

# INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

May 13, 2015

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

APRIL 8, 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 9:32 a.m.

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

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

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

Ms. Lee provided a briefing on the report given to the SANDAG Transportation Committee regarding the FY 2014 *TransNet* Fiscal and Compliance Audits, and the FY 2015 *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit.

## CONSENT

3. *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.

4. ANNUAL SUBMITTAL OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING PROGRAMS BY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS (ACCEPT)

The *TransNet* Extension Ordinance requires all local jurisdictions in San Diego County to submit their Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) funding programs by April 1 of each year to the ITOC for its review. The ITOC was asked to accept the RTCIP funding program submittals in accordance with the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Tibbitts, and a second by Mr. Vortmann, the ITOC approved Consent Items 3 and 4, with the direction to clarify the City of San Diego program dates. Yes – Chair Ramer, Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Lee, Mr. Tibbitts, and Mr. Vortmann. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Mr. Halpern.

## 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 FY 2015 Program Budget Amendment for the Interstate 5/Gilman Drive Bridge; Independent Auditor's Annual Report on Results of the FY 2014 *TransNet* Compliance Audits; FY 2014 Requests for Exception to *TransNet* Extension Ordinance Requirements; and Draft FY 2015 *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit Report and Responses to Recommendations.

Action: This item was presented for information.

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

This report provided an overview made by *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program and Active Transportation Grant Program recipients through December 31, 2014. The ITOC was asked to recommend that the Transportation Committee approve one no-cost, time-only Active Transportation Grant Program schedule extension for the City of San Diego's Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan. 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 San Diego's Island Avenue Green Street Mobility Improvements.

Chair Ramer recused himself for this item due to a conflict of interest.

Suchi Mukherjee, Regional Planner II, introduced the item.

Brad Richter, Civic San Diego, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Vortmann, and a second by Mr. Fuller, the ITOC recommended that the Transportation Committee approve one no-cost, time-only Active Transportation Grant Program schedule extension for the City of San Diego's Downtown Complete Streets Mobility Plan. Yes – Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Lee, Mr. Tibbitts, and Mr. Vortmann. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Chair Ramer and Mr. Halpern.

Suchi Mukherjee, Regional Planner II, introduced the item.

Gretchen Sorenson, Civic San Diego, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Vortmann, and a second by Mr. Fuller, the ITOC recommended that the Regional Planning Committee approve one no-cost, time-only Smart Growth Incentive Program schedule extension for the City of San Diego's Island Avenue Green Street Mobility Improvements.

Yes – Vice Chair Barnum, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Lee, Mr. Tibbitts, and Mr. Vortmann. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Chair Ramer and Mr. Halpern.

7. PROPOSED FY 2015 PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENT: SR 15 BRT: MID-CITY CENTERLINE STATIONS, MIRA MESA BLVD. BRT PRIORITY TREATMENTS, AND MID-CITY *Rapid* BUS (DISCUSSION)

Bids for construction of the SR 15 BRT: Mid-City Centerline Stations Project (CIP 1201507) were opened on March 2, 2015. A total of \$9 million is needed to fully-fund the project. The ITOC was asked to review the proposed budget amendment for consistency with the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance.

Gustavo Dallarda, Caltrans Corridor Director, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

8. 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 3

On September 26, 2014, the Board of Directors adopted the 2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the multiyear program of proposed major transit, highway, arterial, and bikeway projects in the San Diego region covering the period FY 2015 to FY 2019. SANDAG processes amendments to the RTIP on a quarterly basis based on requests from member agencies. This amendment represents a regular quarterly amendment to the 2014 RTIP and reflects changes as requested by member agencies. The ITOC was asked to review and discuss the 2014 RTIP Amendment No. 3, focusing on the *TransNet* Program of Projects.

Michelle Smith, Associate Financial Analyst, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

9. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE (INFORMATION)

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

**INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
 MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 8, 2015**

JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING	COMMENTS
Licensed Civil/Traffic Engineer	Jonathan Tibbitts	Yes	
Finance/Budgeting	Stewart Halpern	No	
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 <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 A. Nuncio, <i>TransNet</i> Department Director Ariana zur Nieden, Senior Regional Planner			