



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
of the  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
of the  
**SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT**  
A Public Agency  
**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**  
**9:00 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 March 3, 2026.
- 5. CASH REPORTS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**  
The Board will be asked to review and approve the Cash Reports from February 21, 2026 through March 6, 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](http://www.sbmtd.gov) and at MTD Administrative offices.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

7. **TDA-LTF GRANT APPLICATION- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN - ATTACHMENT)**  
Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution #2026-01 authorizing the General Manager to claim the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds apportioned to the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District for FY 2026-27
8. **LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**  
Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution No. 2026-02 authorizing General Manager Jerry Estrada to execute all required documents for an application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for FY 2025/26 California Cap-and-Invest funds from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP).

### **9:15 A.M. TIME CERTAIN – FISCAL YEAR 2025 SECTION 5339(a) PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

9. **FTA 5339(A) PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (INFORMATIONAL - ATTACHMENT)**  
That the Board of Directors receive a presentation and provide feedback regarding the proposed Program of Projects (POP) for MTD's FFY 2025 Section 5339(a) capital funding.

### **9:25 A.M. TIME CERTAIN – FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2027 49 USC §5307 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS AND DRAFT SERVICE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27**

10. **DRAFT SERVICE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 (INFORMATIONAL)**  
That the Board of Directors receive a presentation and provide feedback regarding the proposed service changes for August 2026, which serve as the Program of Projects (POP) for the estimated MTD FFY 2027 Section 5307 funding.
11. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - (INFORMATIONAL)**  
The General Manager will report on updates to District activities.
12. **OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS - (INFORMATIONAL)**  
The Board will report on the other related public transit issues and committees.
13. **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**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
of the  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
of the  
**SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT**  
A Public Agency  
**Tuesday, March 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**

Chair Davis reported that all members were present, except for Director Lemberger.

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

Rosa Gonzalez, Clerk of the Board reported that the agenda was posted on February 27, 2026 at MTD's Administrative Office, emailed to those on the agenda list, and posted to MTD's website

Chair Davis asked if there were any changes to the agenda. General Manager Estrada recommended that Item 12 be dropped.

Director Perotte moved to drop Item 12. Director Sarkar seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, with Director Lemberger absent.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

The Board was asked to review and approve the draft minutes for the meeting of February 17, 2026.

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

The Board was asked to review and approve the Cash Reports from February 7, 2026 through February 20, 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**

<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRAFT MINUTES</b>
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No public comments were made.

Director Lemberger arrived at 8:32 a.m.

**7. 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 \$14,750,000 in excess of the self-insured retention of \$250,000, with National Interstate Insurance Company effective April 1, 2026 – July 1, 2027, for a 15-month policy, at an estimated annual cost of \$1,332,087.

Director Perotte moved to approve staff recommendations. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**8. FIRST DRAFT OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-2027 BUDGET - (INFORMATIONAL - ATTACHMENT)**

Staff presented the first draft of the FY 2026-2027 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 (FY) 2026-2027 MEASURE A PROGRAM OF PROJECTS SUBMITTAL - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN - ATTACHMENT)**

Staff recommended the Board approve the submittal of Measure A Program of Projects for FY 2026-2027 to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments.

Director Tabor moved to approve staff recommendations. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - (INFORMATIONAL)**

The General Manager reported on attending the California Transit Association (CTA) Executive Committee Retreat and that Hillary Blackerby serves as Vice Chair of the CTA Legislative Committee, providing awareness of legislative developments in Sacramento. Transit agencies statewide are facing similar challenges, including transit operations funding and regulatory requirements related to fleet administration and management. The State's financial challenges are documented and MTD remains well represented and will continue to keep the Board informed

The Board will receive an update at the next meeting regarding the new Fiscal and Financial Training requirement for Board Members, which will accompany existing Ethics Training requirements.

Staff will soon provide an update on the bus fleet and the Transportation Asset Management (TAM) program, including status and meeting requirements.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, CONTINUED**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRAFT MINUTES

Commented on the letter sent to the Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD) regarding their consideration of reinstating a seventh period at junior high and high schools. SBUSD relies heavily on MTD's Tripper service due to the lack of school bus service. The service operates without a contract or financial contribution from SBUSD and costs MTD several million dollars annually. Currently, approximately 10–11 buses are deployed in the morning and 15 buses in the afternoon for school-related service, with up to 21 buses and drivers required on minimum days out of a fleet of 91 vehicles. This level of service is not sustainable given the agency's budget challenges and projected deficit. SBUSD leadership has been informed that MTD does not have the resources to support additional service associated with a seventh-period schedule. SBUSD may delay implementation until the second year. Hillary Blackerby will continue discussions with SBUSD leadership and encourage them to pursue contracted school bus services. MTD will continue serving the community with available resources.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS - (INFORMATIONAL)**

No other business or reports were presented.

Item 12 was dropped from the agenda

**12. 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.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District**  
**Cash Report**  
**Board Meeting of March 17, 2026**  
**For the Period February 21, 2026 through March 6, 2026**

**MONEY MARKET**

**Beginning Balance February 21, 2026** **\$1,858,679.07**

Accounts Receivable	1,389,501.58
Passenger Fares	115,781.39
Measure A Transfer	10,034.88
Prepays & Advertising	3,330.00
Miscellaneous Income	620.38
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>1,519,268.23</b>

Bank & Credit Card Fees	(2,527.24)
401(k)/Pension Transfer	(45,645.65)
Miscellaneous Transfers	(129,036.82)
Payroll Taxes	(189,769.69)
Accounts Payable	(363,622.54)
Payroll	(438,511.31)
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>(1,169,113.25)</b>

**Ending Balance** **\$2,208,834.05**

**CASH INVESTMENTS**

LAIF Account	\$3,627,908.38
Money Market Account	2,208,834.05

**Total Cash Balance** **\$5,836,742.43**

**SELF INSURED LIABILITY ACCOUNTS**

WC / Liability Reserves	(\$4,186,205.47)
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**Working Capital** **\$1,650,536.96**

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District  
Accounts Payable**

