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SAN DIEGO & ARIZONA **EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY** 

A Nevada Nonprofit Corporation

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** Brian Riley, Chairperson Matt Domen David Franklin, Jr.

**OFFICERS** Sharon Cooney, President Matt Domen, Secretary Erin Dunn, Treasurer

LEGAL COUNSEL Karen Landers

## AGENDA

San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway Company **Board of Directors Meeting** 

> October 14, 2025 9:00 a.m.

In-Person Participation: James R. Mills Building, 1255 Imperial Avenue

10th Floor Executive Committee Room, San Diego, CA 92101

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## **ACTION RECOMMENDED**

1. Approval of the Minutes of October 8, 2024 Action would approve the SD&AE Railway Company Minutes of October 8, 2025.

2. Statement of Railway Finances (Erin Dunn) Informational

Approve

3. Report on San Diego and Imperial Valley (SD&IV) Railroad Informational **Operations (Matt Domen)** 

4. Report on Pacific Southwest Railway Museum (Stephen Hager) Informational

5. Real Property Matters (Sean Myott) Informational Summary of SD&AE Documents Issued Since October 8, 2024.

- 6. Board Member Communications
- 7. Public Comments
- 8. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- 9. Adjournment

## **MINUTES**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO & ARIZONA EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

October 8, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Diego & Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway Company, a Nevada corporation, was held at 1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000, San Diego, California 92101, on October 8, 2024, at 9:05 a.m. via Zoom and in person.

The following persons, constituting the Board of Directors, were present: Brian Riley, Matt Domen, and David Franklin, Jr. Others in attendance were members from:

San Diego Metropolitan Transit System:

Erin Dunn, Karen Landers, Sean Myott

Pacific Southwest Railway Museum:

Stephen Hager

## 1. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Domen moved to approve the Minutes of the October 17, 2023, SD&AE Railway Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Riley seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

## 2. Statement of Railway Finances

Ms. Dunn reviewed the Statement of Railway Finances for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 (attached to the agenda item). Ms. Dunn noted that the anticipated FY 24 revenue is approximately \$4,000 ahead of budget primarily due to the new billboard lease that was effective November 1, 2023. Operating expenses were \$87,000 favorable to budget primarily due to new expenses for outside services and risk management costs coming in lower than budgeted in prior years. Ms. Dunn added that the net income for the fiscal year was \$171,000.

### Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

## Report on San Diego & Imperial Valley Railroad (SD&IV) Operations

Mr. Domen reviewed the SD&IV Periodic Report for activities for the 4th Quarter of 2023 & 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2024 (attached to the agenda item).

## Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

## Report on Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Operations (Stephen Hager)

Mr. Hager reviewed the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum (PSRM) report for the 4th quarter of 2023 and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024 (attached to the agenda item).

## Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

## Report on the Desert Line (Karen Landers)

Ms. Landers gave an update on the Desert Line. Ms. Landers reminded the Board that MTS staff reached out to Caltrans a couple of years ago about Caltrans conducting a feasibility study on the future of the Desert Line. Ms. Landers noted that attempts in the past by private investors have been unsuccessful in planning for a viable line and it became apparent that a significant investment of public funds would be required to study and plan to revive the Desert Line infrastructure in a safe, working condition.

Ms. Landers stated that the public benefit must also be weighed to determine if the project is worth the level of public investment needed. This would involve finding a partner agency and following and carrying out a multitude of government rules. MTS reached out to SANDAG and Caltrans and the next phase would be for a partner agency to conduct a study and analysis.

Ms. Landers stated that the project is in the first phases for SANDAG or Caltrans to get a planning grant. This would allow them to do a feasibility study. HNTB has been hired to conduct a market feasibility study and a public benefit analysis. HNTB is in the fact-finding stage currently engaging with stakeholders in the U.S. and Mexico about the market and type of traffic—such as border-wait times, truck-travel times, vehicles, miles traveled, etc.

