

INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

February 10, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.:

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Action Requested: APPROVE

MEETING SUMMARY FOR THE JANUARY 13, 2010,
INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (ITOC) MEETING

File Number 1500100

Attendance

- Committee Members:
- Hamid Bahadori, Chair
 - John Meyer, Vice Chair
 - Carolyn Lee
 - Jim Ryan
 - Tracy Sandoval
- Absent:
- Kevin Cummins
 - Jesus Garcia
 - Valerie Harrison
- Staff:
- Kim Kawada
 - Renee Wasmund

The meeting of the *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) was called to order by Chair Hamid Bahadori at 9:37 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Action: Upon a motion by Carolyn Lee and a second by John Meyer, the ITOC approved the November 4, 2009, meeting summary.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair John Meyer requested staff bring an item to an upcoming meeting to discuss the ITOC annual budget in preparation for the upcoming financial audit. Chair Bahadori directed staff to place this item on the February ITOC agenda.

REPORTS (3 through 8)

3. REVISION TO FY 2010 *TransNet* REVENUES AND FINANCIAL MARKET UPDATE (INFORMATION)

At its November 20, 2009, meeting, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved a revision to the FY 2010 sales tax revenue estimates for *TransNet*. Based on receipts through December, further reduction in the FY 2010 *TransNet* estimate is proposed. Action by the Transportation Committee

and the Board of Directors on the revised FY 2010 estimates is scheduled in January 2010. Staff also briefed the ITOC about the latest developments in the financial markets and the economy and the strategies to minimize possible impacts to the *TransNet* program.

Marney Cox, Chief Economist, presented information on the current economic climate and its impact on sales tax revenues.

Sookyung Kim, Financial Programming Manager, presented information on the revision to the sales tax revenues and its impact to the *TransNet* program.

Lauren Warrem, Finance Director (Acting), presented information regarding the latest developments in the financial markets and the SANDAG investment strategy.

Chair Bahadori directed staff to share with the Board of Directors, the significant comments and concerns expressed by the ITOC members regarding the recommended 10 percent reduction in sales tax revenues for FY 2010. He indicated that staff should present the range of estimates considered and explain the reasons why 10 percent was recommended rather than a more conservative estimate.

Action: This item was presented for information.

4. 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP): AMENDMENT NO. 16 (DISCUSSION)

At its July 25, 2008, meeting, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved the 2008 RTIP, which includes major transportation projects in the San Diego region, including the *TransNet* Program of Projects (POP). SANDAG processes amendments on a quarterly basis based on requests from member agencies. The ITOC is asked to review and comment on the RTIP amendment, focusing on the *TransNet* POP. Significant comments will be forwarded to the Transportation Committee.

Sookyung Kim, Financial Programming Manager, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

5. RECENT PROGRAMMING ACTIONS (INFORMATION)

This item reports on various programming actions taken by the SANDAG Transportation Committee and Board of Directors in December 2009, including: (1) approval of the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program: Amendment No. 17; and (2) 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program and Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account Program revisions affecting projects in the Interstate 15 corridor.

Sookyung Kim, Financial Programming Manager, presented this item.

Action: This item was presented for information.

6. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD POLICIES (RECOMMEND)

The ITOC is asked to discuss and make a recommendation concerning a new guideline about the application of the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) provisions in the *TransNet* Ordinance to an assisted-living (convalescent care) development. National City has requested that SANDAG consider interpreting the Ordinance such that the RTCIP would not apply to assisted-living units. In addition, the ITOC is asked to discuss and make a recommendation about a new Board Policy concerning competitive grant program procedures.

Kim Kawada, *TransNet* and Legislative Affairs Program Director, presented this item.

Vice Chair Meyer noted his concern about starting a process in which certain developments could be excluded from the RTCIP. He felt that it opened the door to additional requests.

Action: Jim Ryan motioned, and Carolyn Lee seconded that the ITOC recommend that the Ordinance be interpreted so that the RTCIP would not apply to assisted-living units and recommend that the Board of Directors approve the proposed amendment to Board Policy No. 031, as presented by staff.

Chair Bahadori indicated the proposed request from National City to exclude the assisted-living units from the RTCIP had merit on the basis that they are not residential units and that the RTCIP was intended to apply only to newly constructed residential units; however, he did not agree with the justification that the proposed assisted-living unit should be exempt because of its lower impact on the Regional Arterial System and could not support the original motion.

Action: Mr. Ryan amended his motion to include the removal of all language or reference to traffic impacts on the Regional Arterial System, and Ms. Lee seconded the amended motion. The ITOC recommended that the Ordinance be interpreted so that the RTCIP would not apply to assisted-living units and recommended that the Board of Directors approve the proposed amendment to Board Policy No. 031 with the removal of all language or reference to traffic impacts on the Regional Arterial System. The motion passed with a three to one vote; Vice Chair Meyer voted against the motion.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Ryan and a second by Vice Chair Meyer, the ITOC recommended that the Board of Directors approve the proposed Board Policy No. 035 regarding competitive grant program procedures.

7. INTERSTATE 805 (I-805) CORRIDOR UPDATE (INFORMATION)

The I-805 corridor consists of several *TransNet* Early Action Program projects that will provide for highway and transit improvements in the corridor, including a new South Bay Bus Rapid Transit project. Staff provided a detailed update on the projects in the corridor including costs and schedules.

Joel Haven, Caltrans Corridor Project Director, presented an update on the projects in the I-805 corridor.

Action: This item was presented for information.

8. PRESENTATION ON LANDSCAPING (INFORMATION)

At the request of the ITOC, Caltrans staff provided a presentation on sustainable landscaping and water conservation efforts in District 11, and its applicability to the Interstate 15 (I-15) corridor project.

Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans Corridor Project Director, introduced the item, and Steve Alvarez, Caltrans Landscape Architect, presented this item.

Action: This item was presented for information.

9. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bahadori adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

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