

AGENDA
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Sep 25, 2025 9:00am

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Meeting call to order, Introductions

9:00 am

1. Public Comment

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2. July 2025 Board Minutes

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3. CTSA & Mobility Mgt Services Updates June 2025

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4. TDA Triennial Audit FY 2022-24

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5. Correction - ED compensation effective date

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6. **Board meetings date & location changes**, Media Events Planning
 AFA-2 Launch + Mtg, Thu, Oct 30, SD Civic Center Plaza
 FACT WAV Showcase + Mtg, Thu, Nov 20, Caltrans HQ
 Annual Meeting/20th Anniversary Celebration, Thu, Dec 3, Mingei

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- Partner of the Year, Keynote, Speakers

7. SANDAG Updates - Cycle 13 grants updates
 Meeting with SANDAG Staff on 9/23/2025

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8. Service planning:

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- AFA-2 Contract, Launch planning
- RideFACT Mobility and Brokerage Update
- Coordination with UTWSD
- Brokerage Management Software procurement update

9. Business Plan Update FY 2026-2031

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10. Board Officers Nominations Subcommittee

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11. Conversation with Guest Speakers:

- a. Gerardo Ramirez-Borja, Chief of Staff, Hon Vivian Moreno
- b. Independent Living Partnership (ILP) TRIP Program
 - Ivet Woolridge, General Manager
 - Cat Ferguson Director of Community Engagement

12. Updates on Grants

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- Proposed Cycle 13 grant scope/budget amendments
- AFA-2 contract anticipated

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| 13. | Executive Director's Report
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| 14. | Board member and CAM updates | | INFORMATION |

***FACT's Mission- Assist San Diego County residents with barriers to mobility to
achieve independence through coordination of transportation services***

FACT Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2025 9:00am
Zoom only meeting

Board Members Attending	Susan Hafner, Hon. Dave Roberts, LaVonna Connelly, Hon. George Gastil, Hon. Jewel Edson
Board Members Absent	Hon. Corinna Contreras, Hon. John Duncan, Hon. Bob Campbell, Hon. Luz Molina
Staff Attending	Arun Prem, Ali Poorman, Christian Hernandez, Cynthia Pedersen, Julius Burgos, Kimberly Turner
Public/Guests	Hon. Jennifer Mendoza – Councilmember, City of Lemon Grove
Public Comments	
Consent Items: Board Retreat Meeting Minutes – June 2025/FACT Services Updates –May 2025 Financials & DRAFT TDA Triennial Audit FY 2022-24	Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items was made by Hon. Dave Roberts. Hon. George Gastil seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
SANDAG Updates – Cycle 13 grants approved	
Service Planning: Update on AFA-2 Contract, Launch Planning; RideFACTUpdate; Coordination with UTWSD; Software procurement update	<p>Cycle 13 grant award was approved by SANDAG Board in June. FACT is waiting for the contract in order to proceed. Cycle 12 is currently in effect, with 2,000+ trips completed last month.</p> <p>SANDAG staff reviewed the Coordinated Plan priorities with FACT. The Transit-Paratransit Coordinated Plan is still a draft with a final review by SANDAG’s Board to take place in the Fall. Arun has been working with SANDAG staff on final priorities to be submitted to the Transportation Committee and Board.</p> <p>Some clarifications were made regarding door-through-door versus door-to-door services. RideFACT and RideFACTNOW provide door-to-door service to riders, allowing drivers to accompany a rider from and to their pick up and drop off locations. He said the door-through-door service is more costly since the rider requires assistance getting accommodated inside their destination. Arun</p>

