

INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

November 4, 2015

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

OCTOBER 14, 2015, MEETING MINUTES

File Number 1500200

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

1. MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Kai Ramer, and a second by Mr. Dick Vortmann, the ITOC approved the September 9, 2015, meeting minutes. Yes – Chair Barnum, Vice Chair Stewart Halpern, Mr. Dustin Fuller, Ms. Carolyn Lee, Mr. Ramer, and Mr. Vortmann. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Mr. Jonathan Tibbitts.

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

Chair Barnum stated that the SANDAG Board of Directors unanimously approved San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan at its meeting on October 9, 2015.

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. *TransNet* SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM: QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT AND PROPOSED GRANT AMENDMENTS (RECOMMEND)

This report provided an overview of progress made by *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) and Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP) recipients through June 30, 2015. The ITOC was asked to recommend that the Transportation Committee approve one no-cost, time-only schedule extension for the ATGP for the City of San Diego's Linda Vista Comprehensive Active Transportation Strategy Project. The ITOC also was asked to recommend that the Regional Planning Committee approve a no-cost, time-only schedule extension for the SGIP for the City of San Diego's Morena Boulevard Project.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Vortmann, and a second by Vice Chair Halpern, the ITOC approved Consent Item Nos. 3 and 4. Yes – Chair Barnum, Vice Chair Halpern, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Lee, Mr. Ramer, and Mr. Vortmann. No - None. Abstain – None. Absent – Mr. Tibbitts.

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: *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program: FY 2016 – FY 2017 Work Plan and FY 2016 Annual Funding Allocation, and San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan, including its Sustainable Communities Strategy and Final Environmental Impact Report.

Action: This item was presented for information.

6. PROPOSED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND *TransNet* PROGRAM FUNDS EXCHANGE (DISCUSSION)

On October 23, 2015, the SANDAG Board of Directors will consider the San Diego Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) competition results for California Transportation Commission consideration. In order to reduce administrative burdens for regional projects, SANDAG worked with successful applicants to consolidate the allocation of ATP funds. The ITOC was asked to discuss the proposed Regional ATP and *TransNet* exchange of funds for consistency with *TransNet* Extension Ordinance provisions.

Jenny Russo, Senior Contracts and Procurement Analyst, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

7. 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: AMENDMENT NO. 8 (DISCUSSION)

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. 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. 8, focusing on the *TransNet* Program of Projects.

Dawn Vettese, Financial Programming Manager, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

8. FY 2015 *TransNet* TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT UPDATE: ITOC MEMBER TERMS (DISCUSSION)

At its June 10, 2015, meeting, the ITOC accepted the final FY 2015 *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit report and recommendations. The performance audit recommended that, to improve the effectiveness of ITOC in fulfilling its responsibilities, alternating the ending terms of ITOC members so that no more than two terms end in any given year, should be considered. The ITOC was asked to discuss the proposed options for addressing Recommendation No. 18 and whether any changes to the existing staggered term limits are warranted.

Ms. zur Nieden presented the item.

The ITOC did not find a compelling reason to change the current process and elected to not propose changes to existing ITOC member terms at this time. In addition, ITOC members requested that staff consider whether current members who were appointed to fill mid-term vacancies could serve a partial term at the end of an existing term in order to serve for a total of eight years as per the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

9. BAYSHORE BIKEWAY PROJECT UPDATE (INFORMATION)

The Bayshore Bikeway is one of the major corridors in the Regional Bike Plan. Work currently is under way on three segments of the bikeway.

Stephan Vance, Senior Regional Planner, provided an overview of the bikeway and a status report on the active projects.

Action: This item was presented for information.

10. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE (INFORMATION)

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Barnum adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

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

**INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
 MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION	NAME	ATTENDING	COMMENTS
Licensed Civil/Traffic Engineer	Jonathan Tibbitts	No	
Finance/Budgeting	Stewart Halpern	Yes	Vice Chair
Biology/Environmental	Dustin Fuller	Yes	
Licensed Engineer	Kai Ramer	Yes	
Right of Way Acquisition	Carolyn Lee	Yes	
Private Sector	Dick Vortmann	Yes	
Contractor/Construction	Brad Barnum	Yes	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 Nuncio, <i>TransNet</i> Department Director Ariana zur Nieden, Senior Regional Planner			