

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA BARBARA
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT ADOPTING GOVERNMENT CLAIMS
POLICY AND PROCEDURE AND MAKING SPECIFIED CLAIMS FOR MONEY
OR DAMAGES EXCEPTED FROM CLAIMS PRESENTATION
REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CLAIMS ACT
SUBJECT TO SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT'S
GOVERNMENT CLAIMS POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District ("District") is a Special District established pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Division 10, Part 9, beginning with Section 95000 et seq, with Section 95030 specifically recognized the necessity of creating the transit district for the Santa Barbara area; and

WHEREAS, the California Government Claims Act, commencing with Section 900 of the California Government Code, governs the manner in which a public agency must handle claims for money or damages filed against it; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 935, all claims against a local public entity, such as the District, for money or damages which are excepted by Section 905 from Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 900) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 910) of the Government Code and which are not governed by any other statutes or regulations expressly relating thereto, may be governed by the procedures prescribed in any chapter, ordinance, or regulation adopted by the local public entity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District desires that the claims presentation procedure set forth in the California Government Claims act be established as the District's Government Claims Policy and Procedure; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District further desires that District's Government Claims Policy and Procedure, as set forth in this Resolution, be applicable to all claims for money or damages that are excepted by Section 905 from Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 900), excluding Section 905 (d) and (j), and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 910) of the Government Code this part, and which are not governed by any other statutes or regulations expressly relating thereto; and

WHEREAS California Government Code Section 915(a)(3) authorizes the presentation and receipt of claims by electronic means when expressly permitted by resolution of the governing board; and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors includes authorization for the electronic submission and acceptance of claims in accordance with applicable law and the District's Electronic Signature Policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Board of Directors as follows:

Section 1: The District Board of Directors hereby adopts the claims presentation procedure set forth in the California Government Claims Act as the District's Government Claims Policy and Procedure.

Section 2: All claims filed against the District shall be governed by the California Government Claims Act adopted as the District's Government Claims Policy and Procedure.

Section 3: All Claims against the District for money or damages which are excepted by Section 905 from Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 900) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 910) of the Government Code and which are not governed by any other statutes or regulations expressly relating thereto, shall be governed by the claims presentation procedure set forth in the California Government Claims Act adopted by the District's Government Claims Policy and Procedure, excluding Section 905 (d) and (j).

Section 4: Pursuant to California Government Code Section 915(a)(3), the District hereby authorizes the electronic submission and receipt of claims against the District, provided such submissions comply with the District's adopted Electronic Signature Policy and any administrative procedures established by the General Manager or designee.

Electronically submitted claims meeting the requirements of applicable law and District policy shall be deemed properly presented and accepted upon receipt by the District

***Passed and Adopted, Attestation, and signatures next page ***

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District this 21st day of July, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

David Davis, Chair
Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jen Lemberger,
Secretary
Santa Barbara Metropolitan
Transit District