	<p>said coordination among specialized transportation service providers did not make the list of priorities.</p> <p>Danielle Kochman SANDAG’s Manager of Strategic Partnerships discussed the CTSA’s role of coordination in the region. Arun said CTSA should not have to compete for funding to provide specialized transportation. FACT is often regarded by other agencies as an automatic recipient of funding.</p> <p>FACT is waiting for the signed SANDAG AFA-2 contract, therefore the launch event date is still pending.</p> <p>United Taxi Workers of San Diego (UTWSD) has been working with FACT on their scope of work with regards to the AFA-2 contract.</p> <p>The software pre-procurement review continues with demonstrations and discussions with vendors.</p>
<p>Conversation with Guest Speaker – Hon. Jennifer Mendoza, City of Lemon Grove</p>	<p>Arun welcomed and introduced Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza from Lemon Grove. George said Hon. Mendoza sits on the Transportation Committee, she is Chair of SANDAG’s Mobility Working Group, is on the board of MTS and is a supporter of FACT.</p> <p>Susan asked Hon. Mendoza, how FACT can assist the members of her community. Hon. Mendoza thanked the Board for the invitation to attend the meeting. She shared some of her background and her experiences with seniors based on her early professional work. She is very focused on transportation issues and helping people get enough food.</p> <p>She suggested that finding a way to help SANDAG Board members understand FACT’s work and the importance of this work is essential. She said senior transportation is an essential item and FACT is a good partner with SANDAG.</p> <p>Susan thanked Hon. Mendoza for attending the meeting and FACT will take her suggestion to heart. Hon. Jewel Edson thanked Jennifer and her input to the Transportation Committee and for her contributions to SANDAG, her city, and to FACT. LaVonna thanked Hon. Mendoza for everything she does and her suggestions.</p>
<p>Business Plan Update FY 2026-2031 (separate cover)</p>	<p>FACT’s Business Plan is a document containing a vast amount of critical information, but its dynamic nature means that it quickly becomes outdated without regular updates. As a living document, its submission is required by SANDAG yearly. Arun requested direction by the Board on how to proceed with its approval since some of the Board were unable to review it prior to the</p>

	<p>meeting. Susan asked the Board to weigh in on whether to approve the Business Plan or wait until September’s Board meeting.</p> <p>Motion to delay the approval FACT Business Plan 2026-2031 until September was made by Hon. Jewel Edson. Hon. George Gastil seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Arun said the matter of the Business Plan needing to be updated yearly is something to consider in the CTSA scope of services negotiations with SANDAG.</p>
<p>Updates on Grants – CalTrans Section 5310 MM application due; Cycle 13 funds approved; APTA Coalition Grant; ECF (Oasis) not funded</p>	<p>Kimberly Turner, Grants Manager, said the Mobility Management standard agreement was received from CalTrans, effective July 1, 2025. The application for the next cycle is due in September, 2025. Caltrans is doing outreach and training through webinars and FACT staff plans to participate.</p> <p>Cycle 13 funds have been approved for SANDAG Mobility Management grants and the RideFACT grants.</p> <p>FACT passed the Caltrans triennial audit which recently took place as an on-site review.</p> <p>The APTA Coalition (San Diego County Paratransit Riders Coalition) grant of \$8,000 was awarded to FACT for the purpose of coalition building.</p> <p>The Escondido Community Foundation grant discussed at the June Board Retreat regarding a transportation program for seniors to two Oasis locations was not funded. Oasis is exploring other options and will stay in touch with FACT.</p>
<p>Executive Director’s Report: Regional Center; CTC Presentation; Jr. Accountant position; CalACT North Symposium; Emergency Item – Donation of 3 SANDAG funded vehicles</p>	<p>Motion to add Emergency Item regarding donation of three SANDAG vehicles to the agenda was made by Hon. Dave Roberts. Hon. George Gastil seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Arun said this item pertains to the way FACT insures its vehicles. SANDAG has reviewed insurance policies on three SANDAG funded accessible vehicles that are currently being leased to the City of Oceanside, the City of Vista, and St. Paul’s. SANDAG said the insurance policies need to be adjusted, incurring an additional cost of \$5,000 per month, per vehicle, to be paid by FACT. Because the vehicles are old, but in working condition, FACT requests the transfer of ownership through donation to the grantees who are interested in keeping the vehicles.</p> <p>Arun said he has discussed this issue with SANDAG and they are in agreement regarding the donation of the three vehicles.</p>

