jones, Vice Chair Gloria, Chair Blakespear, and Supervisor Anderson commented on board meeting time management and staff support.

Councilmember Gaasterland spoke regarding the upcoming NCTD meeting and ongoing discussions with the City of Del Mar regarding the Bluffs.

13. Upcoming Meetings

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2022, at 9 a.m.

14. Adjournment

Chair Blakespear adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at Board of Directors Meeting

February 11, 2022

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	Councilmember	Bill Sandke (1st Alt.)	Yes
County of San Diego	Supervisor	Terra Lawson-Remer (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego	Supervisor	Joel Anderson (Primary)	Yes
City of Del Mar	Councilmember	Terry Gaasterland (Primary)	Yes
City of El Cajon	Mayor	Bill Wells (Primary)	Yes
City of Encinitas	Chair	Catherine Blakespear (Primary)	Yes
City of Escondido		Vacant	No
City of Imperial Beach	Mayor	Ed Spriggs (1st Alt)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Councilmember	Bill Baber (Primary)	Yes
City of Lemon Grove	Mayor	Racquel Vasquez (Primary)	Yes
City of National City	Second Vice Chair	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	Vice Chair	Todd Gloria (Primary)	Yes
City of San Diego	Council President	Sean Elo-Rivera (Primary)	Yes
City of San Marcos	Mayor	Rebecca Jones (Primary)	Yes
City of Santee	Mayor	John Minto (Primary)	Yes
City of Solana Beach	Mayor	Lesia 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	Councilmember	Jewel Edson (Primary)	Yes
Imperial County	Supervisor	Sup. Jesus Escobar (Primary)	No
U.S. Department of Defense		Caitlin Ostomel (Alternate)	Yes
Port of San Diego	Commissioner	Joe Stuyvesant (Primary)	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority	Councilmember	Mel Katz (Primary)	No
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority		Gil Cabrera (Primary)	Yes
Mexico	Consul General	Natalia Figueroa (Alternate)	No
SCTCA	Chair	Cody Martinez (Primary)	Yes