

July 9, 2025

June 11, 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 9:30 a.m.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: Purita Javier, Cesar Javier.

Member Comments: None.

Chief Financial Officer Dawn Vettese provided an update on agency activities.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The ITOC was asked to approve the minutes from its May 14, 2025, meeting.

3. TransNet Triennial Performance Audit: Completion Recommendations

The ITOC was asked to approve one new TransNet Triennial Performance Audit Completion Form.

4. Annual Selection Process for ITOC Chair and Vice-Chair

In accordance with the ITOC Bylaws, at the first regular meeting following commencement of the SANDAG fiscal year, the ITOC shall select a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a term of one year. This report provided an overview of the annual ITOC Chair and Vice-Chair selection process.

Public Comments: Cesar Javier.

Action: Upon a motion by Sunnie House (CEO / Private Sector) and a second by Vice Chair Frank Rivera (Licensed Civil / Traffic Engineer), the ITOC voted to approve the consent agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Babaki, Vice Chair Rivera, Lorraine Ahlquist (Biology / Environmental), Sunnie House, Jacqueline Appleton-Deane (Contractor / Construction), David Santistevan (Real Estate / Right-of-Way Acquisition).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Licensed Engineer.

Reports

5. Appointment of Subcommittee Members for FY 2025 Fiscal and Compliance Audit

Accountant Noelle Takahashi and Senior Accountant Marcus Pascual presented the item.

Public Comments: Cesar Javier.

Action: Upon a motion by Sunnie House and a second by Chair Babaki, the ITOC voted to appoint Vice Chair Rivera, Jacqueline Appleton Deane, and Tracy Drager (San Diego County Auditor's Office), to

serve on its FY 2025 Fiscal and Compliance Audit Subcommittee.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Babaki, Vice Chair Rivera, Lorraine Ahlquist, Sunnie House, Jacqueline Appleton-Deane, David Santistevan.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Licensed Engineer.

6. 2024 State of the Commute

Senior Director of Data Science and BITS Grace Miño and Senior Researcher and Modeler Joaquin Ortega presented findings from the 2024 State of the Commute report.

Public Comments: Cesar Javier.

Action: Information.

7. TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program Project Amendment

Associate Grants Program Analyst Benjamin Gembler presented the item.

Public Comments: Cesar Javier.

Action: Upon a motion by Lorraine Ahlquist and a second by Vice Chair Rivera, the ITOC voted to recommend that the Transportation Committee approve a 12-month time extension for the San Diego Habitat Conservancy's Thornmint Enhancement Project.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Babaki, Vice Chair Rivera, Lorraine Ahlquist, Sunnie House, Jacqueline Appleton-Deane, David Santistevan.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Licensed Engineer.

8. Regional Bikeway Program Status Update

Director of Engineering and Construction David Cortez and Principal Engineer Omar Atayee presented an overview of the status of the implementation of the Regional Bike Early Action projects and provided a summary of leveraged funding.

Public Comments: Cesar Javier.

Action: Information.

9. Adjournment

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

Chair Babaki adjourned the meeting at 11:20 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	No
Real Estate/Right-of-Way Acquisition	David Santistevan	Yes
Advisory Members		
San Diego County Auditor's Office	Tracy Drager	Yes