



# ***TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Selection Committee Agenda***

**Friday, September 29, 2023  
11 AM**

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# Selection Committee for the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

Friday, September 29, 2023

**1. Selection of Chair**

Appoint

The Selection Committee for the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (Selection Committee) will select a chairperson for purposes of conducting the meeting.

## Consent

**+2. TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee: Overview**

Information

*Zara Sadeghian, SANDAG*

This report provides an overview of the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee and its responsibilities.

[TransNet ITOC Overview](#)

[Att. 1 - ITOC Overview and Current Membership](#)

## Reports

**+3. TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee: Appointment of Members**

Appoint

*Zara Sadeghian, SANDAG*

The Selection Committee is asked to consider appointment of one ITOC member in the licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer, for a term of up to three years, through May 2026.

[TransNet ITOC Appointment of Members](#)

[Att. 1 - Tech Screening Comm Rec Memo](#)

[Att. 2 - Candidates Applications](#)

[Att. 3 - Discussion Memo](#)

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

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**5. Adjournment**

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## **TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee: Overview**

### **Overview**

In accordance with the [TransNet Extension Ordinance](#) (Ordinance), an Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) was established to provide an enhanced level of accountability for expenditures made under the Expenditure Plan. The ITOC functions in an independent, open, and transparent manner to ensure all voter mandates are carried out as required in the Ordinance and develop constructive recommendations for improvements to the financial integrity and performance of the TransNet program.

### **Key Considerations**

The ITOC membership consists of seven voting members, each of whom represents a specified area of expertise intended to provide the skills and experience necessary for ITOC to carry out its responsibilities. The ITOC has ten primary responsibilities, as outlined in the Ordinance, including conducting both [annual fiscal and compliance audits](#) and [triennial performance audits](#) of the TransNet program. The ITOC also prepares an [annual ITOC report](#) including the results of its audit process in the form of findings and/or recommendations. The most recent annual report, the [FY 2022 ITOC Annual Report](#), was presented to the Board of Directors in July 2022, and the FY 2023 ITOC Annual Report is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Directors in October 2023. Additional information regarding ITOC responsibilities and membership is included in Attachment 1.

### **Action: Information**

This report provides an overview of the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee and its responsibilities.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

None.

### **Schedule/Scope Impact:**

The ITOC was established as a requirement of the TransNet Extension Ordinance, and its purview is limited to ensuring accountability for expenditures made under the TransNet Expenditure Plan and recommending improvements to the program.

### ***Susan Huntington, Director of Financial Planning, Budgets, and Grants***

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Attachment: 1. ITOC Overview and Current Membership



## Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Overview

### Responsibilities

The Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) responsibilities will include the following:

- Conduct an annual fiscal and compliance audit of all TransNet-funded activities using the services of an independent fiscal auditor to ensure compliance with the voter-approved Ordinance and Expenditure Plan.
- Prepare an annual report to the Board of Directors presenting the results of the annual audit process.
- Conduct triennial performance audits of SANDAG and other agencies involved in the implementation of TransNet-funded projects and programs to review project delivery, cost control, schedule adherence, and related activities.
- Provide recommendations to the Board regarding any proposed amendments to the TransNet Ordinance and Expenditure Plan.
- Provide recommendations as part of the required ten-year review process. This process provides an opportunity to undertake a comprehensive review of the TransNet Program every ten years and to make recommendations for improving the program over the subsequent ten years.
- Participate in the ongoing refinement of the SANDAG transportation system performance measurement process and the project evaluation criteria used in development of the Regional Transportation Plan and in prioritizing projects for funding in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.
- On an annual basis, review ongoing SANDAG system performance evaluations, including the "State of the Commute" report, and provide an independent analysis of information included in that report.
- Review and comment on the programming of TransNet revenues in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.
- Review proposed debt financings to ensure that the benefits of the proposed financing for accelerating project delivery, avoiding future cost escalation, and related factors exceed issuance and interest costs.
- Review the major Congestion Relief projects identified in the Ordinance for performance in terms of cost control and schedule adherence on a quarterly basis.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the ITOC shall conduct its reviews in such a manner that does not cause unnecessary project delays, while providing sufficient time to ensure that adequate analysis can be completed to allow the ITOC to make objective recommendations and to provide the public with information about the implementation of the TransNet Program.

## Membership

- A professional in the field of municipal/public finance and/or budgeting with a minimum of ten years in a relevant and senior decision-making position in the public or private sector.
- **A licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer with demonstrated experience of ten years or more in the fields of transportation and/or urban design in government or the private sector.**
- A professional with demonstrated experience of ten years or more in real estate, land economics, and/or right-of-way acquisition.
- A professional with demonstrated experience of ten years or more in the management of large-scale construction projects.
- A licensed engineer with appropriate credentials in the field of transportation project design or construction and a minimum of ten years experience in a relevant and senior decision-making position in the government or private sector.
- A chief executive officer or person in a similar senior-level decision-making position of a major private sector employer with demonstrated experience in leading a large organization.
- A professional in biology or environmental science with demonstrated experience of ten years or more with environmental regulations and major project mitigation requirements and/or habitat acquisition and management. \*

**\* Applications for this position will be considered during the current solicitation process.**

## Selection Process

A technical screening committee will be established to review applications received from interested individuals. This committee will consist of three members selected by the SANDAG Executive Director from high-level professional staff of local, regional, state, or federal transportation agencies outside of the San Diego region, or from one of the region's colleges or universities in a transportation related field, or a combination thereof. The committee will develop a list of candidates determined to be qualified to serve on ITOC based on the criteria established for the open ITOC position(s). The technical screening committee will recommend two candidates for each open position from the list of qualified candidates for consideration by the Selection Committee.

