



BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, February 3, 2026
8:30 AM
John G. Britton Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

Dave Davis (Chair), David Tabor (Vice Chair), Jen Lemberger (Secretary), Paula Perotte (Director), Mónica Solórzano (Director), Arjun Sarkar (Director), Alberto Lapuz (Director).

3. REPORT REGARDING THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The Board will be asked to review and approve the draft minutes for the meeting of January 20, 2026.

5. CASH REPORTS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will be asked to review and approve the Cash Reports from January 10, 2026 through January 23, 2026.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board on items within the jurisdiction of the Board that are not scheduled for public hearing. The time allotted per speaker will be at the discretion of the Board Chair. If you wish to address the Board under this item number, please complete and deliver to the MTD Board Clerk a "Request to Speak" form that includes both a description of the subject you wish to address and, if applicable, the agenda item number for which you would like to comment. Additional public comment will be allowed during each agenda item, including closed session items. Forms are available at www.sbmtd.gov and at MTD Administrative offices.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

7. **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: EXISTING LITIGATION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9(d)(1)) - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
Anabella Villasenor vs. Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Case number: 24CV06771 Santa Barbara Superior Court
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.
9. **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (GOVERNMENT CODES §54957 AND §54954.5(e)) - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
The Board will meet in closed session to evaluate the performance of the District's General Manager and the General Manager Contract.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO CLOSED SESSION ITEM WILL BE ALLOWED BEFORE THE RECESS

10. **ADVANCED AUTHORITY TO AWARD AND EXECUTE RENEWABLE DIESEL CONTRACT - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
Staff recommends the Board grant the General Manager advanced authority to award and execute a renewable diesel supply contract resulting from an upcoming bid solicitation, subject to the following conditions: gross price does not exceed \$3.23 per gallon, fixed-price contract term does not exceed 18 months, and the contract is awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder
11. **MICROTRANSIT AND DOWNTOWN-WATERFRONT SHUTTLE UPDATE (INFORMATIONAL - ATTACHMENT)**
Staff recommends the Board receive an update on The Wave microtransit service and the Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle.
12. **TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM (TIRCP) UPDATE (INFORMATIONAL)**
Staff recommends the Board receive an update on the State of California's TIRCP and the upcoming Cycle 8 funding opportunity.
13. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - (INFORMATIONAL - ATTACHMENTS)**
The General Manager will report on updates to District activities.
14. **OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS - (INFORMATIONAL)**
The Board will report on the other related public transit issues and committees.
15. **ADJOURNMENT**

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the MTD Administrative Office at 805.963.3364 at least **48 hours in advance** of the meeting to allow time for MTD to attempt a reasonable accommodation.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRAFT MINUTES

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Tuesday, January 20, 2026
8:30 AM
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550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

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

3. REPORT REGARDING THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Rosa Gonzalez, Clerk of the Board reported that the agenda was posted on January 16, 2026 at MTD's Administrative Office, emailed to those on the agenda list, and posted to MTD's website.

Director Perotte arrived at 8:31 a.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The Board of Directors were asked to review and approve the draft minutes for the special meeting of December 9, 2025.

5. CASH REPORTS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board of Directors were asked to review and approve the Cash Reports from November 22, 2025 through December 5, 2025, December 6, 2025 through December 26, 2025, and December 27, 2025 through January 9, 2026.

There was no public comment.

Director Tabor moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, with Director Lemberger absent.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRAFT MINUTES

7. EASY LIFT SERVICE UPDATE - (INFORMATIONAL)

The Board received a presentation by Easy Lift Transportation regarding an update on services provided.

Director Lemberger arrived at 8:37 a.m.

8. PLANNING WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 & SERVICE UPDATE - (INFORMATIONAL)

The Board received an update from the Planning Department on the service change work plan for fiscal year 2026-27, and a general service update.

9. SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM AGREEMENT AMENDMENT 3 - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN - ATTACHMENT)

Staff recommended the Board authorize the General Manager to sign the attached Amendment 3 to the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District – Santa Barbara City College Transit Pass Program Agreement to continue the student transit pass program for an additional year.

Director Sarkar moved to approve the staff recommendation. Director Perotte seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously,

10. CONTRACT AWARD FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES – (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN- ATTACHMENT)

Staff recommended the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Stantec Architecture, Inc. to provide On-Call Architectural & Engineering Services for a three-year base term, with the option to extend the term for up to an additional two-year term, with an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity based on a fee schedule not to exceed \$1 million annually.

Director Lemberger moved to authorize the General Manager to execute the contract outlined in staff report. Director Sarkar seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. MASTER COMPANY RESOLUTION – FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN - ATTACHMENT)

Staff recommended the Board adopt the Master Company Resolution for Farmers & Merchants Bank to provide comprehensive banking services to support the processing of daily operational financial activities, and appoint Jerardo Estrada, General Manager, Mary Gregg, Chief Operating Officer, and Nancy Tillie, Director of Finance and Administration as Authorized Agents to transact business on behalf of the District.

Director Tabor moved to approve Resolution 2026-01. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - (INFORMATIONAL)

The General Manager reported on updates to District activities.

13. OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS - (INFORMATIONAL)

No other business or reports were presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRAFT MINUTES

**14. 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 Closed Session Item 14

**15. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(GOVERNMENT CODES §54957 AND §54954.5(e)) - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**

The Board met in closed session to evaluate the performance of the District's General Manager and the General Manager Contract.

No public comments were made related to Closed Session Item 15.

Chair Davis recessed the Board to Closed Session at 9:47 a.m.

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 11:00 a.m.

Chair Davis reported no action was taken on Closed Session Item 14.

Chair Davis reported no action was taken on Closed Session Item 15.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO CLOSED SESSION ITEM WILL BE ALLOWED BEFORE THE RECESS

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Cash Report
Board Meeting of February 03, 2026
For the Period January 10, 2026 through January 23, 2026

MONEY MARKET

Beginning Balance January 10, 2026	\$2,069,895.72
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Passenger Fares	106,289.14
Accounts Receivable	20,561.05
Prepays & Advertising	9,652.50
Miscellaneous Income	152.48
LCTOP Transfer	<u>.00</u>
Total Deposits	136,655.17

Miscellaneous Transfers	(30,436.62)
401(k)/Pension Transfer	(43,735.69)
Payroll Taxes	(197,985.38)
Payroll	(443,213.88)
Accounts Payable	<u>(694,762.05)</u>
Total Disbursements	(1,410,133.62)

Ending Balance	\$796,417.27
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CASH INVESTMENTS

LAIF Account	\$3,549,205.91
Money Market Account	<u>796,417.27</u>

Total Cash Balance	\$4,345,623.18
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SELF INSURED LIABILITY ACCOUNTS

