

INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

November 12, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

OCTOBER 8, 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 SEPTEMBER 10, 2014, ITOC MEETING (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Carolyn Lee, and a second by Stewart Halpern, the ITOC approved the September 10, 2014, meeting minutes. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Brad Barnum, Mr. Halpern, and Ms. Lee. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Jonathan Tibbitts and Dick Vortmann.

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

There were no public or member comments.

CONSENT

3. *TransNet* SENIOR MINI-GRANT PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE

The *TransNet* Extension Ordinance includes a provision for a competitive grant program for senior transportation projects. This report provided an overview of the progress made to date by each grant recipient for the Senior Mini-Grant program through June 30, 2014.

REPORTS

4. 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: San Diego Forward: Preferred Revenue Constrained Scenario; State Route 125 Status Report; Proposed Final 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program; *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP): FY 2015 Implementation; and *TransNet* EMP Land Management Call for Projects.

Mr. Barnum provided an update on the actions to date by the *TransNet* Performance Audit Subcommittee.

Action: This item was presented for information.

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

This report provided an update on progress made by *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program and Active Transportation Grant Program recipients through June 30, 2014. The ITOC was asked to recommend that the Transportation Committee approve two no-cost, time-only Active Transportation Grant Program schedule extensions for the City of Oceanside's North Coast Transit Station Bike Station project and the City of Oceanside's 2 Year Education, Encouragement, and Awareness projects. The ITOC also was asked to recommend that the Regional Planning Committee approve one no-cost, time-only Smart Growth Incentive Program schedule extension for the City of National City's Eighth Street Corridor Smart Growth Revitalization project.

Suchi Mukherjee, Regional Planner I, introduced the item.

Dara Woods, Associate Traffic Engineer, City of Oceanside, presented an update on the status of the City of Oceanside's North Coast Transit Station Bike Station project.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Barnum, and a second by Ms. Lee, the ITOC recommended that the Transportation Committee approve one no-cost, time-only Active Transportation Grant Program schedule extension of 12 months for the City of Oceanside's North Coast Transit Station Bike Station project. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Halpern, and Ms. Lee. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Mr. Tibbitts and Mr. Vortmann.

Howard LaGrange, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, City of Oceanside, presented an update on the status of the City of Oceanside's 2 Year Education, Encouragement, and Awareness projects.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Barnum, and a second by Mr. Halpern, the ITOC recommended that the Transportation Committee approve one no-cost, time-only Active Transportation Grant Program schedule extension of 12 months for the City of Oceanside's 2 Year Education, Encouragement, and Awareness project. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Halpern, and Ms. Lee. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Mr. Tibbitts and Mr. Vortmann.

Stephen Manganiello, Director of Public Works, City of National City, provided an update on the status of the City of National City's Eighth Street Corridor Smart Growth Revitalization project.

Action: Upon a motion by Ms. Lee, and a second by Mr. Halpern, the ITOC recommended that the Regional Planning Committee approve one no-cost, time-only Smart Growth Incentive Program schedule extension of six months for the City of National City's Eighth Street Corridor Smart Growth Revitalization project. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Halpern, and Ms. Lee. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Mr. Tibbitts and Mr. Vortmann.

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

Richard Chavez, Principal Engineer, 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 relates to the required reporting process specified under Paragraph 10 of the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance.

Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans Corridor Director, provided an update on the recent grand opening of the Interstate 15 (I-15) Mira Mesa Direct Access Ramp and Bus Rapid Transit Station.

Allan Kosup, Caltrans Corridor Director, provided an update on the State Route 76 (SR 76) and the I-5 corridor projects.

Mr. Barnum stated that the Performance Audit Subcommittee requested that the next *TransNet* Performance Audit include more transportation performance measures for Major Corridors and the resulting impacts on traffic and congestion.

Action: This item was presented for information.

7. PROPOSED FY 2015 PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENT: STATE ROUTE 15 COMMUTER BIKE FACILITY PROJECT (DISCUSSION)

The SR 15 Commuter Bike Facility is a one-mile project to be constructed along the east side of SR 15, from Adams Avenue to Camino Del Rio South in the City of San Diego. At its September 26, 2014, meeting, the Board of Directors recommended that the California Transportation Commission fund the project with approximately \$1.8 million in Regional Active Transportation Program funds and \$11.33 million in *TransNet* Bicycle Pedestrian and Neighborhood Safety Program funds to complete the project. The ITOC was asked to review the proposed budget amendment for consistency with the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance.

Mr. Dallarda, Caltrans Corridor Director, presented the item.

Samantha Ollinger, Bike San Diego, spoke in support of this item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

8. STATE ROUTE 125 STATUS REPORT (INFORMATION)

In December 2011, SANDAG acquired the SR 125 tolling franchise as part of its strategy to manage congestion in South County.

Scott Koblenz, Senior Business Operations Analyst, provided a status report on program performance.

Action: This item was presented for information.

9. NORTH COAST CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Mr. Kosup, Caltrans Corridor Director, presented an update on the California Coastal Commission's recent coastal permit approval for the North Coast Corridor. Mr. Kosup provided an update on the completion of the Public Works Plan and efforts under way to procure the services of a Construction Manager/General Contractor for construction of the phase 1 improvements.

Action: This item was presented for information.

10. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE (INFORMATION)

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramer adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Meeting Start Time: 9:32 a.m.
 Meeting Adjourned Time: 11:19 a.m.

**INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
 MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER 8, 2014**

JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING	COMMENTS
Civil/Traffic Engineering	Jonathan Tibbitts	No	
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	No	
Contractor/Construction	Brad Barnum	Yes	Vice Chair
ADVISORY MEMBERS LISTED BELOW (ATTENDANCE NOT 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			