The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) ordains as follows:

SECTION 1: FINDINGS

This Ordinance is adopted to implement a Comprehensive Fare Ordinance setting forth a fare structure for all public transit service providers in San Diego County.

SECTION 2: REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE DEFINITIONS

2.1 ACCESS: the complementary Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) service operated by the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS).

2.2 ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act, as defined in Title 49, Part 37, of the United States Code.

2.3 ADA Complementary Paratransit Service: Specialized origin-to-destination transportation services provided to persons who qualify as eligible for such services under the guidelines of the ADA.

2.4 Best Value: Fare capping capabilities to ensure riders using PRONTO Stored Value over a day or month get the best value by not paying more than the day or month price. Additional boardings made during the day or month after reaching the cap are free.

2.5 BREEZE: North County Transit District (NCTD) fixed-route bus service brand name.

2.6 Bus: Rubber-tired transit vehicles operated by MTS and NCTD.

2.7 Cash Fare: Term used to describe fares purchased with United States currency.

2.8 Child: Any person five years of age or under.

2.9 COASTER: The brand name of the commuter rail service operated by NCTD in the coastal corridor from Oceanside to San Diego.

2.10 College Student: Any person currently enrolled as a student in a participating accredited San Diego area post-secondary school with a valid picture identification issued by the school.

2.11 Companion: In relation to the ADA complementary paratransit service, a companion is someone who accompanies an ADA passenger on board a paratransit vehicle, but is not a personal care attendant as specified in the passenger’s ADA certification application.

2.12 Day Pass: a fare medium that allows a passenger to ride one Service Day.
2.13 **Discount:** A reduction in the price of a fare or fare product.

2.14 **FLEX:** The brand name of the on-demand, deviated fixed-route, and point-deviated fixed-route service operated by NCTD.

2.15 **LIFT:** The complementary ADA service operated by NCTD.

2.16 **Medicare Recipient:** Any person to whom the federal government has issued a Medicare identification card, regardless of age.

2.17 **Metrolink:** The Commuter rail service operated by the Southern California Regional Rail Authority.

2.18 **Mobile ticketing:** A mobile phone application allowing for the purchase of many of the fares available.

2.19 **Monthly Pass:** This term refers to the Calendar Month.

2.20 **MTS:** The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System which operates services in all areas of San Diego County outside the jurisdiction of NCTD. MTS operates MTS Bus, Rural Bus, MTS Express, MTS Rapid, MTS Rapid Express, MTS Trolley service, and ADA Access Service.

2.21 **NCTD:** North County Transit District operating services in Northern San Diego County. NCTD services include the BREEZE, COASTER, SPRINTER, FLEX, and LIFT.

2.22 **Person with Disability:** Any person with a permanent or temporary mental or physical disability as defined by the ADA (Title 49, Part 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations). In order to qualify for a disabled fare a passenger for regular (non-ADA paratransit) transit must be in possession of a transit identification card, a valid PRONTO Card with a picture identifying the person as a person with a qualifying disability a Medicare card or DMV placard ID receipt. In order to qualify for ADA paratransit service the person with a disability must be ADA certified.

2.23 **Personal Care Attendant:** In relation to the ADA complementary paratransit service, a personal care attendant is a person who is designated by the ADA eligible passenger to aid in their mobility who is not charged a fare to ride on the ADA complementary paratransit vehicle when accompanying the ADA-eligible passenger. The person may be a friend, family member, or paid employee. The need for and use of a personal care attendant must be indicated at the time of eligibility certification.

2.24 **PRONTO:** The region’s Fare Collection system that allows passengers to pay the fare to ride transit services using a PRONTO card or through the PRONTO mobile app. The PRONTO Card/App may hold either transit products or cash (as Stored Value) for use on regional transit services. Transit products may include but are not limited to Monthly Passes, post-secondary passes, single-day and multi-day passes.