Check #	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
139746	2/27/2026	ABC BUS COMPANIES INC	BUS PARTS	2,513.35	
139747	2/27/2026	ASBURY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVI	WASTE OIL RECYCLER	153.00	
139748	2/27/2026	RIDE COACH & BUS DBA	BUS PARTS	1,498.76	
139749	2/27/2026	CINTAS CORPORATION	SAFETY SUPPLIES	1,332.05	
139750	2/27/2026	CROCKER REFRIGERATION & AIR	HVAC MAINTENANCE	319.77	
139751	2/27/2026	CUMMINS SALES & SERVICE DBA	BUS PARTS & REPAIRS	1,333.48	
139752	2/27/2026	DAVID DAVIS JR.	DIRECTOR FEES	60.00	
139753	2/27/2026	ALLIANT POWER DBA	BUS PARTS	3,692.09	
139754	2/27/2026	DOCUPRODUCTS CORPORATION	COPIER MAINTENANCE/SUPPLIES	288.37	
139755	2/27/2026	EMERGENCY DRAIN SERVICES DB	DRAIN SERVICES	1,115.20	
139756	2/27/2026	FAST UNDERCAR DBA	EV BUS PARTS	1,829.55	
139757	2/27/2026	FRONTIER CALIFORNIA INC.	TELEPHONE/RADIO/FIBER OPTIC INT	465.99	
139758	2/27/2026	GANNETT CALIFORNIA LOCALIQ	PUBLIC NOTICE ADS	716.00	
139759	2/27/2026	GILLIG LLC	BUS PARTS	270.14	
139760	2/27/2026	GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO	BUS TIRE LEASE	17.80	
139761	2/27/2026	HIGH IMPACT INC.	FORKLIFT SAFETY TRAINING	2,465.00	
139762	2/27/2026	JANEK CORP	BUS PARTS	992.25	
139763	2/27/2026	JOY EQUIPMENT PROTECTION IN	B&G REPAIRS & SUPPLIES	185.00	
139764	2/27/2026	ALBERTO LAPUZ	DIRECTOR FEES	60.00	
139765	2/27/2026	JENNIFER LEMBERGER	DIRECTOR FEES	60.00	
139766	2/27/2026	LENZ PEST CONTROL INC	FUMIGATION SERVICES	249.80	
139767	2/27/2026	MC CORMIX CORP. (GAS)	FUEL-SV/MICROTRANSIT	950.37	
139768	2/27/2026	MISSION LINEN SUPPLY INC	UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	361.72	
139769	2/27/2026	MOHAWK MFG. AND SUPPLY CO.	BUS PARTS	429.08	
139770	2/27/2026	MOUSER ELECTRONICS	VEHICLE BUS PARTS	243.10	
139771	2/27/2026	NEOPART TRANSIT LLC	BUS PARTS	2,622.71	
139772	2/27/2026	PAULA A. PEROTTE	DIRECTOR FEES	120.00	
139773	2/27/2026	REED PRINTING INC	PRINTING SERVICES	8,730.07	
139774	2/27/2026	ROBERT HALF	TEMPORARY LABOR	1,815.94	
139775	2/27/2026	ARJUN SARKAR	DIRECTOR FEES	120.00	
139776	2/27/2026	SILVAS OIL CO. INC.	LUBRICANTS	3,689.38	
139777	2/27/2026	SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	TRANSIT DASHBOARDS	16,968.21	
139778	2/27/2026	SOFTCHOICE CORP INC	MICROSOFT LICENSES	30,660.13	
139779	2/27/2026	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	ELECTRIC VEHICLES "FUEL"	2,049.31	
139780	2/27/2026	SOCALGAS	UTILITIES	49.43	
139781	2/27/2026	MONICA JUANITA SOLORZANO	DIRECTOR FEES	120.00	
139782	2/27/2026	SOUTHWEST LIFT & EQUIPMENT I	SHOP SUPPLIES	406.57	
139783	2/27/2026	DAVID T. TABOR	DIRECTOR FEES	120.00	

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139784	2/27/2026	TAC ENERGY LLC	RENEWABLE DIESEL	49,724.60	
139785	2/27/2026	VELOCITY TRUCK CENTERS DBA	BUS PARTS	603.06	
139786	2/27/2026	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELLULAR/WIRELESS SERVICE	2,202.50	
139787	2/27/2026	FRONTIER CALIFORNIA INC.	TELEPHONE/RADIO/FIBER OPTIC INT	152.03	
139788	2/27/2026	FRONTIER CALIFORNIA INC.	TELEPHONE/RADIO/FIBER OPTIC INT	753.57	
139789	2/27/2026	FRONTIER CALIFORNIA INC.	TELEPHONE/RADIO/FIBER OPTIC INT	763.50	
139790	2/27/2026	FRONTIER CALIFORNIA INC.	TELEPHONE/RADIO/FIBER OPTIC INT	151.57	
139791	3/6/2026	ABC BUS COMPANIES INC	BUS PARTS	2,810.86	
139792	3/6/2026	AMERICAN MOVING PARTS LLC	BUS PARTS	2,471.44	
139793	3/6/2026	RIDE COACH & BUS DBA	BUS PARTS	653.72	
139794	3/6/2026	RJ CARROLL & SONS INC.	BLDG & GROUND REPAIRS	336.49	
139795	3/6/2026	CENTRAL COAST CIRCULATION L	BUS BOOK DISTRIBUTION	788.00	
139796	3/6/2026	CENTRAL COAST TANK TESTING	TANK TESTS	150.00	
139797	3/6/2026	COX COMMUNICATIONS CORP.	INTERNET & CABLE TV	195.63	
139798	3/6/2026	CUMMINS SALES & SERVICE DBA	BUS PARTS & REPAIRS	3,446.76	
139799	3/6/2026	CROSSLINE SUPPLY LLC	BUS PARTS	796.44	
139800	3/6/2026	GIBBS INTERNATIONAL INC	BUS PARTS	4,566.71	
139801	3/6/2026	GILLIG LLC	BUS PARTS	2,559.53	
139802	3/6/2026	GRAINGER INC.	SHOP/B&G SUPPLIES	66.16	
139803	3/6/2026	GUARDIAN-APPLETON (DENTAL I	DENTAL INSURANCE	4,744.17	
139804	3/6/2026	GUARDIAN-APPLETON (VISION IN	VISION INSURANCE	367.19	
139805	3/6/2026	GUARDIAN-APPLETON (LIFE INS)	LIFE INSURANCE	1,751.76	
139806	3/6/2026	HOME IMPROVEMENT CTR.	FAREBOX SUPPLIES	73.95	
139807	3/6/2026	HR AUTOGLASS DBA	BUS PARTS/REPAIRS	375.00	
139808	3/6/2026	KIRKS AUTOMOTIVE INC	BUS/AUTO PARTS	972.76	
139809	3/6/2026	MAYAN GENERAL CONSTRUCTIO	LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVIC	3,420.00	
139810	3/6/2026	MISSION LINEN SUPPLY INC	UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE	361.72	
139811	3/6/2026	MOHAWK MFG. AND SUPPLY CO.	BUS PARTS	308.34	
139812	3/6/2026	MUNOZ JANITORIAL	JANITORIAL SERVICES	8,850.00	
139813	3/6/2026	NEOPART TRANSIT LLC	BUS PARTS	245.25	
139814	3/6/2026	NFI PARTS DBA	BUS PARTS	1,436.93	
139815	3/6/2026	PREVOST CAR (US) INC.	BUS/SERVICE VEHICLE PARTS	2,596.62	
139816	3/6/2026	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS DBA	BUS/SERVICE VEHICLE PARTS	55.56	
139817	3/6/2026	PRISM	EAP PROGRAM	1,037.66	
139818	3/6/2026	PB-RESERVE ACCOUNT	PREPAID POSTAGE	1,500.00	
139819	3/6/2026	ROBERT HALF	TEMPORARY LABOR	2,384.00	
139820	3/6/2026	RS DBA	BUS PARTS	155.98	
139821	3/6/2026	SILVAS OIL CO. INC.	LUBRICANTS	3,456.90	
139822	3/6/2026	SO. CAL. EDISON CO.	UTILITIES	8,455.95	
139823	3/6/2026	SOCALGAS	UTILITIES	61.63	
139824	3/6/2026	SOUTHWEST LIFT & EQUIPMENT I	SHOP SUPPLIES	59.22	

