

INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

June 9, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

MEETING SUMMARY FOR THE MAY 12, 2010,
INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

File Number 1500100

Attendance

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| Committee Members: | ▪ Hamid Bahadori, Chair | ▪ Carolyn Lee |
| | ▪ Jesus Garcia | ▪ Jim Ryan |
| Absent: | ▪ Kevin Cummins | ▪ Tracy Sandoval |
| | ▪ John Meyer, Vice Chair | ▪ Gary Gallegos |
| Staff: | ▪ Kim Kawada | ▪ Ariana zur Nieden |

The meeting of the *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) was called to order by Chair Bahadori at 9:35 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Jesus Garcia, ITOC member, requested modifications to the March 25, 2010, ITOC meeting summary. He asked that the two Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) projects noted in Agenda Item No. 7, be listed in the meeting summary.

Action: Upon a motion by Carolyn Lee and a second by Mr. Garcia, the ITOC approved the March 25, 2010, meeting summary, as amended.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Kim Kawada, *TransNet* and Legislative Affairs Program Director, reported on the status of the recruitment for filling the two vacant positions on the ITOC. She also introduced Ariana zur Nieden, the new *TransNet* Program Analyst.

CONSENT ITEMS (3 through 5)

4. 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NOS. 19, 20, and 24 (INFORMATION)

In July 2008, 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. Amendment No. 19 represents the quarterly amendments for member agencies, while Amendment No. 20 reflects the annual transit Capital Improvement Program. Amendment No. 24 was an administrative amendment that included various changes to ensure that federal formula funds apportioned to the region are programmed up to the amount available. The Transportation Committee and Board of Directors approved these RTIP amendments in April, and this report is provided to the ITOC for information, focusing on the *TransNet* POP.

5. QUARTERLY *TransNet* FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2010, AND OTHER FINANCIAL DATA (INFORMATION)

Staff provides certain *TransNet* financial information on a quarterly basis in accordance with requests from the ITOC, as well as in response to a recommendation from the *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Garcia, and a second by Ms. Lee, the ITOC accepted Consent Item Nos. 4 and 5.

3. ANNUAL SUBMITTAL OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING PROGRAMS BY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS (ACCEPT)

The *TransNet* Extension Ordinance requires all local jurisdictions in San Diego County to submit by April 1 of each year their Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) funding programs to the ITOC for its review. The ITOC is asked to accept the RTCIP funding program submittals.

Mr. Garcia asked for clarifications why the RTCIP is not collected on non-residential projects. Ms. Kawada provided information about how the RTCIP was developed, and the discussions at that time to focus the RTCIP on residential projects.

Action: Upon a motion by Ms. Lee, and a second by Mr. Garcia, the ITOC accepted Consent Item No. 3.

REPORTS (6 through 14)

6. *TransNet* ANNUAL FISCAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS – EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (APPROVE)

The ITOC audit evaluation subcommittee completed its review of proposals and interviews for the *TransNet* fiscal and compliance audits contract.

Ms. Lee, a member of the ITOC evaluation subcommittee, presented the item. The members discussed the fact that the recommended firm might be the same firm that SANDAG hires for its audit and whether there would be a perceived conflict of interest.

Action: Upon a motion by Ms. Lee, and a second by Mr. Garcia, the ITOC approved the recommendation of the ITOC evaluation subcommittee for selection of an independent certified public accounting firm. Jim Ryan opposed.

