

INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

January 8, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

MEETING SUMMARY FOR THE NOVEMBER 13, 2013,
INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

File Number 1500100

Attendance

Committee
Members:

- Kai Ramer, Vice Chair
- Brad Barnum
- Paul Fromer
- Carolyn Lee

Absent:

- Jonathan Tibbitts, Chair
- Dick Vortmann
- 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 Vice Chair Kai Ramer at 9:34 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Action: Upon a motion by Brad Barnum, and a second by Carolyn Lee, the ITOC approved the October 9, 2013, meeting summary.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT (3 through 4)

3. 2014 ITOC MEETING CALENDAR (APPROVE)

The ITOC was asked to approve the meeting calendar for the upcoming year.

Action: Upon a motion by Paul Fromer, and a second by Mr. Barnum, the ITOC approved Agenda Item No. 3.

Vice Chair Ramer pulled Agenda Item No. 4 from the Consent Agenda and requested staff present the item.

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

André Douzdjian, Finance Director, provided an update on the latest developments in the financial markets, the economy, and sales tax revenues.

Action: This item was presented for information.

REPORTS (5 through 9)

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: Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 9; State Route 94 Express Lanes Project Update; *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grant Program Status Update; and *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program and Active Transportation Grant Program: Status Update and Proposed Amendments.

Ms. zur Nieden informed ITOC members that the Regional Planning Committee also had expressed concerns with multiple time extension requests for Smart Growth Incentive Program projects. She stated that staff expects to review the issue during the next call for projects to evaluate the possibility of amending program criteria to consider past grant performance.

Action: This item was presented for information.

6. QUARTERLY *TransNet* FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, 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 recommendations from the first and second *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audits.

Lisa Kondrat-Dauphin, Senior Accountant, provided a detailed overview of the proposed approach for monitoring local agency reporting on local street and road cash balances.

ITOC members requested that the currently proposed monitoring threshold (less than 60 percent) noted in Column J of the Local Agency Street and Road Balances report be revised to highlight agencies projected to have spent less than 75 percent of their balances at June 30, 2014. ITOC members also requested that the local jurisdictions called out under Column J in the next quarterly update be present at that ITOC meeting to provide an explanation for their remaining cash balances.

Action: This item was presented for information.

7. FY 2015 *TransNet* TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT SOLICITATION PROCESS (APPROVE)

In accordance with the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance, the ITOC is responsible for triennial performance audits of the *TransNet* program.

Ms. zur Nieden presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Ms. Lee, and a second by Mr. Fromer, the ITOC approved conducting the FY 2015 *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit under the existing agreement with Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting, Inc., and designated Vice Chair Ramer, Mr. Barnum, and Ms. Lee, as ITOC performance audit subcommittee members, and Mr. Barnum as the project manager, to update the scope of work, schedule, and other considerations.

8. PROPOSED FY 2014 PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENTS: REGIONAL BIKE EARLY ACTION PROGRAM PROJECTS (DISCUSSION)

On September 27, 2013, the Board of Directors approved the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program, which calls for the implementation of high-priority bikeway projects.

Richard Chavez, Principal Engineer, presented the item and asked the ITOC to review the proposed budget amendments for consistency with the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

9. SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE REGIONAL PLAN: DRAFT NETWORK PERFORMANCE MEASURES (DISCUSSION)

The SANDAG Board of Directors accepted the San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan vision and goals on May 10, 2013. SANDAG has developed preliminary draft performance measures to be used for evaluating alternative revenue constrained multimodal transportation scenarios for San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan.

Scott Strelecki, Associate Regional Planner, presented the item and asked the ITOC to review and discuss the preliminary draft network performance measures.

ITOC members asked that staff consider refining the "gross acres of constrained lands consumed" performance measure to reflect gross numbers relevant to regional habitat conservation targets.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

10. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

There will be no ITOC meeting for the month of December. The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Ramer adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.