



BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED MINUTES

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

Chair Davis reported that all members were present.

3. REPORT REGARDING THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Hillary Blackerby, Planning and Marketing Manager reported the agenda was posted on March 13, 2026 at MTD's Administrative Office, emailed to those on the agenda list, and posted to MTD's website

Jerry Estrada, General Manager, reported corrections to:

Item 7 Transportation Development Act (TDA) - Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Grant Application – The resolution number is 2026-02.

Item 8 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program – The resolution number is 2026-03.

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 3, 2026.

5. CASH REPORTS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board was asked to review and approve the Cash Reports from February 21, 2026 through March 6, 2026.

There was no public comment.

Director Perotte 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. TDA-LTF GRANT APPLICATION- (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN - ATTACHMENT)

Staff recommended that the Board adopt the attached Resolution No. 2026-02 authorizing the General Manager to claim the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds apportioned to the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District for FY 2026-27

Director Tabor moved to adopt Resolution 2026-02. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Staff recommended that the Board adopt the attached Resolution No. 2026-03 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).

Director Tabor moved to adopt Resolution 2026-03. Director Solórzano seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

9. FTA 5339(A) PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (INFORMATIONAL - ATTACHMENT)

The Board received a presentation regarding the proposed Program of Projects (POP) for MTD's FFY 2025 Section 5339(a) capital funding.

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - (INFORMATIONAL)

The General Manager reported on updates to district activities and driver recruitment, noting a continued need for additional operators while staffing levels approach the budgeted full-time equivalent maximum, which remains under review as draft budget preparations are underway for adoption in June. Progress on the Haley Street Canopy project continues on schedule, with effective coordination with the contractor. Delivery of eight battery electric Gillig buses is anticipated at the end of March and continuing into early April over several months. Feedback from peers around the state indicates improved operational reliability, though range performance remains a consideration. The Finance Department is concluding the single audit. Service planning matters will include consideration of a proposed routing modification to Line 7, which may be implemented to align with the new roundabouts. The TDA remains a critical funding source, with reserves primarily comprised of LTF revenues; any budget shortfalls are drawn from these funds. Additional information regarding federal funding to support deficit spending is expected in June.

12. OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS - (INFORMATIONAL)

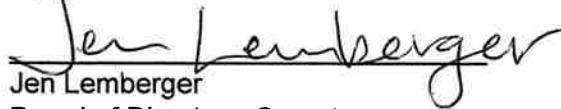
Chair Davis shared that the State Street Master Plan will be presented to the Santa Barbara City Council on April 28, after which it will be referred to city boards and committees for public hearings over an estimated three to four-month period, and subsequently returned to the City Council for consideration of adoption in the summer. The City Council also approved a Bloomberg grant to support an art redesign of the Carrillo and State Street intersection.

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

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10. **DRAFT SERVICE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 (INFORMATIONAL)**
The Board received a presentation and provided 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.
13. **ADJOURNMENT**
Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Approved by the Board of Directors on April 7, 2026



Jen Lemberger
Board of Directors, Secretary