The PRONTO Card utilizes wireless technology to interface with validator devices on buses, rail platforms, and Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs). Passengers must tap their PRONTO Card or validate their PRONTO mobile app barcode on a validator, or purchase a one-way ticket at a PRONTO TVM, to utilize transportation services.
2.25 **Rapid**: MTS brand name for a premium rapid transit service operated wholly or partly on exclusive bus lanes, guideways, Managed Lanes, or use of other transit priority measures. Depending on specific route characteristics, individual Rapid routes may be classified as MTS Rapid or MTS Rapid Express for purposes of Table 2.

2.26 **Regional Fare System**: The Regional Fare System is governed by SANDAG Board Policy No. 018: Transit Service Policies, Board Policy No. 029: Regional Fare Policy and Comprehensive Fare Ordinance, this Ordinance, MTS and NCTD transit operations ordinances and policies, and any other fare agreements, including agreements entered into by SANDAG with transit operators.

2.27 **Regular Fare**: Applies to all persons age six and older, except persons eligible for Senior, Disabled, and Medicare (SDM) or Youth fares.

2.28 **SDM**: Acronym that stands for Senior, Disabled, and Medicare passengers.

2.29 **Senior**: Any person who meets the age requirement for transit fares provided in the TransNet Ordinance, Section 4, Paragraph (c)(3), is eligible to pay the discounted Senior Cash Fare or purchase a Senior pass.

2.30 **Service Day**: From the start time of the first trip through the end of the last trip in public timetables.

2.31 **Sorrento Valley COASTER Connection (SVCC)**: A peak period only Community Shuttle service operated by MTS between the Sorrento Valley COASTER Station, and nearby employment centers.

2.32 **SPRINTER**: The brand name of the Oceanside to Escondido rail service operated by NCTD with Diesel Multiple Units in a light rail mode.

2.33 **Station**: A light rail, Bus Rapid Transit or commuter rail passenger stop.

2.34 **Stored Value**: Cash value placed on PRONTO Cards that can be deducted to purchase fare products.

2.35 **Sworn Peace Officers**: San Diego County, state, and federal sworn peace officers. Sworn peace officers include but are not limited to all municipal police department officials, all County Sheriff Department deputies, County Marshals, all County of San Diego Probation Officers, State Highway Patrol officers, State Police, U.S. Marshals, Federal Bureau of Investigation Officers, the MTS Chief of Police, and U.S. Immigration and Customs officers.

2.36 **Tap**: The act of touching a PRONTO Card on a validator to validate trips or deduct fares from Stored Value.

2.37 **Transfer**: The action of a passenger leaving one bus, train, or other transit vehicle and boarding a subsequent bus, train, or other transit vehicle to complete his or her trip.
2.38 **TransNet**: The *TransNet* Ordinance is a SANDAG ordinance passed by voters in 2004 that provides for a half-cent transactions and use tax collected in San Diego County and used for transportation-related projects.

2.39 **Trolley**: Light-rail transit service operated by MTS.

2.40 **TVM**: Ticket Vending Machine used for the sale of single and multi-trip fare products, to add funds to PRONTO cards, and, to check value left on PRONTO Card.

2.41 **Universal Pass (UPass)**: Provides unlimited rides on select transit services for an agreed upon period of time to individuals associated with a sponsoring entity, where the sponsoring entity guarantees universal participation/purchase by its employees, students, or other membership.

2.42 **Validator**: A validator located in a standalone device on a handheld machine used by fare inspectors, on a rail platform, or on a bus. Validators must be tapped before boarding a rail vehicle or on board a bus in order to validate Stored Value and Pass products.

2.43 **Youth**: A person as defined in the *TransNet* Ordinance Section 4(C)(3).

2.44 **Zone**: Fare is charged based on number of geographical “zones” traversed.

**SECTION 3: SINGLE TRIP, SINGLE DAY, AND MULTI-DAY FARES**

3.1 **Fare Product Limitations**

3.1.1 Regional fare products may only be used on MTS Bus and Trolley, and NCTD BREEZE and SPRINTER

3.1.2 Premium Regional fare may only be used on all services listed above, as well as, Rapid Express, certain FLEX routes (listed in the NCTD Riders Guide), and Rural services.