Ms. Landers stated that HNTB is also doing a high-level budget cost estimation. Ms. Landers added that she informed HNTB that the condition of the Desert Line has deteriorated since the previous condition reports in 2012. She noted that the plan is to do some drone flights with newer technology than from 12 years ago to try to understand the magnitude of what it would take to rebuild the line. A lot of things would have to fall into place to be able to complete this project and a lot of decisions would have to be made based on real information to determine if the money should be spent on this project.

Ms. Landers reported that HNTB started in July 2023 and it is supposed to take about 12 to 18 months to complete the analysis and we should know more then. Ms. Landers will connect HNTB with SD&IV and Museum personnel to get feedback from the operators about their input and needs related to the rehabilitation of the Desert Line. Ms. Landers also suggested to HNTB that they contact Baja Rail.

Ms. Landers reported that she and staff went out on the line with Rail staff who had tried to clear the track prior to her arrival; however, she noted that they derailed 10 times during her visit. Ms. Landers suggested to HNTB that they reach out to Dan Davis who previously conducted the bridge analysis. She reiterated that the project could be in the tens of millions of dollars and the public benefit analysis would have to be weighed.

## Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

## Real Property Matters (Sean Myott)

Summary of SD&AE Documents Issued Since October 17, 2023

Sean Myott stated that since the October 17, 2023, SD&AE Railway Company Board of Directors meeting, the documents listed by bullet points below have been processed by staff. Mr. Myott stated that the majority of the work was for third-party infrastructure—either on or adjacent to SD&AE property. Mr. Myott also reviewed a few of the agreements listed.

- S200-22-771.1 and S200-22-771.2: Ortiz Corporation Right of Entry Permit Amendment (Time Extensions) to install water pipe beneath the tracks, installation of an additional pipes by cut and cover trenching, and the abandonment of existing pipe beneath tracks at the 69th St crossing.
- <u>S200-22-771.3</u>: Ortiz Corporation Right of Entry Permit Amendment (Time Extension & Additional Scope) to install water pipe beneath the tracks, installation of an additional pipes by cut and cover trenching, and the abandonment of existing pipe beneath tracks at the 69th Street crossing and additionally perform curb improvements.
- <u>S200-23-791.2</u>: Transtelco Inc. Right of Entry Permit Amendment (Time Extension) to repair potholing related to the replacement of existing fiber from Sigsbee Street and Harbor Boulevard to San Ysidro.
- <u>S200-23-795.1</u>: Griffith Company Right of Entry Permit Amendment (Time Extension) to install bridge falsework to protect the MTS tracks and appurtenances during the Caltrans El Cajon Bridge demolition and reconstruction.
- <u>S200-23-803</u>: Affirmed Housing Group, Inc. Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) for a Transit-Oriented Development at Spring Street Station.
- <u>S200-23-825</u>: West Coast General Group Right of Entry Permit to perform street and curb improvement work as part of the new bike pathways along Beyer Blvd. as part of SANDAG's Border to Bayshore Bikeway project.
- <u>S200-23-825.1</u>: West Coast General Group Right of Entry Permit Amendment (Additional Scope) to perform street and curb improvement work as part of the new bike pathways along Beyer Blvd. as part of SANDAG's Border to Bayshore Bikeway project and additionally to remove and replace MTS ROW chain-link fence, asphalt, concrete, and curb on Beyer Blvd. near Precision Park Lane.
- <u>S200-24-829</u>: Peregrine Energy Storage, LLC License for an underground transmission line at Sampson Street for the right to construct, install, inspect, use, operate, maintain, repair, replace, modify, and remove one 230kV generator tie transmission line.
- <u>S200-24-830</u>: Sweetwater Authority Right of Entry Permit to repair a 16" underground water valve at F Street.