WC / Liability Reserves	(\$3,502,990.00)
Working Capital	\$842,633.18

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Accounts Payable

Check #	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
139426	1/16/2026	AMERICAN MOVING PARTS LLC	BUS PARTS	3,676.32	
139427	1/16/2026	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	SUPPLIES	259.31	
139428	1/16/2026	HENRY ANDREWS	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	206.22	
139429	1/16/2026	BRINK'S INCORPORATED	ARMORED TRANSPORTATION SERVI	18.86	
139430	1/16/2026	JAMES BRACKETT	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	240.00	
139431	1/16/2026	KARL BRETZ	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	279.08	
139432	1/16/2026	BROWN & BROWN INSURANCE SE	D&O/EPLI/FIDUCIARY INSURANCE	144,873.60	
139433	1/16/2026	ROBERT BURNHAM	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	285.00	
139434	1/16/2026	GILBERT CALLES	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	108.00	
139435	1/16/2026	CAPITAL EDGE ADVOCACY INC.	PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVI	6,000.00	
139436	1/16/2026	MIKE CARDONA	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	130.00	
139437	1/16/2026	CENTRAL COAST CIRCULATION L	BUS BOOK DISTRIBUTION	788.00	
139438	1/16/2026	CENTRAL COAST TANK TESTING	TANK TESTS	145.00	
139439	1/16/2026	COMMUNITY RADIO INC.	GIBRALTAR SITE RENTAL	331.24	
139440	1/16/2026	NANCY CURTIS	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	285.00	
139441	1/16/2026	COUNTY OF S.B.PUBLIC WORKS D	WASTE DISPOSAL	40.00	
139442	1/16/2026	EMERGENCY DRAIN SERVICES DB	DRAIN SERVICES	450.50	
139443	1/16/2026	EVERSHADE LLC DBA	STEAM CLEANING TC/EXPRESS ZON	190.00	
139444	1/16/2026	FRONTIER CALIFORNIA INC.	TELEPHONE/RADIO/FIBER OPTIC INT	700.00	
139445	1/16/2026	GILLIG LLC	BUS PARTS	7,417.03	
139446	1/16/2026	GARY GLEASON	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	240.00	
139447	1/16/2026	GRAINGER INC.	SHOP/B&G SUPPLIES	76.36	
139448	1/16/2026	JILL GRISHAM	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	285.00	
139449	1/16/2026	JIM HAGGERTY	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	559.78	
139450	1/16/2026	ALI HABIBI	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	240.00	
139451	1/16/2026	RICHARD HARRIGAN	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	227.00	
139452	1/16/2026	INTELLICORP RECORD INC.	PRE-EMPLOYMENT CHECK	18.15	
139453	1/16/2026	JAVIER JIMENEZ	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	392.00	
139454	1/16/2026	KITCHELL CEM INC.	HALEY CANOPY	1,107.54	
139455	1/16/2026	LANSPEED DBA	IT SERVICES	3,072.00	
139456	1/16/2026	STEVEN EDWARD MAAS	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	245.15	
139457	1/16/2026	MISSION LINEN SUPPLY INC	UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	1,143.66	
139458	1/16/2026	WILLIAM MORRIS	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	285.00	
139459	1/16/2026	CARLOS ORNELAS	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	285.00	
139460	1/16/2026	LUIGI OTTIERI	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	285.00	
139461	1/16/2026	PITNEY BOWES INC	POSTAGE METER QTRLY CHARGES	65.55	
139462	1/16/2026	SAFETY-KLEEN CORPORATION	SHOP EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	625.87	
139463	1/16/2026	SB LOCKSMITHS INC	B&G REPAIR & SUPPLIES	257.59	

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139464	1/16/2026	SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORA	ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE	2,203.92	
139465	1/16/2026	SMART & FINAL	OFFICE/MEETING SUPPLIES	50.14	
139466	1/16/2026	ROBIN SORIA	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	542.00	
139467	1/16/2026	MONICA JUANITA SOLORZANO	DIRECTOR FEES	120.00	
139468	1/16/2026	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	658.71	
139469	1/16/2026	SB CITY OF-REFUSE & WATER	UTILITIES	811.53	
139470	1/16/2026	TEAMSTERS MISC SECURITY TRU	UNION MEDICAL INSURANCE	240,582.00	
139471	1/16/2026	U.S. BANK CORP. PAYMENT SYST	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES	17,321.87	
139472	1/16/2026	JOHN J. VASQUEZ	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	570.00	
139473	1/16/2026	DANIEL WALKER	RETIREE HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	285.00	
139474	1/23/2026	A-1 TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	BUS PARTS/REPAIRS	12,948.47	
139475	1/23/2026	ABC BUS COMPANIES INC	BUS PARTS	1,403.72	
139476	1/23/2026	AT&T MOBILITY-CC	TAP2PAY COMMUNICATIONS	1,075.06	
139477	1/23/2026	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	SUPPLIES	231.78	
139478	1/23/2026	ASBURY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVI	WASTE OIL RECYCLER	161.00	
139479	1/23/2026	AUTOZONE STORES LLC	BUS/SERVICE VEHICLE PARTS	24.57	
139480	1/23/2026	BAY ALARM COMPANY INC	ALARM CONTRACT	237.66	
139481	1/23/2026	CLEVER DEVICES LTD	4G MODEM SPARES/WARRANTY	74,740.00	
139482	1/23/2026	CROCKER REFRIGERATION & AIR	HVAC MAINTENANCE	2,174.77	
139483	1/23/2026	CUMMINS SALES & SERVICE DBA	BUS PARTS & REPAIRS	1,112.90	
139484	1/23/2026	CA DEPT. OF TAX & FEE ADMIN.	QTRLY USER FUEL TAX	1,258.00	
139485	1/23/2026	CA. DEPT. of TAX & FEE ADMINIST	UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FE	2,536.00	
139486	1/23/2026	DENMUN OFFICE SOLUTIONS DBA	IT CONTRACT SERVICES	9,690.00	
139487	1/23/2026	FAST UNDERCAR DBA	EV BUS PARTS	1,986.96	
139488	1/23/2026	FAIRVIEW CHEVRON - TOM PRICE	SMOG TESTING	111.50	
139489	1/23/2026	FRONTIER CALIFORNIA INC.	TELEPHONE/RADIO/FIBER OPTIC INT	753.57	
139490	1/23/2026	GILLIG LLC	BUS PARTS	9,438.90	
139491	1/23/2026	GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL DBA	B&G REPAIRS & SUPPLIES	129.95	
139492	1/23/2026	GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO	BUS TIRE LEASE	12,142.96	
139493	1/23/2026	HAYWARD LUMBER	SHOP/B&G SUPPLIES	15.30	
139494	1/23/2026	HOME IMPROVEMENT CTR.	SHOP/B&G SUPPLIES	140.80	
139495	1/23/2026	HR AUTOGLASS DBA	BUS PARTS/REPAIRS	365.00	
139496	1/23/2026	KIRKS AUTOMOTIVE INC	BUS/AUTO PARTS	4,439.97	
139497	1/23/2026	LEDDY POWER SYSTEMS, INC.	GENERATOR REPAIRS	5,700.00	
139498	1/23/2026	LENZ PEST CONTROL INC	FUMIGATION SERVICES	641.00	
139499	1/23/2026	LITTLEPAY INC	TAP2PAY	1,237.29	
139500	1/23/2026	MARTIN AUTO COLOR INC	BUS SUPPLIES	57.14	
139501	1/23/2026	MARBORG INDUSTRIES (INC)	UTILITIES & RENTAL FEES	655.92	
139502	1/23/2026	MC CORMIX CORP. (GAS)	FUEL-SV/MICROTRANSIT	2,773.52	
139503	1/23/2026	MISSION LINEN SUPPLY INC	UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	357.67	
139504	1/23/2026	MUNOZ JANITORIAL	JANITORIAL SERVICES	8,850.00	

