

# INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

October 10, 2012

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

MEETING SUMMARY FOR THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2012,  
INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

File Number 1500100

## Attendance

### Committee Members:

- Paul Fromer, Chair
- John Chalker
- Kai Ramer
- Jim Ryan
- Dick Vortmann

### Absent:

- Jonathan Tibbitts, Vice Chair
- Carolyn Lee
- 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 Paul Fromer at 9:33 a.m.

## 1. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Action: Upon a motion by Dick Vortmann and a second by John Chalker, the ITOC approved the July 11, 2012, meeting summary.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

## CONSENT (3)

## 3. QUARTERLY *TransNet* FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2012, AND OTHER FINANCIAL DATA (INFORMATION)

Lisa Kondrat-Dauphin, Senior Accountant, provided an update on quarterly *TransNet* financial information in accordance with requests from the ITOC as well as in response to a recommendation from the first *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit.

Action: This item was presented for information only.

## REPORTS (4 through 14)

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

Kim Kawada, *TransNet* and Legislative Affairs Program Director, provided the monthly briefing to keep the ITOC informed about relevant SANDAG actions taken on *TransNet*-related projects and programs.

Ms. Kawada provided an update on the following Transportation Committee and Board of Directors actions on agenda items that the ITOC has reviewed: the Draft 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP); 2010 RTIP Amendment No. 21; Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration Project; Interstate 805 Corridor Project Update; Amendments to Board Policy No. 031: *TransNet* Ordinance and Expenditure Plan Rules; *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grants; *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program Eligibility Criteria; Active Transportation Grant Program: FY 2011–FY 2012 Funding Recommendations; and *TransNet* Substitution of Commercial Paper Line of Credit Provider.

Action: This item was presented for information.

### 5. 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 21 (INFORMATION)

On September 24, 2010, the Board of Directors adopted the 2010 RTIP, the multi-year 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 the 2010 RTIP Amendment No. 21 focusing on the *TransNet* Program of Projects (POP).

Action: This item was presented for information.

### 6. PROPOSED FINAL 2012 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM INCLUDING THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION (DISCUSSION)

SANDAG, as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO), is required by state and federal laws to develop and adopt an RTIP, a multi-year program of proposed major highway, arterial, transit, and non-motorized projects, including the *TransNet* POP. The 2012 RTIP covers fiscal years 2013 to 2017, and is due to the state by October 1, 2012.

Ms. Merino presented the item. The ITOC was asked to review and discuss the *TransNet* POP included in the Draft 2012 RTIP and provide comments.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

### 7. CITY OF VISTA REQUEST TO USE *TransNet* LOCAL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FUNDS FOR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS (RECOMMEND)

The City of Vista requested to advance the Bobolink Street Improvements Project with local and state funds and use its *TransNet* Local System Improvements (LSI) allocation toward debt service payments on the advanced funding.

Ms. Kondrat-Dauphin presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Vortmann and a second by Mr. Chalker, the ITOC recommended that the Transportation Committee recommend and the Board of Directors approve the City of Vista's request to reimburse local funds with *TransNet* LSI funding in accordance with Rule #3 of Board Policy No. 031 to advance the Bobolink Street Improvements Project.

8. NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT PERFORMANCE UPDATE (INFORMATION)

At its June 13, 2012, meeting, ITOC members requested a presentation on the status of the performance of the North County Transit District (NCTD) system, including ridership and farebox recovery information.

Ryan Bailey, NCTD Chief Financial Officer, presented an overview of NCTD performance.

Action: This item was presented for information.

12. *TransNet* SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT (INFORMATION)

SANDAG approved the first round of *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program projects in May 2009 and the first round of Active Transportation Program grants in June 2009.

Coleen Clementson, Principal Regional Planner, presented the report and provided an overview of the progress made to date by the grant recipients.

Action: This item was presented for information.

13. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM: FY 2011-FY 2012 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS (DISCUSSION)

The Board of Directors allocates funds under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) and the *TransNet* local sales tax program to support non-motorized transportation projects in the San Diego region.

Ms. Clementson presented the report. The ITOC was asked to review and discuss the eligibility of the proposed projects.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

14. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: TRANSPORTATION PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA AND RANKINGS (INFORMATION)

At the May 9, 2012, ITOC meeting, members requested a presentation on the Regional Transportation Plan development process at a future meeting.

Elisa Arias, Principal Regional Planner, introduced the item. Scott Strelecki, Associate Regional Planner, provided an overview of the evaluation criteria used to prioritize transportation projects.

Action: This item was presented for information.

9. FY 2012 *TransNet* TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT: PROPOSED CHANGES TO MATRIX FOR REPORTING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS (DISCUSSION)

At the July 11, 2012, ITOC meeting, staff presented the proposed approach for reporting on the implementation of performance audit recommendations. Chair Fromer requested that ITOC members provide any suggested changes on the proposed content and format of the performance audit matrix, and staff was directed to compile changes and return to ITOC with the proposed revisions at a future meeting.

Ariana zur Nieden, Associate Regional Planner, presented the item. The ITOC was asked to discuss the proposed changes to the matrix.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

10. *TransNet* ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM LAND MANAGEMENT GRANTS: ELIGIBILITY, SUBMITTAL, AND EVALUATION CRITERIA (DISCUSSION)

The Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) is a component of the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance that provides for mitigation for transportation projects by including a funding allocation for habitat acquisition, management, and monitoring activities to help implement the regional habitat conservation plans.

Keith Greer, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item. The ITOC was asked to review the eligibility, submittal, and evaluation criteria for the next call for projects of the *TransNet* EMP Land Management Grants and provide any input to the SANDAG Board of Directors.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

11. *TransNet* SENIOR MINI-GRANT PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REVIEW (INFORMATION)

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

Danielle Kochman, Associate Regional Planner, presented an overview of performance for various Senior Mini-Grant Program projects that remain active in the third year of the grant program.

Action: This item was presented for information.

15. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fromer adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.