

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 16, 2026

[Clerk's note: Except where noted, public, staff and board member comments are paraphrased. The full comment can be heard by reviewing the recording at the [MTS website](#).]

1. Roll Call

Chair Whitburn called the Board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Board member attendance is attached as Attachment A.

2. Public Comment

Eric Christen – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Eric, Executive Director of the Coalition for Fair Employment and Construction criticized Project Labor Agreements (PLA's), stating they increased costs, reduced competition, and delayed projects. He urged Board Members to make future agreements more inclusive for all construction workers and contractors.

Amy Reicherd – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Amy, Founder and Chairwoman of Restore San Diego criticized PLA's, stating they excluded non-union workers and increases taxpayers costs. She added that Restore San Diego would oppose future transportation tax measures if financial mismanagement continued.

Miguel Aguirre – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Miguel, managing partner for Grand Center West urged Board Members to issue an RFP to improve planning and operations at the San Ysidro trolley station. He stated that the current model created safety and operational concerns and encouraged greater investment and land use planning for the region's busiest stations.

Ansermino Estrada – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Ansermino Political Director for the Building Trades Council defended PLAs, stating he supported affordable housing, workers, and taxpayers. He argued that PLA's did not exclude contractors but required adherence to established standards.

Blair Beekman – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Blair urged Board Members to pursue new funding solutions instead of cutting services or raising fares. He also expressed support for affordable housing projects and project labor agreements.

Nate Fairman – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Nate, Business Manager of IBEW Local 465, thanked the Board Member for their public service and leadership. He acknowledged the challenges of balancing their community responsibilities with their roles on the board and expressed appreciation for their work supporting public transit and the broader community.

CONSENT ITEMS:

3. Approval of Minutes

Action would approve the March 19, 2026 Board of Directors meeting minutes.

4. CEO Report

5. Centralized Train Control (CTC) System Maintenance Agreement – Work Order Agreement (WOA)

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute WOA 8 to MTS Doc. No. L1607.0-22 with Wabtec, in the amount of not-to-exceed \$639,396.87 for Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Remediation.

6. Pest Control Services – Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. G3106.0-26, with Bashir Family Investment Inc., DBA: Pestmaster of San Diego (Bashir Family) for pest control services for five (5) years totaling \$269,775.80.

7. Purchase of Solar-Powered Waste Compactors – Contract Award

Action would the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. L1711.0-26 (in substantially the same format as Attachment A) with Big Belly Solar, LLC for the purchase of eighty-four (84) solar-powered waste compactors in the amount of \$496,274.71 (inclusive of shipping and taxes).

8. Bus Fleet Seat Upholstery Replacement and Repair Services - Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. B0785.0-26, with Molina Manufacturing, LLC (Molina), for Bus Fleet Seat Upholstery Replacement and Repair Services for five (5) years in the amount of \$426,784.39 (inclusive of 7.75% CA sales tax).

9. Train Operator Uniforms – Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. L1708.0-26, with Ace Uniforms in the amount of \$470,034.34 (inclusive of CA sales tax), for five (5) years effective May 1, 2026 for the purchase of Train Operator Uniforms.

10. Security and Sign Out Booth Replacement at Imperial Avenue Division (IAD) Bus Maintenance Facility – Work Order Agreement

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order No. MTSJOC441-03 under MTS Doc. PWG441.0-25, with ABC General Contractor, Inc. (ABC GC), in the amount of \$141,374.65 for the replacement of the security and bus driver sign-out booths at the IAD bus maintenance facility.

11. A and C Building Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Replacement – Work Order Agreement

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order No. MTSJOC441-04 under MTS Doc. PWG441.0-25, with ABC General Contractor, Inc. (ABC GC), in the amount of \$208,130.66 for the replacement and needed addition of HVAC for the MTS Trolley Facilities Buildings A and C.

12. Maintenance of Wayside (MOW) Signal and Track Inspection Cloud Software Solution – Contract Award

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to: 1) Execute MTS Doc No. L1690.0-25, with TekTracking LLC (TekTracking), to provide Signal and Track Inspection Cloud Software Solution in the amount of \$2,480,001.07 for a three (3) year base period with (2) two 1-year options, for a total of five (5) years; and 2) Exercise the option years at the CEO's discretion.