A selection committee shall be established to select an ITOC member from the list of qualified candidates recommended by the technical screening committee. The selection committee shall consist of the following: two members of the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors; the mayor of the City of San Diego; a mayor from the cities of Chula Vista, Coronado, Imperial Beach, or National City selected by the mayors of those cities; a mayor from the cities of El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, or Santee selected by the mayors of those cities; a mayor from the cities of Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, Oceanside, or Solana Beach selected by the mayors of those cities; and a mayor from the cities of Escondido, Poway, San Marcos, or Vista selected by the mayors of those cities.

## Conflict of Interest

ITOC members shall be subject to SANDAG conflict of interest policies. ITOC members shall have no legal action pending against SANDAG and are prohibited from acting in any transactions directly or indirectly involving SANDAG, such as being a consultant to SANDAG or to any party with pending legal actions against SANDAG during their tenure on ITOC. ITOC members also are prohibited from having a direct financial interest or employment with any private entity or public agency division that receives TransNet sales tax funds.

## Current Membership on the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

### Term Expiring May 2024

Jonathan Frankel, Chair

Jonathan is serving in the ITOC position for a professional experienced in real estate and land economics. He is currently Principal Project Manager at Atlantis Group Land Use Consultants where he manages the processing of complex entitlements for residential, mixed-use, commercial, and institutional development projects throughout San Diego County. Jonathan also has served in various public sector positions supporting the California State Senate Housing and Transportation Committee, the Office of the City Attorney in San Diego, and the Office of General Counsel at SANDAG. Jonathan holds a Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Indiana University. He currently serves as chair of the Mission Valley Planning Group, member of the Building Industry Association, and member of the Urban Land Institute. Jonathan is a Mission Valley resident.

Les Hopper

Les is serving in the ITOC position for a licensed engineer with appropriate credentials in the field of transportation project design or construction and a minimum of ten years of experience in a relevant and senior decision-making position in the government or private sector. Les is a Principal at Rick Engineering Company and leads the Transportation Infrastructure Practice. He has 40 years of hands-on experience in the management, planning, permitting, and design of both public and private projects from inception through construction. He has a Master's in Business Administration from Chapman University and holds board positions on the local WTS and ACEC chapters. He is a past president of the San Diego Transportation Development Agency and the Society of American Value Engineers. Les enjoys living in North County and works in Mission Valley.

### Term Expiring May 2025

Sunnie House

Sunnie is serving in the ITOC position for a chief executive officer or person in a similar senior-level decision-making position, of a major private sector employer with demonstrated experience in leading a large organization. As an executive in operations and business development for large global infrastructure consulting firms for over 23 years, she led diverse teams of professionals in transportation planning, engineering, and program and construction management. Sunnie owns a consulting firm providing management and leadership optimization solutions to public and private organizations to support their growth and success. Sunnie lives and works in Rancho Bernardo area of San Diego.

Pedro Orso-Delgado, Vice  
Chair

Pedro is serving in the ITOC position for a professional in the management of large-scale construction projects. Mr. Orso-Delgado is the principal of his own consulting firm, Under Construction. He served in the capacity of City Manager for the City of Santee from May 2014 to July 2015 and was named the City of Santee's Deputy City Manager/Director of Development Services in August 2009. In addition, Mr. Orso-Delgado had a 25-year career at Caltrans serving in several capacities, including as the District 11 Director from 2001 through 2009. Mr. Orso-Delgado served as the chair of the Border Governors Infrastructure working table and led the Caltrans team which applied for and within record time obtained the presidential permit for the new border crossing at Otay Mesa II. He currently serves as Advisor to the College of Engineering Board at San Diego State University, is a Commissioner at the Safety Commission for the City of Chula Vista, and is a Board member at Circulate San Diego. Mr. Orso-Delgado is a San Diego native, attended schools in both San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico. He graduated from San Diego State University in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and began his career with Caltrans in 1984. Mr. Orso-

Delgado currently lives in the south bay community of Chula Vista.

**Term Expiring May 2027**

Lorraine Alquist

Lorraine is serving in the ITOC position for a professional in biology or environmental science with demonstrated experience in environmental regulations and major project mitigation requirements and/or habitat acquisition and management. She is a Principal Environmental Scientist at Ninyo & Moore. Lorraine has more than 25 years of experience in environmental regulatory management, including coordinating reviews of technical studies for state and federal compliance and preparation of environmental documents.

Maryam Babaki

Maryam is serving in the ITOC position for a professional in the field of municipal/public finance and/or budgeting with a minimum of ten years in a relevant and senior decision-making position in the public or private sector. She is currently the Director of Planning and Development for Rancho Santa Fe Association. Maryam has over 30 years of experience in the field of public and private management, engineering, development, and budgeting.

September 29, 2023

## **TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee: Appointment of Members**

### **Overview**

The membership of ITOC consists of seven voting members, each of whom represents a specified area of expertise. The position for a licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer became vacant in May 2023.

### **Key Considerations**

The ITOC selection process consists of two steps:

1. Review by a Technical Screening Committee, responsible for reviewing applications received from interested individuals and recommending two candidates for each position.
2. Approval by a Selection Committee responsible for selecting the ITOC member from the list of qualified candidates recommended by the Technical Screening Committee.

Consistent with the [TransNet Extension Ordinance](#), the Technical Screening Committee reviewed all applications received. The Technical Screening Committee's recommendation memo and the applications for each recommended candidate are included as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively. Additional information regarding the selection process is included in Attachment 3.

