

San Diego Association of Governments
INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
TRANSNET PROGRAM

April 8, 2015

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

MARCH 11, 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 9:33 a.m.

1. MEETING MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 11, 2015, ITOC MEETING (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Jonathan Tibbitts, and a second by Ms. Carolyn Lee, the ITOC approved the February 11, 2015, meeting minutes. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Brad Barnum, Mr. Dustin Fuller, Mr. Stewart Halpern, Ms. Lee, and Mr. Tibbitts. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Mr. Dick Vortmann.

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

Chair Ramer congratulated the four ITOC members who were recently re-appointed by the ITOC Selection Committee: Chair Ramer, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Halpern, and Mr. Tibbitts.

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; Overview of Developments in the Financial Markets; *TransNet* Program FY 2016 to FY 2020 Revenue Estimates; *TransNet* Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program Fee Adjustment; *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP): Annual Status Report; and *TransNet* EMP Land Acquisition Grant Program Appraisal Results and Recommendation.

4. 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 2 (DISCUSSION)

The 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is the multiyear program of major transportation projects in the San Diego region including the *TransNet* Program of Projects (POP). SANDAG processes RTIP amendments on a quarterly basis and on occasion more frequently as circumstances arise. This Amendment was processed outside of the regular quarterly cycle to reflect

the FY 2016 Transit Capital Improvement Program. The ITOC was asked to review and discuss the proposed 2014 RTIP Amendment No. 2, focusing on the *TransNet* POP.

Michelle Smith, Associate Financial Analyst, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

5A. INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT ON RESULTS OF THE FY 2014 *TransNet* COMPLIANCE AUDITS (ACCEPT)

All recipients of *TransNet* funds are required to undergo an annual compliance audit. The independent audit firm of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. completed its field work and reported on the results of the FY 2014 *TransNet* compliance audits.

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

Marc Davis, Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C., presented the item.

ITOC members requested clarification regarding the City of San Diego's adherence to the audit schedule.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Tibbitts, and a second by Vice Chair Barnum, the ITOC accepted the draft independent auditor's report of compliance audit results, including initial findings and recommendations, for presentation to the Transportation Committee on March 20, 2015. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Halpern, Ms. Lee, and Mr. Tibbitts. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Mr. Vortmann.

5B. FY 2014 REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTION TO *TransNet* EXTENSION ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS (RECOMMEND)

The North County Transit District (NCTD) and City of National City did not meet certain eligibility requirements as noted in their draft FY 2014 *TransNet* annual compliance audits. In an effort to gain compliance, NCTD requested an adjustment to the eligibility calculation per Section 4(C)5 of the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance, and the City of National City requested additional time to make up the shortfall in its FY 2014 Maintenance of Effort level per Section 8 of the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance.

Ms. Kondrat-Dauphin presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Tibbitts, and a second by Mr. Halpern, the ITOC recommended to the Transportation Committee that the SANDAG Board of Directors, acting as the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, approve the request of NCTD to calculate the bus services requirement as an average over the previous three fiscal years, as permitted under Section 4(C)5 of the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Halpern, Ms. Lee, and Mr. Tibbitts. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Mr. Vortmann.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Barnum, and a second by Mr. Tibbitts, the ITOC recommended to the Transportation Committee that the SANDAG Board of Directors, acting as the San Diego

County Regional Transportation Commission, approve the City of National City's request for special circumstances to allow three additional years in which to meet its FY 2014 Maintenance of Effort requirement. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Halpern, Ms. Lee, and Mr. Tibbitts. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Mr. Vortmann.

6. DRAFT FY 2015 *TransNet* TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT AND RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS (ACCEPT)

The *TransNet* Extension Ordinance requires that ITOC conduct triennial performance audits of SANDAG and other agencies involved in the implementation of the *TransNet* program.

Vice Chair Barnum introduced the item.

Cathy Brady, Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting Inc., presented the results and recommendations of the FY 2015 *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit.

ITOC members requested that the performance audit report reference to number of ITOC meeting cancellations be corrected to reflect that ITOC meetings are not held during the months of August and December.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Barnum, and a second by Mr. Tibbitts, the ITOC accepted the draft FY 2015 *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit report and recommendations, including responses to the recommendations as prepared by SANDAG staff, to allow for review of the document at the March 20, 2015, Transportation Committee meeting. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Halpern, Ms. Lee, and Mr. Tibbitts. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Mr. Vortmann.

7. PROPOSED FY 2015 PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENT: INTERSTATE 5/GILMAN DRIVE BRIDGE (DISCUSSION)

The Interstate 5 (I-5)/Gilman Drive Bridge Project is a new bridge linking the east and west campus of UC San Diego to be constructed over I-5 at Gilman Drive. A proposed budget amendment to provide \$15 million for the project was presented. This is one of several projects involving UC San Diego, and an update on negotiations toward a comprehensive agreement with the university also was provided. The ITOC was asked to review the proposed budget amendment for consistency with the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance.

Allan Kosup, Caltrans I-5 Corridor Director, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

8. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE (INFORMATION)

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramer adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

**INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
 MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH 11, 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	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 Sandoval	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			