3.1.3 COASTER Regional fare may be used on all transit services operated by MTS and NCTD except LIFT, Access, and certain FLEX routes (as listed in the NCTD Riders Guide).
3.2 Fares and Pass Products

Tables 1 through 4 list transit fares available. The tables show the fare for each type of service by passenger category and which passes are accepted on specific services.

**Table 1: One-Way Fares**

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* Regional and Premium Regional 1-Day Passes are only available for institutions. The general public can earn a Day Pass through Stored Value.

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3.3 COASTER Zones

The COASTER Fares are based on three zones. The number of zones between stations is shown in Table 5. Passengers must purchase a single-trip or round-trip ticket or pass based on the number of zones between their origin and destination.

Table 5
COASTER Stations and Zones

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One-way and round-trip tickets and passes are valid only for travel between the number of zones or the stations listed on the ticket or pass.

3.4 Free Transfers for one-way fares

Riders using the PRONTO Stored Value feature can transfer free to a Regional class service (transfers from Regional to Regional, Premium Regional to Regional, Rural to Regional) within two (2) hours of paying a one-way fare. No transfers are allowed for MTS Access and NCTD LIFT services. A single COASTER transfer is allowed to SPRINTER or BREEZE (not MTS service) within two (2) hours of paying a one-way COASTER fare.

3.5 Senior/Disabled/Medicare and Youth

The single-trip Cash Fare for persons eligible for SDM and youth fares shall be 50 percent of the single-trip regular fare, rounded down to the nearest $0.05.
3.5 **Children**

NCTD and MTS may each determine (in Board approved Policies and referenced in their Rider’s Guides) how many children five years old and under may ride free on all bus, light rail, and commuter rail services when traveling with a paying passenger.

3.6 **Classroom Day Pass**

Classroom Day Passes may be issued to school and youth groups (up to 18 years of age) on an advance sales basis only. Each group shall consist of a minimum of 12 people. One chaperone per every five students may ride at the Regional Classroom Day Pass price.

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<td>MTS Bus, SPRINTER, BREEZE, and Rapid Express</td>
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<td>COASTER only</td>
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<td>COASTER plus any of the following: MTS Bus, MTS Trolley, Rapid Express, SPRINTER, and BREEZE</td>
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A maximum of 135 students and adults per group are permitted to ride a single scheduled COASTER train. Advance confirmation of the availability of space is required at the time of purchase for all COASTER Classroom Day Pass.

3.7 **SPRINTER/BREEZE Social Services Agency Day Pass**

The SPRINTER/BREEZE Social Service Agency Day Pass is a one-day NCTD Day Pass, sold in packs of ten priced at $45, which is validated by social service agencies by identifying the day, month, and year. It is sold only to qualified social service agencies who agree to dispense the Day Pass according to NCTD requirements. The Social Service Agency Day Pass has a unique serial number code, and the customer may not return or exchange a Social Service Agency Day Pass. Valid for unlimited travel on SPRINTER/BREEZE for day punched.

3.8 **Juror Day Pass**

Any state or federal court in San Diego County may purchase Juror Passes after signing an agreement with MTS. Juror Passes are not valid for use on any special service with a higher fare (e.g., Stadium Bus Service) or ADA complementary paratransit service. The agreement may include a portion of passes to be supplied free of charge to the courts in exchange for promoting transit use in all juror summons.

A Regional Juror Day Pass is valid for travel on all NCTD and MTS services except Rapid Express, COASTER, or Rural services. A COASTER Regional Juror Day Pass is valid for travel on all NCTD and MTS services.
The price for Regional Juror Day Passes sold to the courts shall be based on the price of the Regional Day Pass and included in the agreement with the court. The price for COASTER Regional Juror Day Passes sold to the courts shall be based on the price of the COASTER Regional Day Pass and included in the agreement with the court.

Each Juror Day Pass becomes activated/valid on the day it is tapped by the passenger.

3.9 Advance Purchase Group Day Pass Sales

Entities (e.g., social service groups, employers, schools) wishing to purchase Day or Multi-Day Passes in bulk or for other authorized purposes, shall be entitled to obtain passes at discount rates.