13. Old Town Transit Center Wayfinding (OTTC) Signage Design Services – Work Order Agreement

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order No. WOA355-AE-75, under MTS Doc No. PWL355.0-22, with Psomas, in the amount of \$422,506.60 to prepare Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) for the OTTC Wayfinding Signage Design Services.

Public Comment:

There were no Public Comments.

Board Comment:

There were no Board Comments.

Board Member Hall moved to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 3 to 13. Chair Whitburn seconded the motion, and the vote was 10 to 0 in favor with Board Member McCann, Board Member Montgomery Steppe, Board Member Elo-Rivera, Board Member Vaus and Board Member Moreno absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

14. Recommended Changes to the Regional Comprehensive Fare Ordinance (Mark Olson)

Mark Olson, MTS Director of Marketing & Communications, presented on **Recommended Changes to the Regional Comprehensive Fare Ordinance**. He presented on: Fare Change Study background, strategy for filling the gap, filling the gap, non-fare operating revenue: historical trends. New and ongoing non-fare revenues, new and ongoing revenues, Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Operating Budget preliminary 5-year forecast. Other funding mechanisms, other funding pursuits, FY 2027 Operating Budget preliminary 5-year forecast, filling the gap. Community engagement recap, drafting fare change proposals, fare change packages for public outreach, Package A, Package B. Transit Service vs. Cost to Ride by Annual Household income, October 2025 Board Workshop recap, high lever engagement results, final package recommendation, fare change recommendation, final package recommendation. Compliance with SANDAG Board Policy, fare change study timeline, and staff recommendation.

Public Comment

Circulate Planning & Policy – provided a written statement to the Board prior to the meeting. The written comment is provided in the April 16, 2026 Final Meeting Packet.

Jean Huy Tran – provided a written statement to the Board prior to the meeting. The written comment is provided in the April 16, 2026 Final Meeting Packet.

Moira Tan – provided a written statement to the Board prior to the meeting. The written comment is provided in the April 16, 2026 Final Meeting Packet.

Mindy Olson – provided a written statement to the Board prior to the meeting. The written comment is provided in the April 16, 2026 Final Meeting Packet.

Marisa Chamness – provided a written statement to the Board during the meeting. The written comment is provided in the April 16, 2026 Final Meeting Packet.

Mintzy Muñiz – provided a written statement to the Board prior to the meeting. The written comment is provided in the April 16, 2026 Final Meeting Packet.

Valdez – provided a verbal statement to the Board prior to the meeting. The written comment is provided in the April 16, 2026 Final Meeting Packet.

Chris Le – provided a written statement to the Board prior to the meeting. The written comment is provided in the April 16, 2026 Final Meeting Packet.

Lia De Blasio – provided a written statement to the Board prior to the meeting. The written comment is provided in the April 16, 2026 Final Meeting Packet.

Luz Garcia Granados – provided a written statement to the Board prior to the meeting. The written comment is provided in the April 16, 2026 Final Meeting Packet.

Rita Clemente – provided a written statement to the Board prior to the meeting. The written comment is provided in the April 16, 2026 Final Meeting Packet.

Sarah – provided a written statement to the Board prior to the meeting. The written comment is provided in the April 16, 2026 Final Meeting Packet.

Monique Bernard – provided a verbal statement to the Board prior to the meeting. Monique asked for clarification on how the proposed fare changes would affect MTS Acces rider, noting the service had not been addressed.

Crisoforo Gomez – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Crisoforo organizer with the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, expressed support for the fare increase to protect union jobs. However, he criticized what he described as a budget mismanagement and urged Board Members to explore alternatives, including reducing executive compensation, before placing financial burdens on workers or riders.

Maria Cortez – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Maria proposed the fare increases, stating they would heavily impact low-income and working-class families. She also encouraged Board members to explore alternative revenue sources and thanked transit workers for their service.

Ansermio Estrada – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Ansermio from San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council, expressed support for MTS workers while criticizing reliance on fare increases and service cuts to address budget challenges. He urged Board Members and staff to develop long-term solutions that protected workers, maintained accessible transit, and improved service and infrastructure.

Dale Mcenany – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Dale expressed concern that the proposed fare increase would not prevent future service cuts and urged Board Members to delay the vote while seeking additional state funding. He stated that MTS had

strong ridership performance and encouraged the board to advocate for long-term solutions that supported workers and riders.