The candidates recommended for consideration by the Technical Screening Committee have been notified of the September 29, 2023, Selection Committee meeting and are anticipated to participate in the meeting.

### **Next Steps**

Following the Selection Committee's consideration, all applicants will be notified of the final selection results. The successful candidate for the position of licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer is anticipated to begin serving in October 2023. Should the Selection Committee be unable to reach an agreement on a candidate from the qualified candidates recommended by the Technical Screening Committee, the Selection Committee will request that the Technical Screening Committee recommend two additional qualified candidates for consideration, and the same selection process outlined above for new members will be initiated.

### ***Susan Huntington, Director of Financial Planning, Budgets, and Grants***

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Attachments: 

1. Technical Screening Committee Recommendation Memo
2. Candidates Applications
3. Discussion Memo

### **Action: Appoint**

The Selection Committee is asked to consider appointment of one ITOC member in the licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer, for a term of up to three years, through May 2026.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Consistent with TransNet Extension Ordinance provisions, ITOC members shall serve without compensation except for direct expenses (parking/mileage for attendance at meetings) related to the work of the ITOC.

### **Schedule/Scope Impact:**

The position for a licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer became vacant in May 2023. If approved, the newly selected member is anticipated to begin serving in October 2023.



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September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

File Number 1500200

To: Selection Committee for the TransNet Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC)  
From: Technical Screening Committee  
Subject: Recommendation of ITOC Candidate

As required by the TransNet Extension Ordinance, a Technical Screening Committee composed of the following members was formed to provide recommendations to the Selection Committee regarding candidates for ITOC:

- Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer, Southern California Association of Governments
- Wm. Joel King, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Campus Architect, UC San Diego
- Kristina Svensk, Director of Transportation, Sacramento Area Council of Governments

#### ***Request for Appointment***

Consistent with the TransNet Extension Ordinance, the Technical Screening Committee met via MS Teams on June 28, 2023, to discuss candidate applications.

A total of two applications were received for one position:

A licensed architect, civil engineer or traffic engineer with demonstrated experience of ten years or more in the fields of transportation and/or urban design in government or the private sector.

The Technical Screening Committee commented on the well qualified applications received from both candidates. In its review, the Screening Committee considered factors such as the applicant's quality of the responses to the questions in the application, the depth of experience of each applicant, the level of demonstrated understanding of the role of ITOC, and the type of skills that the applicant would bring to ITOC.

Consistent with Ordinance provisions, the Technical Screening Committee recommends two candidates for the professional licensed architect, civil engineer or traffic engineer be advanced for consideration by the Selection Committee based on their qualifications.

The candidates for the Licensed Architect, Civil Engineer or Traffic Engineer are:

- Franciso Rivera – Technical Screening Committee members considered Mr. Rivera's extensive experience working in numerous technical and managerial

engineering positions with the City of Chula Vista. In addition, the Committee considered Mr. Rivera's affiliation with various professional associations.

- Brian Stephenson – Technical Screening Committee members considered Mr. Stephenson's substantial experience working in various project management and engineering positions for the private and public sector. The committee also considered Mr. Stephenson's membership in multiple professional organizations.

### ***Conflicts of Interest Review***

An applicant's affiliations with business entities may present potential conflicts of interest should they be appointed. Based on SANDAG Board [Policy No. 31](#), as well as guidance from SANDAG's Office of General Counsel (OGC), staff noted that the possibility of a potential conflict of interest does not automatically require disqualification of an applicant.

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Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

## **Applicants Requesting Appointment**

Applicant name: **Rivera, Francisco**

Position applied for: **A professional licensed architect, civil engineer or traffic engineer**



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To submit your application, please complete and submit the following information to the office listed below no later than June 16, 2023:

1. All eight pages of the completed and signed **application form**;
2. A **copy of your resume**
3. A completed and signed **Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)**, and
4. Any additional information you believe relevant to your application. SANDAG

Attn: Michael Terlep

401 B Street, Suite 800

San Diego, CA 92101

If submitted by email: michael.terlep@sandag.org

(with a subject line of "SANDAG Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee")

Your application is deemed submitted when you receive an acknowledgement from SANDAG.

If you need additional space to answer any of the following questions, please provide the information in an attachment.

## Section A – General information

Title ☒ Mr.

☐ Ms.

Name (last, first, middle)

RIVERA, FRANCISCO, XAVIER

Email address

Primary telephone number

Number

Specify type:



Mobile



Work



Home

Alternative telephone number (optional)

Number

Specify type:



Mobile



Work



Home

Current address (number, street, city, state, ZIP code)

How did you hear about the open position?

SANDAG WEBSITE.

## Section B – Licenses or certifications relevant to the position

Please list the **type of license or certificate, issuing state/entity, license number, date of issue/expiration date:**

CIVIL ENGINEER, CALIFORNIA/BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS, C-054540, JULY 14, 1995, DECEMBER 31, 2023.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER, CALIFORNIA/BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS, TR-1583, FEBRUARY 1, 1991, JUNE 30, 2023.

## Section C – Education (college/university or other education history)

Please list the **school, degree, major, year earned:**

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE, CIVIL ENGINEERING, 1988.

## Section D – Civic/community/volunteer experience over past five years

Please list the **organization name, city/state, activity/type of work, dates (from/to):**

EASTLAKE III HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION - VICE PRESIDENT (12/2020 - PRESENT).  
EASTLAKE III HOA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE - CHAIRPERSON (12/2020 - PRESENT).  
CITY OF CHULA VISTA MEASURE "A" CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (5/2021 - 5/2023).  
CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT - CHRISTMAS BICYCLE GIVEAWAY EVENT (VARIOUS YEARS).  
SALVATION ARMY - ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER CHULA VISTA CORPS (2/2023 - PRESENT).