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139505	1/23/2026	NATIONAL DRIVE	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	90.00	
139506	1/23/2026	NEOPART TRANSIT LLC	BUS PARTS	6,487.53	
139507	1/23/2026	NEWEGG BUSINESS INC	IT EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	124.48	
139508	1/23/2026	NEW PIG CORP.	BUS CLEANING SUPPLIES	1,820.11	
139509	1/23/2026	NFI PARTS DBA	BUS PARTS	736.39	
139510	1/23/2026	SB LOCKSMITHS INC	B&G REPAIR & SUPPLIES	385.50	
139511	1/23/2026	SILVAS OIL CO. INC.	LUBRICANTS	5,637.64	
139512	1/23/2026	SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORA	ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE	207.23	
139513	1/23/2026	SNAGWOLF INC	VANDALISM SUPPLIES	811.08	
139514	1/23/2026	SO. CAL. EDISON CO.	UTILITIES	6,179.69	
139515	1/23/2026	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	ELECTRIC VEHICLES "FUEL"	8,568.09	
139516	1/23/2026	SOCALGAS	UTILITIES	1,300.20	
139517	1/23/2026	SOUTHWEST LIFT & EQUIPMENT I	LIFT REPAIRS & SUPPLIES	5,646.71	
139518	1/23/2026	SB CITY OF-REFUSE & WATER	UTILITIES	1,766.00	
139519	1/23/2026	THE MEDCENTER	MEDICAL EXAMS	775.00	
139520	1/23/2026	TAC ENERGY LLC	RENEWABLE DIESEL	49,184.34	
139521	1/23/2026	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA REG	NETWORK & COMMUNICATION SER	103.92	
139522	1/23/2026	UNITED RENTALS NORTH AMERIC	SHOP EQUIPMENT	317.69	
139523	1/23/2026	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE INC	FREIGHT CHARGES	487.64	
139524	1/23/2026	UNITED WAY OF SB	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	30.00	
139525	1/23/2026	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELLULAR/WIRELESS SERVICE	2,196.19	
139526	1/23/2026	WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY DBA	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	3,426.84	
139527	1/23/2026	YACO SCHOLARSHIP FUND	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	35.00	
139528	1/23/2026	FRONTIER CALIFORNIA INC.	TELEPHONE/RADIO/FIBER OPTIC INT	150.00	
139529	1/23/2026	FRONTIER CALIFORNIA INC.	TELEPHONE/RADIO/FIBER OPTIC INT	155.17	
139530	1/23/2026	FRONTIER CALIFORNIA INC.	TELEPHONE/RADIO/FIBER OPTIC INT	852.15	
139531	1/23/2026	FRONTIER CALIFORNIA INC.	TELEPHONE/RADIO/FIBER OPTIC INT	763.50	
139532	1/23/2026	FRONTIER CALIFORNIA INC.	TELEPHONE/RADIO/FIBER OPTIC INT	153.60	
				694,762.05	
				Current Cash Report Voided Checks:	0.00
				Prior Cash Report Voided Checks:	0.00
				Grand Total:	\$694,762.05

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Cash Receipts of Accounts Receivable

Date	Company	Description	Amount
1/13/2026	Department of Rehabilitation	Passes/Passports Sales	720.00
1/14/2026	Rosales Mexican Restaurant	Advertising on Buses	750.00
1/15/2026	Moonlight Graphics/Mktg	Advertising on Buses	6,241.05
1/20/2026	UCSB - Parking Services-7001	Passes/Passports Sales	6,610.00
1/20/2026	UCSB - Parking Services-7001	Passes/Passports Sales	6,240.00
Total Accounts Receivable Paid During Period			\$20,561.05



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM #:** 10

TYPE: ACTION ITEM

PREPARED BY: SENIOR PURCHASING AGENT, VALERIE WHITE

REVIEWED BY: GENERAL MANAGER JERRY ESTRADA

SUBJECT: ADVANCED AUTHORITY TO AWARD AND EXECUTE RENEWABLE DIESEL CONTRACT

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board grant the General Manager advanced authority to award and execute a renewable diesel supply contract resulting from an upcoming bid solicitation subject to the following conditions:

- Gross price does not exceed \$3.23 per gallon;
- Fixed-price contract term not to exceed 18 months; and
- Contract awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

DISCUSSION:

Background: With the current agreement expiring on June 30, 2026, Staff is actively qualifying vendors to ensure a competitive pool of responsive and responsible bidders for the next Renewable Diesel (RD) contract. RD is the non-fossil fuel alternative that matches petroleum diesel in heavy-duty bus performance but significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Advanced Authority: To achieve budget goals, MTD seeks a firm, fixed-price contract. Qualified suppliers are expected to hedge their bid prices by purchasing commodity futures contracts. So, the winning bidder will seek to enter into its futures contracts as quickly as possible following bid submittal to "lock in" the bid price and secure its profit margin. A delay between bid submission and Board approval would force vendors to add a risk premium to their price to account for the market changes. Advanced authority allows Staff to award the contract the same day bids are opened, eliminating this premium.

Price Bid Maximum: RD prices correlate strongly with Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD). Based on the futures market, market volatility, and the historical margins MTD has experienced between the market and its contract prices, Staff estimates bids will not exceed \$3.23 per gallon. Staff has determined that this price bid maximum is fair and reasonable and should prevent the need to return to the Board for increased authority. This price shall include the cost of supply and delivery to MTD, but not include applicable fees and taxes.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2026

AGENDA ITEM #: 11

TYPE: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

PREPARED BY: PLANNING AND MARKETING MANAGER HILLARY BLACKERBY

REVIEWED BY: GENERAL MANAGER JERRY ESTRADA

SUBJECT: MICROTRANSIT AND DOWNTOWN-WATERFRONT SHUTTLE UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board receive an update on The Wave microtransit service and the Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle.

DISCUSSION:

The Wave On-Demand Microtransit Service

MTD began exploring the possibility of a microtransit pilot back in 2018. Microtransit is flexible, on-demand, curb-to-curb service that gives rides within a specified zone for a flat fare using an accessible van instead of a transit bus. At the time, this concept was fairly new in the U.S. and was enabled by new technology that could book rides from a smartphone and give the driver turn by turn directions based on an algorithm that handles trip assignments.

MTD's on-demand service was not intended to replace fixed-route service, but rather to fill gaps in areas that are either unserved, underserved, or unconnected by traditional transit service.

Armed with temporary operating funds from a Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) grant, MTD had plans to start a pilot of on-demand service in late 2019, but the COVID-19 pandemic paused the launch. Then several attempts at procuring vehicles appropriate for the service were met with supply chain and reliability issues. Layered on top of this was the ongoing challenge of bus operator availability. After years of challenges, in late April of 2025, MTD's on-demand service, branded as The Wave, went into revenue service.

