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TransNet ITOC Member Appointment Process

Overview

The membership of the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) consists of seven voting members, each of whom represents a specified area of expertise. The position for a licensed engineer with appropriate credentials in the field of transportation project design or construction is currently vacant (Attachment 1). The current solicitation to replace this vacancy opened on July 23, 2025, with an initial deadline of August 27, 2025. As no applications were received, the solicitation has now been extended with a second application window open until September 27, 2025.

Key Considerations

Per ordinance guidelines, ITOC members shall serve no more than eight years unless the member's first term was less than four years, in which case the member may serve an additional two terms after the partial term. In no case, however, shall any member serve more than ten years on the ITOC.

The ITOC selection process consists of two steps pursuant to the TransNet Extension Ordinance (Attachment 2). First, the Technical Screening Committee reviews applications and recommends candidates for open positions. Second, the Selection Committee considers applications for open positions based on recommendations provided by the Technical Screening Committee.

Applications for the vacant position are being requested from individuals interested in serving on the ITOC through an open, publicly noticed solicitation process through posting a public notice on SANDAG's website, advertising the vacancy on local newspapers, and social media platforms.

Next Steps

Upon receipt, applications will be forwarded to the Technical Screening Committee for review, after which the committee will recommend candidates to the Selection Committee. Following the Selection Committee's consideration of the appointment requests, the applicants will be notified of the final selection results in the winter 2025.

The new member is expected to serve as an ITOC member following their nomination by the Selection Committee, with the term limit determined at the time of appointment. If the Selection Committee does not approve the requested appointment, the ITOC position would be considered vacant at the end of the current term, and the same selection process for new members outlined above would be initiated.

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- Attachments: 1. Current Membership of TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee
2. Excerpt from the TransNet Extension Ordinance

Action: **Information**

This report provides an overview of the solicitation and appointment process for new members.

Fiscal Impact:

Costs incurred in administering TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) activities are paid from TransNet sales tax proceeds and audited annually. ITOC members serve without compensation except for direct expenses, such as parking or mileage for meetings related to the work of the ITOC.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

The ITOC meets on a regular basis, at least quarterly, to carry out its roles and responsibilities, including conducting annual fiscal audits and triennial performance audits.