- <u>S200-24-834</u>: The Fishel Company Right of Entry Permit to perform asphalt trenching to place conduit for fiber in the public right of way along Hollister Street adjacent to the Palm Street crossing.
- <u>S200-24-836</u>: GC Fence Corporation Right of Entry Permit to install a guardrail near the Spring Street and University Avenue crossing.
- <u>S200-24-839</u>: KTA Construction Inc. Right of Entry Permit to replace a sewer and water main along 19th Street and Commercial Street.
- <u>S200-24-840</u>: Railworks Track Services, LLC Right of Entry Permit to perform track maintenance on behalf of the PSRMA on the Desert Line between MP 66.7 and MP 61.6 in Campo, CA.
- <u>S200-24-841</u>: NOVA Services, Inc. Right of Entry Permit to perform geotechnical borings at Spring Street Station on behalf of Affirmed Housing L.P.
- <u>S200-24-842</u>: EPC Services Right of Entry Permit to construct an underground transmission line at the Sampson Street crossing.
- <u>S200-24-842.1</u>: EPC Services Right of Entry Permit Amendment (Time Extension) to construct an underground transmission line at the Sampson Street crossing.
- <u>S200-24-843</u>: Pacific Drilling Company Right of Entry Permit to perform drilling of boreholes as part of a slope and drainage improvements project located north of the San Ysidro railyard on the southwest facing embankment of the rail line located east of Beyer Boulevard.
- <u>S200-24-844</u>: SANDAG Right of Entry Permit to perform outreach regarding for the Transit Subsidy Survey at various transit centers.
- S200-24-846: Caltrans Right of Entry Permit to conduct in person and aerial drone site investigations of the Sweetwater Marsh and Marisma de Nacional Marsh for the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service.
- <u>S200-24-847</u>: San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railroad Grant Deed transferring four SD&AE parcels to MTS to facilitate a DDA with National CORE for the Plam Avenue Trolley Station Transit-Oriented Development.
- <u>S200-24-848</u>: Blue Pacific Engineering & Construction Inc. Right of Entry Permit to perform civil improvements that include sidewalk construction, lighting improvements, and landscaping improvements as part of the City of Lemon Grove's Connect Main Street Project.
- S200-24-849: San Diego Unified Port District Right of Entry Permit to temporarily install traffic sensors onto MTS catenary poles (approx. 4 months) at the 28th Street and Harbor Drive and Cesar Chavez and Harbor Drive crossings as part of a vehicle route enforcement pilot program for semi-trucks leaving the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal.

- <u>\$200-24-851</u>: Nu Line Technologies Right of Entry Permit to perform sewer-line cleaning and manhole rehabilitation activities at Campo Rd. and Forest Gate Rd.
- <u>S200-24-852</u>: Cox Communications Right of Entry Permit to replace underground equipment located near Beyer Blvd. and Dairy Mart Rd.
- <u>S200-24-853</u>: SANDAG Right of Entry Permit to perform outreach for the planned improvements to the San Ysidro Transit Center.
- <u>S200-24-854</u>: Commander, Navy Region Southwest, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Right of Entry Permit for Navy's Annual Bay Bridge Run/Walk to cross over MTS Trolley tracks at Harbor Drive and Cesar Chavez Boulevard.
- <u>S200-24-857</u>: Life Sports Foundation Right of Entry Permit for the 2024 Campagnolo Gran Fondo San Diego bike event to cross over railroad tracks at 8th Street, Palomar Street, and Gunpowder Point Drive.
- <u>S200-24-859</u>: Wyyerd Group Right of Entry Permit to install a new aerial fiber line from an existing utility pole near F Street west over the MTS tracks and Interstate 5 to an existing pole near Bay Blvd.
- <u>S200-24-861</u>: Blue Pacific Engineering & Construction Inc. Right of Entry Permit to install a curb ramp and foundation for a pedestrian crossing at the El Cajon Transit Center.
- <u>S200-24-863</u>: Aguirre & Associates Right of Entry Permit to obtain survey data for the existing OCS cables and SDG&E transmission wire for the 24th Street Trolley Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study for the City of National City at the 24th Street Trolley Station.
- <u>S200-24-864</u>: San Diego Bicycle Coalition Right of Entry Permit to allow participants of the Bike the Bay bike event to cross over railroad tracks at various locations on the Blue Line (south line) and Coronado Branch (located throughout the Bayshore Bikeway).

## Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

#### Board Member Communications

There were no Board member communications.

## 8. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

## Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the SD&AE Railway Company Board of Directors is on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

## 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Chairperson

General Counsel

## Agenda Item No. $\underline{2}$

## San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway Company Board of Directors Meeting

October 14, 2025

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STATEMENT OF RAILWAY FINANCES

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the SD&AE Railway Company Board of Directors receive a financial report for the year ending June 30, 2025.

## **Budget Impact**

None.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Attached are SD&AE's financial results for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

As of June 30, 2025, revenue is favorable to budget by \$45,000 and has increased by \$48,000 from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The increase was related to increases across the board for revenue: right of entry permits, lease revenue from billboards and freight fees.

Expenses are \$90,000 favorable to budget primarily due to positive variances in both Outside Services and Risk Management Costs. Compared to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, expenses have increased \$15,000 primarily due \$9,000 in outside services related to cleaning up the hazardous materials under the locomotives on the Desert Line in Ocotillo.

The Net Income as of June 30, 2025, was \$204,000.

Attachments: SD&AE Operating Statement for year ending June 30, 2025

## **SD&AE Operating Statement FY2025**

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		Actuals		Budget	٧	/ariance		Actuals	V	ariance
Revenues  Right of Entry Permits  Lease Income  Operator Income - SD&IV 1% Freight Fee	\$	50,889 174,007 60,154	\$	35,000 165,000 40,000	\$	15,889 9,007 20,154	\$	38,057 157,071.61 42,000	\$	12,832 16,935 18,155
Total Revenues	\$	285,050	\$	240,000	\$	45,050	\$	237,128	\$	47,922
Expenses										
Personnel Costs Outside Services Risk Management Misc. Operating Expenses	\$	2,285 8,540 46,772 23,101		5,700 35,000 96,615 33,000	\$	3,415 26,460 49,843 9,899	\$	2,641 - 40,373 22,966	\$	356 (8,540) (6,399) (135)
Total Expenses  Net Income/(Loss)	<u>\$</u> \$	80,698 204,353	<u>\$</u> \$	170,315 69,685	\$ \$	89,617 134,668	<u>\$</u> \$	65,980 171,148	\$ \$	(14,718) 33,205

Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2024	\$ 1,229,610
GASB 87 Lease True Up to Cash Basis	\$ 1,296
Allocated Interest Earnings	288,939
Operating Profit/(Loss) - YTD	204,353
Reserve Balance as of June 30, 2025	\$ 1,724,198

## Agenda Item No. 3

## San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway Company Board of Directors Meeting

October 14, 2025

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REPORT ON SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL VALLEY (SD&IV) RAILROAD OPERATIONS

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the SD&AE Board of Directors receive a report for information.

**Budget Impact** 

None.

## **DISCUSSION:**

An oral report will be given during the meeting.

Attachment: Periodic Report for October 2024 – September 2025



SD&AE Board C/O MTS 1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000 San Diego, California 92101 October 14, 2025

## Periodic Report

In accordance with Section 20 of the Agreement for Operational Freight Service and Control through Management of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway Company activities of interest for the prior year are listed as follows:

## 1. Labor

The San Diego & Imperial Railroad has 9 employees as listed below:

- 1 General Manager
- 1 Manager Marketing & Sales
- 1 Office Manager
- 1 Mechanical Manager
- 1 Maintenance of Way Employee
- 4 Train Service Employees

## 2. Marketing

Volume in the 3rd Quarter had an 4.2% increase as compared to the same quarter in 2024. Traffic terminating on SDIY increased 12%, consisting of ethanol, E85, aviation gas, renewable diesel, and plastics. Ethanol and E85 strengthened by small increase in the market share of local gas stations. Traffic into Mexico remained consistent driven by increased spot buys of LPG. Dairy feed, brewery malt and pulp and paper shipments make up the remainder of the traffic.

## 3. Reportable Injuries/Environmental

Days through year to date there were <u>no</u> FRA Reportable injuries or Environmental incidents on the SDIV Railroad.