Goleta and Isla Vista Service Zone

When service concepts were initially developed with the software provider TransLoc, three zones were designed and modeled: Goleta/Isla Vista, Carpinteria, and Santa Barbara. The LCTOP funding was intended to cover three years of service so that each zone could be tested. The first zone selected was one serving portions of Goleta and Isla Vista.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The service area includes an area bounded by Patterson to the east, Cathedral Oaks to the north, Los Carneros to the west, and 101 to the South. The housing and business park areas on either side of Los Carneros south of the freeway are also included. Additionally, specific points at the following locations are available for drop off or pickup: Goleta Amtrak Station, Santa Barbara Airport, UCSB Bus Loop, Elings Hall stop, Isla Vista Community Center, Goleta Valley Community Center (added in September), and El Colegio & Embarcadero del Mar outbound stop.

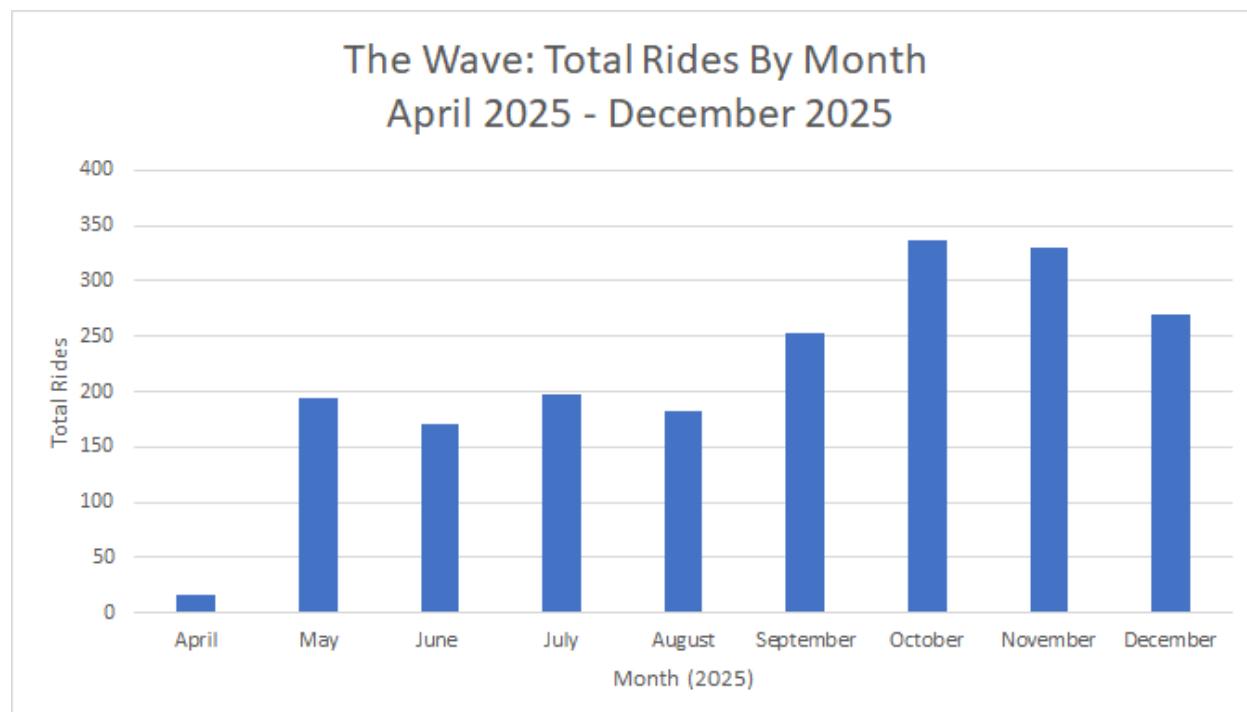
While initially planned to operate Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., limited bus operator resources necessitated a shorter service window of Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. While the service first began with two vehicles in service at most times in that window, Operations management determined that as the service was getting started and ridership was building, only one van and driver was generally needed to satisfy this early demand.

Awareness and Ridership are Growing

The launch saw strong earned media attention, including a ride along with KEYT reporter John Palminteri. Staff also visited dozens of businesses and locations served by The Wave to deliver rack cards, maps of the zone, and a window cling demonstrating that The Wave can be picked up there.

The City of Goleta, UCSB, and the Isla Vista Community Services District have been helpful in spreading the word to residents.

Through the first eight months of service (April 29 through December 31, 2025), The Wave carried 1,949 passengers. The highest ridership days are Tuesdays and Saturdays. The chart below shows ridership by month, with a steady upward trend. As UCSB came back into full session in late September, ridership grew. While November had a lower total, it also had 4 fewer service days. December ridership was still strong but likely suffered from the large exodus of UCSB students from the community for the winter holidays.



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Riders are able to book trips either via the TransLoc smartphone app, the TransLoc website, or by calling the Transit Center. When available, Customer Service Representatives are able to book rides over the phone. 75 percent of rides requested were booked via the app, while 24% were booked over the phone.

While 1,949 trips were completed, a total of 2,257 were initially requested. Only 2.8% of requested rides were no show—as in, the driver arrived and no passenger could be located. 19.5% of rides were cancelled, and the reasons for these are being analyzed further. When a passenger calls the Transit Center to cancel their ride, they are asked for a reason and those are recorded in the system. The majority of those cancellations were because the passenger needs more time or didn't end up needing the ride after all. While the app does not request a reason for cancellations, it does appear that many cancellations occur only a minute or three after initial request. Anecdotally, this may be because once riders see that the ride would arrive very soon, they cancel as they aren't ready to be picked up yet. It is not uncommon to see a cancelled ride and then see that that same passenger completed that ride later on that day. The average wait time for a ride in December was 9 minutes.

Accepting Fares

As of this writing, the service remains complimentary. While the ability to accept cash exists on board, the plan was and is to be able to take contactless payment on board. Staff has been working with Cal-ITP consultants on trying to find a simple tap-on-phone payment solution for on-demand service since well before the launch. Finding a vendor who has the software to accept transit payments in this manner has proven more difficult than expected. Two possible vendors were explored but could not deliver an appropriate solution.

With the support of Cal-ITP, staff is in talks with two other vendors who may be able to pilot a solution in the next few months.

Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle

The Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle returned to limited service in the summer of 2024, also thanks to temporary LCTOP funding. In Summer 2025, the Shuttle came back in the same capacity. The Shuttle operated on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from the weekend after Memorial Day to Labor Day Monday (with special service on that day).

The route of the Shuttle is one circulator route that serves the Anacapa and Chapala corridors adjacent to State Street, then State Street from Gutierrez to the Waterfront. It also serves the area along Cabrillo Boulevard from the Harbor to the Santa Barbara Zoo.

The Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle carried 9,218 passengers in 2025, up 13.4 percent over 2024, even with one fewer service day since July 4th fell on a Friday in 2025.

The City of Santa Barbara City Council authorized staff to work with MTD on funding the 2025 Shuttle service, but an agreement wasn't reached in time to cover last year's service. Those efforts are underway now to commit those dollars in 2026 for a return of the service this summer.

ATTACHMENT:

- Attachment 1 - Summer 2025 Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle Ridership Report



Summer 2025 Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle Ridership Report

The Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle, also known as Route 33, was a circulator bus route that MTD operated, as a revival of its popular pre-pandemic State Street and Waterfront Shuttles. During the summer of 2025, Route 33 ran on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Labor Day from May 30th until September 1st. Shuttles ran at twenty-minute headways from 10:00am to 6:00pm, and served popular destinations such as State Street, Santa Barbara Amtrak, and the Zoo.

