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THIRD DISTRICT

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Councilmember Whitburn Unanimously Re-Elected as Chairman of the MTS Board of Directors

SAN DIEGO, CA – Today, Councilmember Stephen Whitburn (District 3) was unanimously re-elected by his colleagues on the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Board of Directors as Chairman of the Board of Directors. El Cajon City Councilmember Steve Goble was also re-elected as Vice Chair. Both will serve two-year terms through December 2027.

"I'm honored to continue serving as Chair of the MTS Board," said Councilmember Stephen Whitburn. "Over the past two years, we've made real progress improving safety, expanding access to service, and bringing cleaner, more sustainable transit options to our region. We've launched the region's first electric Rapid line (Rapid 227), opened new transit-oriented housing, improved overnight and East County service, and surpassed 80 million passenger trips for the first time since the pandemic."

Councilmember Whitburn has served on the MTS Board since 2021 and has been Chair since 2023. Under his leadership, MTS has reduced crime on the system by 24%, expanded electric and overnight bus services, completed new transitoriented housing projects, and achieved ridership recovery figures among the highest among fellow transit agencies across the United States.

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