3.10 Monthly Passes

All Calendar Month Passes shall be valid until the end of the Service Day on the last day of the calendar month.

SECTION 4: MULTI RIDE TICKETS

4.1 Round Trip Tickets

Any transit operator may, at its option, sell round trip tickets at two times the price of a single-trip ticket for any fare category or service. Outbound and return trips must be taken on the same service day and are valid roundtrip from the point of origin to the destination.

4.2 Multi-Trip Ticket Packs

Any transit operator may, at their option, bundle multiple single-trip tickets for any service they operate, and sell the tickets for the full face value of the tickets or with a discount of up to 10 percent.

SECTION 5: PRONTO CARDS

5.1 Card Acquisition and Registration

MTS, the administrator of the PRONTO Card Program, may require a nonrefundable fee for passengers wishing to acquire a PRONTO Card. The fee shall not exceed $7.

PRONTO Card users may elect to register their card. If registered, users will be entitled to one free replacement if the card is lost or stolen. Additionally, registered users of the PRONTO Card are entitled to balance protection. Registered users will be reimbursed the remaining value of their cash or transit product at the time the card is reported lost or stolen. Reimbursement will be provided on a new PRONTO Card. An unregistered user shall have no
right to reimbursement or refund of a PRONTO Card balance even if the card is lost or stolen. Registered PRONTO Cards are not transferable.

PRONTO Card users may opt not to participate in the registration program, but shall be required to pay the above-mentioned fee and will not receive the benefits of registration. Whether or not a user pays a fee or participates in the registration program, the PRONTO Card shall be the property of MTS and may be revoked and/or confiscated by MTS or NCTD.

5.2 Validating a PRONTO Card

PRONTO Card users who have a transit fare product or Stored Value loaded on their card must validate their card each time they board a bus or train. Passengers who fail to tap and validate their PRONTO Card as required may be deemed to not be in possession of a valid fare consistent with the ordinances and policies of MTS and NCTD.

5.3 Inspection and Use of PRONTO Cards and Mobile Apps

Users of the PRONTO Card must produce the PRONTO Card or Mobile App for inspection by authorized MTS or NCTD personnel or their designated agents. The PRONTO Card and Mobile App are intended as a fare payment devices on MTS, NCTD, or any transportation service that is part of the San Diego Regional Fare System. Any nonauthorized use of the card or app is strictly forbidden.

5.4 Refunds of Stored Value and Transit Products

Refunds will not be issued for transit pass products or Stored Value loaded onto a PRONTO Card.

5.5 Photographs of Cardholders

A photograph of a registered card holder may be printed onto a PRONTO Card if requested by the registered user. MTS or NCTD may charge a fee for placement of a photograph on the PRONTO Card. PRONTO Cards bearing a photograph only may be used by the person whose photograph appears on the card.

5.6 Stored Value

The Stored Value feature allows passengers to load cash value into the PRONTO account for use with the PRONTO card or app. A PRONTO Card with Stored Value may not be used to purchase an additional or replacement PRONTO Card. A PRONTO Card with Stored Value may not be used to purchase fare products or Stored Value to be loaded onto a different PRONTO Card.

5.7 Best Fare for Stored Value

PRONTO system’s ability to charge customers (using PRONTO Stored Value) the cost of a one-way fare per boarding up to a daily and monthly maximum equal to the cost of a Day or Monthly Pass and not more (“capped”) for the type of service being used (i.e., Regional or
Premium Regional but excluding COASTER). Additional boardings made during the day or month after reaching the cap are free.

SECTION 6: MOBILE TICKETING

PRONTO Mobile ticketing used on a mobile phone application (or “app”) allows for the purchase of many of the fares available. It has the capability to offer the full range of fares and passes, including special events, universal passes, discounted fares, one-way fares, day passes and monthly passes. The products offered are at the discretion of the transit agencies, through a joint decision. Discounted fares and universal passes require proof of eligibility to make the fares available. Refunds will not be issued for transit pass products loaded onto PRONTO mobile ticket applications.