During this summer period, the shuttle achieved a total ridership of 9,218 and an overall 8.81 passenger per revenue hour. This represents an increase of 13.4%, or 1,091 passengers, from the prior summer shuttle season. From the induction of service on May 30th, MTD staff observed gradual increases in ridership and passengers per revenue hour. The highest ridership occurred in the month of August, accounting for 41.4% of total shuttle ridership and the highest passenger per hour ratio of 10.45. The highest ridership weekend occurred between August 29th and September 1st, with 1042 total riders, which represents 11.3% of the total ridership on Route 33. MTD staff believes this was due to the Labor Day holiday.

Table A: Ridership by Fare Category and Month

Fare Categories	Month					Annual Shuttle Season		
	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	CY 2024	CY 2025	% Change
Transfers	5	72	52	110	4	343	243	-29.2%
Senior & Disabled Prepaid ⁽¹⁾	8	28	14	39	3	59	92	55.9%
Shuttle	102	1,093	1,517	1,715	105	4,833	4,532	-6.2%
Free	5	69	12	69	1	541	156	-71.2%
Special Pass Programs	-	101	242	633	34	323	1,010	212.7%
Senior Cash	56	469	451	725	28	1,419	1,729	21.8%
Persons w/ Disabilities Cash	-	-	6	5	-	71	11	-84.5%
Other ⁽²⁾	1	21	16	10	1	117	49	-58.1%
Tap to Ride Transactions	-	348	480	510	58	421	1,396	231.6%
Total	177	2,201	2,790	3,816	234	8,127	9,218	13.4%

¹ Includes seniors' and persons w/ disabilities' 10-ride and unlimited 30-day Passport use.

² Includes General Fare, Full Fare Pre-paid, SBCC, UCSB, K-12 Youth Pre-paid, & Token Fare Categories.

Table B: Revenue Hours and Revenue Miles

Metrics	Month					Year		
	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	CY 2024	CY 2025	% Change
Passengers	177	2,201	2,790	3,816	234	8,127	9,218	13.4%
Revenue Hours	49	316	292	365	24	1,064	1,046	-1.7%
Passengers per Revenue Hour	3.61	6.97	9.55	10.45	9.75	7.64	8.81	15.3%
Miles	390	2,536	2,341	2,923	195	8,528	8,385	-1.7%
Passengers per Mile	0.45	0.87	1.19	1.31	1.20	0.95	1.10	15.4%

Tables C, D, & E: Summer Shuttle Ridership by Day Type

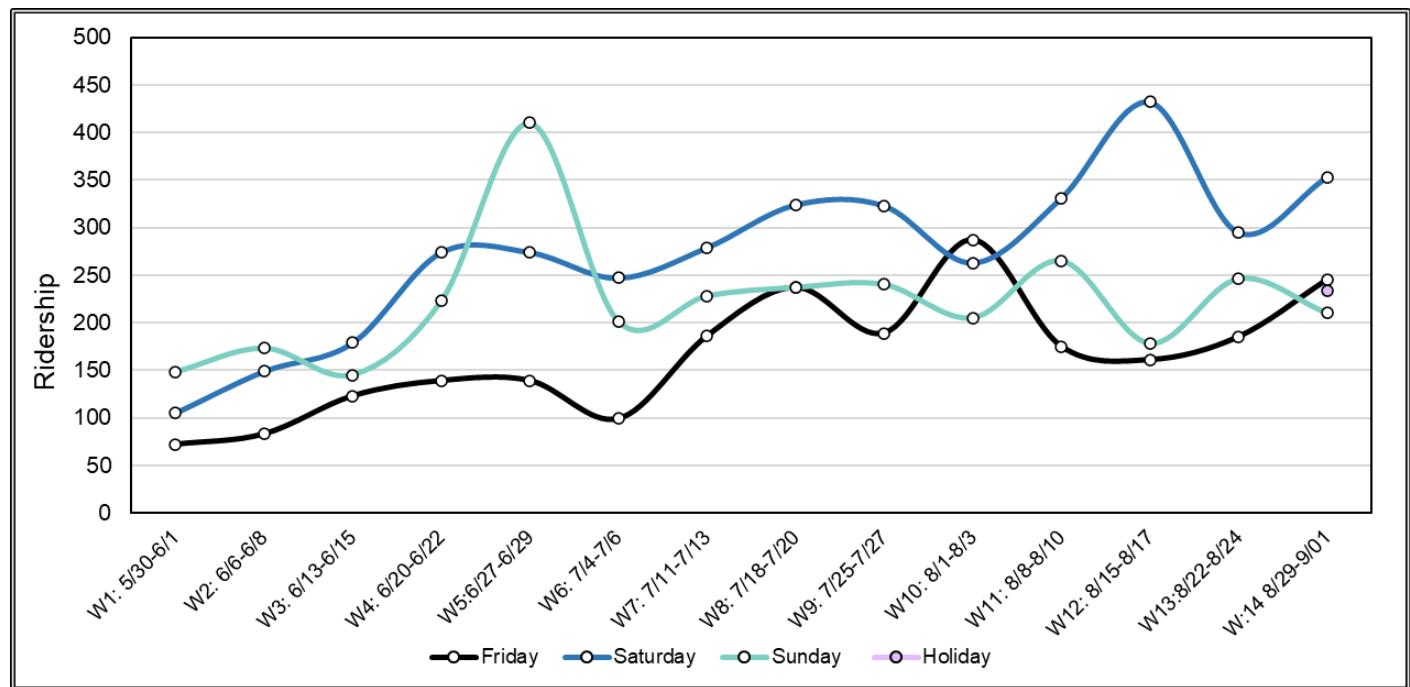
Service Day Counts						Passengers					
	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25		May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25
Friday	1	5	4	5	-	Friday	72	484	711	1,053	-
Saturday	1	4	4	5	-	Saturday	105	886	1,173	1,664	-
Sunday	-	4	4	5	-	Sunday	-	831	906	1,099	-
Monday Holiday	-	-	-	-	1	Monday Holiday	-	-	-	-	234
Total	2	13	12	15	1	Total	177	2,201	2,790	3,816	234

Average by Day Type

Days	CY 2024	CY 2025	Change	CY 25 Average Ridership by Day Type	CY24 Average Ridership by Day Type
Friday	14	15	1	154.67	166.86
Saturday	15	14	0	273.43	180.71
Sunday	14	13	-1	218.15	203.29
Monday Holiday	2	1	-1	234.00	207.00

Source: MTD Passdat Program, MTD Transit Development Department, Planning Section

Figure F: Ridership by Day Type and Weekend



Source: MTD Passdat Program, MTD Transit Development Department, Planning Section



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MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2026

AGENDA ITEM #: 12

TYPE: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

PREPARED BY: PLANNING AND MARKETING MANAGER HILLARY BLACKERBY

REVIEWED BY: GENERAL MANAGER JERRY ESTRADA

SUBJECT: TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM (TIRCP)
UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board receive an update on the State of California's TIRCP and the upcoming Cycle 8 funding opportunity.

DISCUSSION:

MTD has now been the recipient, both directly and as a joint application with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and other agencies, of TIRCP grant funds. These competitive funds are funded by California Climate Investments (also known as Cap and Trade or Cap and Invest) through the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA). This program runs on a two-year funding cycle, and is intended to fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California's intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems, to significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, vehicle miles traveled, and congestion.