	<p>Motion to approve to divest three SANDAG funded accessible vehicles was made by Hon. Dave Roberts. LaVonna Connelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The San Diego Regional Center has expressed interest in affordable accessible rides from FACT and are in discussions with FACT staff.</p> <p>Arun will speak at the upcoming California Transportation Commission (CTC) event on August 14th.</p> <p>Arun said the position of Junior Accountant position has been filled.</p> <p>Arun attended the CalACT North Symposium on July 17-18, 2025 in Fortuna, California. He gave a presentation regarding AFA-2, and said many communities do not have accessibility to AFA funds due to lack of awareness.</p> <p>FACT's Annual Meeting is going to be held at the Mingei International Museum on Wednesday, December 3rd.</p>
Board member and CAM Updates	
CLOSED SESSION – ED Review Committee Report	<p>The Executive Director Review Committee, Susan Hafner, Hon. Dave Roberts, and LaVonna Connelly reported to the Board their recommendations. The Board unanimously voted to approve the committee's recommendation for a 6% salary increase effective July 1st, 2025. Susan thanked Arun for a job well done. Dave said the Board is very pleased with Arun's engagement with regional partners and community engagement.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30am.</p>

ITEM # 3

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Ali Poorman, Contracts Manager

RE: CTSA & Mobility Management Services Updates – JUNE 2025

ISSUE: This item presents a monthly RideFACT and agency services update.

	JUNE 2025
SERVICE	ONE-WAY TRIPS
ACS	0
UCSD	33
Scripps	443
Escondido	597
County HHSA	41
San Marcos	559
Tri-City	83
SDG&E	0
MV	0
RideFACT	2,636
TOTAL	4,392

UCSD Shiley-Marcos Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center

By June 2025, a total of 498 trips had been completed. In the summer of 2022, contracted trips were provided to transport patients involved in an ongoing Alzheimer's clinical trial. The contract was extended in January 2024. Additionally, in December 2023, UCSD Health partnered with 211 to arrange transportation for discharged patients attending follow-up medical appointments. This pilot program, running from December 2023 to March 2024, completed 168 trips and achieved significant success, with only one hospital readmission.

City of San Marcos

From February 2018 to June 2025, FACT provided 21,397 lunch shuttle and Catch a Ride! trips. Catch a Ride! offers transportation for eligible seniors aged 60 and older within San Marcos city limits, as well as for medical appointments within a 20-mile radius outside the city. FACT and San Marcos recently agreed to extend the contract through June 2026.

Scripps Health

Through June 2025, a total of 10,367 trips were provided. FACT provides transportation services for various Scripps facilities, including Encinitas Scripps, Prebys Cancer Clinic, Scripps Mercy Hospital in Hillcrest and Chula Vista, Scripps Green, Scripps Advanced Care Clinic, and Scripps Vista Clinic. The service agreement between FACT and Scripps Health commenced on January 15, 2020. FACT's brokerage vendors transport patients to and from hospitals, clinics,

pharmacies, residences, and even hospitals located outside San Diego County. FACT signed an Evergreen contract amendment in August 2021. The contract term was renewed in January 2024 through 2026.

City of Escondido

Between November 2019 and June 2025, FACT facilitated 35,755 trips. FACT provides transportation to and from the City of Escondido's senior lunch nutrition program, available Monday through Friday. This service commenced on November 1, 2019. However, trips were temporarily halted from mid-March 2020 to May 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Service resumed on June 15, 2021. The contract term for this arrangement was extended through June 2025, with the option for up to two renewal periods.

County HHSA

1,732 trips have been conducted under this agreement from late November 2018 through June 2025. This service offers transportation for non-contagious Tuberculosis patients from their homes to clinics for treatment on behalf of the County. The contract is set to continue until December 31, 2028. This contract term was extended in January 2024.

American Cancer Society

As of June 2025, FACT provided 189 medical trips for chemotherapy and radiation treatments. FACT will partner with the American Cancer Society (ACS) to address access to care barriers for patients with cancer through their grant program beginning April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026.

Tri-City Contracts – Emergency Room & Outpatient Behavioral Health

FACT has provided 9,452 trips for Tri-City patients discharged from the ER as of June 2025. FACT began transportation services for Tri-City Medical Center in December 2016.

211 Cool Zone Transportation In 2021, 211 requested FACT's assistance in transporting individuals to and from the County of San Diego's Cool Zones, which were established to provide heat relief during the summer and early fall. In June 2022, FACT entered into a contract to receive direct referrals through 211's Community Information Exchange (CIE) platform to support this program. FACT completed 26 trips between 2022-2024. The County of San Diego will continue the Cool Zone program through referrals to local libraries.

