



## **TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee**

Item: **1**

April 10, 2019

### **March 13, 2019, TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes**

Chair Dustin Fuller (Biology/Environmental) called the meeting of the *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) to order at 9:30 a.m.

Action: **Approve**

The *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee is asked to review and approve the minutes from its March 13, 2019, meeting.

#### **1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)**

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Jonathan Tibbitts (Licensed Civil/Traffic Engineer) and a second by Mr. Stewart Halpern (Finance/Budgeting), the ITOC approved the minutes from its February 13, 2019, meeting. Yes: Chair Fuller, Mr. Halpern, Mr. Kai Ramer (Licensed Engineer), Mr. Gregg Sadowsky (Right-of-Way Acquisition), and Mr. Tibbitts. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Private Sector and Contractor/Construction.

#### **2. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **Consent**

#### **3. TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program Quarterly Update (Information)**

This report provided an overview of progress made by *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant recipients.

Action: This item was presented for information.

#### **Reports**

#### **6. Actions by the Transportation Committee and Board of Directors on TransNet-Related Agenda Items (Information)**

Ariana zur Nieden, Senior *TransNet* Program Manager, presented an update on actions taken by the Transportation Committee and Board of Directors on agenda items that the ITOC has reviewed: *TransNet* Short-Term Revenue Estimates; New Environmental Mitigation Program Memorandum of Agreement; *TransNet* Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program; Fee Adjustment; Regional Plan Action Plan; and the Board Retreat.

Action: This item was presented for information.

## **7A. FY 2018 *TransNet* Fiscal and Compliance Audits: Initial Findings and Recommendations (Accept)**

Lisa Kondrat-Dauphin, Senior Accountant, and Jennifer Farr, Davis Farr, LLC, presented the item.

ITOC members requested that the FY 2019 *TransNet* Fiscal and Compliance Audits Subcommittee review several areas highlighted as part of the auditor's presentation for potential addition to the 2019 Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) including consistency in reporting unrealized gains/losses and 70/30 Congestion Relief/Maintenance classifications and debt calculations. ITOC members also discussed the possibility of including additional steps for testing payroll transactions vs. payroll expenses and requested that the AUP include auditor confirmation of reasonableness of indirect costs. ITOC members also asked staff to develop guidelines for priority use of Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program funds when projects also are funded with Local Street and Road funding.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Halpern and a second by Mr. Tibbitts, the ITOC accepted the draft independent auditor's report on results of the agreed upon procedures, including initial findings and recommendations, for presentation to the Transportation Committee on March 15, 2019. Yes: Chair Fuller, Mr. Halpern, Mr. Ramer, Mr. Sadowsky, and Mr. Tibbitts. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Private Sector and Contractor/Construction.

### **Chair's Reports**

#### **4. San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan (Information)**

An update on development of San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan was provided.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, provided an update to the ITOC on the Board of Directors action to delay the adoption of San Diego Forward: The 2019-2050 Regional Plan.

Action: This item was presented for information.

#### **5. Update on Airport Connectivity Subcommittee (Information)**

Mr. Ikhata provided an update on the Airport Connectivity Subcommittee.

Action: This item was presented for information.

## **7B. FY 2018 *TransNet* Extension Ordinance Funding Eligibility Requests (Discussion/Possible Action)**

Lisa Kondrat-Dauphin, Senior Accountant, and Jennifer Farr, Davis Farr, LLC, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Tibbitts and a second by Mr. Ramer, the ITOC: (1) considered the *TransNet* funding eligibility requests of the Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District, and the cities of Del Mar and San Marcos; and (2) made a recommendation to the Board of Directors, acting as the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, regarding these requests. Yes: Chair Fuller, Mr. Halpern, Mr. Ramer, Mr. Sadowsky, and Mr. Tibbitts. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Private Sector Contractor/Construction.

ITOC members requested that final fiscal and compliance audits document findings noted in the draft fiscal audit report.

#### **8. FY 2018 *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit: Transit Operator Funding Eligibility (Discussion)**

Brian Lane, Senior Planner, and Ms. Kondrat-Dauphin presented proposed options for recommended revisions to Section 4(C)5 of the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance related to transit operator eligibility.

ITOC members elected to establish a subcommittee to further discuss options and appointed Mr. Halpern and Tracy Drager to the subcommittee. In addition, ITOC members asked staff to inquire whether Mr. Vortmann would be available to serve.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

## **9. 2019 ITOC Annual Report (Discussion)**

Ms. zur Nieden presented a progress update, including input provided by the 2019 ITOC Annual Report Subcommittee. The ITOC was asked to provide feedback on the content and format proposed for its annual report.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

## **10. *TransNet* Program Update (Information)**

José Nuncio, *TransNet* Department Director, Jim Linthicum, Director of Mobility Management and Project Implementation, and Ray Major, Director of Data, Analytics, and Modeling, presented an update on the financial capacity of the *TransNet* Major Corridors Program.

Action: This item was presented for information.

## **11. Draft FY 2020 *TransNet* Major Corridors and Regional Bikeway Programs Budget Update (Discussion)**

Susan Huntington, *TransNet* Project Office Program Manager, presented the item.

The SANDAG FY 2020 Draft Program Budget will be presented to the Board of Directors in March 2019. The ITOC was asked to discuss the Draft FY 2020 *TransNet* Budgets.

ITOC members requested that future reports include prior year milestones to provide additional context.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

## **12. Specialized Transportation Strategic Plan (Discussion)**

Action: This item was moved to a future meeting.

## **13. Specialized Transportation Grant Program Cycle 10 Call for Projects: Senior Mini-Grant Funding Recommendations (Discussion)**

Audrey Porcella, Associate Regional Planner, presented the item.

The ITOC reviewed and discussed the proposed Senior Mini-Grant projects recommended for funding for consistency with the eligibility requirements of the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance.

Action: This item is presented for discussion.

## **14A. *TransNet* Ten-Year Review: Implementation Update (Information)**

Ms. zur Nieden presented an update on implementation of the first *TransNet* Ten-Year Review.

Action: This item was presented for information.

## **14B. Implementation of FY 2018 *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit Recommendations (Information)**

Ms. zur Nieden presented an update on implementation of the FY 2018 *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit recommendations.

Action: This item was presented for information.

## **15. *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Member Solicitation (Information)**

Ms. zur Nieden provided an update on the solicitation process.

## **16. Upcoming Meetings**

The next ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.

## **17. Adjournment**

Chair Fuller adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

## Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Meeting

March 13, 2019

Jurisdiction	Name	Attended
Finance/Budgeting	Stewart Halpern	Yes
Biology/Environmental	Dustin Fuller, Chair	Yes
Contractor/Construction	Brad Barnum	No
Right-of-Way Acquisition	Gregg Sadowsky	Yes
Licensed Engineer	Kai Ramer	Yes
Licensed Civil/Traffic Engineer	Jonathan Tibbitts	Yes
Private Sector	Dick Vortmann	No
<b>Advisory Members</b>		
San Diego County Auditor's Office	Tracy Drager (Alternate)	Yes
<b>SANDAG Staff Members and Titles</b>		
Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director		
Kim Kawada, Chief Deputy Executive Director		
José Nuncio, <i>TransNet</i> Department Director		
Ariana zur Nieden, Senior <i>TransNet</i> Program Manager		