## Section E – Professional/other relevant organizations over past five years

Please list the **organization name, city/state, activity/type of work, dates (from/to):**

N/A.

## Section F – Three references familiar with your qualifications for this appointment

Please list the **reference name, your association with reference, reference telephone number:**

Mr. Kai Ramer, President/COO Rick Engineering Company, consultant work, [REDACTED]  
Past Chula Vista Mayor Mary Salas (Retired), coworker, [REDACTED].  
Current Chula Vista Mayor John McCann, same Homeowner Association/coworker, [REDACTED].

## Section G – Vacancy available

The following Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee position(s), shown in **BOLD**, is/are VACANT.

Briefly describe the nature of your experience as related to that category, including the number of years of experience you have in that area.

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A licensed engineer with appropriate credentials in the field of transportation project design or construction and a minimum of ten years' experience in a relevant and senior decision-making position in the government or private sector.

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A chief executive officer or person in a similar senior-level decision-making position of a major private sector employer with demonstrated experience in leading a large organization.

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A professional with demonstrated experience of ten years or more in real estate, land economics, and/or right-of-way acquisition.

## Section G – Vacancy available (continued)

The following Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee position(s), shown in **BOLD**, is/are vacant.

Briefly describe the nature of your experience as related to that category, including the number of years of experience you have in that area.

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A professional with demonstrated experience of ten years or more in the management of large-scale construction projects.

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A professional in the field of municipal/public finance and/or budgeting with a minimum of ten years in a relevant and senior decision-making position in the public or private sector.



**A licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer with demonstrated experience of ten years or more in the fields of transportation and/or urban design in government or the private sector.**

My experience as a licensed civil engineer (1995) & traffic engineer (1991) with the City of Chula Vista since 1984 has been with all disciplines within Civil & Traffic Engineering. I have worked in three departments: Engineering & Capital Projects, General Services & Public Works. Project experience has been from inception at the advance planning stage, the environmental phase, funding phase, design phase and construction phase. Work experience includes master plans, community outreach, general plan updates, MSCP, municipal code updates, state & federal legislation, zoning changes, transit oriented development, master planned communities, smart growth projects, development impact fee programs, state funded & federally funded projects and administration of contracts for various infrastructure and transportation projects with Caltrans, MTS Transit & SANDAG.

I have worked on local agency master plans for active transportation plans, bicycle facilities, drainage, pedestrian, wastewater and sidewalk pedestrian ramp programs so that we could determine priority in completing local agency needs. Our pavement management program was also very important for TransNet funding. Chula Vista has a pavement management program with website that I participated as part of the local agency team effort.

I have experience in making presentations to the public at City Council meetings, Planning Commission meetings and other groups. I have also worked on difficult projects where right-of-way was not sufficient and where easements were needed.

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## Section G – Vacancy available (continued)

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Briefly describe the nature of your experience as related to that category, including the number of years of experience you have in that area.

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A professional in biology or environmental science with demonstrated experience of ten years or more with environmental regulations and major project mitigation requirements and/or habitat acquisition and management.

## Section H – About yourself, as related to the job position

Please respond as concisely as possible. Applications will not be judged on length of response.

### 1. Why are you interested in serving on the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC)?

I have worked closely with SANDAG staff and my local agency elected officials since 1984. Elected officials were provided regular briefings by me on SANDAG matters whether the impacts were beneficial or not to the City of Chula Vista. Through my decades of close collaboration with SANDAG staff and my active participation on the CTAC & SANTEC as well as the other working groups, I know I helped collectively reach consensus on many SANDAG Board Policies that needed to be reviewed and updated.

Several times throughout my career, I have made presentations to ITOC on the successful management of the Chula Vista TransNet Program, staying in compliance with SANDAG Board Policy 031 and the Rules contained within that policy. It is my desire to continue to participate regionally on the TransNet Program that I have been so familiar with. I understand the timely use of funds is very important due to the negative impact inflation has on the construction industry and project costs.

With my local agency and regional experience, I can help ask the right questions and provide valuable insight on ITOC related matters to help provide more efficiency to ITOC and the SANDAG Board.

### 2. What professional skills and abilities would you bring to the committee, and how would they benefit the ITOC?

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### 3. What do you hope to accomplish by your participation in the ITOC?

Chula Vista went through two successful sales tax measures, Measure P (2016) for failed infrastructure and Measure A (2018) for public safety needs. As part of the city team, I had a role in providing statistical infrastructure priorities and cost estimates to executive staff so that as we prepared for the public outreach, we were well prepared to be able to make a strong case for the additional half-cent sales tax.

I hope to also help ITOC be able to help local agencies deliver projects quicker as the region struggles to obtain sufficient funding to be able to build the RTP Revenue Constrained Plan and RTIP Program of Projects on time and within the revenue that we estimated to receive. We will likely have RTP update questions or scenarios that will come up on the agenda, and my background on how we dealt with similar issues in Chula Vista will provide assistance. Engineering Fee updates, assessment districts and impact fee programs were completed under my direction many times. Creatively looking for ways to get projects to construction as quickly as possible benefits everyone. The ability to understand how local agencies operate is also beneficial to the ITOC Committee and the public.

