



TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

Item: **1**

February 13, 2019

January 9, 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 9:32 a.m.

Action Requested: **Approve**

The *TransNet* Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee is asked to review and approve the minutes from its January 9, 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 October 10, 2018, meeting. Yes: Chair Fuller, Vice Chair Dick Vortmann (Private Sector), Mr. Brad Barnum (Contractor/Construction), Mr. Halpern, Mr. Kai Ramer (Licensed Engineer), Mr. Gregg Sadowsky (Right of Way Acquisition), and Mr. Tibbitts. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

2. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent

3. TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program: Quarterly Status 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.

4. TransNet Senior Mini-Grant Program: Quarterly Status Update (Information)

Jack Christensen, Grants Administrator and Wendi Garrison, City of Coronado, provided an overview of progress made by *TransNet* Senior Mini-Grant Program recipients.

ITOC members requested and City of Coronado staff provided an explanation of accounting processes for labor hours and draw-down of funds.

Action: This item was presented for information.

5. TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program and Active Transportation Grant Program: Quarterly Status Update (Information)

This report provided an overview of progress made by *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program and active Transportation Grant Program recipients.

Action: This item was presented for information.

6. TransNet Major Corridor and Regional Bikeway Program Projects: Quarterly Status Report (Information)

Chelsea Gonzales, Associate Project Control Analyst, presented the item.

This report provided an update on *TransNet* Major Corridor and Regional Bikeway Program projects.

Action: This item was presented for information.

7. *TransNet* ITOC Member Appointments (Information)

The terms of four ITOC members expire in May 2019. Three of the four members whose positions are expiring are eligible to serve an additional term. This report provided an overview of the solicitation and appointment process.

ITOC members requested that staff provide clarification as to whether members can serve additional terms after a break in service has occurred.

Action: This item was presented for information.

8. 2019 Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Meeting Calendar (Approve)

Ariana zur Nieden, Senior *TransNet* Program Manager, presented this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Tibbitts and a second by Mr. Sadowsky, the ITOC approved the 2019 Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee meeting calendar. Yes: Chair Fuller, Vice Chair Vortmann, Mr. Barnum, Mr. Halpern, Mr. Ramer, Mr. Sadowsky, and Mr. Tibbitts. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Reports

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

Ariana zur Nieden presented an update on actions taken by the Transportation Committee and Board of Directors on agenda items that the ITOC has reviewed. This monthly briefing was intended to keep the ITOC informed about relevant SANDAG actions taken on *TransNet*-related projects and programs: Overview of ITOC Audit Activities; San Diego Forward: The 2019-2050 Regional Plan – Network Concepts; *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program: FY 2019-2020 Work Plan; *TransNet* Smart Growth Incentive Program and Active Transportation Grant Program Funding Recommendations; and Proposed Amendments to the Regional Transit Comprehensive Fare Ordinance and *TransNet* Ordinance.

Action: This item was presented for information.

10. Proposed Amendments to the Regional Transit Comprehensive Fare Ordinance and *TransNet* Ordinance (Recommend)

Brian Lane, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item.

Dan Totah, a member of the public, spoke about the proposed fare increase.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Tibbitts and a second by Mr. Ramer, the ITOC recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Fare Ordinance and *TransNet* Ordinance. In addition, ITOC members requested that staff provide ITOC with the revenue impact of the proposed increase to the North County Transit District LIFT pass and convey support for scaling back the proposed increase if the revenue impact is insignificant. Yes: Chair Fuller, Vice Chair Vortmann, Mr. Barnum, Mr. Halpern, Mr. Ramer, Mr. Sadowsky, and Mr. Tibbitts. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

11. Proposed Amendment to SANDAG Board Policy No. 031: *TransNet* Ordinance and Expenditure Plan Rules (Discussion)

John Kirk, General Council, presented the item.

The ITOC provided feedback on proposed amendments to SANDAG Board Policy No. 031.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

12. 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program: Amendment No. 1 (Discussion)

Sue Alpert, Senior Financial Programming Analyst, provided an update on proposed Amendment No. 1 to the 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, focusing on *TransNet*-funded projects.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

13. Regional Monitoring Report (Information)

Seth Litchney, Senior Regional Planner, presented the item.

The ITOC received an overview of the Regional Monitoring Report.

The ITOC asked staff to convey support to the Board of Directors for including scooter usage in future reports.

Action: This item was presented for information.

14. Upcoming Meetings

The next ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.

15. Adjournment

Chair Fuller adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

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

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Jurisdiction	Name	Attended
Finance/Budgeting	Stewart Halpern	Yes
Biology/Environmental	Dustin Fuller	Yes
Contractor/Construction	Brad Barnum	Yes
Right of Way Acquisition	Gregg Sadowsky	Yes
Licensed Engineer	Kai Ramer	Yes
Licensed Civil/Traffic Engineer	Jonathan Tibbitts	Yes
Private Sector	Dick Vortmann	Yes
Advisory Members		
San Diego County Auditor's Office	Tracy Drager (Alternate)	Yes
SANDAG Staff Members and Titles		
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		