Check #	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
139825	3/6/2026	STANTEC ARCHITECTURE INC.	FACILITIES A&E SERVICES	7,204.28	
139826	3/6/2026	SB CITY OF-REFUSE & WATER	UTILITIES	2,384.22	
139827	3/6/2026	TEAMSTERS PENSION TRUST	UNION PENSION	96,373.98	
139828	3/6/2026	TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 18	UNION DUES	13,936.00	
139829	3/6/2026	TAC ENERGY LLC	RENEWABLE DIESEL	24,831.27	
139830	3/6/2026	VALLEY POWER SYSTEMS INC	BUS PARTS	8,543.35	
139831	3/6/2026	VELOCITY TRUCK CENTERS DBA	BUS PARTS	2,245.47	
139832	3/6/2026	WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY DBA	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	1,866.83	
139833	3/6/2026	WURTH USA WEST INC.	SHOP SUPPLIES	1,300.36	
				<b>363,622.54</b>	
<b>Current Cash Report Voided Checks:</b>				0.00	
<b>Prior Cash Report Voided Checks:</b>				0.00	
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>\$363,622.54</b>	

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**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District  
Cash Receipts of Accounts Receivable**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
3/3/2026	Local Transportation Fund	SB 325 - Feb '26	1,116,874.31
3/3/2026	Measure A, Section 3 LSTI	Measure A Funds - Feb '26	268,050.17
3/4/2026	UCSB (AD & AM)	Advertising on Buses	996.00
3/4/2026	Wells Marketing, LLC	Advertising on Buses	3,581.10
<b>Total Accounts Receivable Paid During Period</b>			<b>\$1,389,501.58</b>

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** MARCH 17, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM #: 7**

**TYPE:** ACTION ITEM

**PREPARED BY:** DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION NANCY TILLIE

**REVIEWED BY:** GENERAL MANAGER JERRY ESTRADA

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT CLAIM

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff is requesting that the Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the General Manager to claim the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds apportioned to Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District for FY 2026-27.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff is preparing the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District's FY 2026-27 TDA claim forms. All claims must be submitted to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments by April 10, 2025.

**ATTACHMENT:**

- Resolution for the FY 2026-27 Transportation Development Act Claim
- TDA LTF Initial Apportionments Fiscal Year 2026-27

**RESOLUTION**  
*of the*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
*of the*  
**SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT**

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CLAIM WITH THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR ALLOCATION OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 01**

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Development Act (TDA), as amended (Public Utilities Code Section 99200 et seq.), provides for the allocation of funds from the Local Transportation Fund and the State Transit Assistance Fund, for use by eligible claimants for various transportation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the TDA, as amended, and pursuant to the applicable rules and regulations hereunder (21 Cal. Admin. Code Sections 6600 et seq.) a prospective claimant wishing to receive an allocation from the Local Transportation Fund or the State Transit Assistance Fund shall file its claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Manager, Jerry Estrada, is authorized to execute and file an appropriate claim pursuant to the terms of the Transportation Development Act, as amended, and pursuant to applicable rules and regulations promulgated there under, together with all necessary supporting documents, with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for an allocation of TDA funds in Fiscal Year 2026-27.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the authorized claim includes \$343,681 for regional and transportation planning and \$10,900,401 for transit purposes, plus STA funds to be allocated for mass transportation or local transportation planning.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Santa Barbara Association of Governments in conjunction with the filing of the claim.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District this 17th day of March 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Directors