Guadalupe Rojas – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Guadalupe, policy advocate with Mid-City CAN shared concerns from City Heights residents about the impact of fare increases on low-income, transit-dependent communities and urged Board Members to pursue additional funding and discounted fare options.

Salvador Abrica – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Salvador Teamster Local 542 opposed the proposed fare increase, stating it would still lead to service reductions while placing burdens on workers and riders. He urged Board Members to review overall spending and pursue more balanced solutions rather than “pitting workers against workers.”

Angel Pippins-Lopez – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Angel, City Heights CDC opposed the proposed fare increases, stating they were unnecessary at the current stage and that the public outreach process had been limited. He encouraged Board Members to explore alternative funding sources, review internal costs, and expand reduced fare program low-income riders.

Blair Beekman – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Blair praised MTS services and encouraged Board Members to continue seeking alternatives to fare increases and service cuts. He expressed concern about proposed fare increases for disabled riders and suggested implementing smaller, gradual increases instead.

Leif Gensert – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Leif, Vice President of Ride SD acknowledged the difficulty of the board’s decision and supported the proposed fare increase. He encouraged Board Members to also pursue additional funding sources, improve operations efficiencies, and explore alternative revenue opportunities to address long-term financial challenges.

Denisse Lopez – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Denisse opposed the fare increases, stating they would burden seniors, families, and students and make access to education and transit more difficult.

Circulate Planning & Policy – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Circulate Planning & Policy, Aria supported the proposed fare increases, stating they were necessary to avoid service cuts and maintain the long-term sustainability of the transit system. Aria also encouraged Board Members to pursue additional funding and revenue opportunities to address future budget challenges.

Kenneth Bush – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Kenneth opposed the proposed fare increases, stating they would place additional financial burdens on students who relied on public transit to access higher education. He encouraged Board Members to explore alternative funding sources, including state grants, and consider delaying the vote.

Sara Ochoa – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Sara acknowledged staff for balancing the proposed budget without immediate fare increases but expressed concern about the recommendation to raise fares. She encouraged Board Members to explore alternative funding sources and regional funding reallocations before placing additional financial burdens on transit dependent riders.

Jackie Clark – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Jackie opposed the proposed fare increases, stating they would burden riders who depend on public transportation for daily needs. She urged Board Members to protect affordability and service levels rather than shirking additional costs on to regular riders.

Susan Duerksen – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Susan encouraged Board Members to explore alternative funding and budgeting solutions, including potential reductions in executive costs, to keep public transit affordable and accessible.

Nate Fairman – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Nate representing IBEW Local 465, supported the staff recommendation for fare increases, stating they were modest, aligned with industry standards, and necessary to maintain transit services and protect jobs. He cited riders outreach results showing support for phased fare increases over service cuts and urged Board Member to adopt a gradual approach that minimized impacts on seniors and disabled riders.

Board Comment

Chair Whitburn thanked the public for provided comments on the proposed fare increases and acknowledged the financial challenges facing both riders and MTS. He stated that while operating costs had steadily increased, transit fares had remained unchanged for many years, creating a growing gap between revenues and expenses. Chair Whitburn explained that MTS had pursued additional state and Federal funding and was exploring future revenue options, including a possible ballot measure, but emphasized that immediate budget gaps still need to be addressed. He stated that the board faced a choice between increasing fares or reducing transit services and jobs. Chair Whitburn concluded that, based on rider outreach and union feedback, many preferred fare increases over service cuts he stated he would support the staff recommendation to increase fares in order to maintain transit service levels.

Board Member Downey asked for clarification on what are the next steps that SANDAG would need to take if the fare change motion passed, noting that she served on both the MTS and SANDAG boards and wanted to better understand the process moving forward. Mr. Olson explained that SANDAG wanted to make minor adjustments to the fare ordinance and had requested that the proposed changes presented for visibility at the meeting. He stated that the item would next go to the SANDAG Transportation Committee for consideration and, if approved there, would return to the MTS Board Member for final review and action. Board Member Downey asked for clarification that, once the item returned to the MTS Board, Board Members would have the option to either accept or reject the proposed changes. Karen Landers, MTS General Counsel explained that SANDAG had the authority to set regional fares and MTS's role in the process was primarily advisory. She stated that the main decision before MTS was whether to support the proposed fare package, while smaller ordinance changes would ultimately be decided by SANDAG. Board Member Downey asked for clarification on the proposed minor changes and how they would affect the fare proposal discussed by Board Members. Mr. Olson explained that the proposed SANDAG changes were minor and include terminology updates, adjustments to juror, college and group pass language, PRONTO system language updates, cleanup of youth eligibility language, and additions related to microtransit services.

