

INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

October 9, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **1**

Action Requested: APPROVE

MEETING SUMMARY FOR THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2013,
INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

File Number 1500100

Attendance

Committee Members:

- Jonathan Tibbitts, Chair
- Kai Ramer, Vice Chair
- John Chalker
- Tracy Drager
- Paul Fromer
- Carolyn Lee

Absent:

- Brad Barnum
- Dick Vortmann

Staff:

- Gary Gallegos
- Renée Wasmund
- Kim Kawada
- Ariana zur Nieden

The meeting of the *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) was called to order by Chair Jonathan Tibbitts at 9:31 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

Action: Upon a motion by Carolyn Lee and a second by Kai Ramer, the ITOC approved the July 10, 2013, meeting summary.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT (3 through 5)

Chair Tibbitts pulled Item Nos. 3 and 5 from the Consent Agenda and requested a brief staff presentation.

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

The SANDAG Board of Directors has awarded grants for 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.

Action: This item was presented for information.

REPORTS (6 through 10)

3. OVERVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FINANCIAL MARKETS (INFORMATION)

André Douzdjian, Finance Director, and Marney Cox, Chief Economist, presented the quarterly briefing intended to keep the ITOC informed about the latest developments in the financial markets, the economy, and sales tax revenues, and the strategies being explored and implemented to minimize possible impacts to the *TransNet* program.

Action: This item was presented for information.

5. SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE REGIONAL PLAN: DRAFT TRANSPORTATION PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA (INFORMATION)

At the July 10, 2013, ITOC meeting, SANDAG staff received feedback during the discussion of the preliminary draft transportation project evaluation criteria. SANDAG staff has received additional feedback from SANDAG working group meetings and San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan workshops. Based on this information, the preliminary draft evaluation criteria have been updated and provided to the ITOC in this report.

Rachel Kennedy, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item.

Action: This item was presented for information.

6. SUMMARY OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS ON *TransNet*-RELATED AGENDA ITEMS (INFORMATION)

Ariana zur Nieden, Associate Regional Planner, provided the monthly 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: 2012 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendment No. 6; *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program and Active Transportation Grant Program: Status Update and Proposed Grant Amendments; and San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan: Draft Transportation Project Evaluation Criteria.

Action: This item was presented for information.

7. FY 2012 *TransNet* TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT:

A. UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS (DISCUSSION)

The ITOC accepted the final FY 2012 *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit (second triennial audit) report at its June 2012 meeting. Staff provided the first update on the status of implementation of recommendations at the January 9, 2013, ITOC meeting.

Ms. zur Nieden presented the second update and asked the ITOC to review and discuss implementation of audit recommendations.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

8. QUARTERLY *TransNet* FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2013, AND OTHER FINANCIAL DATA AND FY 2012 *TransNet* TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT: IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL STREET AND ROAD PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

A. QUARTERLY *TransNet* FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2013, AND OTHER FINANCIAL DATA (INFORMATION)

Lisa Kondrat-Dauphin, Senior Accountant, presented the report, which provides certain *TransNet* financial information on a quarterly basis in accordance with requests from the ITOC as well as in response to recommendations from the first and second *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audits. She also provided an overview of proposed changes, including changes to the Local Agency Street and Road Balances report.

Maryam Babaki, City of San Marcos, the lead for the Cities/County Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Local Street and Road program performance audit issues; CTAC Chair Zoubir Ouadah, City of Poway; and CTAC Member Agency Representative Ed Deane, City of Encinitas, provided examples of how their respective jurisdictions program *TransNet* funds.

The ITOC discussed various reporting options for monitoring local jurisdiction balances and directed that staff return with a proposed approach for local agency reporting on balances based on direction provided by the ITOC.

Action: This item was presented for information.

7. FY 2012 *TransNet* TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT:

B. IMPLEMENTATION OF GRANT PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS (DISCUSSION)

The FY 2012 *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit included recommendations for improvements to grant processes.

Diane Eidam, Executive Strategic Advisor, presented an overview of the outcome of the internal assessment and asked the ITOC to discuss the SANDAG grants administration assessment.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

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B. FY 2012 *TransNet* TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT: IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL STREET AND ROAD PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS (DISCUSSION)

The FY 2012 *TransNet* Triennial Performance Audit report included Recommendation Nos. 3 through 6, which propose that SANDAG take a greater role in monitoring and reporting performance of the Local Street and Road program.

Ms. zur Nieden introduced the item.

Ms. Babaki presented the item.

ITOC members directed that staff return with annual reports summarizing major projects accomplished by each local jurisdiction using *TransNet* funds.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

9. *TransNet* ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM: FY 2014 MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING ALLOCATIONS AND COMPETITIVE LAND ACQUISITION GRANT CALL FOR PROJECTS (DISCUSSION)

On April 26, 2013, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved the execution of an amendment to the 2008 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with state and federal agencies on the implementation of the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP). The amended MOA continues with annual allocation of funding for land management and biological monitoring totaling \$4 million annually, as well as allocation of funding for a competitive land acquisition program.

Keith Greer, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item and asked the ITOC to discuss the proposed FY 2014 allocation for management and monitoring activities and the proposed land acquisition grant call for projects pursuant to the executed *TransNet* EMP MOA, focusing on *TransNet* funding eligibility.

ITOC members directed that staff perform field verification site visits as part of the EMP land acquisition call for projects process.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

10. REGIONAL BIKE PLAN EARLY ACTION PROGRAM (DISCUSSION)

In 2011, the Board of Directors adopted the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, which included integration of Riding to 2050: San Diego Regional Bicycle Plan (Bike Plan) previously approved by the Board of Directors in 2010. The Board's action also included the development of an early action program (EAP) for the projects included in the Bike Plan. In April 2012, the Transportation Committee accepted the goals of the EAP framework and approved funding to conduct preliminary engineering work and refine construction cost estimates.

Chris Kluth, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item and asked the ITOC to review and discuss the proposed Bike Plan EAP scenarios for consistency with the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

11. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regular ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tibbitts adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.