



TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
SANDAG Boardroom
1011 Union Street, First Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

Voting Members Present: Chair Frank Rivera (Licensed Civil/Traffic Engineer)
Vice Chair Sunnie House (Private Sector/CEO)
Lorraine Ahlquist (Biology/Environmental Science)
Jacqueline Appleton-Deane (Contractor/Construction)

Voting Members Absent: Lima Saft (Licensed Engineer Category)
Maryam Babaki (Municipal/Public Finance and Budgeting)
David Santistevan (Real Estate/Land Economics/Right-of-Way)

Others Present: Tracy Drager (San Diego County Auditor's Office)

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1. **Call to Order**

Chair Rivera called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. **Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments**

Public Comments: Purita Javier, Cesar Javier.

Member Comments: None.

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

3. **Consent**

Public Comments: Cesar Javier.

3.1 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motioned by: Vice Chair House

Seconded by: Jacqueline Appleton-Deane

to approve the March 11, 2026, meeting minutes.

For (4): Chair Rivera, Vice Chair House, Lorraine Ahlquist, and Jacqueline Appleton-Deane

Absent (3): Lima Saft, Maryam Babaki, and David Santistevan

The motion passed. (4 to 0)

3.2 Annual Submittal of Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program Funding Programs by Local Jurisdictions

Motioned by: Vice Chair House

Seconded by: Lorraine Ahlquist

to approve the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program funding program submittals in accordance with TransNet Extension Ordinance Provisions, upon the condition that the City of Del Mar submit a new letter to reflect the updated fee amount.

For (4): Chair Rivera, Vice Chair House, Lorraine Ahlquist, and Jacqueline Appleton-Deane

Absent (3): Lima Saft, Maryam Babaki, and David Santistevan

The motion passed. (4 to 0)

3.3 2025 Regional Transportation Improvement Program: Amendment No. 14

This report provided an update on 2025 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, Amendment No. 14. This item was provided for information only.

3.4 2025 Regional Transportation Improvement Program: Amendment No. 15

This report provided an update on 2025 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, Amendment No. 15. This report was provided for information only.

4. City of San Diego TransNet Program and Transportation Capital Improvement Program Update

Patrick Auch, City of San Diego, presented an update on the City of San Diego's TransNet Local Street and Road Program and capital improvement project expenditure efforts. This item was presented for information only.

Public Comments: None.

5. FY 2025 TransNet Fiscal and Compliance Audits: Initial Findings and Recommendations

Director of Accounting and Finance Kimberly Trammel and Senior Accountant Marcus Pascual presented the item.

Public Comments: None.

Motioned by: Jacqueline Appleton-Deane

Seconded by: Lorraine Ahlquist

to accept the draft independent auditor's report on results of the agreed upon procedures, including initial findings and recommendations, and directed staff to update Attachment A to reflect the current status of the City of Lemon Grove prior to the presentation to the Transportation Committee on April 17, 2026.

For (4): Chair Rivera, Vice Chair House, Lorraine Ahlquist, and Jacqueline Appleton-Deane

Absent (3): Lima Saft, Maryam Babaki, and David Santistevan

The motion passed. (4 to 0)

6. FY 2025 TransNet Extension Ordinance Funding Eligibility Request

Kimberly Trammel and Marcus Pascual presented the item.

Public Comments: None.

Motioned by: Jacqueline Appleton-Deane

Seconded by: Vice Chair House

to recommend the Board of Directors, acting as the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, not approve the TransNet funding eligibility requests of Metropolitan Transit System and North County Transit District.

For (3): Vice Chair House, Lorraine Ahlquist, and Jacqueline Appleton-Deane

Against (1): Chair Rivera

Absent (3): Lima Saft, Maryam Babaki, and David Santistevan

The motion passed. (3 to 1)

7. 2025 Regional Transportation Improvement Program: Amendment No. 16

Associate Financial Analyst Richard Radcliffe presented the item. The Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee was asked to review and discuss Amendment No. 16, focusing its review on the TransNet-funded projects. This item was presented for discussion only.

Public Comments: None.

8. Adjournment

The next TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

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