

# INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

October 8, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2014, MEETING MINUTES

File Number 1500200

The meeting of the *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) was called to order by Chair Kai Ramer at 9:32 a.m.

1. MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MAY 14, 2014, AND THE JULY 9, 2014, ITOC MEETINGS (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Jonathan Tibbitts, and a second by Dick Vortmann, the ITOC approved the May 14, 2014, meeting minutes. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Brad Barnum, Stewart Halpern, Carolyn Lee, Mr. Tibbitts, and Mr. Vortmann. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent - None.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Tibbitts., and a second by Vice Chair Barnum, the ITOC approved the July 9, 2014, meeting minutes as amended. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Halpern, Ms. Lee, and Mr. Tibbitts. No - None. Abstain – Mr. Vortmann. Absent - None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS (INFORMATION)

There were no public or member comments.

## REPORTS

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

Ariana zur Nieden, Senior 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* Senior Mini-Grant Program: Status Update and Call for Projects for Fourth Cycle of Grant Funding; Smart Growth Incentive Program and Active Transportation Grant Program: Status Update and Proposed Grant Amendment; 2014 *TransNet* Bond Issuance; Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program; San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan Preferred Revenue Constrained Transportation Scenario; and *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program: FY 2015 Implementation.

Action: This item was presented for information.

4. QUARTERLY *TransNet* FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2014, 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. Staff also presented an update on the monitoring of local jurisdiction balances.

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

Mr. Tibbitts provided a summary of the recent meeting held with Councilmember Marti Emerald regarding the City of San Diego's Local Street and Road Balance.

ITOC members requested that the next regular City of San Diego presentation on Capital Improvement Program streamlining efforts be presented at the November 12, 2014, meeting instead of the October 8, 2014, ITOC meeting.

For the next quarterly financial reports, ITOC members requested that the Local Street and Road Maintenance Analysis include a column showing each local jurisdiction's plan to spend their allocation for maintenance.

Action: This item was presented for information.

5. *TransNet* ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM: FISCAL YEAR 2015 IMPLEMENTATION (DISCUSSION)

The ITOC was asked to discuss the proposed FY 2015 and FY 2016 work plan and allocation of funding for FY 2015, and the proposed land management grant call-for-projects pursuant to the executed *TransNet* EMP Memorandum of Agreement for *TransNet* funding eligibility. Any input from the ITOC will be provided for consideration by the SANDAG Board of Directors.

Keith Greer, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

6. *TransNet* ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM: LAND MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM QUARTERLY STATUS UPDATE AND PROPOSED GRANT AMENDMENT (RECOMMEND)

Mr. Greer provided the quarterly update on the Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program and information on a proposed grant amendment for a no-cost, time-only schedule extension for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Shinohara Vernal Pool Invasive Weed Treatment project.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Tibbitts, and a second by Mr. Vortmann, the ITOC recommended that the Regional Planning Committee approve a no-cost, time-only schedule extension for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Shinohara Vernal Pool Invasive Weed Treatment project. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Halpern, Ms. Lee, Mr. Tibbitts, and Mr. Vortmann. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent - None.

7. PROPOSED FINAL 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: INCLUDING THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION (DISCUSSION)

SANDAG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, is required by state and federal law to develop and adopt a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), a multi-year program of proposed major transportation projects, including the *TransNet* Program of Projects (POP). The 2014 RTIP covers fiscal years 2015 to 2019, and is due to the state by October 1, 2014. The ITOC was asked to review and discuss the *TransNet* POP included in the proposed Final 2014 RTIP and provide comments.

Michelle Smith, Associate Financial Analyst, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

8. SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE REGIONAL PLAN: PREFERRED REVENUE CONSTRAINED TRANSPORTATION SCENARIO (INFORMATION)

Based on feedback from the SANDAG Board of Directors, Policy Advisory Committees, and members of the public, a Draft Blended Transportation Scenario has been developed for the Regional Plan.

Phil Trom, Senior Regional Planner, presented the key components that fall under the purview of the ITOC for the Draft Preferred Revenue Constrained Transportation Scenario.

Action: This item was presented for information.

9. INTERSTATE 15 INTEGRATED CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PROJECT AND 511 SAN DIEGO TRAVELER INFORMATION APPLICATION UPDATE (INFORMATION)

The 511 San Diego application provides commuters with a one-stop location for commute and travel information for all modes and has been developed as part of the Interstate 15 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) Project. The ICM project is a multi-agency and multimodal system that allows the region to make best use of our existing transportation networks to maximize efficiency and capacity.

James Dreisbach-Towle, Principal Technology Program Analyst, provided an overview of the 511 San Diego Traveler Information Mobile Application which was launched in May 2014.

Stan Glowacki, Senior Information Systems Analyst, provided a demonstration of the 511 San Diego mobile application.

Action: This item was presented for information.

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

Marney Cox, Chief Economist, and André Douzdjian, Finance Director, provided the quarterly briefing to keep the ITOC informed about the latest developments in the financial markets, the economy, sales tax revenue trends, and the strategies being explored and implemented to minimize possible impacts to the *TransNet* program. Mr. Cox and Mr. Douzdjian also provided details regarding the 2014 *TransNet* bond issuance that closed in August.

Action: This item was presented for information.

11. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE (INFORMATION)

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramer adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

**INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
 MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2014**

JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING	COMMENTS
Civil/Traffic Engineering	Jonathan Tibbitts	Yes	
Finance/Budgeting	Stewart Halpern	Yes	
Biology/Environmental	Vacant	No	
Licensed Engineer	Kai Ramer	Yes	Chair
Right of Way Acquisition	Carolyn Lee	Yes	
Private Sector	Dick Vortmann	Yes	
Contractor/Construction	Brad Barnum	Yes	Vice Chair
ADVISORY MEMBERS LISTED BELOW (ATTENDANCE <b>NOT</b> COUNTED FOR QUORUM PURPOSES)			
San Diego County Auditor's Office	Tracy Drager (1st Alt.)	Yes	
SANDAG STAFF MEMBERS LISTED BELOW			
Kim Kawada, Chief Deputy Executive Director José Nuncio, <i>TransNet</i> Program Director Ariana zur Nieden, Senior Regional Planner			