MTD received \$1,200,000 TIRCP Cycle 3 funds for Terminal 2 Phase 1 project to bring the formerly dormant terminal up to an interim operating capacity, as part of a larger SBCAG application. Then in 2022, MTD was awarded \$14,480,000 in Cycle 5 TIRCP funding, directly, for a robust package of items including 8 battery-electric buses, 3 electric microtransit vans, transit signal priority software, capital improvements at Terminal 1, and design, engineering and partial construction for Terminal 2 recommissioning. In 2024, as part of a large regional Cycle 7 application with SBCAG and other jurisdictions in the County, MTD was awarded over \$18,000,000 for construction of the new Terminal 2 facility and a portion of funding for 2 battery-electric buses.

Draft guidelines for TIRCP Cycle 8 were released in early January 2026, and the call for projects will open on February 20, 2026 with an application due date of May 14, 2026. Awards will be announced no later than September 18.

Projects must be highly competitive and show strong emission reduction projections. Staff is exploring specific project components to include in an application, but will likely be targeting fleet, facility, and technology needs.

To: MTD Board of Directors
From: Jerry Estrada, General Manager
Date: February 3, 2026
Subject: General Manager's Report

Operations and Fleet Maintenance

Operations has commenced bidding for our next service change, which begins on March 2, 2026. This process takes approximately four to six weeks for all Operators to complete their bid for work assignments. This Spring bid period will be through June 14, 2026.

We would like to congratulate Manny Ruiz and Eddy Mayen, two of our Operators in Training, who have successfully completed their Commercial Class B DMV testing, having successfully demonstrated the three requirements for licensing: Pre-Trip, Skills, and Over-the-Road driving tests. Licensing tests are conducted by MTD's Operations Manager, Manny Castanon, a certified DMV Examiner through the DMV's Employer Testing Program (ETP).

Mr. Ruiz and Mr. Mayen will now be paired with senior Operators, to continue refining their driving skills and to learn MTD routes prior to being released into revenue service. Another Operator in Training, Dom Winston, is scheduled to complete testing this week. We also congratulate our newest team member in the Maintenance Department, Maury Mejia, who successfully passed his testing and is now commercially licensed. Maury will begin training in his role as Service Person.

Capital Projects

SBCAPCD Clean Air Grants

Staff submitted an application to the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (SBCAPCD) for the 2025 Clean Air Grant for Infrastructure. The focus of MTD's application was funding to support the charging infrastructure for the second phase of MTD's Terminal 2 Recommissioning Project. SBCAPCD awarded MTD a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 for MTD's project. However, during review of the Grant Agreement, it was determined that the construction schedule would extend beyond the allowable project implementation period, which requires all equipment to be purchased, installed, and fully operational within two years of the Grant Agreement's execution. As a result, SBCAPCD requested Staff to withdraw MTD's application from the 2025 grant cycle and reapply under the 2026 Clean Air Grant for Infrastructure. As a result of the foregoing, staff has withdrawn MTD's 2025 grant application with the intention of reapplying during the 2026 grant cycle.

Haley Canopy ZEV Infrastructure Improvements Project

Smith MEP continues installing ChargePoint charging equipment in the Electrical Room and under the Haley Canopy. Additionally, the Smith team has completed a good portion of the conduit runs between the Electrical Room and the charging dispensers under the Haley Canopy. Once the conduit is fully-installed, the Smith team will begin pulling wire between the ChargePoint Power Blocks (charging cabinets) and the Power Links (charging dispensers). Smith MEP's paint subcontractor, New Generation, has completed the majority of the paint work at the Salsipuedes Canopy.

Finance & Administration

Procurement has forwarded the Board approved contract for the On-Call Architectural and Engineering to Stantec. A staff report and recommendation will be presented at an upcoming Board Meeting for Advance Authority on the Diesel Fuel Suppliers Bids. The current contract expires on June 30, 2026.

Information Technology continues to improve system efficiencies and has contracted to double the speed of the existing Fiber connection.

Planning & Marketing

MTD's annual *Report to the Community* has been published and shared with stakeholders and community leaders. The report is available on the Agenda and Archives page of MTD's website.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1 - 2025 Report to the Community English
- Attachment 2 - 2025 Report to the Community Spanish

Letter to the Community



Public transit plays an essential social and economic role in our community by providing access to opportunity, making commutes more affordable, and stimulating economic activity. As an example, MTD's capital infrastructure investments have had a direct impact on jobs and economic growth. This year's Report to the Community features many of the agency's state of good repair projects that help further economic activity today, while the completed projects will result in cleaner air and a more livable community.

These investments allow MTD to continue to enhance the quality of life for many of our community's seniors and people with disabilities, who make up 15% of our annual ridership, by supporting independent living. The projects also benefit local families by providing safe, reliable transportation for our youth. Last year, our youth (K-12) accounted for over 9% of MTD's ridership across all services. Of course, our student bus pass agreements with SBCC and UCSB students also provide a meaningful benefit to riders and reduce impacts on neighborhoods by making public transit easily accessible.

From Carpinteria to Goleta, MTD's fixed-route buses and now, on-demand service with The Wave, reduce traffic and contribute every day to making our community a safer, cleaner place to call home. We at MTD are proud to help keep our community moving.

Jerry Estrada
MTD General Manager

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is to enhance the mobility of South Coast residents, commuters, and visitors by offering safe, appealing, equitable, environmentally responsible, and fiscally sound transit service.

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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

January 2026



Shuttle Returns, Serving Demand Efficiently



The all-electric Downtown–Waterfront Shuttle returned for Shuttle Summer for a second consecutive year, responding to strong ridership demand and continued community interest, boasting a 13% increase in ridership over 2024. Operating as a circulator route, the shuttle connected Downtown, the Harbor, Stearns Wharf, and the Santa Barbara Zoo—providing a convenient, car-free way to enjoy some of the city's most popular destinations.

Service was provided on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from May 30 through September 2, 2025. By focusing service during peak visitor periods and utilizing zero-emission vehicles, MTD was able to maximize rider benefit while using public resources efficiently and responsibly.

Fare Update & Tap2Ride Enhancements

After 16 years without a fare change, rising operating costs made it necessary for MTD to update its fare structure. At the beginning of 2025, MTD carefully reviewed the existing fare system, gathered community input, and conducted a fare equity analysis before adjusting the base fare from \$1.75 to \$2.50, and increasing the price of 10-ride and 30-day passes.

To support long-term financial sustainability while keeping transit affordable, MTD continues to offer discounted fares for seniors ages 65+, people with disabilities, and Medicare card holders, now available through Tap2Ride contactless payment. Eligible riders can enroll and will automatically receive the discounted fare, with fare capping in place to ensure they never pay more than the cost of a discounted day pass or discounted 30-day pass within a 30-day period.



Haley Canopy Project: Keeping District Infrastructure in a State of Good Repair

The Haley Canopy Project represents a strategic investment in MTD's operations and maintenance infrastructure, designed to support the continued transition to a more efficient, zero-emission fleet. The project includes the removal of four existing BYD bus chargers and the installation of 14 heavy-duty bus charge ports and three Level 2 charge ports, along with electrical infrastructure upgrades to support expanded charging capacity.