**Transportation Development Act  
Local Transportation Fund (LTF)  
Initial Apportionments Fiscal Year 2026-27**

CLAIMANTS	Population <sup>1</sup>	% of Total Population	Maximum Apportionment <sup>2</sup>	Bike & Ped. Funds (2%)	Planning Funds (3%)	Article 4.5 (5%)	Available for Articles 4 & 8
Buellton	4,970	1.1185254%	\$283,207	\$5,664	\$8,326		\$269,217
Guadalupe	8,676	1.9525808%	494,388	9,888	14,535		446,467 <sup>4</sup>
Lompoc	43,610	9.8146669%	2,485,046	49,701	73,060		2,362,285
Santa Maria	110,608	24.8929299%	6,302,819	126,056	185,303		5,691,887 <sup>4</sup>
Solvang	5,663	1.2744888%	322,697	6,454	9,487		306,756
SB County (Unincorp. North County)	65,664	14.7779896%	3,741,745	74,835	110,007		3,461,383 <sup>4</sup>
SMOOTH (S. M. Valley CTSA)						\$418,591	
So. Co. Claimants (See Below)	205,144	46.1688186%	11,689,814	233,796	343,681	555,617	10,556,720
<b>Total:</b>	<b>444,335</b>	<b>100.0000000%</b>	<b>\$25,319,716 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$506,394</b>	<b>\$744,399</b>	<b>\$974,208</b>	<b>\$23,094,715</b>
<b>SOUTH COUNTY CLAIMANTS</b>							
SBMTD	205,144		\$10,900,401		\$343,681		\$10,556,720
Easy Lift			555,617			\$555,617	
Carpinteria	12,744	2.8681063%	14,524	\$14,524			
Goleta	32,515	7.3176770%	37,056	37,056			
Santa Barbara City	85,679	19.2825233%	97,645	97,645			
SB County (Unincorp. South County)	74,206	16.7005120%	84,570	84,570			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>205,144</b>	<b>46.1688186%</b>	<b>\$11,689,814</b>	<b>\$233,796</b>	<b>\$343,681</b>	<b>\$555,617</b>	<b>\$10,556,720</b>

1 January 2025 Department of Finance figures.

2 TDA revenue estimates from County Auditor-Controller, January 2026

3 (a,b,c) Per PUC section 99233.1 allocation has been reduced by (a) \$188,300 for administration, (b) \$5,400 for SBCTAC stipends (Estimate \$25,513,416-188,300-5,400=\$25,319,716)

4 Adjusted to provide funding for SMOOTH (Santa Maria Valley CTSA).



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** MARCH 17, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM #: 8**

**TYPE:** ACTION ITEM

**PREPARED BY:** DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION NANCY TILLIE

**REVIEWED BY:** GENERAL MANAGER JERRY ESTRADA

**SUBJECT:** LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 2026-02 authorizing General Manager Jerry Estrada to execute all required documents for an application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for FY 2025/26 California Cap-and-Invest funds from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), agreeing to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances, authorizing the allocation request, and authorizing the submittal to Caltrans of the project “SBMTD Microtransit Pilot Extension.”

**DISCUSSION:**

California Cap-and-Invest auction proceeds are appropriated to several programs, including the LCTOP, which is administered by Caltrans and the California Air Resources Board. All projects funded with auction proceeds must demonstrate greenhouse gas reduction. LCTOP provides formula funds to transit agencies such as MTD based on the agency’s percentage of statewide fare revenue, and to regional transportation planning agencies such as the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) based on the area’s percentage of statewide population.

Staff proposes to submit an application to apply the available FY 2025/26 LCTOP funds towards MTD’s project “SBMTD Microtransit Pilot Extension.” The SBCAG population-based FY 2025/26 LCTOP funds total \$738,567, and SBCAG staff has recommended that MTD receive \$154,252, of that amount. The SBCAG Board is expected to approve the allocation of these funds to MTD at their meeting of April 16. MTD will also apply the \$317,584 in MTD farebox revenue share of LCTOP funds to the project, for a total of \$471,836, for this first round of FY 2025/26 LCTOP funds. There will be a second round of allocations in or around July 2026 of which the District intends to apply for.

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### ATTACHMENTS:

- LCTOP Authorized Agent Form
- LCTOP Certifications and Assurances
- MTD Board Resolution 2026-02



FY 2025-2026 LCTOP
Authorized Agent

AS THE General Manager
(Chief Executive Officer/Director/President/Secretary)

OF THE Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
(Name of County/City/Transit Organization)

I hereby authorize the following individual(s) to execute for and on behalf of the named Regional Entity/Transit Operator, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds provided by the California Department of Transportation, Division of Local Assistance. I understand that if there is a change in the authorized agent, the project sponsor must submit a new form. This form is required even when the authorized agent is the executive authority himself. I understand the Board must provide a resolution approving the Authorized Agent. The Board Resolution appointing the Authorized Agent is attached.

Chief Operating Officer/AGM Mary Gregg OR
(Name and Title of Authorized Agent)

Director of Finance & Administration Nancy Tillie OR
(Name and Title of Authorized Agent)

Finance Manager Thais Sayat OR
(Name and Title of Authorized Agent)

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(Name and Title of Authorized Agent)

Jerry Estrada General Manager
(Print Name) (Title)

(Signature)

Approved this 17 day of March, 2026



## FY 2025-2026 LCTOP Certifications and Assurances

**Lead Agency:** Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District

**Project Title:** SBMTD Microtransit Pilot Extension

**Prepared by:** Director of Finance & Administration Nancy Tillie

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has adopted the following Certifications and Assurances for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). As a condition of the receipt of LCTOP funds, Lead Agency must comply with these terms and conditions.

### **A. General**

1. The Lead Agency agrees to abide by the current LCTOP Guidelines and applicable legal requirements.
2. The Lead Agency must submit to Caltrans a signed Authorized Agent form designating the representative who can submit documents on behalf of the project sponsor and a copy of the board resolution appointing the Authorized Agent.

### **B. Project Administration**

1. The Lead Agency certifies that required environmental documentation is complete before requesting an allocation of LCTOP funds. The Lead Agency assures that projects approved for LCTOP funding comply with Public Resources Code § 21100 and § 21150.
2. The Lead Agency certifies that a dedicated bank account for LCTOP funds only will be established within 30 days of receipt of LCTOP funds.
3. The Lead Agency certifies that when LCTOP funds are used for a transit capital project, that the project will be completed and remain in operation for its useful life.
4. The Lead Agency certifies that it has the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out the project, including the safety and security aspects of that project.
5. The Lead Agency certifies that they will notify Caltrans of pending litigation, dispute, or negative audit findings related to the project, before receiving an allocation of funds.
6. The Lead Agency must maintain satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities and will adequately maintain project equipment and facilities for the useful life of the project.
7. Any interest the Lead Agency earns on LCTOP funds must be used only on approved LCTOP projects.



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8. The Lead Agency must notify Caltrans of any changes to the approved project with a Corrective Action Plan (CAP).
9. Under extraordinary circumstances, a Lead Agency may terminate a project prior to completion. In the event the Lead Agency terminates a project prior to completion, the Lead Agency must (1) contact Caltrans in writing and follow-up with a phone call verifying receipt of such notice; (2) pursuant to verification, submit a final report indicating the reason for the termination and demonstrating the expended funds were used on the intended purpose; (3) submit a request to reassign the funds to a new project within 180 days of termination.