Days FRA Reportable Injury Free: 9959

## 4. Summary of Freight

	2025	2024	2023
Total rail carloads that moved by SDIY Rail Service in the quarter.	961	922	830
Total railroad carloads Terminating/Originating Mexico in the quarter.	649	644	584
Total railroad carloads Terminating/Originating El Cajon, San Diego, National City, San Ysidro, California in the quarter.	312	278	246
Total customers directly served by SDIY in the quarter	6	9	10
Regional Truck trips that SDIY Railroad Service replaced in the quarter	2883	2766	2490

Respectfully,

Matthew Domen

General Manager

San Diego	and Arizona Eastern
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Date:	10/14/2025	

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## Agenda Item No. 4

## San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway Company Board of Directors Meeting

October 14, 2025

SUBJECT:	
	REPORT ON PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM
RECOMMEN	DATION:
	That the SD&AE Board of Directors receive a report for information.
	Budget Impact
	None.
DISCUSSION	N: A report will be presented during the meeting.

Attachment: Quarterly Reports



# Pacific Southwest Railway Museum La Mesa Depot 4695 Nebo Drive La Mesa, CA 91941 619-465-7776

September 2, 2025

SD&AE Board c/o Metropolitan Transit System 1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Fourth Quarter, 2024

Dear SD&AE Board:

During the fourth quarter of 2024 the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum operated 24 Pumpkin Express trains, 4 Sip & Scare Sunset Special trains, and 16 North Pole Limited trains carrying a total of 7,495 passengers. The museum was open sixteen days during the fourth quarter. There were no FRA reportable accidents or injuries during the fourth quarter, 2024. Earned revenue from SD&AE property was \$334,838.85; our check for \$6,696.78 is enclosed.

Passenger ridership during the fourth quarter as compared to the past ten years:

7,495 passengers during the fourth quarter 2024

6,069 passengers during the fourth quarter 2023

6,476 passengers during the fourth quarter 2022

5,792 passengers during the fourth quarter 2021

2,253 passengers during the fourth quarter 2020

7,559 passengers during the fourth quarter 2019

7,698 passengers during the fourth quarter 2018

7,153 passengers during the fourth quarter 2017

6,736 passengers during the fourth quarter 2016

7,110 passengers during the fourth quarter 2015

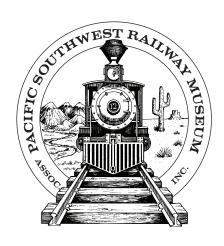
The fourth quarter of the year is PSRM's busiest time of year. We operated our popular Halloween-themed Pumpkin Express trains as well as a new offering, the Sip & Scare Sunset Special trains, in October and our largest annual event, the North Pole Limited trains, in late November and December.

PSRM continues to perform track maintenance and weed abatement and maintains both signalized railroad crossings within our right-of-way limits. PSRM signal maintainers perform the monthly, quarterly and annual inspections regularly.

As always, thank you to the San Diego & Arizona Eastern board and staff, as well as the Metropolitan Transit System board and staff for entrusting the care of fourteen miles of the SD&AE Desert Line to the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum. Our offer remains open to host an MTS/SD&AE visit to our museum in Campo. Please email me at <a href="majer@psrm.org">hager@psrm.org</a> for arrangements.

Sincerely,

Stephen Hager
President



# Pacific Southwest Railway Museum La Mesa Depot 4695 Nebo Drive La Mesa, CA 91941 619-465-7776

September 2, 2025

SD&AE Board c/o Metropolitan Transit System 1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101

Re: First Quarter, 2025

Dear SD&AE Board:

During the first quarter of 2025 the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum operated 36 Golden State trains and 1 School train carrying a total of 1,743 passengers. The museum was open twenty-four days during the first quarter. There were no FRA reportable accidents or injuries during the first quarter, 2025. Earned revenue from SD&AE property was \$26,982.07; our check for \$539.64 is enclosed.