Additional improvements include new lighting, repainting of existing structures, and the installation of new gutters and downspouts to enhance durability and site functionality. The fuel island has already been refreshed with a new coat of paint and significantly brighter LED lighting, improving visibility and safety. Together, these upgrades ensure that public funds are invested in infrastructure that delivers long-term operational efficiency, reliability, and value for the community.

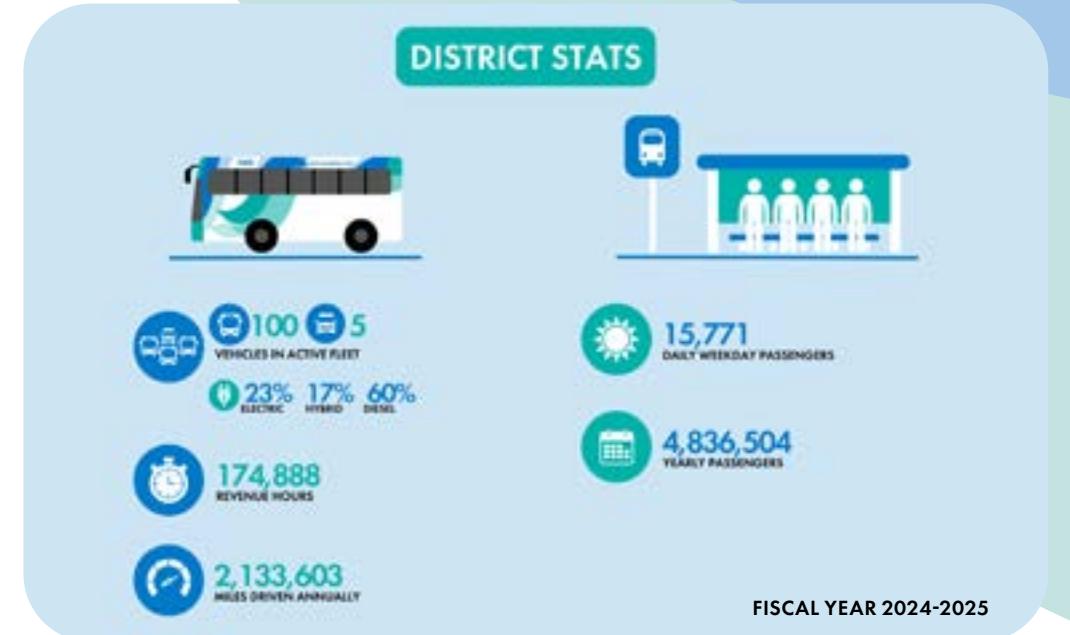


The Wave On-Demand Service Launches in Goleta & Isla Vista

After years of planning, in April 2025 MTD launched its first-ever on-demand microtransit service, known as The Wave in a portion of Goleta and Isla Vista. The Wave offers flexible, curb-to-curb service that operates on-demand when passengers request a ride either by using the TransLoc app or by calling the Transit Center. This pilot is funded with one-time Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program grant monies from the State of California.

Not intended as a replacement for MTD's fixed-route bus service, The Wave fills service gaps in areas that are unserved or by MTD routes or that are otherwise unconnected by direct bus service. Connecting important destinations like the Calle Real commercial corridor, Goleta Train Station, Santa Barbara Airport, UCSB, and both the Isla Vista and Goleta Community Centers, this service has already made a difference in the lives of the residents and visitors in the area. Operated with Ford Transit passenger vans, all Wave service is ADA-accessible and open to riders of all abilities. By the end of December 2025, The Wave had carried over 1,500 riders.

MTD expects to pilot The Wave in the Carpinteria area in 2026.



Terminal 2 Returns to Service, Supporting System Efficiency

In December, MTD began operating a limited amount of service from the newly recommissioned Terminal 2 facility in Goleta, marking a significant milestone in the district's long-term operations plan. While additional improvements are still ahead, returning service to Terminal 2 represents an important step forward in MTD's history and future capacity.

MTD broke ground on Phase 1 construction at Terminal 2 in May 2024 and was able to bring the facility to an interim level of operations in just a year and a half. This phased approach allowed MTD to begin realizing operational benefits while continuing to invest public funds thoughtfully and strategically.

Service will continue to operate out of Terminal 2 until mid-June 2026, when Phase 2 construction—focused on a new building and canopies—is expected to begin. Once fully operational, the rebuilt facility is expected to accommodate approximately 20 buses and support a larger share of MTD's service in the Goleta and Isla Vista areas, improving efficiency, flexibility, and service delivery for the community.



Bus Stop Signage

After years of implementing MTD's updated logo and color scheme on printed materials and bus paint schemes, the item in every neighborhood finally got an upgrade! As of mid-January 2026, all bus stop signs in the system have been replaced with high-quality new signs, built to last for many years to come.

Featuring the bright blue, white, and teal MTD brand colors, and reflective route decals, these signs replaced aging yellow, black, and white signs, some of which have remained in place for over 20 years!

Carta a la comunidad



El transporte público desempeña un papel social y económico fundamental en nuestra comunidad al brindar acceso a oportunidades, hacer que los desplazamientos sean más asequibles y estimular la actividad económica. Por ejemplo, las inversiones en infraestructura de MTD han tenido un impacto directo en el empleo y el crecimiento económico. El Informe a la Comunidad de este año destaca muchos de los proyectos del estado de buen mantenimiento de la agencia que contribuyen a impulsar la actividad económica actual, mientras que los proyectos ya finalizados darán como resultado un aire más limpio y una comunidad con una mayor calidad de vida.

Estas inversiones permiten a MTD seguir mejorando la calidad de vida de muchos adultos mayores y personas con discapacidad de nuestra comunidad, quienes representan el 15% de nuestros pasajeros anuales, al apoyar su vida independiente. Estos proyectos también benefician a las familias locales al proporcionar transporte seguro y confiable para nuestros jóvenes. El año pasado, los estudiantes de K-12 representaron más del 9% de los pasajeros de MTD en todos nuestros servicios. Además, nuestros convenios de pases de autobús para estudiantes de SBCC y UCSB brindan un beneficio significativo a los usuarios y reducen el impacto en los vecindarios al facilitar el acceso al transporte público.

Desde Carpinteria hasta Goleta, los autobuses de ruta fija de MTD y ahora el servicio a demanda con The Wave, reducen el tráfico y contribuyen cada día a hacer de nuestra comunidad un lugar más seguro y limpio para vivir. En MTD estamos orgullosos de ayudar a mantener nuestra comunidad en movimiento.

Jerry Estrada
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es mejorar la movilidad de los residentes, los viajeros y visitantes de la Costa Sur ofreciendo un servicio de transporte seguro, atractivo, equitativo, ambientalmente responsable y fiscalmente sólido.

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INFORME A LA COMUNIDAD

Enero 2026



El Shuttle regresa para satisfacer la demanda de manera eficiente



El servicio de transporte totalmente eléctrico Downtown–Waterfront Shuttle regresó por segundo año consecutivo durante el verano, respondiendo a la gran demanda de pasajeros y al continuo interés de la comunidad, con un aumento del 13% en el número de usuarios con respecto a 2024. Operando como una ruta circular, el servicio conectaba el centro de la ciudad, el puerto, Stearns Wharf y el Zoológico de Santa Bárbara, ofreciendo una forma cómoda y ecológica de disfrutar de algunos de los destinos más populares de la ciudad.

