



BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, April 7, 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.
- 3. REPORT REGARDING THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**
Rosa Gonzalez, Clerk of the Board reported that the agenda was posted on April 3, 2026 at MTD's Administrative Office, emailed to those on the agenda list, and posted to MTD's website

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 March 17, 2026.
- 5. CASH REPORTS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
The Board was asked to review and approve the Cash Reports from March 7, 2026 through March 27, 2026.

There was no public comment.

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

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT**
No public comments were made.

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

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

Agency Negotiators: General Manager Jerry Estrada; District Outside Counsel Graham Lyons.

Negotiating Parties: Con/Am Group.

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

No public comments were made related to Closed Session Item 7.

Chair Davis recessed the Board to Closed Session at 8:32 a.m.

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:02 a.m.

Chair Davis reported no action was taken on Closed Session Item 7.

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

8. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR CONNECTING FIRST/LAST MILE TRANSIT SERVICE FOR PEAK HOUR RAIL WITH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SBCAG) - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN - ATTACHMENT)

Staff recommended the Board authorize the General Manager to continue negotiations with SBCAG regarding the operation of connecting transit service to support peak hour Pacific Surfliner rail service; and approve non-substantive and legal revisions, and finalize the terms of the MOU as necessary to ensure timely implementation of service starting May 2026.

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

9. FLEET MANAGEMENT UPDATE - (INFORMATIONAL)

Staff recommended the Board receive an informational update on the Fleet Management Program, including the status and implementation of the associated Transit Asset Management Plan.

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10. TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AND TRANSIT SERVICES MASTER AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN - ATTACHMENT)

Staff recommended the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Transportation Management and Transit Services Master Agreement with City of Santa Barbara to facilitate Downtown-Waterfront Shuttle service.

Director Solórzano moved to approve staff recommendations. Director Sarkar seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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11. ADVANCE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A DEBT INSTRUMENT AGREEMENT WITH FARMERS & MERCHANT'S BANK IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$12,000,000, FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT HEAVY DUTY BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES – (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Staff recommended the Board grant the General Manager advance authority to enter into a debt instrument agreement with Farmers & Merchants bank to provide for a "Specific Use" Line of Credit in an amount of up to \$12,000,000, for the purpose of funding the purchase of Eight (8) Heavy Duty Battery Electric Buses, for a period of time until the grant reimbursements are received; and designate the current Authorized Agents, pursuant to the Master Company Resolution Number 2026-01, adopted by the Board of Directors on January 20, 2026, to effectuate transactions under this agreement.

Director Perotte moved to approve staff recommendations. 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)

A. ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1234 ETHICS AND SENATE BILL (SB) 827 FISCAL & FINANCIAL TRAINING

The Board received an overview of mandatory AB 1234 Ethics and SB 827 Fiscal & Financial training.

B. No other business or reports were presented.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.