7. SOUTH BAY BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Jennifer Williamson, Senior Regional Planner, and Joel Haven, Corridor Director, provided an update on the environmental/outreach phase and revised milestone schedule for the South Bay Bus Rapid Transit project.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

8. INTERSTATE 805 CORRIDOR UPDATE (RECOMMEND)

Mr. Haven presented an update on the Interstate 805 (I-805) corridor, including the status of the environmental documents for the north and south segments, a request to fund the design phase for two high-occupancy vehicle lanes on the north segment, and a request to delay the schedule for the Vehicle Assist Automation/Bus On Shoulder Service project.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Ryan, and a second by Mr. Garcia, the ITOC recommended to the Transportation Committee and Board of Directors that \$16 million of *TransNet* funding be allocated to the design of the initial phase of the I-805 North Segment (for two high-occupancy vehicle lanes), only if the additional funding does not affect the delivery of other *TransNet* Early Action Program (EAP) projects. The ITOC also recommended to the Transportation Committee that the open-to-public date for the Vehicle Assist Automation/Bus on Shoulder Service project be moved to May 2011.

9. INTERSTATE 5 NORTH COAST CORRIDOR UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Allan Kosup, Corridor Director, presented an update on the Interstate 5 corridor, including the project development efforts underway and work to date on the project work program.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

10. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT – DRAFT COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES REPORT AND PROJECT SCOPING (INFORMATION)

SANDAG and the Federal Transit Administration are preparing a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project. The draft Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report identifies the purpose and need for the Mid-Coast Project, defines and evaluates project alternatives, and recommends a set of alternatives for consideration during the scoping period.

Leslie Blanda, Project Development Program Manager, presented an overview of the draft Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives Report and its findings.

Chair Bahadori asked that staff consider how lessons learned from the SPRINTER rail project could be applied to the Mid-Coast project.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

11. 2010 *TransNet* PLAN OF FINANCE UPDATE (INFORMATION)

SANDAG updates the *TransNet* Plan of Finance on an annual basis, in conjunction with the development of the annual SANDAG budget.

Ms. Kawada introduced the item and reviewed background information for the 2010 Plan of Finance (POF) update and the status of current *TransNet* EAP projects.

Marney Cox, Chief Economist, provided an update to the ITOC on the revenue projections and construction cost projections assumed in the 2010 POF update.

Richard Chavez, Principal Engineer, provided an update to the ITOC on the impact of construction cost projections on the overall EAP program in the 2010 POF update, as well as specific budget amendments proposed for individual EAP projects.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

12. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: PROPOSED PLAN PERFORMANCE MEASURES (DISCUSSION)

Scott Strolecki, Regional Planner II, provided a report on the proposed plan performance measures for the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The report included refinements that have been made based on input received from the Transportation Project Evaluation Criteria Ad Hoc Working Group. ITOC members were asked to discuss and provide feedback on the proposed plan performance measures.

ITOC members discussed the importance of efficient transfers between transit services; how the proposed performance measures addressed new RTP requirements under Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg, 2008) – CO₂ emissions is proposed as a performance measure; and the influence of land use on transit ridership.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

13. DRAFT FY 2010 ITOC ANNUAL REPORT (DISCUSSION)

Work has begun on the draft FY 2010 ITOC annual report.

Ms. zur Nieden, *TransNet* Program Analyst, presented the proposed content for the FY 2010 ITOC annual report, and asked for input from the ITOC on the report content and format. The annual report is currently scheduled to be presented to the Board of Directors on June 25, 2010. The members suggested keeping the general format the same as last year and asked staff to develop a draft report for the June ITOC meeting.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

14. QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON *TransNet* MAJOR CORRIDOR PROJECTS (INFORMATION)

Mr. Chavez provided an overview of the *TransNet* major corridor projects in terms of cost control and schedule adherence based on data provided through the Dashboard reporting system. Updates and refinements to the Dashboard also were discussed. This item relates to the required quarterly reporting process specified under Paragraph 10 of the Ordinance.

Chair Bahadori asked that staff include historical transit ridership data in future quarterly reports, showing corridor performance.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

15. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. Neither Chair Bahadori nor Ms. Lee will be available for this date. Ms. Kawada will determine whether a quorum will be attained based on the status of the recruitment for new members. The clerk will poll the ITOC members regarding an alternate June meeting date if there is an issue obtaining a quorum for June 9.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bahadori adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.