

## February 28, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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Chair Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach) called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9 a.m.

#### **1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments**

Public Comments Alan C., Robert Germann, Truth, Purita Javier, Cesar Javier, Michael Brando, Alex Wong, Paul the Bold, Consuelo, Blair Beekman, Dorene Dias Pesta, The Original Dra, Katheryn Rhodes  
Member Comments: Jewel Edson (North County Transit District), Chair Heebner, Chief Executive Officer Mario Orso.

#### **Consent**

#### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its February 14, 2025, meeting.

#### **3. Chief Executive Officer Delegated Actions**

In accordance with various Board Policies, this report summarized delegated actions taken by the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **4. Proposed 2025 Legislative Program**

The Executive Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the proposed 2025 Legislative Program.

#### **5. SANDAG Policy Advisory Committees Advisory Membership Request by Association of Planning Groups - San Diego County**

The Executive Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the request of the Association of Planning Groups - San Diego County to be appointed as a regular advisory member of the Regional Planning Committee, Transportation Committee, Borders Committee and Public Safety Committee.

#### **6. TransNet Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program Proposed Fee Adjustment**

The Board of Directors was asked to approve a 6% adjustment to the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program, raising the fee from \$2,875.06 to \$3,047.57 beginning July 1, 2025.

#### **8. Policy Advisory Committee Actions**

The Board of Directors was asked to ratify the actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committees as noted in the report.

Public Comments: Alan C., Truth, Cesar Javier, Brother Hameed, Shane Harris, The Original Dra, Paul the Bold, Consuelo, Blair Beekman, Katheryn Rhodes.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos) and a second by Mayor Esther Sanchez (Oceanside), the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8. Item 7 was pulled for future discussion and a separate vote at the request of Mayor Jones.

## TransNet Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program Proposed Fee Adjustment

### Overview

The [TransNet Extension Ordinance](#) requires the 18 cities in the San Diego region and the County of San Diego to collect a [Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program \(RTCIP\)](#) fee from the private sector for each new housing unit constructed in its jurisdiction, with certain exceptions, including low income residential units and accessory dwelling units.

The fee's purpose is to help ensure that future development contributes its proportional share of the funding needed to pay for the impact of new growth on the Regional Arterial System and related regional transportation facility improvements as defined in the most recent Regional Transportation Plan adopted by SANDAG.

### Key Considerations

SANDAG is required to adjust the minimum RTCIP fee amount on July 1 of each year based on an analysis of construction cost indices, but never less than 2%. The purpose of this annual adjustment is to ensure that the RTCIP retains its purchasing power to improve the Regional Arterial System.

Based on an analysis of construction cost trends and relevant indices, staff recommends a 6% fee adjustment to the RTCIP, raising the minimum RTCIP fee from \$2,875.06 to \$3,047.57 beginning July 1, 2025 (Attachment 1). This increase accounts for recent years' inflation and the Construction Cost Index, which has accelerated from its previous low pace. It helps to ensure that the RTCIP fee maintains its purchasing power to complete necessary transportation improvements.

### Next Steps

In accordance with TransNet Extension Ordinance provisions<sup>1</sup>, each jurisdiction's RTCIP funding program must be submitted for review by the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) by April 1 of each year to remain eligible for TransNet Local Street and Road funding. The annual submittal of RTCIP funding programs by local jurisdictions is scheduled for review at the ITOC meeting on April 9, 2025.

**Susan Huntington, Director of Financial Planning, Budgets, and Grants**

Attachment: 1. Discussion Memo

### Action: Approve

The Board of Directors is asked to approve a 6% adjustment to the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program, raising the fee from \$2,875.06 to \$3,047.57 beginning July 1, 2025.

### Fiscal Impact:

The Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) fee would increase from \$2,875.06 to \$3,047.57 beginning July 1, 2025.

### Schedule/Scope Impact:

Pending SANDAG Board approval, the adjusted RTCIP fee would become effective July 1, 2025.

<sup>1</sup> Section 9 of the TransNet Extension Ordinance requires that local jurisdictions establish a program or mechanism for funding the Regional Arterial System. For purposes of the RTCIP, the Regional Arterial System is defined in the most recent Regional Transportation Plan adopted by SANDAG.