### C. Reporting

1. **The Lead Agency must submit the following LCTOP reports:**
  - a. **Annual Project Activity Reports October 30<sup>th</sup> each year.**
  - b. **A Close Out Report within six months of project completion.**
  - c. **The annual audit required under the Transportation Development Act (TDA), to verify receipt and appropriate expenditure of LCTOP funds. A copy of the audit report must be submitted to Caltrans within six months of the close of the year (December 31) each year in which LCTOP funds have been received or expended.**
  - d. **Project Outcome Reporting as defined by CARB Funding Guidelines.**
  - e. **Jobs Reporting as defined by CARB Funding Guidelines.**
2. Other Reporting Requirements: CARB develops and revises Funding Guidelines that will include reporting requirements for all State agencies that receive appropriations from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Caltrans and project sponsors will need to submit reporting information in accordance with CARB's Funding Guidelines, including reporting on greenhouse gas reductions and benefits to disadvantaged communities.

### D. Cost Principles

1. The Lead Agency agrees to comply with Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations 225 (2 CFR 225), Cost Principles for State and Local Government, and 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.
2. The Lead Agency agrees, and will assure that its contractors and subcontractors will be obligated to agree, that:
  - a. Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31, et seq., shall be used to determine the allow ability of individual project cost items and

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- b. Those parties shall comply with Federal administrative procedures in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments. Every sub-recipient receiving LCTOP funds as a contractor or sub-contractor shall comply with  
Federal administrative procedures in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.
3. Any project cost for which the Lead Agency has received funds that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 2 CFR 225, 48 CFR, Chapter 1, Part 31 or 2 CFR, Part 200, are subject to repayment by the Lead Agency to the State of California (State). All projects must reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as required under Public Resources Code section 75230, and any project that fails to reduce greenhouse gases shall also have its project costs subject to repayment by the Lead Agency to the State. Should the Lead Agency fail to reimburse moneys due to the State within thirty (30) days of demand, or within such other period as may be agreed in writing between the Parties hereto, the State is authorized to intercept and withhold future payments due the Lead Agency from the State or any third-party source, including but not limited to, the State Treasurer and the State Controller.

### **A. Record Retention**

1. The Lead Agency agrees and will assure that its contractors and subcontractors shall establish and maintain an accounting system and records that properly accumulate and segregate incurred project costs and matching funds by line item for the project. The accounting system of the Lead Agency, its contractors and all subcontractors shall conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and enable the determination of incurred costs at interim points of completion. All accounting records and other supporting papers of the Lead Agency, its contractors and subcontractors connected with LCTOP funding shall be maintained for a minimum of three (3) years after the "Project Closeout" report or final Phase 2 report is submitted (per CARB Funding Guidelines, Vol. 3, page 3.A-16), and shall be held open to inspection, copying, and audit by representatives of the State and the California State Auditor. Copies thereof will be furnished by the Lead Agency, its contractors, and subcontractors upon receipt of any request made by the State or its agents. In conducting an audit of the costs claimed, the State will rely to the maximum extent possible on any prior audit of the Lead Agency pursuant to the provisions of federal and State law. In the absence of such an audit, any acceptable audit work performed by the Lead Agency's external and internal auditors may be relied upon and used by the State when planning and conducting additional audits.
2. For the purpose of determining compliance with Title 21, California Code of Regulations, Section 2500 et seq., when applicable, and other matters connected with



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the performance of the Lead Agency's contracts with third parties pursuant to Government Code § 8546.7, the project sponsor, its contractors and subcontractors and the State shall each maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of such contracts, including, but not limited to, the costs of administering those various contracts. All of the above referenced parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the entire project period and for three (3) years from the date of final payment. The State, the California State Auditor, or any duly authorized representative of the State, shall each have access to any books, records, and documents that are pertinent to a project for audits, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and the Lead Agency shall furnish copies thereof if requested.

3. The Lead Agency, its contractors and subcontractors will permit access to all records of employment, employment advertisements, employment application forms, and other pertinent data and records by the Civil Rights Department, or any other agency of the State of California designated by the State, for the purpose of any investigation to ascertain compliance with this document.

### F. Special Situations

Caltrans may perform an audit and/or request detailed project information of the project sponsor's LCTOP funded projects at Caltrans' discretion at any time prior to the completion of the LCTOP.

I certify all these conditions will be met.

**Jerry Estrada**

*(Print Authorized Agent)*

*(Signature)*

**General Manager**

*(Title)*

**March 17, 2026**

*(Date)*



**FY 2025-2026 LCTOP  
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION #2026-02**

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE  
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS  
FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)  
FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT(S):

**SBMTD MICTRTRANSIT PILOT EXTENSION**

**99313: \$317,584; 99314: \$154,252**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for transit projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Jerry Estrada, General Manager

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District wishes to implement the following LCTOP project(s) listed above,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances and the Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Jerry Estrada, General Manager

be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) to the Department in FY2025-2026 LCTOP funds:



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**List project(s), including the following information:**

**Project Name:** SBMTD Microtransit Pilot Extension

**Short description of project:** Additional one-year pilot of microtransit on-demand service

**Amount of LCTOP funds requested:** \$471,836

**Benefits to a Priority Populations:** The project will serve AB 1550 Low-Income Communities

**Amount of Priority Populations benefits:** 100%

**Contributing Sponsors (if applicable):** Santa Barbara County Association of Governments

AGENCY BOARD DESIGNEE:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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**MEETING DATE:** MARCH 17, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM #:** 9

**TYPE:** INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**PREPARED BY:** DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION NANCY TILLIE

**REVIEWED BY:** GENERAL MANAGER JERRY ESTRADA

**SUBJECT:** FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2025 SECTION 5339(a) PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Directors receive a presentation and provide feedback regarding the proposed Program of Projects (POP) for MTD’s FFY 2025 Section 5339(a) Grants for Bus and Bus Facilities capital funding.

**DISCUSSION:**

The District is relying on this public hearing process to satisfy FTA public participation requirements for the POP. Subject to revisions to address comments received during public review periods, the §5339(a) POP will be the final program unless amended.

