

INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

May 11, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

MEETING SUMMARY FOR THE APRIL 13, 2011,
INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

File Number 1500100

Attendance

- Committee Members:
- Jim Ryan, Vice Chair
 - Hamid Bahadori
 - Jesus Garcia
 - David Lloyd
- Absent:
- Carolyn Lee, Chair
 - Paul Fromer
 - John Meyer
 - Tracy Sandoval
- Staff:
- Gary L. Gallegos
 - Renée Wasmund
 - Kim Kawada
 - Ariana zur Nieden

The meeting of the *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) was called to order by Vice Chair Jim Ryan at 9:53 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Action: Upon a motion by David Lloyd and a second by Jesus Garcia, the ITOC approved the March 9, 2011, meeting summary. Hamid Bahadori abstained as he was not present at the March 9, 2011, meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Renée Wasmund, Chief Deputy Executive Director, reported to the ITOC that the SANDAG Board of Directors approved making an offer to purchase State Route 125 (SR 125). One of the options to fund the purchase is to use *TransNet* funds. If the use of *TransNet* is recommended, the item would come to the ITOC for review at a future meeting.

Kim Kawada, *TransNet* and Legislative Affairs Program Director, provided an update to the ITOC regarding actions taken by SANDAG in opposition to Senate Bill 468 (Kehoe) (SB 468).

CONSENT (3)

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 was asked to accept the RTCIP funding program submittals.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Lloyd, and a second by Mr. Garcia, the ITOC accepted Consent Item 3.

REPORTS (4 through 12)

4. SUMMARY OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS ON *TransNet*-RELATED AGENDA ITEMS (INFORMATION)

Ms. Kawada provided an update to the members on relevant SANDAG actions taken on *TransNet*-related projects and programs. Ms. Kawada provided a summary of Transportation Committee and Board of Directors actions on agenda items that the ITOC has reviewed. Ms. Kawada provided an update on the following items: FY 2010 Fiscal and Compliance Audits; FY 2010 Requests for Exceptions to *TransNet* Extension Ordinance Requirements; 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment (RTIP) No. 8; Draft FY 2012 Program Budget and Overall Work Program, which included the FY 2012 ITOC Budget and *TransNet* Early Action Program (EAP) Budget.

Ms. Kawada also reported that the certified public accounting firm of Mayer Hoffman McCann had presented the results of their independent peer review at the April 8, 2011, Executive Committee meeting. Vice Chair Ryan asked staff to schedule a meeting of the ITOC fiscal audit subcommittee to further discuss the Mayer Hoffman McCann peer review.

Action: This item was presented for information.

5. 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 7 (DISCUSSION)

On September 24, 2010, the Board of Directors adopted the 2010 RTIP, the multiyear program of proposed major highway, arterial, transit, and bikeway projects in the San Diego region covering the period FY 2011 to FY 2015. SANDAG processes amendments to the RTIP on a quarterly basis based on requests from member agencies. The ITOC reviewed and discussed the proposed 2010 RTIP Amendment No. 7, focusing on the *TransNet* Program of Projects.

Michelle Merino, Financial Programming Analyst II, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

6. INTERSTATE 5/INTERSTATE 8 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS – STATE HIGHWAY OPERATIONS AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (INFORMATION)

Caltrans has proposed implementing congestion relief and operational improvements at the Interstate 5/Interstate 8 (I-5/I-8) interchange. The \$23.7 million project cost would be funded in part by State Highway Operations and Preservation Program operations dollars. The region would need to contribute approximately \$3.6 million to fully fund the project. This report described the proposed project and funding.

Jose Nuncio, Manager of Financial Programming and Project Control, provided information on the proposed funding for the project.

Allan Kosup, Caltrans Corridor Director, provided information on the proposed I-5/I-8 Interchange project.

Action: This item was presented for information.

7. *TransNet* SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM, ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM, AND SENIOR MINI-GRANT PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT (INFORMATION)

SANDAG approved the first rounds of funding for the *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grant program in September 2008, the Smart Growth Incentive Program in May 2009, and the Active Transportation Program in June 2009.

Christine Eary, Associate Regional Planner, provided an overview of the progress made to date by the grant recipients for both the Smart Growth Incentive Program and the Active Transportation Program.

Danielle Kochman, Associate Regional Planner, provided an overview of the progress made to date by the grant recipients for the Senior Mini-Grant Program.

Action: This item was presented for information.

8. INTERSTATE 15 MID-CITY BUS RAPID TRANSIT STATIONS (DISCUSSION)

Barrow Emerson, Senior Regional Planner, presented an overview of the I-15 Mid-City Bus Rapid Transit Stations project.

Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans Corridor Director, discussed the environmental document, which was released for public comment in December 2010, summarized the public comments received, and discussed the preferred alternative.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

12. OVERVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FINANCIAL MARKETS (INFORMATION)

This quarterly briefing is intended to keep the ITOC informed about the latest developments in the financial markets, the economy, sales tax revenues, and the strategies SANDAG is exploring and implementing to minimize possible impacts to the *TransNet* program.

Lauren Warrem, Director of Finance, provided information on the current SANDAG debt portfolio.

Marney Cox, Chief Economist, provided information on the state of the economy and current sales tax revenues and impacts to the *TransNet* program.

Action: This item was presented for information.

9. REGIONAL BICYCLE PLAN: PROPOSED INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION (DISCUSSION)

In May 2010, the Board of Directors approved Riding to 2050: San Diego Regional Bicycle Plan. The Plan includes recommendations for bicycle infrastructure improvements, bicycle-related programs, implementation strategies, and policy and design guidelines.

Chris Kluth, Associate Regional Planner, presented the proposed infrastructure projects and funding strategy and asked the ITOC to review and discuss the proposed projects and funding strategy.

Christine Eary, Associate Regional Planner, presented the supporting education and monitoring programs included in the Regional Bicycle Plan.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

10. 2010 STATE OF THE COMMUTE REPORT (INFORMATION)

As required by the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance, the ITOC reviews ongoing SANDAG system performance evaluations, including the State of the Commute report on an annual basis.

Samuel Johnson, Principal Technology Program Analyst, and Ellison Alegre, Associate Transportation Planner, presented the 2010 State of the Commute report, which provides data on the region's urban highway, bus systems, and rail service.

Action: This item was presented for information.

11. DRAFT 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Heather Adamson, Senior Regional Planner, provided an update on the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan that is scheduled to be released in April.

Action: This item was presented for information.

13. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.