

April 9, 2025

March 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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Chair Maryam Babaki (Finance/Budgeting) called the meeting of the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) to order at 9:31 a.m.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: None.

Member Comments: None.

Agency Updates: Chief Executive Officer Mario Orso.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The ITOC was asked to approve the minutes from its February 12, 2025, meeting.

3. TransNet Triennial Performance Audit: Completion Forms

The ITOC was asked to approve the TransNet Triennial Performance Audit Completion Forms, which were included in the previous ITOC agenda on February 12, 2025.

5. FY 2024 TransNet Major Corridors and Bikeway Program Status Reports

This report provided the FY 2024 update for the TransNet Major Corridors and Regional Bikeway Program Status Reports.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Frank Rivera (Licensed Civil/Traffic Engineer) and a second by Jacqueline Appleton-Deane (Contractor/Construction), the ITOC voted to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 2 and 3.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Babaki, Vice Chair Rivera, Lorraine Ahlquist (Biology/Environmental), Sunnie House (CEO/Private Sector), Jacqueline Appleton-Deane, and Les Hopper (Licensed Engineer).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Real Estate/Right of Way Acquisition.

Reports

4. FY 2025 ITOC Goals Updateⁱ

This item was pulled from the consent agenda by Sunnie House to be presented as a report and voted on separately.

The ITOC was asked to approve the FY 2025 Goal Plan. This report also provided an update on progress made by the subcommittees, ITOC, and SANDAG staff to date. Sunnie House requested a revision of the

metric for SANDAG Goal for ITOC No. 1, to read as follows: “Enhance the ITOC selection process by streamlining vacancy appointments and ensuring ITOC remains a transparent, independent, and effective oversight partner to SANDAG in managing TransNet funds.”

Action: Upon a motion by Sunnie House and a second by Frank Rivera, the ITOC voted to approve the FY 2025 Goal Plan, as amended.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Babaki, Vice Chair Rivera, Lorraine Ahlquist, Sunnie House, Jacqueline Appleton-Deane, and Les Hopper.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Real Estate/Right of Way Acquisition.

6. Local City Presentation

Jonathan Schauble, City of Escondido, presented an update on their Grand Avenue Vision Project.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Information.

7. Appointment of One Subcommittee Member for TransNet Triennial Performance Audit

The ITOC was asked to appoint one voting member to serve on its subcommittee to consider the TransNet Triennial Performance Audit.

Public Comments: None.

Jacqueline Appleton-Deane volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

Action: Upon a motion by Sunnie House, and a second by Vice Chair Rivera, the ITOC voted to appoint Jacqueline Appleton-Deane to serve on its Subcommittee to consider the TransNet Triennial Performance Audit.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Babaki, Vice Chair Rivera, Lorraine Ahlquist, Sunnie House, Jacqueline Appleton-Deane, and Les Hopper.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Real Estate/Right of Way Acquisition.

8. FY 2024 TransNet Fiscal and Compliance Audits: Initial Findings and Recommendations

Director of Accounting and Finance Kimberly Trammel; Senior Accountant Marcus Pascual; and Shannon Ayala, Davis Farr; presented the item.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Rivera, and a second by Lorraine Ahlquist, the ITOC voted to accept 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 April 18, 2025.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Babaki, Vice Chair Rivera, Lorraine Ahlquist, Sunnie House, Jacqueline Appleton-Deane, and Les Hopper.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Real Estate/Right of Way Acquisition.

9. TransNet Funding Eligibility Requests

Kimberly Trammel and Marcus Pascual presented the item. The ITOC was asked to:

Consider the TransNet funding eligibility requests of the City of Poway, City of Coronado, along with the North County Transit District and San Diego Metropolitan Transit System; and recommend the Board of Directors, acting as the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, approve the requests.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Rivera and a second by Jacqueline Appleton Deane, the ITOC voted to recommend the Board of Directors, acting as the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, approve the TransNet funding eligibility requests of the City of Poway, City of Coronado, along with the North County Transit District and San Diego Metropolitan Transit System.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Babaki, Vice Chair Rivera, Lorraine Ahlquist, Sunnie House, Jacqueline Appleton-Deane, and Les Hopper.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Real Estate/Right of Way Acquisition.

10. Draft FY 2026 TransNet Capital Program Budget Update

Senior Financial Programming and Project Control Analyst Jennifer Cha and Manager of Financial Programming and Project Control Chelsea Gonzales presented the proposed SANDAG Draft FY 2026 Program Budget scheduled to be presented to the Board of Directors on March 28, 2025. The ITOC was asked to discuss the Draft FY 2026 TransNet Capital Program Budgets.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Discussion.

11. 2025 Regional Plan Update

Senior Director of Regional Planning Antoinette Meier and Senior Regional Planner Cecily Taylor presented an update on the 2025 Regional Plan.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Information.

10. Adjournment

The next ITOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Chair Babaki adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Attendance at TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Meeting

Jurisdiction	Name	Attend
Biology/Environmental	Lorraine Ahlquist	Yes
CEO/Private Sector	Sunnie House	Yes
Contractor/Construction	Jacqueline Appleton-Deane	Yes
Finance/Budgeting	Maryam Babaki	Yes
Licensed Civil/Traffic Engineer	Frank Rivera	Yes
Licensed Engineer	Les Hopper	Yes
Real Estate/Right-of-Way Acquisition	Vacant	--
Advisory Members		
San Diego County Auditor's Office	Tracy Drager	No