Apportionment Balances

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 5339(a) Formula Funding  
FFY 26      \$578,274

POP Funded Project

Recommissioning Terminal 2, Phase 2: Construct new Terminal 2 Operations and Maintenance Facility to reduce space constraints at Terminal 1, create efficiencies by eliminating over 16 miles of deadhead, and to be able to house 30-35 buses to prepare MTD for full fleet electrification.



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**MEETING DATE:** MARCH 17, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM #:** 10

**TYPE:** INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**PREPARED BY:** PLANNING AND MARKETING MANAGER HILLARY BLACKERBY

**REVIEWED BY:** GENERAL MANAGER JERRY ESTRADA

**SUBJECT:** **DRAFT SERVICE PLAN FOR FY 2026-27**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Directors receive a presentation and provide feedback regarding the proposed service changes for August 2026, which serve as the Program of Projects (POP) for the estimated MTD FFY 2027 Section 5307 funding.

**DISCUSSION:**

On January 20, 2026, staff presented the FY 2026-27 planning work plan to the Board of Directors. The approved service level for FY 2025-26 was 180,561 hours.

With a fiscal cliff drawing nearer, staff is recommending a reduction in service of approximately 3 percent to go into effect as of August 17, 2026. As recently presented to the Board of Directors, the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27 is projecting a deficit of nearly \$5.8 million. While there are (at this moment) still funds to cover that gap from Federal pandemic operating assistance, those funds are dwindling rapidly as the deficit grows in out years.

These proposed reductions consider several variables: ridership, coverage, current frequency, and span of service. When tasked with exploring possible reductions, the Planning team analyzed ridership, coverage of various neighborhoods and service areas, potential changes in frequency, and potential changes in spans of service—specifically late trips and weekends.

As the information below shows, on some routes, specific trips are proposed for elimination. These trips have been analyzed for their ridership and have been deemed as lower performing trips as compared to other trips. While making reductions in service is never easy or desired, the goal is to have the lightest impact on bus riders while finding savings to reduce the budget deficit. As a caveat, barring any unexpected windfall operating funding over the next year, it is very likely that much deeper reductions will need to be made in upcoming years.

MTD does operate some service that is funded based on grants or contracts and so reducing that service would not have a positive impact on the budget deficit. These routes include Lines 28 (UCSB Shuttle), 12x (Goleta Express), 19x (Carpinteria/SBCC Express), 24x (UCSB Express),

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and the Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle. The Wave on-demand microtransit service is also currently funded by temporary grants.

New contracted service is scheduled to start on May 4, 2026, providing first mile/last mile service to the new commuter-timed Pacific Surfliner service being funded by the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG). It is expected (and reflected below) that this service will continue through FY 26-27.

The City of Santa Barbara has included funding for this summer’s Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle service in its draft budget, and details of an agreement are being finalized.

**Summary of Proposed Changes**

<b>Lines</b>	<b>Description of Changes</b>	<b>Revenue Hours</b>
<b>Lines 1 &amp; 2</b>	Reduce weekday headways from 15 to 20 minutes	(4,950)
<b>Line 3</b>	Reduce service on Saturday to match Sunday service schedule	(130)
<b>Lines 4 &amp; 17</b>	Reduce service on Saturday to match Sunday service schedule	(128)
<b>Line 5</b>	Reduce service on Saturday to match Sunday service schedule	(225)
<b>Line 7</b>	Eliminate last weekday outbound trip	(188)
<b>Line 14</b>	Eliminate one weekday AM roundtrip, bringing all day headways to 1 hour	(375)
<b>Line 14</b>	Eliminate one Saturday AM roundtrip	(70)
<b>Line 20</b>	Eliminate first Sunday AM outbound trip	(171)
<b>Lines 11, 23, &amp; 25</b>	Eliminate last weekday: outbound 23 trip, inbound 25 trip, and inbound 11 trip	(345)
<b>Line 2010</b>	Alpha Resource Center booster route eliminated as of June 15, 2026	(105)
<b>The Wave Microtransit-Goleta/Isla Vista &amp; Carpinteria*</b>	LCTOP funded service	910*
<b>Amtrak First/Last Mile**</b>	SBCAG funded service	1,920**
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Minor OTP adjustments	100
<b>Total</b>		<b>(-3,757)</b>

\*Reflects additional budgeted hours over FY 25-26. Funded via Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program grant funds

\*\*Funded by SBCAG with Measure A funds

**Proposed Service Reductions**

**Lines 1 (West Santa Barbara) and 2 (East Santa Barbara)**

Line 1 serves Downtown and West Santa Barbara, and Line 2 serves Downtown and East Santa Barbara. These routes are interlined and run on 15-minute headways for most of the day on weekdays. That makes these routes the most frequent in MTD's system. Revenue hours on Lines 1 and 2 combined make up 14 percent of MTD's total revenue hours.

After analyzing ridership impacts and recognizing that 20-minute headways are seen as a good standard in bus systems of MTD's size, and is among the most frequent in the system, staff is recommending reducing weekday headways on Lines 1 and 2 to 20-minute frequency. The span of service would remain the same.

While Lines 1 and 2 are still very popular routes with an average of 22 passengers per hour year-to-date, they have seen drops in ridership of 17.3% and 18%, respectively, in the period of July 2025 to January 2026 as compared to the prior year. While it is hoped that this downward trend on these routes will turn around, we believe that with 20-minute service, the capacity will be sufficient to satisfy current demand.

**Lines 3 (Oak Park), 4 (Mesa/SBCC), 5 (Mesa/La Cumbre), and 17 (Lower West SB/SBCC)**

Line 3 serves Downtown Santa Barbara, Cottage Hospital/Oak Park, Samarkand, Hitchcock, La Cumbre, and Sansum Clinic on Foothill. Line 4 serves Downtown Santa Barbara, Carrillo Hill, the Mesa, and SBCC, and is interlined with Line 17 which serves Downtown Santa Barbara, the Lower Westside, and SBCC. Line 5 serves Downtown Santa Barbara, SBCC, the Mesa, Hidden Valley and La Cumbre.

On these four routes (3, 4, 5, and 17) currently, there is slightly more service on Saturdays than Sundays. Staff's recommendation is to match Saturday's schedules on these routes to Sunday's current schedule. This means all weekend days on Lines 3, 4, 5, and 17 would have the same schedules. Headways would not change on these routes; the span of service would shrink.