SECTION 7: DISCOUNTED POST-SECONDARY AND GROUP PASSES

7.1 Post-Secondary Discounted Passes

MTS and NCTD shall each have the right to negotiate agreements, individually or jointly, with educational institutions. MTS and NCTD may establish their own policies, terms or eligibility rules regarding the sale of the passes in the sales agreements; however, the prices to the education institutions must conform to this Ordinance.

7.1.1 Discounted Calendar Monthly Post-Secondary Regional Pass

The price of a Regional Monthly for post-secondary institutions shall be 80 percent of the price of an Adult Regional Monthly. The discounted pass shall be valid for unlimited travel during a calendar month.

7.1.2 Discounted Post-Secondary Regional Quarter/Trimester/Semester Pass

The price of the quarter/trimester/semester pass for post-secondary educational institutions shall be based on 65 percent of the price of an Adult Regional Monthly, divided by 31 and multiplied by the average number of calendar days in the academic term of all institutions with similar academic terms.

The discounted Regional pass shall be valid for unlimited travel during an academic term until the end of the Service Day on the last day of the academic term. All Regional Pass rules apply to the Post-Secondary Regional Quarter/Trimester/Semester Pass.

7.2 Group Pass Program

7.2.1 PRONTO Partners Plus Group Sales Pass Program

This program is for businesses or groups who purchase Regional and Premium passes and who are willing to purchase sufficient passes to provide a full year of transportation for 10 employees or members at a discounted rate and execute a participation agreement.

The pass price discount would be based on the pre-purchase of a specified number of passes for a 12-month period. Only one three-month trial program is permitted per employer or
group interested in testing the program. Advance payment is generally required for both the trial program and permanent program annual passes. Participants may purchase additional monthly passes as provided in the participation agreement at a discounted rate.

The price of the employer or group sales pass program shall be set according to the number of annual regular adult passes purchased as defined in the participation agreement. All passes purchased in excess of limits in the participation agreement may be sold at retail rates.

### 7.2.2 Universal Pass Program

MTS and NCTD shall each have the right to negotiate UPass agreements, individually or jointly, with sponsoring entities. MTS and NCTD may establish their own policies, terms, or eligibility rules regarding the sale of the UPass in the sales agreements.

### SECTION 8: TRANSFERS WITH OTHER TRANSIT OPERATORS

MTS, NCTD, LOSSAN, and or Metrolink may develop policies for transfers and joint ticketing as deemed necessary by the respective entities. Policies for transfers and joint ticketing shall be included on the respective agency websites and in rider information guides. These policies may include the acceptance of fare media outside of the PRONTO system.

### SECTION 9: PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL FARE SYSTEM

The requirements for participation in the Regional Fare System by transportation providers shall be as follows:

#### 9.1 Transit operators participating in the Regional Fare System must operate fixed-route transit service with fixed, published schedules.

#### 9.2 Transit Operators must serve an area not currently served by an existing publicly subsidized, fixed-route bus operator.

#### 9.3 New transit operators will be incorporated into the PRONTO Card system to the extent feasible and practical as determined jointly by MTS and NCTD.

#### 9.4 Any transit provider selling or receiving PRONTO Card, PRONTO mobile ticketing, or other MTS and NCTD fare media shall have a secure handling procedure for all fare media. All tickets, passes, and transfers shall be handled as cash-value media, with appropriate security provided for acceptance, inspection, storage, distribution, and disposal.

### SECTION 10: SPECIAL FARES

#### 10.1 Sworn Peace Officers

MTS and NCTD transit operators will allow all San Diego County, state, and federal sworn peace officers, in uniform or in civilian clothes, to ride on scheduled bus and train routes
without charge. Officers must show identification when requested by MTS or NCTD. This privilege does not apply to special events for off-duty officers.

10.2 Temporary, Promotional, and Experimental Fares

MTS and NCTD shall have the ability to set temporary, promotional, and experimental fares. Temporary, promotional, and experimental fares are defined as fares implemented for no more than 12 months for seasonal events or for marketing purposes. These fares, because of their short term/temporary nature, are not included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 11: SDM AND YOUTH PRONTO CARDS ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

11.1 Eligibility

In order to be eligible to purchase discounted SDM and Youth Passes, passengers must present an SDM or person with disabilities PRONTO Card or one of the valid identification cards listed in Sections 11.2 through 11.4.