Passenger ridership during the first quarter as compared to the past ten years:

1,743 passengers during the first quarter 2025

2,863 passengers during the first quarter 2024

1,535 passengers during the first quarter 2023

1,793 passengers during the first quarter 2022

1,087 passengers during the first quarter 2021

1,305 passengers during the first quarter 2020

1,665 passengers during the first quarter 2019

2,728 passengers during the first quarter 2018

1,185 passengers during the first quarter 2017

2,380 passengers during the first quarter 2016

PSRM continues to perform track maintenance and weed abatement and maintains both signalized railroad crossings within our right-of-way limits. PSRM signal maintainers perform the monthly, quarterly and annual inspections regularly.

As always, thank you to the San Diego & Arizona Eastern board and staff, as well as the Metropolitan Transit System board and staff for entrusting the care of fourteen miles of the SD&AE Desert Line to the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum. We are always happy to host an MTS/SD&AE visit to our museum in Campo. Please email me at <a href="majerneous">hager@psrm.org</a> for arrangements.

Sincerely,

Stephen Hager President

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# Pacific Southwest Railway Museum La Mesa Depot 4695 Nebo Drive La Mesa, CA 91941 619-465-7776

September 2, 2025

SD&AE Board c/o Metropolitan Transit System 1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Second Quarter, 2025

Dear SD&AE Board:

During the second quarter of 2025 the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum operated 33 Golden State trains, 1 School Train, 18 Bunny Trains, and 2 Backcountry Wine Trains carrying a total of 3,335 passengers. The museum was open twenty-six days during the second quarter. There were no FRA reportable accidents or injuries during the second quarter, 2025. Earned revenue from SD&AE property was \$93,744.51; our check for \$1,874.89 is enclosed.

Passenger ridership during the second quarter as compared to the past ten years:

3,335 passengers during the second quarter 2025

1,689 passengers during the second quarter 2024

3,458 passengers during the second quarter 2023

2,589 passengers during the second quarter 2022

2,255 passengers during the second quarter 2021

0 passengers during the second quarter 2020

2,607 passengers during the second quarter 2019

1,866 passengers during the second quarter 2018

2,295 passengers during the second quarter 2017

1,945 passengers during the second quarter 2016

We operated our Easter-themed Bunny Train special event during the month of April. We also operated our inaugural Backcountry Wine Trains at the end of April. We co-hosted the fourth annual "Campo Days" event in June which drew large crowds to the area.

PSRM continues to perform track maintenance and weed abatement and maintains both signalized railroad crossings within our right-of-way limits. PSRM signal maintainers perform the monthly, quarterly and annual inspections regularly. PSRM's contracted engineering firm, RailPros, is scheduled to perform the annual bridge inspections at mileposts 60.08, 60.93, and 65.27 during the third quarter of this year.

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President

## Agenda Item No. $\underline{5}$

## San Diego and Arizona Eastern (SD&AE) Railway Company Board of Directors Meeting

October 14, 2025

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SUMMARY OF SD&AE DOCUMENTS ISSUED SINCE OCTOBER 8, 2024

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the SD&AE Railway Company Board of Directors receive a report for information.

**Budget Impact** 

None.

## **DISCUSSION:**

A report will be presented during the meeting.