NCTD- Same-day Transportation Service

FACT completed three trips for the pilot program. The NCTD Pilot program was a same-day transportation service for all NCTD-certified LIFT customers. NCTD LIFT customers requested trips directly to FACT. The pilot program commenced on January 1, 2024, and completed June 30, 2024.

MTS/First Transit/Transdev FACT provided accessible next-day trips during the MTS/First Transit/Transdev work stop. FACT completed 1,826 trips between May 1- July 13, 2023.

CTSA, RideFACT & Contracted Service Data	Web hits	Referrals	Programs in Database	New Agencies in Database	Total Requests for RideFACT Trips	RideFACT Trips Provided	RideFACT Trips Unable to Provide	Contracted Trips Provided	Total Trips	RideFACT Avg Mileage	RideFACT Avg Trip Cost
Subtotal 2017	9,225	1075	148		29,841	28,628	1213	8,764	29,045		
Subtotal 2018	16,928	2050	158		56,682	54,390	2292	16,861	37,339		
Subtotal 2019	9,225	1075	174		29,841	28,628	1213	8,764	32,392		
Subtotal 2020	14,956	2109	185		29,808	28,455	1353	11,606	40,061		
Subtotal 2021	20,687	3729	189	10	41,959	37,293	4666	5,568	42,861		
Subtotal 2022	31,811	2232		5	28,340	23,119	5221	15,184	38,303		
July	3,473	227	178	0	3,079	2,745	334	1,297	4,042	9.4	\$ 37.21
August	3,924	192	178	0	1,716	1,409	307	1,512	2,921	9.3	\$ 36.37
September	2,710	63	178	0	1,181	1,027	154	1,462	2,489	8.8	\$ 37.66
October	3,444	108	179	1	1,000	850	150	1,426	2,276	9.8	\$ 37.32
November	2,199	106	179	0	798	717	81	1,369	2,086	10.3	\$ 39.26
December	3,043	77	177	0	797	750	47	1,245	1,995	10.6	\$ 40.66
January	2,494	96	177	0	748	694	54	1,289	1,983	11.1	\$ 37.54
February	2,410	90	180	3	789	677	112	1,355	2,032	9.9	\$ 33.35
March	4,183	112	184	4	856	744	112	1,717	2,461	9.5	\$ 30.99
April	2,064	122	184	0	889	747	142	1,478	2,225	9.4	\$ 27.26
May	3,422	90	184	0	821	710	111	2,340	3,050	9.8	\$ 30.05
June	4,636	86	184	0	1,141	1,064	77	2,600	3,664	10.3	\$ 39.07
Subtotal 2023	38,002	1369		8	13,815	12,134	1,681	19,090	31,224	9.85	\$ 35.56
					229,332	212,316	17,016	122,893	335,209		
July	3,349	137	184	0	1,502	1,299	203	1,530	2,829	12.18	\$ 118.80
August	4,178	164	184	0	1,697	1,503	194	1,578	3,081	26.19	\$ 105.65
September	3,230	131	184	0	1,874	1,748	126	1,328	3,076	12.73	\$ 91.36
October	3,767	165	184	0	2,316	2,117	199	1,455	3,572	12.4	\$ 89.53
November	2,977	76	173	0	2,171	1,990	181	1,303	3,293	13.1	\$ 81.69
December	2,331	132	177	4	2,207	2,148	59	1,055	3,203	12	\$ 70.61
January	3,364	134	177	0	2,362	2,328	34	1,352	3,680	12.16	\$ 69.31
February	3,267	103	177	0	2,516	2,436	80	1,210	3,646	12.01	\$ 69.85
March	2,903	121	177	0	2,728	2,684	44	1,464	4,148	12.54	\$ 69.33
April	3,368	96	177	0	2,059	2,045	14	1,444	3,489	12.36	\$ 72.33
May	3,258	126	182	5	2,415	2,400	15	1,457	3,857	13.13	\$ 71.27
June AFA					1,061	1,052	9		1,052	12.98	\$ 72.91
June RF	3,197	84	181	1	752	749	3	1,200	1,949	10.09	\$ 34.51
Subtotal 2024	39,189	1469			25,660	24,499	1,161	16,376	40,875	13.37	\$ 78.24
					254,992	236,815	18,177	139,269	376,084		
July	3,607	77	181	0	814	814	0	1,603	2,417	10.94	\$ 30.91
August	3,529	65	181	0	733	729	4	1,690	2,419	10.93	\$ 29.99
September	3,720	98	185	6	899	899	0	1,632	2,531	9.92	\$ 29.82
October	3,695	70	184	0	1,064	1,064	0	1,786	2,850	10.16	\$ 30.12
November	3,138	80	186	2	839	839	0	1,489	2,328	11.15	\$ 31.44
December	3,239	88	186	0	871	871	0	1,544	2,415	10.09	\$ 27.52
January	4,870	90	186	0	854	854	0	1,628	2,482	9.89	\$ 27.60
February	4,701	189	188	1	758	758	0	1,452	2,210	11.01	\$ 24.57
March	8,304	233	186	0	1,080	1,080	0	1,808	2,888	8.95	\$ 20.35
April	4,911	148	187	1	1,800	1,800	0	1,783	3,583	9.02	\$ 27.46
May	9,302	286	187	6	2,183	2,183	0	1,623	3,806	8.95	\$ 28.22
June	4,940	391	185	2	2,636	2,636	0	1,756	4,392	8.75	\$ 29.78
Subtotal 2025	57,956	1815			14,531	16,275	4	22,112	38,387		
TOTAL					269,523	251,342	18,181	159,063	410,405		