Line 3 would go from 13 round trips to 11 round trips (losing 2 AM and 1 PM trips).

On the weekends, Lines 4, 17, and 5 are interlined for much of the day. Line 4 would go from 11 outbound trips to 8, and from 12 inbound trips to 9. Line 17 would go from 12 outbound trips to 9, and from 11 inbound trips to 8. Both Line 4 and 17 would lose 2 AM trips and 1 PM trip.

Line 5 would go from 14 outbound trips to 11 trips and 13 inbound trips to 10 trips (losing 1 AM and 2 PM trips).

This adjusts the span of service and also brings these routes in line with other MTD routes that have matching Saturday and Sunday schedules, such as Lines 7, 27 and 28.

**Line 7 (Goleta Old Town)**

Line 7 serves Downtown Santa Barbara, La Cumbre, the Calle Real County Campus, Calle Real/Fairview, and Old Town Goleta. On weekdays, Line 7 runs on 30-minute headways for most of the day and becomes less frequent in the evenings. The last two outbound trips from the Transit Center depart at 7:10 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Upon reviewing ridership on the 9:45 p.m. trip, staff believes that eliminating the trip would have minimal impact on riders. This would mean the latest trip outbound on the Line 7 would become the 7:10 p.m. departure.

**Line 14 (Montecito)**

Line 14 serves Downtown Santa Barbara, the Laguna neighborhood, East Santa Barbara, Coast Village Road, and the Upper Village of Montecito. On weekdays and Saturdays Line 14 runs on hour headways except for one additional round trip in the morning on these days, which gives the service 30-minute headways for one hour. Upon reviewing ridership on that additional trip, staff believes that eliminating the trip would have minimal impact on riders. If this round trip is removed, Line 14 would have one-hour headways all day on weekdays, and one less round trip on Saturdays.

**Line 20 (Carpinteria)**

Line 20 serves Downtown Santa Barbara, East Santa Barbara, Coast Village Road, Summerland, and Carpinteria. This route runs every half hour to hour for most of the day, seven days a week. Staff has identified the first outbound trip of the day on Sunday, which leaves the Via Real and Mark Avenue stop at 6:55 a.m. and arrives at the Transit Center at 7:45 a.m. as a lower performing trip. This trip also requires a bus to deadhead out to the end of Carpinteria, to only do one trip in to Santa Barbara. It is recommended that this one-way outbound trip be eliminated. This would mean that the first outbound trip from Carpinteria on Sundays would leave Via Real and Mark Avenue at 7:35 a.m.

**Lines 11 (UCSB), 23 (El Encanto Heights), and 25 (Ellwood/Winchester Canyon)**

Line 11 serves Downtown Santa Barbara, the State/Hollister corridor from Sola to Fairview, Santa Barbara Airport, UCSB, and Camino Real Marketplace. Line 23 serves Camino Real Marketplace, Dos Pueblos High School and El Encanto Heights. Line 25 serves Camino Real Marketplace, Ellwood, and Winchester Canyon. These routes are interlined with each other and Line 6 (Goleta). Upon analysis of the ridership on the last weekday outbound Line 23 trip, which becomes the last inbound Line 25 trip, and then turns into the last inbound Line 11 trip, staff is recommending elimination of these three one way trips.

The last outbound Line 23 trip currently departs Storke and Hollister (Rusty's) at 11:00 p.m. and arrives at Calle Real and Winchester Place at 11:18 p.m. If this trip is eliminated, the latest weekday outbound Line 23 trip would leave Storke and Hollister at 9:40 p.m.

The last inbound Line 25 trip currently departs Calle Real and Winchester Place at 11:18 p.m. and arrives at Storke and Hollister stop (McDonald's) at 11:30 p.m. If this trip is eliminated, the latest weekday inbound Line 25 trip would leave Calle Real and Winchester Place at 9:58 p.m.

The last inbound Line 11 trip currently departs Storke and Hollister (McDonald's) at 11:30 p.m. and arrives at the Transit Center at 12:23 a.m. If this trip is eliminated, the latest weekday inbound Line 11 trip would leave Storke and Hollister at 10:30 p.m.

### **Alpha Resource Center Booster Line 2010**

For many years, MTD has operated a morning booster trip that begins at the Transit Center and ends at Alpha Resource Center on Cathedral Oaks Road, which hosts a day program that serves adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Line 2010 operates at approximately 105 revenue hours annually.

After tracking ridership on this route, and multiple conversations with staff at Alpha, staff has concluded that the route is no longer necessary. Alpha staff agrees that they can make other transportation arrangements for those who are still using the service. This change does not need to wait until August and is planned to end as for June 15, 2026.

### **Other Service Changes**

#### **Microtransit**

The Wave on-demand microtransit service launched in April 2025 in a portion of Goleta and Isla Vista after years of planned service and implementation delays. Service currently operates Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. MTD has one-time grant funding for the pilot of this service from the State of California's Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP).

The intention of this pilot was to test it in three specific service zones. In addition to Goleta/Isla Vista, service areas have been planned for Carpinteria and Santa Barbara. The next zone to begin service is Carpinteria and includes everything within the City limits of Carpinteria and some adjacent County unincorporated area, such as Santa Claus Lane. Staff believes there is strong demand for this service in Carpinteria as MTD has received robust community interest in bringing back service that connects different parts of the community, after suspension of the Seaside Shuttle (Line 36) service in 2020. In contrast to the Seaside Shuttle, this service would be on-demand and cover the entire community, instead of just a set circulator route. It would also connect Downtown Carpinteria and other neighborhoods with the popular Santa Claus Lane area that experiences significant parking pressures during peak times.

Staff is recommending that service in Carpinteria start this calendar year, likely in mid-September, with an exact time being dependent on workforce and fleet availability.

The Goleta/Isla Vista pilot is growing in popularity, and since it has thus far operated with shorter service windows and one fewer van and operator, there is additional budget to continue that service past April. Analysis is underway to understand the feasibility of extending or maintaining service in the Goleta/Isla Vista zone past the Carpinteria area launch.

