

MAY 16, 2024 REGULAR BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

- PRONTO Fare System Enhancements:** The North County Transit District (NCTD) Board of Directors (Board) received an update on enhancements to the PRONTO fare system. NCTD is working with the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) on the implementation of open loop payments, which will allow riders to tap their credit cards and mobile wallets at fare validators on the platforms and in the buses to pay for their ride. This will provide an easier way to pay and increase the efficiency of riding NCTD's services. Staff will conduct public outreach to inform current and future riders of the ease of riding transit with new open loop payments. NCTD and MTS have also completed improvements to in-app messaging, including messages that remind customers to validate their passes before riding. The PRONTO app is now enabled to allow customers to submit online applications for discounted fares and includes branded passes for NCTD's campaigns with the San Diego County Fair, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, etc.
- FY2025 Operating Budget Update:** The Board received an update on the development of the FY2025 Operating Budget and FY2025-FY2029 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The Board approved the proposed CIP at its January 18, 2024, meeting and opened a public hearing for the Operating Budget and CIP at its March 21, 2024, meeting. In accordance with Board policy, the FY2025 operating budget is balanced. The Operating Budget incorporates data from the FY25 Service Implementation Plan (SIP), which includes several key service assumptions that are anticipated to increase ridership and have the potential to impact the operating budget. The SIP is updated each year to reflect ridership and service data from the previous year. NCTD's Performance, Administration and Finance Committee will review the FY2025 Operating Budget and CIP at its May 23, 2024, meeting. The Board will be asked to approve the budget at its June 20, 2024, meeting.
- Oceanside SPRINTER Station Redevelopments:** The Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to enter into Exclusive Negotiation Agreements (ENA) with two developers for the redevelopment of the Melrose and Rancho Del Oro SPRINTER stations in the City of Oceanside. Both developments will include 100% affordable housing at the low and very low-income levels and enhanced transit amenities, including parking, waiting areas, and active transportation supportive facilities. Redevelopment at the Melrose station is proposed to include 420 housing units with a mix of one, two and three bedrooms. Other amenities will include a neighborhood park and a pedestrian walkway. The Rancho Del Oro site is proposed to include 98 housing units with a mix of loft, one and two bedrooms. The site is proposed to also include retail space, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, two bus bays, and bus operator restrooms. Following the negotiation of the ENA, the projects will then enter into the due diligence period, followed by an entitlement process with the City of Oceanside. Construction could begin as soon as 2027.