11.2 Seniors

Seniors must provide a valid Medicare card, state-issued driver’s license, government-issued photo identification, or an SDM PRONTO Card with integral photo identification when paying a Cash Fare, purchasing a Senior Pass, or boarding a transit vehicle with a Senior Pass.

11.3 Persons with Disabilities and Medicare

11.3.1 Cash Fares

All persons with a valid MTS identification card, Medicare Card, NCTD disabled identification card, State of California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) disabled identification card, or DMV placard identification card shall be permitted to pay the SDM and Youth single cash fare.

11.3.2 Reduced Fare PRONTO Accounts

In order to qualify and establish a reduced fare PRONTO Account, a person with a disability must present for approval their completed application form and show a government-issued photo identification card and original versions of at least one of the following (photocopies will not be accepted) at the time of submitting the application:

11.3.2.1 State of California DMV disabled identification card, (the white receipt from the DMV)

11.3.2.2 State of California DMV placard identification card

11.3.2.3 ADA Paratransit Identification Card
11.3.2.4 Certification on the application form by a doctor or a qualified health care professional or a statement from a physician or rehabilitation center (on original letterhead or prescription notepad with an original signature). In addition to the nature of the disability, the statement should identify whether it is permanent or temporary in nature.

11.3.2.5 Individualized Education Program from school for disabled students.

11.3.2.6 Current year Supplemental Security Income (S.S.I.) or Social Security Administration (S.S.A.), or Social Security Disability Insurance (S.S.D.I.). Award letter.

11.3.2.7 Letter from the Epilepsy Foundation.

11.3.2.8 Letter from the San Diego Center for the Blind.

11.3.2.9 Letter from the San Diego Regional Center.

11.3.2.10 Unexpired MTS or NCTD disabled identification card.

11.4 Youth

Youth must provide on request valid school, college, or government-issued photo identification to establish eligibility for a Youth discount when boarding a transit vehicle with a Youth pass.

SECTION 12: ADA Paratransit

12.1 Fares

The Fare for ADA paratransit per ride for ADA-certified passengers shall be double the local fixed-route fare.

All ADA prepaid fare media only will be good on the system for which it was created. ADA prepaid fare media may not be loaded onto a PRONTO Card.

One personal care attendant may ride free with each ADA passenger riding an ADA paratransit or transit vehicle if requirement is identified on ADA certification.

MTS and NCTD may establish their own policies and prices regarding the sale/issuance of daily/monthly/annual passes for fixed-route buses and trains to ADA-certified passengers; however, the prices to these customers must not exceed the SDM prices.

12.2 LIFT and Access Transfers
Paratransit customers needing to transfer between MTS Access, and NCTD LIFT or FLEX will need to pay the corresponding fares.

SECTION 13: REGIONAL TICKET AND PASS ADMINISTRATION, REVENUE SHARING

Processes and rules regarding regional ticket and pass administration and revenue sharing may be the subject of one or more separate agreements between MTS and NCTD.

SECTION 14: EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE OR AMENDMENTS

This Ordinance shall go into effect on May 16, 2021. Notwithstanding Board Policy No. 004: Rules of Procedure for Board of Directors and Committees, all amendments shall go into effect not less than 30 days after the second reading and approval of the Board of Directors or the Transportation Committee, unless approved in accordance with Board Policy No. 004 as an urgency measure.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th of April 2021.

CHAIRPERSON ATTEST: SECRETARY

Member Agencies: Cities of Carlsbad, Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, Vista, and County of San Diego.

ADVISORY MEMBERS: California Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District, Imperial County, U.S. Department of Defense, San Diego Unified Port District, San Diego County Water Authority, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, and Mexico.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

I, Clerk of the Board of SANDAG, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance approved by the SANDAG Transportation Committee on 16th of April 2021, at the time and by the vote stated above, which said Ordinance is on file in the office of SANDAG.

DATED: April 16, 2021

Franceseca Webb

Clerk of the Board