#### **First Mile/Last Mile Service for New Amtrak Service**

MTD is finalizing a draft agreement with SBCAG regarding providing first mile/last mile bus service connections for the Santa Barbara and Goleta train stations for the retimed Pacific Surfliner train that is expected to begin on May 4, 2026. Staff will return to MTD's Board of Directors in April with further details on the service and with an agreement for approval. This service will be paid for by SBCAG with Measure A rail funds.

### **Small Routing Change on Line 7**

With the recent opening of the two “Project Connect” roundabouts at Hollister Avenue and Highway 217, the Operations Department has proposed changing the way that Line 7 turns around in Old Town Goleta. Currently, at the end of the line in Old Town, the bus turns left on Kinman Avenue, right on Armitos Avenue, right on Kellogg Avenue, and right on Hollister to pull into the Hollister and Kellogg westbound stop to begin the return trip. With the addition of the roundabouts, the bus is able to simply go straight eastbound, make a u-turn at the roundabout and pull straight into the Hollister and Kellogg stop. This change will be an operational improvement but will not affect any stops as there are none located back in the neighborhood. This change will likely take place before August. Planning staff will observe if any time is saved.

### **Minor On-Time Performance Adjustments**

At this time, Planning staff is not recommending any schedule changes to address on-time performance issues. Staff is using data and bus operator feedback to look at possible OTP issues that could be resolved with small tweaks to schedules.

### **Community Outreach**

Community meetings to receive feedback are currently being scheduled for the month of April in Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, Goleta, and virtually on Zoom. All materials promoting this outreach will be bilingual in Spanish and English and simultaneous interpretation will be available at all meetings. The same service change presentation will be given at a meeting of the Isla Vista Community Services District board.

To accompany the meetings, staff is again planning to distribute a survey that explains the proposed changes and seeks input from the public. It is expected that due to there being proposed cuts, participation in the survey and public meetings will be higher than normal.

Information on meetings and the survey will be distributed via press releases, social media, email, and with the help of community partners.

To: MTD Board of Directors  
From: Jerry Estrada, General Manager  
Date: March 17, 2026  
Subject: General Manager's Report

### *Operations and Fleet Maintenance*

Congratulations to Operator Manny Ruiz on successfully completing training and beginning revenue service. Operator-in-Training Dom Winston completed Commercial Class B DMV testing and is now training with senior Operators to learn routes and further develop his commercial driving skills.

Mechanic Mike Ortiz recently completed 32 hours of brake systems training in Los Angeles through the California Transit Training Consortium (CTTC). The Brakes I course introduced foundation brake systems, covering basic theory and physics, inspection and maintenance procedures, troubleshooting, and repair. The Brakes II course focused on the principles of operation, construction, and repair of transit bus air brake and accessory systems, as well as preventive maintenance practices and applicable legal requirements.

### *Capital Projects*

#### Haley Canopy ZEV Infrastructure Improvements Project

Smith MEP finalized the ChargePoint equipment installation in preparation for charger commissioning, which is scheduled to occur the week of March 16. The charging equipment commissioning is performed by ChargePoint; and, if successful, will result in fully operational Level 2 and Level 3 chargers. The Smith MEP team has also completed the cellular repeater installations at the Maintenance Canopy and at the Haley Canopy. The repeaters will enhance the cellular signal to the ChargePoint charging equipment at both locations for improved connectivity. Additionally, Smith MEP's paint subcontractor, New Generation, has completed the paint scope and is performing touch-up.

#### Acquisition of 8 Gillig Battery Electric Buses and Chargers (TIRCP)

The first of eight Gillig battery-electric buses entered the production line at Gillig's factory in Livermore, California on March 10. It is anticipated to be delivered to MTD the last week of March. The remaining seven buses are scheduled to enter production throughout the month of March, with the last anticipated delivery to MTD in mid-April. As they move through the production line, they are inspected by an MTD-hired third-party in-plant inspector from Vehicle Technical Consultants. The inspector actively monitors the buses as they pass through each stage of production and reviews the final fit and finish to ensure all aspects of assembly were performed in a workmanlike manner. In addition, MTD's Fleet and Facilities Manager, Nolan Robertson, is scheduled to go to the Gillig factory on March 20 to meet with MTD's inspector and review MTD's buses on the production line.

### *Finance & Administration*

Procurement is preparing the solicitation for Financial and Single Government Audit Services, as the current contract options have expired. A small office maintenance project has been awarded to Pueblo Construction.

Staff met with State Department of Transportation (DOT) and California State Transportation Agency for a Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Cycle 8 grant application consultation. The quarterly meeting was also held between MTD and Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) representatives.

Staff attended a workshop on the upcoming Low Carbon Transportation Operations Program (LCTOP) grant cycle. The Board will receive a report at its next meeting, along with a recommendation to approve a resolution acknowledging certifications and assurances and authorizing designated agents, on behalf of the named Regional Entity/Transit Operator, to take any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds provided by the California Department of Transportation, Division of Local Assistance.

MTD Information Technologies (IT) completed a successful upgrade of Microsoft Outlook 365 for all staff.

### *Planning & Marketing*

MTD staff attended a meeting of the SBCAG Technical Transportation Advisory Committee (TTAC) and Joint Technical Advisory Committee (JTAC) on March 5, 2026. TTAC members received a presentation on the Active Transportation Program Cycle 8 process and the Measure A 2025 Annual Report.

The Committee also approved the Project Study Report Work Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 to 2027-2028 and recommended the Local Transportation Fund apportionments, as well as preparing the claim forms for FY 2026-2027.

JTAC received a presentation on the planning process for the Sustainable Communities Strategy and the current efforts to reform the associated legislation.

### *Human Resources & Risk*

Transit Employee Appreciation Day – on March 18, the District will celebrate National Transit Employee Appreciation Day, recognizing all of our employees who help transport our passengers safely, maintain and prepare our fleet for passengers on a daily basis, and our administration team who helps keep records and reports on our transit system. It is truly a team effort, and it shows in the pride we have for our Transit District.

Property, Earthquake, and Equipment Breakdown coverages are renewed in May 2026, Staff will be presenting the costs for FY 26/27 premiums for inclusion in the FY 26/27 budget.

Auto Liability and General Liability Renewal – Following Board meeting of March 3, 2025, and Board approval of the renewal, staff has requested Brown & Brown to bind the coverages for renewal, and staff is working through the final signature documents for full renewal and implementation of renewal policies.