



BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, March 4, 2025
8:30 AM
John G. Britton Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Tabor called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

Vice Chair Tabor reported that all members were present with the exception of Chair Davis.

3. REPORT REGARDING THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Steve Maas, Interim Clerk of the Board/Executive Assistant reported that the agenda was posted on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at MTD's Administrative office, mailed and emailed to those on the agenda list, and posted on MTD's website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board of Directors was asked to review and approve the draft minutes for the regular meeting of February 18, 2025.

5. CASH REPORTS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board of Directors was asked to review and approve the Cash Reports from February 8, 2025 through February 21, 2025.

Director Sarkar moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Solórzano seconded the motion. Director Perotte abstained from the prior minutes. The consent calendar was approved unanimously with one absent.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

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7. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8) - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Property: 4678 Calle Real / 149 North San Antonio Road.

Agency Negotiators: General Manager Jerry Estrada; District Outside Counsel, Graham Lyons.
Negotiating Parties: Con/Am Group.

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

No public comments were made related to the Closed Session.

Vice Chair Tabor recessed the Board to Closed Session at 8:32 A.M.

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:53 A.M.

Vice Chair Tabor reported no action was taken.

8. DRAFT BUDGET FOR FY 2025-26 (INFORMATIONAL)

Staff presented the draft fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 budget to the Board of Directors, seeking input on preparing the final draft to be considered for adoption in June.

9. ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 MEASURE A PROGRAM OF PROJECTS SUBMITTAL (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Staff recommended that the Board approve the submittal of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) Measure A Program of Projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26. Director Perotte moved to approve the staff recommendation. Director Solórzano seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one absent.

10. LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM RESOLUTION (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Staff recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2025-01 authorizing General Manager Jerry Estrada to execute all required documents for an application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for FY 2024/25 California cap-and-trade funds from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). Director Solórzano moved to approve the staff recommendation. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. Resolution No. 2025-01 was approved unanimously with one absent by a rollcall vote.

ITEM 12 WAS TAKEN PRIOR TO ITEM 11

12. COMMERCIAL AUTO AND GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Staff recommended renewal of Commercial Automobile and General Liability Insurance coverage and two Excess liability policies with combined limits of \$14.75 million excess of the self-insured retention of \$250,000, with Interstate Insurance Company (NIIC) effective April 1, 2025 - April 1, 2026, with an estimated annual cost of \$1,025,164 for renewal premiums. Director Perotte moved to approve the staff recommendation. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one absent.

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9:30 A.M. TIME CERTAIN - 2025 FARE STRUCTURE ADJUSTMENT AND EQUITY ANALYSIS

- 11. 2025 FARE STRUCTURE ADJUSTMENT AND EQUITY ANALYSIS (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
Staff recommended that the Board receive a report on the fare structure adjustment outreach process and survey results, and adopt fare structure Alternative 2. Additionally, staff recommends raising the age of eligibility for the senior fare to 65 from 62, in order to bring the cash and pass fare in line with Tap2Ride senior eligibility. Director Lapuz moved to approve the staff recommendation. Secretary Lemberger seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one absent.
- 13. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – (INFORMATIONAL)**
General Manager Estrada reported on District activities.
- 14. OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS – (INFORMATIONAL)**
General Estrada discussed MTD's student pass programs with UCSB and SBCC.
- 15. ADJOURNMENT**
Vice Chair Tabor adjourned the meeting at 10:35 A.M.

Approved by the Board of Directors March 18, 2025



Board of Directors, Secretary

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