Board Member Bush acknowledged the difficulty of approving fare increases during challenging economic conditions and thanked the public and labor representatives for their input. He expressed support for a phased approach and asked staff and Board Members to consider a

more modest increase, particularly for the adult monthly pass, while continuing to advocate for additional federal funding and other revenue solutions. Mr. Olson explained that staff had evaluated more modest fare increases option, but those alternatives would not generate enough revenue to meet the agency's goal of covering 50% of the projected \$23 million annual funding gap over the next four years. He added that even though a smaller fare increase would make some progress toward the revenue goal, it would still require the board to consider corresponding service reductions if sufficient revenue was not generated. Board Member Bush stated that he would support targeted service reductions rather than across the board cuts. He explained that previous board discussions had identified underperforming routes and emphasized that his priority was maintaining service for transit dependent riders who relied on MTS for work, school, and appointments. Ms. Cooney clarified that the proposed fare increases would only cover about half of the agency's projected \$23 million annual funding gap through 2030. She explained that the remaining gap still requires service reductions and warned that lowering the fare increase proposal would result in deeper cuts, including impacts on rider ship and transit operations. Board Member Bush asked about the possibility of using TransNet operations funds that had been referenced earlier during public comment as an alternative funding source. Ms. Cooney stated that the phased approach could provide flexibility if additional funding sources, such as TransNet operation funds, become available. She explained that future fare increases or deeper service reductions might be avoided depending on the agency's ability to secure other revenue sources as the budget process continued.

Board Member Elo-Rivera stated that he would not support the fare increase motion, despite recognizing the agency's fiscal challenges and the difficult position facing workers and riders. He argued that MTS should first pursue additional non-fare revenue sources and more progressive funding options before asking transit dependent riders to pay more. Board Member Elo-Rivera expressed concern that the rider survey presented false choice between fare increases and service cuts. He also cautioned against relying on future sales tax measures and urged continued efforts to secure more equitable and sustainable funding solutions. He concluded that he was not prepared to support shifting the financial burden on to transit riders.

Board Member Hall acknowledged that there were no ideal options and stated that the agency needed to take action to maintain operations and avoid severe financial consequences. He expressed concerns that even targeted service cuts would still impact riders who depended on those routes and said the fare increase was necessary to help keep the transit system operating. Board Member Hall added that he would have preferred a longer term phased increase plan but supported the current proposal.

Board Member Mendoza acknowledged that the proposed fare increases were significant but noted that fares had not been raised in many years. She expressed concern about the impact on low-income seniors and disabled riders living on fixed incomes and proposed limiting the seniors and disabled monthly pass increased to a one-time adjustment from \$23 to \$25 in fall 2026, with no additional increases afterward.

Board Member Foster expressed concern that the proposed fare increases did not fully address the agency's long term structural financial challenges and questioned whether enough had been done to review overall organizational spending. He also raised concerns about the impact on low-income riders and asked for clarification on how equity, disparity, and federal impact analyses would be conducted once the proposal moved to SANDAG for further review. Briane Lane, SANDAG Senior Transit Planner explained that, after approval by the MTC and NCTD boards, the proposal would undergo a federally required equity analysis. He stated that the

review would compare the impacts of fare increases across rider groups to determine whether any group was being treated unequally under Title VI requirements. Board Member Foster stated that, while he understood the equity analysis process, he did not believe the agency had fully exhausted other funding opportunities before proposing fare increases. He expressed concern about facing the same financial challenges again in the future without more long term certainty.