## Section I – Affiliations

To the best of your knowledge, have you currently, or have you ever been, affiliated (as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, owner, advisor, or consultant) with any institution, organization, or business entity that might present an actual, potential, or apparent conflict of interest should you be appointed? An example would include, but not be limited to, a contract with SANDAG.

☒ Yes (If "Yes", please explain below) ☐ No

I worked as an employee for the City of Chula Vista in their Engineering & Capital Projects, General Services & Public Works Departments from July 2, 1984 through May 4, 2023 when I retired.

During my career with Chula Vista, on behalf of the City of Chula Vista, I did sign several contracts with SANDAG on planning and infrastructure grants.

## Section J – Financial holdings and property

To the best of your knowledge, do you have financial holdings in or receive income from any source or own real property or personal property that might present an actual, potential, or apparent conflict of interest should you be appointed?

☐ Yes (If "Yes", please explain below) ☒ No

## Applicant certifies

All statements in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that false or misleading answers are cause for rejection of this application.

By submitting my application to SANDAG, I authorize employers, schools, law enforcement agencies, and other individuals and organizations named in this application to provide candid and full information regarding my work record, job performance, volunteer work or service as a public official, character, ability, and fitness to authorized employees of SANDAG. I understand that the information may be positive, negative, confidential, and/or privileged in nature and may be used by SANDAG in any phase of the application process. I release current and previous employers, schools, law enforcement agencies, individuals, organizations, and SANDAG and its employees/representatives from any liability and/or damages that may result from the release, receipt, or use of requested information.

By checking the "I agree" box below, I hereby certify that I have read and understood the instructions, conditions, and other information provided in this document.

I agree ☒

Signature (please type name)

Date

Francisco X. Rivera

June 15, 2023

Please feel free to provide additional information or letters of endorsement.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the SANDAG Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee.

## Section K – Area of San Diego County you reside in:

City of San Diego, Unincorporated San Diego County, South (Chula Vista, Coronado, Imperial Beach, or National City), East (El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, or Santee), North Coastal (Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, Oceanside, or Solana Beach) or North Inland (Escondido, Poway, San Marcos, or Vista).

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☐ Vista

# FRANCISCO X. RIVERA P.E., T.E.

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Civil Engineer: C-054540  
Traffic Engineer: TR-1583

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

APWA - Member  
ITE - Fellow Grade (Ret.)  
Water Environment  
Federation - Member

## PROFILE

Retired on May 4th, 2023 from the City of Chula Vista Engineering & Capital Projects Department after working in numerous technical and managerial engineering positions for over 38 years. Relevant experience in Asset Management, Budget, Capital Improvement Program, Code Enforcement, Development Impact Fee Programs, Drainage, Floodplain Program, Front Counter, Grants, Infrastructure Finance, Landscape Maintenance Districts, Master Plans, Streets, Stormwater, Traffic Signals/Street Lighting, Local & Regional Transportation Planning, and Wastewater Engineering. Collaboratively working with other city departments, community based groups, large and small land developers, the public, elected officials and other local and regional public agencies.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Eastlake III Homeowners Association Vice-President for over 3,130 homes and \$5M annual budget.

Eastlake III Homeowners Association Architectural Review Committee Chairperson. Review, provide technical assistance and approve exterior home improvements for the community.

Measure A Public Safety Sales Tax - Citizens' Oversight Committee member.

San Diego Half Marathon Bike Marshall.

Salvation Army Chula Vista Corps Advisory Board Member.

## EXPERIENCE

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### Principal Civil Engineer/ City Traffic Engineer, City of Chula Vista Engineering Dept. — July 2005 - May 2023

Manage employees in the Advance Planning, Traffic Engineering, Transportation Planning, Traffic Signals & Street Lighting and the Drainage & Wastewater Engineering groups. Prepare infrastructure grant applications and develop annual Capital Improvement Program (\$35M to >\$100M) of Projects using local, regional, state and federal funding.

Local agency project manager for regional projects constructed within the City of Chula Vista such as the South Bay Bus Rapid Transit Route 225 (>\$125M), State Route 125 (>\$820M), various Interstate-805 freeway interchange improvements (>\$30M), Palomar Street Rail Grade Separation project (>\$80M). Chula Vista TransNet Program administration by monitoring

status of locally funded projects for timely use of funds and determining quarterly amendment needs to City Council.

Have represented Chula Vista and collaborated with SANDAG staff for several decades of participation in CTAC & SANTEC and have been chairperson of each several times. Have provided technical input to several SANDAG Board Policies and the Regional Transportation Plans since the 1990's. Represented Chula Vista on the Freight Working Group, Mobility Working Group, numerous special corridor CMCP's and regional light rail and bus transit studies for the South County including recent TransNet Ordinance updates.

Developed Regional Transportation CIP Program (>\$100M) for western Chula Vista and the Chula Vista Bayfront for development impact fees on the Regional Arterial System and local facilities.

**Deputy City Engineer, City of Chula Vista General Services Dept. — January 2004 - June 2005**

Manage employees representing Advance Planning/Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Engineering Front Counter Permits, Floodplain Management, Land Development, Land Surveying, Real Property, Stormwater, Transportation Planning and Traffic & Wastewater Engineering.

**Deputy Director of Engineering, City of Chula Vista Public Works Dept., — January 2003 - December 2003**

Supervisor for the Engineering Design group for drainage and roadway improvement projects including work done by consultants. Coordinated work load between work groups and other departments. Part of design team for 12.5-mile \$31M Salt Creek Trunk Sewer improvements.

**EDUCATION**

United States International University — Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, 1988.

**PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

- AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION - OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN A PUBLIC AGENCY (2015)
- CITY OF CHULA VISTA CHAMPIONS AWARD WINNER (TWICE) FOR: CONTRIBUTIONS TO BICYCLING AND; CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHULA VISTA
- SAN DIEGO COUNTY BIKE COALITION - PUBLIC PARTNER OF THE YEAR (2017)

Applicant name: **Stephenson, Brian**

Position applied for: **A professional licensed architect, civil engineer or traffic engineer**



# APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

(This is a fill-in PDF form)

## Application submission

To submit your application, please complete and submit the following information to the office listed below no later than June 16, 2023:

1. All eight pages of the completed and signed **application form**;
2. A **copy of your resume**
3. A completed and signed **Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)**, and
4. Any additional information you believe relevant to your application. SANDAG

Attn: Michael Terlep

401 B Street, Suite 800

San Diego, CA 92101

If submitted by email: michael.terlep@sandag.org

(with a subject line of "SANDAG Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee")

Your application is deemed submitted when you receive an acknowledgement from SANDAG.

If you need additional space to answer any of the following questions, please provide the information in an attachment.

## Section A – General information

Title ☒ Mr.

☐ Ms.

Name (last, first, middle)

Stephenson, Brian, Richard

Email address

[REDACTED]

Primary telephone number

Number

[REDACTED]

Specify type:



Mobile



Work



Home

Alternative telephone number (optional)

Number

[REDACTED]

Specify type:



Mobile



Work



Home

Current address (number, street, city, state, ZIP code)

[REDACTED]

How did you hear about the open position?

I'm a friend and former co-worker with Michael Kenney, who just resigned from this ITOC position.

## Section B – Licenses or certifications relevant to the position

Please list the **type of license or certificate, issuing state/entity, license number, date of issue/expiration date:**

Traffic Engineer, CA; license #2419; issue date 01/26/07; expiration date 06/30/23  
Civil Engineer, CA; license #69471; issue date 01/20/06; expiration date 06/30/24  
Professional Traffic Operations Engineer; certificate #2169; issue date 01/06/07; expiration date 06/06/25  
Civil Engineer, CO; license #0048708; issue date 04/29/14; expiration date 10/31/23  
Civil Engineer, AZ; license #42520; issue date 04/19/05; expiration date 06/30/26  
Civil Engineer, NY; license #080635; issue date 01/24/02; inactive

## Section C – Education (college/university or other education history)

Please list the **school, degree, major, year earned:**

State University of New York at Buffalo  
Bachelor of Science  
Civil Engineering  
1998

## Section D – Civic/community/volunteer experience over past five years

Please list the **organization name, city/state, activity/type of work, dates (from/to):**

Bayview Baptist Church, San Diego, CA  
Volunteer in Stewardship Ministry, 2016-2019

## Section E – Professional/other relevant organizations over past five years

Please list the **organization name, city/state, activity/type of work, dates (from/to):**

Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), San Diego, CA, 2003-2023, member  
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), San Diego, CA, 2003-2023, member  
American Public Works Association (APWA), San Diego, CA, 2013-2023, member  
International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA), National, 2013-2023, member

## Section F – Three references familiar with your qualifications for this appointment

Please list the **reference name, your association with reference, reference telephone number:**

Mike Kenney, friend/former supervisor, [REDACTED]  
Kai Ramer, President of Rick Engineering, [REDACTED]  
Bob Moehling, friend/client, [REDACTED]

## Section G – Vacancy available

The following Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee position(s), shown in **BOLD**, is/are VACANT.

Briefly describe the nature of your experience as related to that category, including the number of years of experience you have in that area.

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A licensed engineer with appropriate credentials in the field of transportation project design or construction and a minimum of ten years' experience in a relevant and senior decision-making position in the government or private sector.

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A chief executive officer or person in a similar senior-level decision-making position of a major private sector employer with demonstrated experience in leading a large organization.

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A professional with demonstrated experience of ten years or more in real estate, land economics, and/or right-of-way acquisition.

## Section G – Vacancy available (continued)

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Briefly describe the nature of your experience as related to that category, including the number of years of experience you have in that area.

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A professional with demonstrated experience of ten years or more in the management of large-scale construction projects.

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A professional in the field of municipal/public finance and/or budgeting with a minimum of ten years in a relevant and senior decision-making position in the public or private sector.

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**A licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer with demonstrated experience of ten years or more in the fields of transportation and/or urban design in government or the private sector.**

I'm a licensed traffic and civil engineer with 25 years of experience. I currently work as a consultant at Rick Engineering Company, and have been with the company for 20 years. I have prepared and reviewed traffic impact studies, signal plans, interconnect plans, signing and striping plans, optimized network timing plans, accident analysis, and traffic control plans. I also serve as the contract City Traffic Engineer for Murrieta. I manage a team of 9 traffic engineers.

## Section G – Vacancy available (continued)

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## Section H – About yourself, as related to the job position

Please respond as concisely as possible. Applications will not be judged on length of response.

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC)?

I would like to become more involved in my profession outside of my office, and feel that my experience as a traffic engineer working on contracts for both private development and for public agencies would benefit ITOC.

2. What professional skills and abilities would you bring to the committee, and how would they benefit the ITOC?

With 25 years in the traffic engineering industry, in both the private sector as well as the public sector (have served as a contract City traffic engineer for the City of Murrieta for approximately 19 years), I feel that my knowledge of traffic engineering planning, design, and contracts will benefit the ITOC committee. Related to public works contracts, I have prepared full public works contract documents for capital improvement projects (as they relate to traffic signal and signal communication contracts), served as project manager for a public agency for public works contracts, and am familiar with the reporting requirements of the Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual, having served as PM for a Traffic Light Synchronization Program (TLSP) project.

