

INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

September 8, 2010

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

MEETING SUMMARY FOR THE JULY 14, 2010,
INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

File Number 1500100

Attendance

Committee Members: ▪ Hamid Bahadori, Chair
 ▪ Jesus Garcia

 ▪ Carolyn Lee
 ▪ Jim Ryan

Absent: ▪ John Meyer, Vice Chair
 ▪ Paul Fromer
 ▪ Gary L. Gallegos

 ▪ David Lloyd
 ▪ Tracy Sandoval

Staff: ▪ Renee Wasmund
 ▪ Kim Kawada

 ▪ Ariana zur Nieden

The meeting of the *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) was called to order by Chair Hamid Bahadori at 9:40 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Action: Upon a motion by Jesus Garcia and a second by Jim Ryan, the ITOC approved the June 28, 2010, meeting summary. Carolyn Lee abstained due to her absence from that meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REPORTS (3 through 9)

3. ANNUAL SELECTION OF ITOC CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (APPROVE)

Kim Kawada, *TransNet* and Legislative Affairs Program Director, stated that in accordance with ITOC Bylaws, at the first regular meeting following commencement of the SANDAG fiscal year, the ITOC shall select a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a term of one year.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Garcia, and a second by Mr. Ryan, the ITOC approved the selection of Ms. Lee for Chair for FY 2011.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Garcia, and a second by Mr. Bahadori, the ITOC approved the selection of Mr. Ryan for Vice Chair for FY 2011.

Ms. Lee assumed chairing the remainder of the meeting.

4. 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 25 (DISCUSSION)

In July 2008, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (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.

Michelle Merino, Financial Programming Analyst, presented the item, and the ITOC reviewed and discussed the proposed 2008 RTIP Amendment No. 25 focusing on the *TransNet* POP.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

5. DRAFT 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION (DISCUSSION)

SANDAG, as the metropolitan planning organization, is required by state and federal laws to develop and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program - a multiyear program of proposed major highway, arterial, transit, and nonmotorized projects, including the *TransNet* POP. The 2010 RTIP covers FY 2011 to FY 2015, and is due to the state by October 1, 2010.

Sookyung Kim, Financial Programming Manager, presented the item, and the ITOC reviewed and discussed the *TransNet* POP included in the draft 2010 RTIP.

Vice Chair Ryan requested that staff provide a report to the ITOC that would include a summary of programmed vs. budgeted funds for the *TransNet* Major Corridor projects.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

6. SPRINTER AND INLAND RAIL TRAIL PROJECTS FINAL FUNDING PLAN ADJUSTMENT (RECOMMEND)

The Inland Rail Trail (IRT) is a regional bikeway from Oceanside to Escondido developed by SANDAG and local cities. The North County Transit District (NCTD) has completed a final accounting of all SPRINTER and IRT expenses.

Dave Ragland, Senior Transportation Engineer, presented the item.

Jose Nuncio, Manager of Financial Programming and Project Control, presented the information on the final funding plan for both the IRT and SPRINTER projects.

The ITOC members discussed concerns regarding the fund repayment priority approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors for the SPRINTER project and the use of *TransNet* funds for transit agency operations. The ITOC members noted no significant issues related to the IRT project, and discussed whether to separate the recommendation for the IRT project funding.

Vice Chair Ryan requested that staff prepare a brief memorandum, detailing the previous actions by the ITOC, Transportation Committee, and Board of Directors on SPRINTER funding, for discussion at a future ITOC meeting.

Chair Lee requested that staff evaluate a way to track the history of key ITOC recommendations for the Major Corridor projects, including subsequent project actions taken by the Transportation Committee and Board of Directors.

Chair Lee stated that the ITOC could not support this item at this time. Ms. Kawada noted that this item could be brought back to the September 8, ITOC meeting for further review, along with the additional information requested by the ITOC.

8. 2010 *TransNet* PLAN OF FINANCE (RECOMMEND)

SANDAG updates the *TransNet* Plan of Finance on an annual basis, in conjunction with the development of the annual SANDAG Budget. Ms. Kawada summarized the information on the 2010 Plan of Finance update that was presented at the May 12, 2010, and June 28, 2010, ITOC meetings. She noted that action on the 2010 update is scheduled for the July 16, 2010, Transportation Committee, and the July 23, 2010, Board of Directors meetings.

Ms. Kawada stated that the Transportation Committee, at its July 2, 2010, meeting, supported moving forward with a "Robust" scenario that would advance construction projects in the *TransNet* Early Action Program (EAP) corridors and prepare new "shovel ready" projects. She outlined the major assumptions used for the 2010 update and highlighted bond issuance recommendations provided by the SANDAG financial advisor, Public Financial Management.

Richard Chavez, Principal Engineer, presented the projects proposed in the revised Robust funding scenario.

Mr. Bahadori requested an estimate of the annual amount of funds that would be provided to non-EAP projects by revising the EAP set-aside from 94 percent to 90 percent.

Mr. Garcia requested a comparison of total funding proposed for projects north of and south of Interstate 8.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Bahadori and a second by Mr. Ryan, the ITOC recommended approval of the 2010 *TransNet* Plan of Finance update to the Transportation Committee and Board of Directors.

7. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT - FINAL COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES REPORT (INFORMATION)

The final Comparative Evaluation of Alternatives report presents a summary of the comments received during the scoping period for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR). The final report additionally presents responses to the scoping comments and a recommendation on a Locally Preferred Alternative to carry forward for detailed analysis in the draft SEIS/SEIR.

Leslie Blanda, Project Development Program Manager, presented the item.

Anne Steinberger, Communications Manager, reviewed marketing efforts and the public information plan for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project.

Action: This item was presented for information.

9. 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. He also presented updates and refinements to the Dashboard for discussion. This item relates to the required quarterly reporting process specified under Paragraph 10 of the Ordinance.

Action: This item was presented for information.

10. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. The August 11, 2010, meeting was cancelled.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.