ITEM # 5

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Arun Prem, Executive Director

RE: Correction - ED compensation effective date

ISSUE: Request Board for a correction to the effective date of revised ED compensation.

BACKGROUND – ED Review:

In July 2025 the Board concluded the annual ED review and approved changes to the rate of compensation effective July 1, 2025. Staff requests the changes apply on April 26, 2025, the hiring anniversary date, as per past practice.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests that the Board authorize the changes to ED compensation for year 2025 be effective on the hiring anniversary date.

ITEM # 7

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RE: SANDAG Updates

ISSUE: Ongoing update on discussions and actions involving SANDAG

Cycle 13 grant award recommendations endorsed by TC were approved by SANDAG's Board on June 27, 2025. In September SANDAG staff proposed updates to the potential Cycle 13 contracts which will consolidate the agreements and reduce some of the match requirements; these proposed changes favor FACT, and will be confirmed in the next few weeks. FACT continues to be on a the SANDAG grants watchlist due to invoicing issues that are being addressed in discussions with SANDAG. On Sep 19th FACT requested an urgent meeting with SANDAG staff to seek clarifications regarding the deficiencies and clear directions for follow up.

SANDAG staff shared with FACT the Coordinated Plan Priorities propose for the updated Plan. FACT provided a response to the list of priorities. FACT is supportive of the proposals, and called attention to one of the priorities – “door through door” transportation that may require more review. Meeting with Danielle, Tim and Ruby (SANDAG) to review CTSA role, competition for funding, and improving coordination amongst specialized transportation services providers.

On March 20, 2025, FACT Board Members, Susan Hafner, La Vonna Connelly, Hon John Duncan and Hon George Gastil, and Arun Prem met with SANDAG CEO Mr. Mario Orso. SANDAG Staff – Antoinette Meier, Brian Lane, Jenny Russo and Robyn Wapner were also present. The hour-long discussion included review of the CTSA contract, CTSA role in Coordinated Plan, Funding mechanism and a recommendation re. a group that would follow up on the matters that were discussed.

BACKGROUND

On 1/17/2025, SANDAG staff asked Transportation Committee to recommend that SANDAG's Board approve the funding recommendation for the AFA Cycle-2 call for projects. The Item was approved unanimously. *SANDAG staff recommended award of \$2.3 m of AFA Cycle 2 funds to FACT. FACT was the only applicant (out of 5) approved for funding. UTWSD is a partner in FACT's project.* SANDAG's Board will review the TC recommendation on 1/24/2025. If approved, the funding will provide on-demand accessible rides countywide, tentatively beginning March 2025, through March 2026.

FACT's meeting request with SANDAG's CEO is in process; it is likely the meeting will occur in March 2025.

