



CAM Meeting Summary

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 1:30 PM

1. Introductions and updates:

- Paola Zilli, the new CAM liaison for FACT, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions and updates were made.

2. SANDAG updates:

- Tim Garrett, Regional Planner at SANDAG, said the 2025 Coordinated Plan was approved by the Transportation Committee on December 5, 2025. Approval of the plan means that SANDAG will continue to receive federal funding through the Section 5310 Program which is used in the region for specialized transportation. The plan identifies funding priorities for the specialized transportation grant program that SANDAG uses to allocate funding to competitive program and also contains recommendations for MTS and CTD and other agencies. It also plans to expand the role of the CTSA to allow for greater collaboration and coordination of transportation providers. SANDAG anticipates an increase in funding provided by SANDAG to the CTSA. Tim said there are no immediate changes to the CTSA. Staff is working on Cycle 14 of the specialized transportation program, and SANDAG will be reaching out for stakeholder input soon.

3. CTSA and FACT services updates:

- Christian Hernandez gave an update regarding the November 20, 2025 FACT media event at Caltrans showcasing new WAV vehicles and announcement of the launch of the AFA-2 program. The event was a collaboration by Caltrans, United Taxi Workers of San Diego (UTWSD), FACT, and SANDAG marketing staff. Speakers included Ms. Ann Fox, Hon. Raul Campillo, Hon. Jewel Edson, FACT Chair Susan Hafner, and FACT riders.
- FACT is currently working on marketing for the AFA-2 RideFACTNOW program.
- Ali Poorman gave a CTSA update regarding 100 direct referrals in December from Jewish Family Service.
- FACT is updating the ADA compliance information on its website.
- Kimberly Turner, FACT's Grant Manager, said AFA-2 is now underway. Cycle 13 for 5310 and senior mini grants are being reviewed and waiting for SANDAG go-ahead. California Transportation Commission, if approved, will fund a grant for rural transportation to start next year for two years. Kimberly said the Federal Reauthorization Bill that defines these programs is set to expire in September 2026. The possibility of changes, removal of new programs, or total restructuring could occur October 1, 2026. Kimberly said every grantee in the U.S. could be affected nationwide.
- FACT hosted its 2025 Annual Board of Directors Meeting + 20th Anniversary on December 3rd at the Mingei International Museum. Ninety people attended the event with Hon. Raul Campillo receiving FACT Partner of the Year award. Guest speakers included Amber Ter-Vrugt and Jenny Batts of Scripps Health, Mayor Rebecca Jones, Ms. Clarissa Falcon, Mr. Michael Wygant, Ms. Wendy King, Mr. William York, Hon. Joe LaCava, and Hon. Raul Campillo.

4. CAM Member Discussions :

- The future of the Volunteer Drivers Coalition (VDC) meetings was discussed to decide whether there is interest to continue to hold meetings going forward. Arun said the VDC is no longer a mandated forum so it's not part of a compliance related requirement. He said the CTSA would like to preserve the VDC because the services it provides are unique to San Diego and very important for people to access limited specialized transportation. Arun asked for feedback to decide the future of this entity and said the topic could be addressed again at the next CAM meeting with input from SANDAG. Maureen Glaser from JFS, the agency that used to run the volunteer coalition, asked that meeting attendees let her know if there was support and interest for the group.
- Arun said SANDAG vehicle insurance requirements have changed and are more expensive and complex. He asked meeting attendees if they know of any insurance referrals that are similar to FACT's needs and if so, please let him know.

5. Training:

- **Christina Rathbun**, an AFN specialist at SDG&E, gave a presentation regarding Public Safety Power Shutoff Preparedness (PSPS) and support resources. She detailed what a PSPS is and its purpose. FACT and SDG&E are in partnership to provide transportation to those who are most vulnerable during a PSPS. Power shutoffs are performed as a last resort to protect homes and communities in order to prevent a wildfire. Christina gave information regarding Community Resource Centers and what they provide to people who are evacuated during a PSPS. The information Christina shared is included with this meeting summary.