

September 10, 2025

July 9, 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 9:34 a.m.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: Purita Javier, Cesar Javier.

Member Comments: None.

Chief Executive Officer Mario Orso provided an update on agency activities.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The ITOC was asked to approve the minutes from its June 11, 2025, meeting.

3. 2025 Regional Transportation Improvement Program: Amendment No. 7

This report provided an update on the 2025 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, Amendment No. 7.

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 the consent agenda.

The motion passed.

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

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Licensed Engineer.

Reports

4. 2025 Regional Transportation Improvement Program: Amendment No. 8

Associate Financial Analyst Richard Radcliffe presented the item. The ITOC was asked to review and discuss Amendment No. 8, focusing its review on the TransNet-funded projects.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Discussion.

5. Annual Selection of ITOC Chair and Vice Chair

Financial Analyst Vanessa Leon presented the item. The ITOC was asked to approve the selection of a Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2026.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Upon a motion by Jacqueline Appleton-Deane and a second by Chair Babaki, the ITOC voted to select Frank Rivera as Chair and Sunnie House as Vice Chair for FY 2026, beginning with the September 10, 2025, ITOC meeting.

The motion passed.

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

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Licensed Engineer.

6. FY 2025 Proposed TransNet Agreed-Upon Procedures

Senior Accountant Marcus Pascual and Shannon Ayala, Davis Farr LLP, presented the item.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Upon a motion by Sunnie House and a second by Vice Chair Rivera, the ITOC voted to approve the proposed FY 2025 TransNet Agreed-Upon Procedures.

The motion passed.

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

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Licensed Engineer.

7. Acceptance of the FY 2024 TransNet Fiscal and Compliance Audits

Marcus Pascual and Shannon Ayala presented the item.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Rivera and a second by Jacqueline Appleton-Deane, the ITOC voted to accept the final FY 2024 TransNet Fiscal and Compliance Audit Reports, as prepared by the independent audit firm, Davis Farr LLP, in accordance with the Agreed-Upon Procedures.

The motion passed.

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

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Licensed Engineer.

8. Final 2025 ITOC Annual Report

Senior Financial Programming and Project Control Analyst Adrian Paniagua and Vanessa Leon presented the item. The ITOC was asked to approve the 2025 ITOC Annual Report, or direct staff to make specified revisions to the proposed final 2025 ITOC Annual Report with approval as revised.

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

9. TransNet Active Transportation Grant Program Project Amendment

Associate Grants Program Analyst Benjamin Gembler and Paz Gomez, City of Carlsbad, presented the item. The ITOC was asked to consider a three-year time extension, scope of work, and budget amendment for the City of Carlsbad's Active Transportation Grant Program-funded Carlsbad Boulevard and Tamarack Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Upon a motion by Sunnie House and a second by David Santistevan, the ITOC voted to recommend that the Board of Directors approve a three-year time extension, with the remainder of the grant funds to be expended by the end of the contract date, and that all grant funds be returned if the project is not completed within three years.

The motion passed.

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

No: Vice Chair Rivera.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Licensed Engineer.

10. TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program Project Amendment

Senior Grants Program Analyst Goldy Herbon presented the item.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Rivera and a second by Lorraine Ahlquist, the ITOC voted to recommend that the Transportation Committee approve a 12-month time extension for the City of San Diego / Civic San Diego's East Village Green Park Phase 1.

The motion passed.

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

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Licensed Engineer.

11. Adjournment

The next TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Chair Babaki adjourned the meeting at 11:51 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	Vacant	--
Real Estate / Right-of-Way Acquisition	David Santistevan	Yes
Advisory Members		
San Diego County Auditor's Office	Tracy Drager	Yes