SANDAG staff issued a *Notice of Intent to Award for the AFA Cycle 2 Call for Projects* on Nov 1, 2024. This Notice recommends that SANDAG's TC and Board approve the funding recommendation.

It is anticipated the SANDAG Board will review this request in January 2025, following the TC's review on December 20, 2024.

AFA Cycle-2 funds will extend RideFACTNOW transportation for another year; service could be implemented in Feb 2025, based on the above timeline.

In August and September 2024, there were no formal updates on AFA Cycle-2 evaluation. Based on recent indications, the implementation is likely to be delayed significantly.

FACT is planning to submit Cycle 13 SGTP grant applications as per the SANDAG Board actions taken in July 2024.

During September 2024 Mobility Working Group Meeting (MWG), and SSTAC, SANDAG staff presented a plan to issue a call for Microtransit grants; available funding approx. \$8m in Jan 2025. Staff proposal restricts Nonprofits from applying directly. Only government entities may apply. Individual grants awards will be limited to \$1m, with a 20% match requirement. FACT provided public comment questioning this inequitable approach, calling attention to the potential negative impacts, and recommending against it.

On July 19, 2024 TC considered FACT's request to amend the proposed match against the Section 5310 funding award from 50% to 20%, which is allowable by FTA., and increase the per trip rate from \$32 to \$37. SANDAG staff recommended against the approval based on their view that it creates a fairness issue. FACT explained in a letter to TC that the 50% match commitment pertained to FACT's original Cycle 12 RideFACT application, which was not funded. Therefore, the match requirement should not carry forward to supplemental funds provided to FACT. FACT also explained that it was presumed AFA funds would provide the match, which did not turn out to be the case. FACT cost per trip for RideFACT trips (next day) increased due to the increase in average trip length from 9 miles to 13 miles. The TC approved SANDAG staff recommendation to deny FACT's request for amendments. SANDAG's Board will review the TC recommendation on Friday, July 26th.

TC Discussion on Funding for FACT services on May 17, 2024 was consistent with the February 16 discussion where FACT staff, riders and several vendors urged the TC to confirm the recommendation approved in Feb – i.e. *Provide approximately \$845,000 annually to FACT for the next two years using only Section 5310 funding (fully fund the RideFACT portion of the request only). FACT would provide the 20% matching funds (\$170,000 approx. annually). TC also recommended that FACT have the option to compete for STGP Cycle 13 Call for Projects. The TC chose to amend their prior recommendation to maintain the set aside (\$1.7m in Section 5310 funds) and prevent FACT from applying for additional Section 5310; FACT would be able to apply for up to \$1m in SMG funds.*

The above action was the result of some nonprofits as well as the transit agencies commenting on the high cost of RideFACTNOW compared with the cost of other service providers. SANDAG staff and some TC members clarified the comparison between accessible and ambulatory rides, as well as rides provided by volunteers compared with contracted rides was not valid and needed to be viewed in context.

The impact of the TC's action, if approved by SANDAG's Board would be to cap FACT's STGP grants at \$2.7m. The other STGP applicants' grant requests would be capped at \$2.2m.

SANDAG staff recommended that during its meeting on June 28, 2024, the Board approve the TC's recommendations:

1. Approve the proposed STGP Cycle 13 call for projects, including the evaluation criteria and process for awarding funding, except that the Board shall retain discretion over final Section 5310 awards subject to FTA requirements and a two-thirds vote of the Board.
2. Lower the maximum amount of SMG funding an applicant can receive to \$1 million and keep the existing maximum amount of Section 5310 funding an applicant can receive at \$1.2 million.
3. Approve a 26% annual allocation of Federal Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024 Section 5310 pass-through funding available (approximately \$835,543 and \$856,666 respectively) to Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation (FACT) for RideFACT service.
4. Should the Board approve a direct allocation of Section 5310 funds to FACT, exempt the direct allocation of Section 5310 funds to FACT from FACT's maximum grant award amount, and prohibit FACT from competing for and/or receiving the remaining Section 5310 grant funding.
5. Reinstate the allowability of indirect costs for the SMG program starting with the STGP Cycle 13 call for projects consistent with the proposed indirect cost guidelines.