Board Member Downey explained that potential TransNet funding options had been discussed at the SANDAG retreat, but those funds also faced competing regional priorities and obligations. She stated that she supported moving forward with the motion and asked staff how long it would take to reevaluate and develop alternative proposals if the current recommendation was not approved. Mr. Olson stated that the current review and outreach process took more than a year and significant staff resources to complete. He added that developing alternative proposals would take considerable time, which the agency currently did not have. Board Member Downey expressed support for the phased fare increase approach, stating it would provide the agency time to continue exploring additional funding sources and potentially avoid future increases. She noted that transit agencies nationwide were facing similar financial challenges and emphasized that rising operational costs required the board to take action despite the difficulty of increasing fares.

Board Member Fernandez stated that while he generally supported fare increases, he did not yet feel he had complete understanding of the agency's financial picture to support the proposal. He requested additional review and transparency regarding the budget and organizational information before moving forward.

Vice Chair Goble thanked fellow Board Members and the public for the discussion and acknowledged that there were no easy solutions to the agency's financial challenges. He stated that the proposed path forward would help maintain transit services levels for riders who depended on MTS.

Action Taken

Chair Whitburn moved to Forward a recommendation to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to make the changes to the Regional Comprehensive Fare Ordinance outlined in Attachment A) Phased Package). Board Member Hall seconded the motion, and the vote was 7 in favor (Board Member Downey, Board Member Mendoza, Board Member Leyba-Gonzalez, Board Member Dillard, Board Member Hall, Chair Whitburn, Vice Chair Goble) to 4 against (Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Foster, Board Member Bush and Board Member Elo-Rivera) with Board Member McCann, Board Member Montgomery Steppe, Board Member Vaus, and Board Member Moreno absent.

15. E Street Affordable Component Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Project (E St TOD Project) – Disposition and Development Agreement (Karen Landers)

Karen Landers, MTS General Counsel, presented on E Street Affordable Component Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Project (E St TOD Project) – Disposition and Development Agreement. She presented on: Joint development with City of Chula Vista, Surplus Land Act (SLA) exception, joint RFP status, joint TOD project components, Eden Housing – affordable component, project phasing – MTS requirements, project phasing – CV phases, and Executive Committee and Staff Recommendation.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

Board Comment

Board Member Fernandez supported the motion, saying it would generate non-fare revenue and help invest in an area of the community that needed additional development. Ms. Landers stated that the completed development was expected to increase ridership at the station and aligned with the boards policy of supporting projects that encourage transit use and catalyze development.

Board Member Leyba-Gonzalez asked whether the large transformer located near the south end of the project site would remain in place, noting that it had been a challenger for previous versions of the project. Ms. Landers explained that the transformer was an MTS traction power substation and would remain in place under the current design. She stated that relocating it would be costly, but the project could potentially incorporate it into future design plans, including surrounding pedestrian and park space. Board Member Leyba-Gonzalez expressed support for the project and said he was excited to see it moving forward after several previous development proposals for the site.

Action Taken

Board Member Hall moved to 1) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a DDA with Bayview Family Housing LP for the TOD Project; and 2) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to take all actions necessary to fulfill MTS's obligations under the DDA, including, but not limited to executing a Ground Lease and related regulatory agreements for the project. Board Member Fernandez seconded the motion, and the vote was 10 to 0 in favor with Board Member McCann, Board Member Bush, Board Member Montgomery Steppe, Board Member Vaus and Board Member Moreno absent.

16. Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Q1 and Q2 Annual Performance Monitoring Report (Brent Boyd and Matthew Grace)

Brent Boyd, MTS Director of Planning & Scheduling and Matthew Grace, MTS Transit Services Data Analyst presented on Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Q1 and Q2 Annual Performance Monitoring Report. They presented on: Board Policy 42, Policy 42 evaluation criteria, total ridership by quarter, ridership change by mode, passengers per revenue hour, on-time performance, financial metrics, peer financial metrics. Analysis of Q1/Q2 ridership decrease, bus route ridership (Q1/Q2 FY26 vs Q1/Q2 FY25), trolley station ridership (Q1/Q2 FY26 vs Q1/Q2 FY25), bus & trolley ridership (Q1/Q2 FY26 vs Q1/Q2 FY25), bus ridership Q1/Q2 FY26 vs Q1/Q2 FY25, trolley ridership Q1/Q2 FY26 vs Q1/Q2 FY25. North American trends (Fall 2025), National transit ridership trends, California transit ridership trends, Southern California transit ridership trends, service provision, National population trends: large metros, San Diego Population, overall ridership trends. Q3 showing return of year-over-year ridership increases, bus ridership (FY26 vs FY25), trolley ridership (FY26 vs FY25), ridership change by mode, FY26 vs FY25, total ridership by quarter, FY26 vs FY25 and ridership summary.

