

INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

February 11, 2015

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

JANUARY 14, 2015, MEETING MINUTES

File Number 1500200

The meeting of the *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) was called to order by Chair Kai Ramer at 9:30 a.m.

1. MEETING MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 12, 2014, ITOC MEETING (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Dick Vortmann, and a second by Mr. Jonathan Tibbitts, the ITOC approved the November 12, 2014, meeting minutes. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Brad Barnum, Mr. Dustin Fuller, Mr. Stewart Halpern, Ms. Carolyn Lee, Mr. Tibbitts, and Mr. Vortmann. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – None.

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

Vice Chair Barnum said the ITOC Performance Audit Subcommittee has met on several occasions. The auditor has submitted two progress reports, one on October 11, 2014, and one on December 2, 2014, and the *TransNet* Performance Audit exit briefing will be held on February 5, 2015.

CONSENT

3. *TransNet* ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM: LAND MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM QUARTERLY STATUS UPDATE (INFORMATION)

The Board of Directors has awarded six cycles of the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program. This report provided information to the ITOC on the quarterly status of active projects.

4. *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 Senior Mini-Grant program.

Action: Consent Item Nos. 3 and 4 were presented for information.

REPORTS

5. 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: Proposed Active Transportation Program and *TransNet* Program Funds Exchange; 2014 *TransNet* Plan of Finance update; *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program and Active Transportation Grant Program: Call for Projects for Third Cycle of Grant Funding; and *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program: Land Management Grant Program Quarterly Status Update.

Action: This item was presented for information.

Chair Ramer requested Item No. 11 be heard out of order.

11. MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT UPDATE (INFORMATION)

The Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project is a *TransNet* Early Action Program project that will extend the Metropolitan Transit System Blue Line Trolley from the Santa Fe Depot in Downtown San Diego to Westfield UTC (formerly University Towne Centre) through the UC San Diego campus.

Leslie Blanda, Project Development Program Manager, presented an update on the status of the project, including the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Subsequent Environmental Impact Report and the Construction Manager/General Contractor construction method.

Action: This item was presented for information.

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

Suchi Mukherjee, Regional Planner II, introduced the item.

Patricia Fermán, Project Manager/Landscape Architect, City of Chula Vista, provided an update on the City of Chula Vista's Main Street Streetscape Master Plan and spoke about the Active Transportation Grant Program schedule extension request.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Vortmann, and a second by Ms. Lee, the ITOC recommended that the Transportation Committee approve a no-cost, time-only Active Transportation Grant Program schedule extension for the City of Chula Vista's Main Street Streetscape Master Plan until September 30, 2015. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Halpern, Ms. Lee, Mr. Tibbitts, and Mr. Vortmann. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – None.

Dan Goldberg, Principal Civil Engineer, City of Solana Beach, provided an update on the City of Solana Beach's Comprehensive Active Transportation Strategy and spoke about the Active Transportation Grant Program schedule extension request.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Barnum, and a second by Mr. Vortmann, the ITOC recommended that the Transportation Committee approve a no-cost, time-only Active Transportation Grant Program schedule extension for the City of Solana Beach's Comprehensive Active Transportation Strategy until June 30, 2015. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Halpern, Ms. Lee, Mr. Tibbitts, and Mr. Vortmann. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – None.

Reese Jarrett, President, Civic San Diego, and Gretchen Sorenson, Project Manager, Civic San Diego, provided an update on the City of San Diego's Park Boulevard, City College, and San Diego High School Pedestrian and Transit Access Improvements project.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Tibbitts, and a second by Vice Chair Barnum, the ITOC recommended that the Regional Planning Committee consider approval of the fifth no-cost, time-only Smart Growth Incentive Program schedule extension request due to extenuating circumstances for the City of San Diego's Park Boulevard, City College, and San Diego High School Pedestrian and Transit Access Improvements project. The ITOC recommendation included support for requiring that the City of San Diego draw down on all remaining match funds prior to drawing down remaining *TransNet* grant funds to ensure timely completion of the project and timely benefit to the public. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Halpern, Ms. Lee, Mr. Tibbitts, and Mr. Vortmann. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – None.

7. 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 1 (DISCUSSION)

Michelle Smith, Associate Financial Analyst, presented information on the regular quarterly amendment to the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) which reflects changes as requested by member agencies. The ITOC reviewed and discussed the 2014 RTIP Amendment No. 1, focusing on the *TransNet* Program of Projects.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

8. PROJECT EVALUATION RESULTS FOR FY 2016 AND FY 2017 *TransNet* SENIOR MINI-GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING (DISCUSSION)

Audrey Porcella, Regional Planner I, provided information about the *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grant Program funding. Projects were reviewed and ranked by an external evaluation committee using evaluation criteria that was approved by the Transportation Committee and Board of Directors on July 18, 2014, and July 25, 2014, respectively. The ITOC reviewed and discussed the list of proposed Senior Mini-Grant projects for *TransNet* funding eligibility.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

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

Kris McFadden, Director of the Transportation & Storm Water Department, City of San Diego, introduced the item.

Since 2011, the City of San Diego staff has presented biannual updates to ITOC summarizing *TransNet* local street and road fund balance updates and project delivery streamlining efforts.

Hasan Yousef, Deputy Director, Transportation and Storm Water Department, City of San Diego, and James Nagelvoort, Public Works Director/City Engineer, City of San Diego, presented the biannual update.

Action: This item was presented for information.

Chair Ramer asked to postpone Item No. 10, PROGRESS REPORT ON *TransNet* EARLY ACTION PROGRAM PROJECTS (INFORMATION), to the February 11, 2015, meeting.

12. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE (INFORMATION)

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramer adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

**INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
 MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY 14, 2015**

JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING	COMMENTS
Licensed Civil/Traffic Engineer	Jonathan Tibbitts	Yes	
Finance/Budgeting	Stewart Halpern	Yes	
Biology/Environmental	Dustin Fuller	Yes	
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 NOT COUNTED FOR QUORUM PURPOSES)			
San Diego County Auditor's Office	Tracy Drager (1st Alt.)	No	
SANDAG STAFF MEMBERS LISTED BELOW			
Kim Kawada, Chief Deputy Executive Director José A. Nuncio, <i>TransNet</i> Department Director Ariana zur Nieden, Senior Regional Planner			