

INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

November 13, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

MEETING SUMMARY FOR THE OCTOBER 9, 2013,
INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

File Number 1500100

Attendance

Committee Members:	▪ Jonathan Tibbitts, Chair	▪ Paul Fromer
	▪ Kai Ramer, Vice Chair	▪ Carolyn Lee
	▪ Brad Barnum	▪ Dick Vortmann
	▪ Tracy Drager	
Staff:	▪ Renée Wasmund	▪ Ariana zur Nieden
	▪ Kim Kawada	

The meeting of the *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) was called to order by Chair Jonathan Tibbitts at 9:34 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Action: Upon a motion by Carolyn Lee and a second by Paul Fromer, the ITOC approved the September 11, 2013, meeting summary. Brad Barnum abstained.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT (3 through 4)

3. *TransNet* SENIOR MINI-GRANT PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE (INFORMATION)

This report provided an overview of the progress made to date by each grant recipient for the *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grant program.

4. PROGRESS REPORT ON *TransNet* EARLY ACTION PROGRAM PROJECTS (INFORMATION)

This report provided an overview of the *TransNet* Early Action Program projects in terms of cost control and schedule adherence based on data provided through the Dashboard reporting system. This item related to the required reporting process specified under Paragraph 10 of the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance.

Action: Consent Items 3 through 4 were presented for information.

REPORTS (5 through 11)

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

Ariana zur Nieden, Associate Regional Planner, provided this briefing to keep the ITOC informed about relevant SANDAG actions taken on *TransNet*-related projects and programs.

Ms. zur Nieden provided a summary of Transportation Committee and Board of Directors actions on agenda items that the ITOC has reviewed: *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program: FY 2014 Management and Monitoring Allocations and Competitive Land Acquisition Grant Call for Projects; Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program; and San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan: Draft Transportation Project Evaluation Criteria.

Action: This item was presented for information.

6. 2012 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 8 – ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION (INFORMATION)

On September 28, 2012, the Board of Directors adopted the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the multiyear program of proposed major transportation projects in the San Diego region covering the period FY 2013 to FY 2017. Due to timing-related issues the Transportation Committee approved this administrative amendment at its September 6, 2013, meeting.

Michelle Merino, Associate Financial Analyst, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information.

7. 2012 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 9 (DISCUSSION)

On September 28, 2012, the Board of Directors adopted the 2012 RTIP, the multiyear program of proposed major transportation projects in the San Diego region covering the period FY 2013 to FY 2017. This amendment represents a regular quarterly amendment to the 2012 RTIP and reflects changes as requested by member agencies.

Ms. Merino presented the item. The ITOC reviewed and discussed the 2012 RTIP Amendment No. 9, focusing on the *TransNet* Program of Projects.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

8. STATE ROUTE 94 EXPRESS LANES PROJECT UPDATE (INFORMATION)

The *TransNet* Early Action Program includes the construction of two Express Lanes in the median of State Route 94 (SR 94) between Interstate 805 (I-805) and downtown San Diego. The project scope also includes new connectors between northbound I-805 and westbound SR 94, and eastbound SR 94 and southbound I-805. Caltrans is conducting environmental studies to assess various project alternatives.

Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans Corridor Director, presented the project update.

Action: This item was presented for information.

9. *TransNet* SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM: STATUS UPDATE AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (RECOMMEND)

Suchi Mukherjee, Regional Planner 1, presented the report and provided an overview of the progress made through June 30, 2013, for projects awarded through the *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program and Active Transportation Grant Program.

Staff from the cities of Escondido, Lemon Grove, and San Diego responded to ITOC member comments and questions.

Action: Upon a motion by Dick Vortmann and a second by Ms. Lee, the ITOC recommended that: (1) the Transportation Committee approve a no-cost, time-only schedule extension for the City of Escondido's Escondido Creek Bike Path Lighting and Restriping grant; and (2) the Regional Planning Committee approve no-cost, time-only schedule extensions for the City of Lemon Grove's Lemon Grove Trolley Plaza project and the City of San Diego's Chollas Triangle Master Plan grants.

10. CITY OF SAN DIEGO TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STREAMLINING UPDATE (INFORMATION)

In response to a request by ITOC members, City of San Diego staff has provided periodic reports about efforts to streamline delivery of *TransNet*-eligible capital improvement projects and reduce the City's *TransNet* local street and road fund balance.

Hasan Yousef and James Nagelvoort, City of San Diego staff, presented the biannual update.

The ITOC requested that the next regular City of San Diego project delivery streamlining and fund balance update also include both funds held with SANDAG and the City of San Diego and that the funds be segregated by spent and encumbered amounts for the capital improvement projects.

Action: This item was presented for information.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM: REGIONAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLAN (INFORMATION)

The FY 2012 *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit indicated the need to develop a strategic approach for directing funding for regional land management and biological monitoring. At the March 2013 ITOC meeting, SANDAG staff presented a draft of the Regional Management Strategic Plan, which would guide future allocations of *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program funds.

Keith Greer, Senior Regional Planner, and Ron Rempel, San Diego Management and Monitoring Program, presented the revised Management Strategic Plan.

Action: This item was presented for information.

12. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tibbitts adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

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