

# INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

July 11, 2012

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

MEETING SUMMARY FOR THE JUNE 13, 2012,  
INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

File Number 1500100

## Attendance

- Committee Members:
- Jim Ryan, Chair
  - Paul Fromer, Vice Chair
  - John Chalker
  - Carolyn Lee
  - Jonathan Tibbitts
  - Dick Vortmann
- Absent:
- Tracy Sandoval
- Staff:
- Renée Wasmund
  - Kim Kawada
  - Ariana zur Nieden

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

## 1. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Action: Upon a motion by Carolyn Lee and a second by John Chalker, the ITOC approved the May 9, 2012, meeting summary.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Renée Wasmund, Chief Deputy Executive Director, introduced Andre Douzdjian, who was recently hired as the SANDAG Department Director of Finance.

## REPORTS (3 through 10)

Chair Ryan took Agenda Item No. 10 first.

## 10. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT STATUS UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Leslie Blanda, Project Development Program Manager, and John Haggerty, Division Director of Rail, provided a report on the status of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project.

Ms. Blanda provided an overview of the project, described the status of the current phase of development, and discussed upcoming project development activities.

Mr. Haggerty provided an overview of the proposed alignment of the project and next steps.

Action: This item was presented for information.

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

This monthly briefing is intended to keep the ITOC informed about relevant SANDAG actions taken on *TransNet*-related projects and programs.

Kim Kawada, *TransNet* and Legislative Affairs Program Director, 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: Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project; Low-Floor Light Rail Transit Vehicle Procurement Budget Amendment; 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendment Nos. 18 and 19; Specialized Transportation Grant Programs Evaluation Criteria Revisions, in particular the proposed evaluation and scoring criteria for the FY 2012–FY 2013 *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grant Program; 2012 *TransNet* Bond Issuance: Review and Approval of Final Bond Documents; and the SR 125 Toll Reduction and Marketing Plan.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2012 *TransNet* TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (ACCEPT)

The *TransNet* Extension Ordinance requires that the ITOC conduct triennial performance audits of SANDAG and other agencies involved in the implementation of the *TransNet* program. In accordance with Extension Ordinance provisions, the results and recommendations of the FY 2012 Triennial Performance Audit were presented at the April 6, 2012, Transportation Committee meeting.

Ariana zur Nieden, Associate Regional Planner, introduced the item.

Cathy Brady, Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting, Inc., presented the results of the performance audit and recommendations.

Action: Upon a motion by Jonathan Tibbitts and a second by Ms. Lee, the ITOC accepted the FY 2012 *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit report for presentation to the SANDAG Board of Directors and the public as part of the 2012 ITOC Annual Report scheduled for the June 22, 2012, Board meeting.

To help ensure that the triennial performance audit recommendations are implemented, Chair Ryan suggested that each ITOC member take the lead on a chapter of the performance audit report. He asked members to submit their chapter preferences to staff, and asked staff to provide a report at the next ITOC meeting with specific chapter assignments and next steps.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2011 *TransNet* FISCAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS AND APPOINTMENT OF FY 2012 FISCAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

A. ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2011 *TransNet* FISCAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS (ACCEPT)

The *TransNet* Extension Ordinance requires the ITOC to share the initial findings of the annual fiscal and compliance audits and its recommendations with the Transportation Committee 60 days prior to their release. The ITOC presented the initial FY 2011 audit findings and recommendations to the Transportation Committee on April 6, 2012.

Lisa Kondrat-Dauphin, Senior Accountant, introduced the item.

Sam Perera, Mayer Hoffman McCann, P.C., presented audit findings and recommendations.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Tibbitts and a second by Ms. Lee, the ITOC accepted the final FY 2011 *TransNet* fiscal and compliance audit reports.

B. APPOINTMENT OF FY 2012 FISCAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS (APPOINT)

The *TransNet* FY 2012 fiscal and compliance audit process is scheduled to begin on July 1, 2012. The ITOC was asked to appoint members to serve on its FY 2012 Fiscal and Compliance Audit Subcommittee.

Ms. Kondrat-Dauphin presented the item.

Action: The ITOC discussed the subcommittee responsibilities and anticipated time commitment, and Chair Ryan appointed Dick Vortmann, Tracy Sandoval, and Mr. Tibbitts to serve on the FY 2012 Fiscal and Compliance Audit Subcommittee.

6. 2012 ITOC ANNUAL REPORT (APPROVE)

Ms. zur Nieden presented the item and stated that the ITOC is asked to approve the 2012 ITOC Annual Report. The final report is scheduled to be presented to the SANDAG Board of Directors at its June 22, 2012, meeting.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Tibbitts, and a second by Ms. Lee, the ITOC approved the 2012 ITOC Annual Report as amended.

7. 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 18 (DISCUSSION)

On September 24, 2010, the Board of Directors adopted the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (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.

Michelle Merino, Financial Programming Analyst II, presented the item. The ITOC reviewed and discussed the proposed 2010 RTIP Amendment No. 18 focusing on the *TransNet* Program of Projects (POP).

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

8. 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 19 (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.

Ms. Merino presented the item. The ITOC reviewed and discussed the proposed 2010 RTIP Amendment No. 19 focusing on the *TransNet* POP.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

9. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SENIOR MINI-GRANT PROGRAM EVALUATION CRITERIA (DISCUSSION)

SANDAG approved the first round of *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grants in September 2008 and again in February 2011.

Danielle Kochman, Associate Regional Planner, presented the item. The ITOC discussed proposed adjustments to the evaluation and scoring criteria to be incorporated into the upcoming call for projects for FY 2014-FY 2015 funding.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

11. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.