3. What do you hope to accomplish by your participation in the ITOC?

I would like to be able to help the San Diego region reduce congestion by assisting with the monitoring of TransNET funds. I believe that my experience with serving as a project manager on public works traffic signal and communication projects, as well as my knowledge of the the traffic engineering industry will benefit the committee.

## Section I – Affiliations

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☒ Yes (If "Yes", please explain below) ☐ No

The company I work for, Rick Engineering Company, is a subconsultant to RailPros on an on-call contract for engineering services with SANDAG. I have had no involvement with this work - the work that our company has primarily had on this contract is through our water resources department.

## Section J – Financial holdings and property

To the best of your knowledge, do you have financial holdings in or receive income from any source or own real property or personal property that might present an actual, potential, or apparent conflict of interest should you be appointed?

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## Applicant certifies

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By checking the "I agree" box below, I hereby certify that I have read and understood the instructions, conditions, and other information provided in this document.

I agree ☒

Signature (please type name)

Date

Brian R. Stephenson

6/15/23

Please feel free to provide additional information or letters of endorsement.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the SANDAG Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee.

## Section K – Area of San Diego County you reside in:

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☐ Poway

☐ San Marcos

☐ Vista

# BRIAN R. STEPHENSON, P.E., T.E., P.T.O.E.

1722 Pilot Peak Avenue  
Chula Vista, CA 91913  
Phone [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## Objective:

*To utilize my technical knowledge and interpersonal skills in a challenging management and engineering role.*

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## Summary:

*25 years of project management and engineering experience in conducting traffic impact studies, intersection/corridor modeling and analysis, accident studies, traffic signal design, signal communication plans, red light camera design, and traffic control design. Prepare proposals, perform project estimating / budgeting, all required design, analysis, and reports, project management of private and public projects, and present to the public and reviewing agencies.*

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## Licenses/Certifications:

Licensed Professional Engineer (Traffic), California (#2419)	January 2007
Licensed Professional Engineer (Civil), California (#69471)	January 2006
Registered Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (P.T.O.E.)	June 2007
Licensed Professional Engineer (Civil), Arizona (#42520)	April 2005
Licensed Professional Engineer (Civil), New York (#080635)	January 2003
Licensed Professional Engineer (Civil), Colorado (#0048708)	April 2014
Licensed Professional Engineer (Civil), Utah	June 2023

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## ENGINEERING PROFILE

### Rick Engineering Company

*Rick Engineering Company, founded in 1955, provides comprehensive engineering services for land development and public works projects, including planning, transportation and traffic engineering, surveying, mapping, landscape architecture, aerial photogrammetry, and specialized computer services. With offices located throughout California, Arizona, Colorado, and Nevada, Rick Engineering Company serves many public and private clients throughout each state. [www.rickengineering.com](http://www.rickengineering.com)*

### Project Manager/Engineer

**2003-present**

Prepare traffic impact analyses, including performing all necessary trip generation calculations, capacity analysis, tables, exhibits, and technical reports. Apply knowledge from the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) when preparing traffic studies. Prepare traffic signal design plans, signing and striping plans, traffic control plans, specifications and estimates; when preparing the plans, apply knowledge from the CA Highway Design Manual (HDM) and

the MUTCD. Prepare proposals and statements of qualifications for traffic study and design work. Manage projects from proposal to design to project completion. Attend and make presentations at meetings with clients and public agencies. Perform engineering analysis and design as the contract City Traffic Engineer for the City of Murrieta

I manage a group of 9 traffic engineers, and provide traffic engineering services to our 11 Rick Engineering Company offices. I started at Rick Engineering Company as a Project Engineer, preparing analysis and design tasks. I was then promoted to Project Manager, where I managed all aspects of traffic study and engineering projects. I was then proposed to an Associate, providing management and oversight to my traffic engineering design group. I now am an Associate Principal, where I continue to provide management and oversight to my traffic engineering design group. I currently prepare proposals for work, I continue to perform analysis and design for traffic study and design projects, and I perform QA/QC review of analysis and design projects for my group.

### Traffic Experience

#### *University Avenue Mobility Plan – City of San Diego, CA:*

I was the Traffic Project Manager responsible for the design guidance and review of traffic related plans for the mobility improvement project within the North Park community of San Diego, which included a transit only lane. I performed design review of 10 traffic signal/signal modification plans, 3 RRFB plans, 5 street lighting plans, 5 signing and striping plans and 18 traffic control plans, as well as an Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) study and conceptual layout evaluating a roundabout at one of the study intersections.

#### *Pacific Beach Pipeline South – City of San Diego, CA:*

I was the Traffic Engineer responsible for the preparation of traffic control design plans for the replacement of approximately 7.6 miles of water transmission and distribution lines and approximately 1.6 miles of sewer gravity lines and force mains in the Mission Bay Park area and Midway/Pacific Highway Corridor. The traffic control plans included 200 sheets of traffic control, within both City and Caltrans right-of-way. I also prepared a separate encroachment permit application and submitted through Caltrans for approval.

#### *Consultant Traffic Engineer – City of Murrieta, CA:*

I currently serve as the City's Consulting Traffic Engineer. I review all traffic signal plans, traffic impact studies, and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) traffic analysis submitted to the City of Murrieta by developers. I manage traffic related CIP projects for traffic work. I also responds to citizens' concerns with traffic related issues, and I attend and make presentations at City at Traffic Commission, Planning Commission, and City Council meetings.