Public Comment

Blair Beekman – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Blair thanked Board Members for their work and encouraged continued efforts to find funding alternatives

while maintaining strong transit service and avoiding fare increases where possible. He also praised the quality and accessibility of MTS service.

Board Comment

Vice Chair Goble asked for clarification regarding the Orange Line service reductions shown on slide 29. He questioned whether service had become slower on the line or whether bus bridges were currently being used. Mr. Boyd explained that bus bridges were being used on the Orange Line, particularly on weekends.

Board Member Mendoza noted that ongoing construction and bus bridges on the Orange Line could be affecting ridership and encouraged staff to improve public communication about service disruptions. She suggested providing advance notice to riders and local communities when bus bridges or shutdowns were expected.

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

17. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Support Services Overview and Results (Amanda Denham)

Amanda Denham, MTS Director of Support Services, presented on San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Support Services Overview and Results. She presented on: Overview of support services, MTS customer service, MTS information & trip planning, PRONTO support center, MTS transit store, passenger support team. Ride check program, data driven collaboration, system wide collaboration, dedicated team and customer experience focused.

Public Comment

Blair Beekman – provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Blair expressed that a \$5 increase for disabled monthly passes would be too steep for riders on fixed incomes and encouraged Board Members to continue considering alternative options.

Board Comment

Vice Chair Goble praised staff for their efforts and commended the team for managing a large volume of rider assistance and PRONTO related support requests.

Chair Whitburn thanked staff and praised the team's work supporting customer service and the overall rider experience. He acknowledged the pride and effort staff brought to assisting riders.

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

OTHER ITEMS:

18. Chair, Board Member and Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) Communications

There were no Chair, Board Member, CEO communications.

19. Remainder of Public Comments Not on The Agenda

There were no additional public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

20. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is May 21, 2026 at 9 a.m.

21. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

/s/ Stephen Whitburn
Chairperson
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

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/s/ Lucia Mansour
Clerk of the Board
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

/s/ Karen Landers
General Counsel
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE): April 16, 2026 CALL TO ORDER (TIME): 9:02 a.m.
 RECESS: _____ RECONVENE: _____
 CLOSED SESSION: _____ RECONVENE: _____
 ORDINANCES ADOPTED: _____ ADJOURN: 11:51 a.m.

JURISDICTION	BOARD MEMBER		ALTERNATE		PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
City of Chula Vista	Cesar Fernandez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jose Preciado	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:02 a.m.	11:13 a.m.
City of Chula Vista	John McCann	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jose Preciado	<input type="checkbox"/>	ABSENT	ABSENT
City of Coronado	Carrie Downey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Fleming	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:02 a.m.	11:51 a.m.
County of San Diego	Monica Montgomery Steppe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paloma Aguirre	<input type="checkbox"/>	ABSENT	ABSENT
City of El Cajon	Steve Goble (Vice-Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phil Ortiz	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:02 a.m.	11:51 a.m.
City of Imperial Beach	Matthew Leyba- Gonzalez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mariko Nakawatase	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:02 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
City of La Mesa	Patricia Dillard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Arapostathis	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:02 a.m.	11:51 a.m.
City of Lemon Grove	Jennifer Mendoza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seth Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:02 a.m.	11:51 a.m.
City of National City	Marcus Bush	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jose Rodriguez	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:02 a.m.	10:52 a.m.
City of Poway	Steve Vaus	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peter De Hoff	<input type="checkbox"/>	ABSENT	ABSENT
City of San Diego	Vivian Moreno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Campbell	<input type="checkbox"/>	ABSENT	ABSENT
City of San Diego	Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe LaCava	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:17 a.m.	11:51 a.m.
City of San Diego	Todd Gloria	<input type="checkbox"/>	Henry Foster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:07 a.m.	11:51 a.m.
City of San Diego	Stephen Whitburn (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kent Lee	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:02 a.m.	11:51 a.m.
City of Santee	Ronn Hall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura Koval John Minto	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	9:02 a.m.	11:51 a.m.

SIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD: /s/ Lucia Mansour