TC Discussion on Funding for FACT services on Feb 16, 2024: The TC action on Agenda Item 7 was preceded by Item 6 - a presentation by MTS and NCTD re the mandated ADA paratransit services, and need to maintain funds for the services.

Following the Transportation Committee's [October 20, 2023, meeting](#), FACT provided SANDAG with a memo describing its RideFACT funding request (Attachment 2). In its memo, FACT requested \$843,924 annually for RideFACT, or nearly \$1.7 million for two years, which is an approximately 110% increase over its \$800,000 RideFACT request through the STGP Cycle 12 Call for Projects. FACT also requested \$1,512,000 annually for its CTSA and mobility management activities, which is nearly a 31% increase over its STGP Cycle 12 mobility management award combined with its dedicated TDA Article 4.5 funding. SANDAG's Data Science team reviewed the FACT memo and determined the RideFACT request and methodology used were reasonable based on an analysis of the baseline data FACT provided and changes in fuel prices and population growth.

Important Factors to Consider

The two sources of funding the Transportation Committee could consider allocating to FACT because they do not require a competitive selection process are the Section 5310 Program and the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4.5. funds. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations require that the Section 5310 funding be accompanied by a minimum 20% match of non-federal sources, so any allocation of those funds would require FACT to provide the required match. The Transportation Committee could consider allocating TDA Article 4.5 funding to FACT to supply the required match. Either allocation would require approval through

the Board of Directors. The Section 5310 allocation could accompany the Cycle 13 STGP Call for Projects; however, the TDA allocation would require an amendment of [SANDAG Board Policy No. 027](#).

Option 1: Provide approximately \$2.3 million annually to FACT for the next two years using Section 5310 and TDA Funding (fully fund the FACT request).

Option 2: Provide approximately \$1.6 million annually to FACT for the next two years using Section 5310 and TDA Funding (partially fund the FACT request).

Option 3: Provide approximately \$845,000 annually to FACT for the next two years using only Section 5310 funding (fully fund the RideFACT portion of the request only). FACT would provide the 20% matching funds (\$170,000 approx. annually). TC also recommended that FACT have the option to compete for STGP Cycle 13 Call for Projects.

Option 4: Do not allocate any funding for FACT at this time and require them to compete for funding through the STGP and AFA grant programs.

ITEM # 10

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Arun Prem, Executive Director

RE: 2026 Board Officer Elections

ISSUE: Recommendations for Board to address matters pertaining to governance:

BACKGROUND - 2026 Board Officers Nominating Committee:

The process of electing Board Officers involves development of a slate of Officers that the Board will approve and vote on. A Nominating Committee appointed by the Board Chair will reach out to all Board members and based on the input, propose a Slate of Officers to the Board for Calendar year 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board Chair appoint a Board Officers Nominating Committee for Board Officer elections for calendar year 2026.

ITEM #13

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Arun Prem, Executive Director; Cynthia Pedersen, Manager of HR & Administration

RE: Executive Director's Report July, August, September 2025

Meetings and Events – July 2025

7/25/2025 Meeting - SANDAG Board of Directors
7/29/2025 Meeting – AARP Meeting – Bob Prath, Israel Hernandez, Arun, Christian, Ali

Meetings and Events – August 2025

8/12/2025 Meeting – CAM – Ali, Arun, Christian, Paola, Cynthia
8/14/2025 Conference – CTC – Arun, Christian, Kimberly, Mark Fletcher, Kate Pecora
8/20/2025 Interview - In Clear Terms with AARP CA – Arun
8/22/2025 Meeting – CTC/FACT Regroup Regarding FACT's CTC presentation
8/22/2025 Meeting – Albondigas South County San Diego – Sharon Cooney, MTS Speaker
8/27/2025 Webinar - Cycle 13 5310 Successful Applicant Webinar

Meeting and Events – September 2025

9/2/2025 Meeting – CSULA Hydrogen Fuel Research Presentation – Alyssa Ahn - CalTrans, Arun
9/9/2025 Meeting – Hon. Luz Molina – Arun
9/11/2025 Meeting – MTS Board Meeting
9/11/2025 Meeting - UTWSD – AFA-2 Scope of Work – Peter Zchiesche, Mikaiil Huessin, Kimberly, Julius, Arun, Jissel
9/12/2025 Meeting – SANDAG Board of Directors