



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
of the  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
of the  
**SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT**  
A Public Agency  
**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**  
**8:30 AM**  
**John G. Britton Auditorium**  
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS**

Chair Davis reported that all members were present with the exception of Secretary Lemberger and Director Sarkar.

**3. REPORT REGARDING THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

Steve Maas, Interim Clerk of the Board/Executive Assistant reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, March 14, 2025, at MTD's Administrative office, mailed and emailed to those on the agenda list, and posted on MTD's website.

Director Sarkar arrived at 8:33.

**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 March 4, 2025.

**5. CASH REPORTS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**

The Board of Directors was asked to review and approve the Cash Reports from February 22, 2025 through March 7, 2025.

There was no public comment. Director Perotte moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. Chair Davis abstained from the prior minutes. The consent calendar was approved unanimously with one absent.

**THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

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**7. 50-YEAR WORK ANNIVERSARY - CARL FLORES, JACK GRAHAM, AND FRANK REYNOSO (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN - ATTACHMENTS)**

Staff recommended that the Board of Directors adopt Resolutions 2025-02, 2025-03, and 2025-04 formally recognizing Carl Flores, Jack Graham, and Frank Reynoso on their 50th work anniversaries in March, 2025. Chair Davis read each Resolution, honoring the three men on their 50 years of service. Carl started as an Operator, and became an Operations Supervisor in 1986. Jack was an Operator for 34 years, and transitioned to a Customer Service Representative in 2009. Frank has continued as an Operator, and has driven 1.2 million miles in transit revenue service. The three were awarded with plaques and 50-year pins honoring their service. The three honorees each spoke under public comment regarding their time at MTD.

Vice Chair Tabor moved to approve Resolution #2025-04 honoring Frank Reynoso. Director Perotte seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one absent. Director Lapuz moved to approve Resolution #2025-03 honoring Jack Graham. Vice Chair Tabor seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one absent. Director Sarkar moved to approve Resolution #2025-02 honoring Carl Flores. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one absent.

**8. 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.  
Chair Davis recessed the Board to Closed Session at 8:47 A.M.  
The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:15 A.M.  
Chair Davis reported no action was taken.

**ITEMS 12 & 11 WERE TAKEN PRIOR TO ITEM 9**

**9:15 A.M. TIME CERTAIN – FFY 2023 & 2024 SECTION 5339(a) PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

**12. FFY 2023 & 2024 SECTION 5339(a) PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (INFORMATIONAL)**

The Board of Directors received a presentation and provided feedback regarding the proposed Program of Projects (POP) for MTD's FFY 2023 & FFY 2024 Section 5339(a) capital funding. There was no public comment.

**11. FREE FARE DAYS FOR SANTA BARBARA EARTH DAY FESTIVAL 2025 (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**

Staff recommended that the Board authorize MTD to allow passengers to ride for free on April 26 and 27 during the Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival 2025. The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments will reimburse MTD for the fares. There was no public comment. Director Sarkar moved to approve the staff recommendation. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one absent.

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**9. FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT CLAIM (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN - ATTACHMENT)**

Staff recommended that the Board adopt the attached Resolution #2025-05 authorizing the General Manager to claim the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds apportioned to the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District for FY 2025-26. There was no public comment. Director Perotte moved to approve the staff recommendation. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one absent.

**10. MTD-SBCC TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM AGREEMENT AMENDMENT 2 (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN - ATTACHMENT)**

Staff recommended that the Board authorize General Manager Estrada to sign the attached Amendment 2 to the MTD-SBCC Transit Pass Program Agreement to continue the student transit pass program for an additional year. There was no public comment. Vice Chair Tabor moved to approve the staff recommendation. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one absent.

**9:25 A.M. TIME CERTAIN – FFY 2026 49 USC §5307 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS AND DRAFT SERVICE PLAN FOR FY 2025-26**

**13. DRAFT SERVICE PLAN FOR FY 2025-26 (INFORMATIONAL)**

The Board of Directors received a presentation and provided feedback regarding the proposed service changes for August 2025, which serve as the Program of Projects (POP) for the estimated MTD FFY 2026 Section 5307 funding. There was no public comment.

**14. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – (INFORMATIONAL)**

General Manager Estrada reported on District activities.

**15. OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS – (INFORMATIONAL)**

No other business or reports were presented.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:47 A.M.

**Approved by the Board of Directors April 1, 2025**



Board of Directors, Secretary

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