

# INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

June 8, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

MEETING SUMMARY FOR THE MAY 11, 2011,  
INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

File Number 1500100

## Attendance

- Committee Members:
- Carolyn Lee, Chair
  - Jim Ryan, Vice Chair
  - Paul Fromer
  - Jesus Garcia
  - Tracy Sandoval
- Absent:
- Hamid Bahadori
  - John Meyer
- Staff:
- Kim Kawada
  - Ariana zur Nieden

The meeting of the *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) was called to order by Chair Carolyn Lee at 9:39 a.m.

## 1. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Jim Ryan and a second by Jesus Garcia, the ITOC approved the April 13, 2011, meeting summary.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Chair Lee requested a status report on the ITOC membership recruitment efforts and Senate Bill 468 (Kehoe) (SB 468). With regard to membership, Kim Kawada, *TransNet* and Legislative Affairs Program Director, briefed the committee on the recruitment efforts, and asked members to let her know if they have any suggestions for the open committee positions.

Ms. Kawada provided information on the latest updates on SB 468 and provided the schedule for the legislative process on this bill. She also briefed the committee on the recent State Senate Transportation and Housing Committee hearing on this subject that was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

Vice Chair Ryan asked about the ITOC meeting schedule going forward. He suggested meeting on a quarterly basis, and condensing agenda topics to specifically deal with the committee's oversight responsibilities.

ITOC members agreed with a more streamlined focus for future agendas and provided suggestions to reduce the frequency of meetings.

Ms. Kawada stated that staff would take a look at these suggestions and mandatory deadlines and would report back to the ITOC in June or July.

Vice Chair Ryan asked about an orientation session for new ITOC members.

Chair Lee suggested that an orientation session be developed for new ITOC members focusing on primary committee responsibilities.

### **CONSENT (3)**

#### **3. QUARTERLY *TransNet* FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2011, 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 first *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit.

Chair Lee raised a question regarding compliance with the 30 percent fund balance limitation and asked for an update. Lauren Warrem, Director of Finance, responded that SANDAG is enforcing this rule and not making payments to those jurisdictions that are not in compliance.

Vice Chair Ryan requested a memo that noted which jurisdictions have not been spending down their *TransNet* funds. Ms. Warrem agreed to bring back a report on the balances held for each jurisdiction.

Ms. Sandoval asked what authority ITOC has to spend down the ITOC operating budget carryover funds on other *TransNet* programs. Ms. Warrem replied that staff would bring back further information regarding options on the use of these funds.

Action: This item was presented for information.

### **REPORTS (4 through 5)**

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

Ms. Kawada provided the monthly briefing to keep the ITOC informed about 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, including an update on the following items: Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 7; Proposed Initial Implementation of the Regional Bicycle Plan; and the 2010 State of the Commute report.

Chair Lee asked about the status of SANDAG's interest in purchasing State Route 125. Ms. Kawada provided a brief update on this matter.

Action: This item was presented for information.

5. DRAFT 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: OVERVIEW, UPCOMING OUTREACH, AND ADOPTION PROCESS (INFORMATION)

The Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (2050 RTP) is the blueprint for keeping pace with the mobility and sustainability challenges in a growing region. The 2050 RTP is built on an integrated set of public policies, strategies, and investments to maintain, manage, and improve the transportation system, so it meets the diverse needs of our changing region through 2050. The Board released the Draft 2050 RTP and its Sustainable Communities Strategy for public review and comment on April 22, 2011. The Draft Environmental Impact Report is anticipated to be released in early June 2011.

Heather Adamson, Senior Regional Planner, provided a presentation about the Draft 2050 RTP, as well as outlined the upcoming workshops and public hearings that will take place during the public comment period. The SANDAG Board is anticipated to adopt the 2050 RTP in fall 2011.

Action: This item was presented for information.

6. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

Vice Chair Ryan and Ms. Sandoval provided a status report on the Fiscal Audit Subcommittee's efforts.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lee noted that this would be Mr. Garcia's last ITOC meeting and thanked him for his service.

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.