El servicio estuvo disponible los viernes, sábados y domingos, del 30 de mayo al 2 de septiembre de 2025. Al concentrar el servicio durante los períodos de mayor afluencia de visitantes y utilizar vehículos de cero emisiones, MTD logró maximizar los beneficios para los usuarios, utilizando los recursos públicos de manera eficiente y responsable.

Actualización de tarifas y mejoras en Tap2Ride

Después de 16 años sin cambios en las tarifas, el aumento de los costos operativos hizo necesario que MTD actualizara su estructura tarifaria. A principios de 2025, MTD revisó detenidamente el sistema de tarifas existente, recabó la opinión de la comunidad y realizó un análisis de equidad tarifaria antes de ajustar la tarifa base de \$1.75 a \$2.50, e incrementar el precio de los pases de 10 viajes y de 30 días.

Para apoyar la sostenibilidad financiera a largo plazo y, al mismo tiempo, mantener el transporte público accesible, MTD continúa ofreciendo tarifas con descuento para personas mayores de 65 años, personas con discapacidades y titulares de la tarjeta Medicare, ahora disponibles a través del sistema de pago sin contacto Tap2Ride. Los usuarios elegibles pueden registrarse y recibirán automáticamente la tarifa con descuento, con un límite de costo que garantiza que nunca paguen más del costo de un pase diario con descuento o un pase de 30 días con descuento en un período de 30 días.



Proyecto de Marquesina Haley: Mantener la infraestructura del distrito en buen estado



El Proyecto de Marquesina Haley representa una inversión estratégica en la infraestructura de operaciones y mantenimiento de MTD, diseñada para apoyar la transición continua hacia una flota más eficiente y con cero emisiones. El proyecto incluye la refacción de cuatro cargadores de autobuses BYD existentes y la instalación de 14 puertos de carga para autobuses de servicio pesado y tres puertos de carga de Nivel 2, junto con mejoras en la infraestructura eléctrica para ampliar la capacidad de carga.

Otras mejoras incluyen nueva iluminación, repintado de las estructuras existentes y la instalación de nuevas canaletas y bajantes para mejorar la durabilidad y la funcionalidad de las instalaciones. La isla de combustible ya ha sido renovada con una nueva capa de pintura e iluminación LED mucho más brillante, lo que mejora la visibilidad y la seguridad. En conjunto, estas mejoras garantizan que los fondos públicos se inviertan en infraestructura que proporcione eficiencia operativa, confiabilidad y valor a largo plazo para la comunidad.

El servicio bajo demanda The Wave se lanza en Goleta e Isla Vista

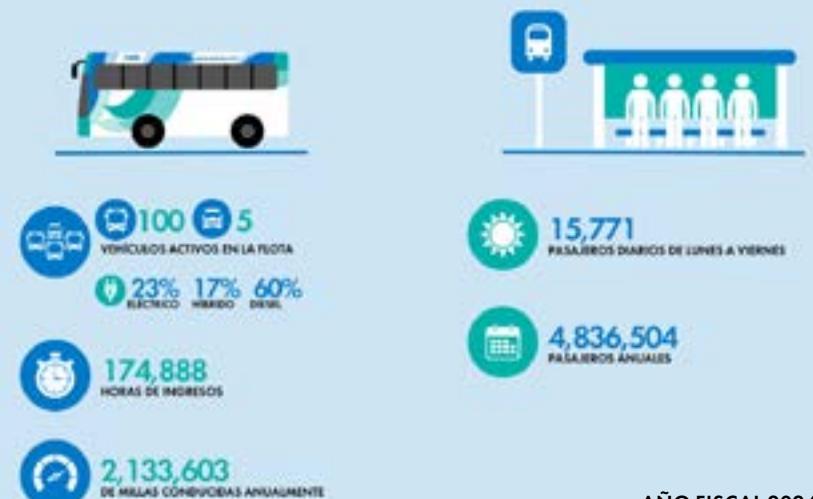
Tras años de planificación, en abril de 2025, MTD lanzó su primer servicio de microtransporte a demanda, conocido como The Wave, en una parte de Goleta e Isla Vista. The Wave ofrece un servicio flexible puerta a puerta que opera a demanda cuando los pasajeros solicitan un viaje a través de la aplicación TransLoc o llamando al Centro de Tránsito. Este proyecto piloto se financia con fondos únicos del programa Low-Carbon Transit Operations del Estado de California.

Diseñado para complementar, y no para reemplazar el servicio de autobuses de ruta fija de MTD, The Wave cubre las brechas de servicio en áreas que no están cubiertas por las rutas de MTD o que no cuentan con servicio de autobús directo. Al conectar destinos importantes como el corredor comercial de Calle Real, la estación de tren de Goleta, el aeropuerto de Santa Bárbara, UCSB y los centros comunitarios de Isla Vista y Goleta, este servicio ya ha marcado una diferencia en la vida de los residentes y visitantes de la zona. Operado con furgonetas Ford Transit, el servicio The Wave es accesible para personas con discapacidad y está disponible para pasajeros de todas las capacidades. A finales de diciembre de 2025, The Wave había transportado a más de 1500 pasajeros.

MTD prevé implementar The Wave en la zona de Carpintería en 2026.



ESTADÍSTICAS DEL DISTRITO



AÑO FISCAL 2024-2025

La Terminal 2 vuelve a estar operativa, contribuyendo a la eficiencia del sistema

En diciembre, MTD comenzó a operar un servicio limitado desde la recién rehabilitada Terminal 2 en Goleta, lo que representa un hito importante en el plan operativo a largo plazo del distrito. Si bien aún quedan mejoras por realizar, la reanudación del servicio en la Terminal 2 constituye un paso fundamental en la historia de MTD y en su capacidad futura.

MTD inició la construcción de la Fase 1 en la Terminal 2 en mayo de 2024 y logró poner en funcionamiento las instalaciones de forma provisional en tan solo un año y medio. Este enfoque por fases permitió a MTD comenzar a obtener beneficios operativos mientras continuaba invirtiendo los fondos públicos de manera responsable y estratégica.

El servicio continuará operando desde la Terminal 2 hasta mediados de junio de 2026, fecha en la que se prevé el inicio de la construcción de la Fase 2, que se centrará en un nuevo edificio y marquesinas. Una vez que esté completamente operativa, se espera que la terminal reconstruida tenga capacidad para aproximadamente 20 autobuses y dé servicio a una mayor proporción de las rutas de MTD en las áreas de Goleta e Isla Vista, mejorando la eficiencia, la flexibilidad y la prestación del servicio para la comunidad.



Señales de paradas de autobús

Después de años implementando el logotipo y la paleta de colores actualizados de MTD en materiales impresos y en la pintura de los autobuses, ¡por fin se ha renovado un elemento presente en todos los barrios! A mediados de enero de 2026, todos los letreros de las paradas de autobús del sistema fueron reemplazados por nuevos letreros de alta calidad, diseñados para durar muchos años.

Con los colores azul brillante, blanco y turquesa de la marca MTD y calcomanías reflectantes con los números de las rutas, estos nuevos letreros reemplazaron a los antiguos letreros amarillos, negros y blancos, algunos de los cuales llevaban instalados más de 20 años.