Doc#	Organization	Subject	Day
S200-25-884	TY LIN INT	ROE PERMIT - PALOMAR ST GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT	10/23/2024
S200-25-866	CHALLANGED ATHLETES	ROE PERMIT - BIKE RIDE MTA PERMIT	10/31/2024
S200-25-885	GENERAL ENG	ROE PERMIT - COMMERCIAL ST BIKE ENHANCEMENTS	12/9/2024
S200-25-892	G4 TELECOM LLC	ROE PERMIT - TRAFFIC CONTROL SAN YSIDRO BLVD AND I-5	3/12/2025
S200-25-893	CROWN CASTLE FIBER LLC	LICENSE - CONDUIT SAN YSIDRO & RAIL CT	3/14/2025
S200-25-901	SANDAG	ROE PERMIT - OUTREACH EVENT VA MEDICAL CENTER STATION	3/14/2025
S200-25-899	WYYERD UG	LICENSE - WYYRED SAN YSIDRO EAST OF SD & IV PROJECT	3/24/2025
S200-94-903.4	CELLCO DBA VZW	LEASE - HILL STREET CELL SITE	3/28/2025
S200-25-900	REYES CONSTRUCTION	ROE PERMIT - TRAFFIC CONTROL BARRICADES 32ND ST & HARBOR DR	4/2/2025
S200-25-903	LIFE SPORTS FOUNDATION	ROE PERMIT - GRANDFONDO CYCLING ROE	4/2/2025
S200-25-889	PACIFIC WYYERD LLC	ROE PERMIT- PANEL UG&OH SY	4/15/2025
S200-25-890	PACIFIC WYYERD LLC	ROE PERMIT - UG CONDUIT EAST OF SD & IV TRACKS	4/15/2025
S200-25-902	CROWN CASTLE LLC	ROE PERMIT- CASTLE FIBER INSTALLATION SAN YSIDRO BLVD RAIL	4/28/2025
S200-25-898	METROCELL CONSTRUCTION INC.	ROE PERMIT- 8TH ST TRANSIT CENTER	4/30/2025
S200-25-906	PSRM	NEW BUS CAMPO LICENSE	5/1/2025
S200-25-908	NAVY REGION MWR	ROE PERMIT - ANNUAL BAY BRIDGE RUN 2025	5/16/2025
S200-25-905	BONITA PIPELINE	ROE PERMIT - PALM CITY VILLAGE	6/5/2025
S200-25-911	SDGE	ROE PERMIT - DE-ENERGIZATION PROJECT 1300 WILSON AVE	6/9/2025
S200-25-879	WHITE CONSTRUCTION	ROE PERMIT - 1300 WILSON AVE NATIONAL CITY	6/13/2025
S200-25-910	EAGLE PAVING, LLC	ROE PERMIT - CURB RAMP PALM ST & LEMON GROVE AVE	6/26/2025
S200-25-909	SD BICYCLE COALITION	ROE PERMIT- BIKE THE BAY	7/14/2025
S200-23-805	D.I.M.E. HOLLISTER	EASEMENT - PEDESTRIAN ACCESS PALM AVE	2/16/2023

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## **REQUEST TO SPEAK**

Date:	10/14/2025	

Agenda Item No.

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NAME	Jim Lundquist
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Subject of your remarks	
Regarding Agenda Item No.	5 Real Property Matters
Your comments are presenting a position of:	SUPPORT OPPOSITION

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**From:** Michael A. Beyer **To:** Joann Delgado

Subject: SD&AE Public Comment — Michael Beyer

Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 11:50:55 AM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders. Hello.

My name is Michael Beyer. I was present during the SD&AE meeting on October 14, 2025. I am an engineering student at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Unfortunately, I was unable to make a public comment at the SD&AE meeting because my microphone wasn't working. Someone in the meeting told me they would reach out to me so my comments make it on the final package, but I doubt they'll be able to do so without my contact information (which I did not give out). I'm hoping this email works instead.

Below are my public comments; they are italicized. If it is not too troublesome, could someone please answer them? Thanks in advance for your understanding.

Hello from University of Mary, North Dakota! I have five questions relating to the feasibility of reviving the SD&AE. Any and all answers are greatly appreciated, regardless of certainty or confidence in the answer(s); I do not expect much certainty.

- What are the best-case, worst-case, most realistic, and most optimistic scenarios for the Impossible Railroad, specifically for the Desert Line section within the United States?
- Does the SD&AE have any realistic expectation of revival, or (regrettably) is the SD&AE's fate sealed?
- If there is a possibility of revival, what would the single most important factor be? More funding? Public support? Government assistance?
- If nobody leases the Desert Line, what would MTS do?
- If the opportunity arose, would the MTS consider selling the Desert Line?

These are tough questions that ultimately nobody knows the answers to, but I would greatly appreciate it if you could give me your best guess and/or opinion. Thank you!

Michael Beyer Student, University of Mary

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