#### *Traffic Light Synchronization Program (TLSP) – City of Murrieta, CA:*

I was the Project Manager responsible for preparing a grant application for Proposition 1B funding for a communication project along Murrieta Hot Springs Road. Once the grant was awarded to the City, I was the Project Manager that provided design plan review for the project, which included communication to 17 traffic signals (via single mode fiber, 5 of which are Caltrans), installation of 6 CCTV cameras, and design of the City's first Traffic Management Center.

#### *Red Rocks Ranch – Jefferson County, CO:*

I was the Traffic Engineer responsible for the preparation of a Traffic Impact Study for the development of Red Rocks Ranch, consisting of 879 single family residential units, 400 apartments, 118 townhomes, and 323,000 sf of commercial use. I prepared trip generation calculations, capacity analysis, queuing analysis, traffic signal

warrant analysis, progression analysis, and a written report summarizing the findings. Subsequent to the TIS, I performed design review for the traffic signal plans and the signing and striping plans.

*California Baptist University Traffic Impact Analysis and Design – City of Riverside, CA:*

I was the Project Manager responsible for preparing a Traffic Impact Analysis for the California Baptist University Specific Plan. The project was an expansion to the existing university. I analyzed impacts of vehicular traffic on the adjacent City and Caltrans roadways, as well as internal to the site. I performed tasks including trip generation calculations, capacity analysis, queuing analysis, ramp merge/diverge analysis, internal truck turning templates, and I determined mitigation for buildout of the project. I prepared a report summarizing the findings of the analysis. After approval of the traffic study, I prepared a HAWK signal design for a midblock pedestrian crossing on Monroe Street; I prepared a traffic signal design for the intersection of Adams Street and Briarwood Lane; and I prepared signing and striping plans for Adams Street. (2011-2015)

**FRA Engineering, P.C. (now TY Lin)**

*FRA Engineering was founded in 1992 to provide project planning, design, execution, and management services in the construction field. With offices in Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse, FRA's design consulting firm serves over 200 public and private clients in New York State. [www.fraengineering.com](http://www.fraengineering.com)*

**Traffic Engineer**

**1998–2003**

Traffic Experience

- Conducted accident studies at various PIL (Priority Investigation Locations) sites throughout NYSDOT Region 4. As a result of the work performed on the first two-year contract, our firm was awarded a second two-year (\$250,000) contract.
- Completed Traffic Impact Studies in both private development and municipalities throughout upstate New York. Conducted trip generation, capacity analysis, queue/gap/delay analysis, accident analysis, origin/destination analysis, signal warrant analysis, the design of mitigation measures and written reports summarizing findings.
- Designed auxiliary lanes and traffic signals (including signal plans, wiring and phasing diagrams and quantities tables) to mitigate the effects of development on adjacent roadways.
- Responsible for mentoring and training junior engineers and technicians in traffic engineering.
- Work with engineering teams to perform other types of analysis including: feasibility study, master plan, detour evaluation, land use comprehensive plan, signal inventory and design, arterial analysis, progression analysis, corridor studies, and traffic management plan.
- Represent firm and clients at local town and City meetings to present Traffic Impact Studies completed as part of the site plan review process.
- Clients include Wal\*Mart, Sam's Club, Amerada Hess, Home Depot, Lowes, Eckerd, Rite-Aid, McDonald's, Sunoco, and Delta Sonic (tunnel-style carwash).

Drainage Design

- Completed drainage design (including drainage areas, flow rates, pipe/culvert sizing, placement of inlets, STORMCAD analysis) drainage report, cost estimates, and edited and reviewed drawings for a 200-inlet NYSDOT roadway reconstruction project.
- Calculated drainage flow rates and inspected construction site for a 100-inlet roadway reconstruction project for the City of Rochester.
- Assured compliance with OSHA, state and local safety requirements.

Construction Inspection

- Inspected the utility replacement and roadway reconstruction for a 1.5-mile residential roadway project in the City of Rochester. Also completed daily inspection reports including quantities to be paid.

- Inspected the installation and testing of sanitary and storm sewer lines in a new cottage development on the north end of Canandaigua Lake in the City of Canandaigua.

## **EDUCATION**

**State University of New York, Buffalo, NY**  
**B.S. Civil Engineering**

**May 1998**

**Corning Community College, Corning, NY**  
**A.S. Engineering**

**May 1996**

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## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Institute of Transportation Engineers, San Diego Section  
American Society of Civil Engineers, San Diego Section  
American Public Works Association, San Diego Section  
International Municipal Signal Association, National

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## **SOFTWARE**

MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Bluebeam Revu  
Microstation, AutoTURN, WordPerfect, STORMCAD  
SYNCHRO, SimTraffic, HCS, VISTRO

## Discussion Memo

### Background

In accordance with the [TransNet Extension Ordinance](#), an Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) was established to provide an enhanced level of accountability for expenditures made under the Expenditure Plan. The ITOC functions in an independent, open, and transparent manner to ensure all voter mandates are carried out as required in the Ordinance, and to develop constructive recommendations for improvements to the financial integrity and performance of the TransNet program.

The membership of the ITOC consists of seven voting members, each of whom represents a specified area of expertise. The position for a licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer became vacant in May 2023.

### Selection Process

The ITOC selection process consists of two steps pursuant to the TransNet Extension Ordinance. First, the Technical Screening Committee reviews applications and recommends candidates for each position. Second, the Selection Committee is asked to consider applications for each position based on recommendations provided by the Technical Screening Committee.

The TransNet Extension Ordinance states:

1. **Technical Screening Committee:** A technical screening committee will be established to review applications received from interested individuals. This committee will consist of three members selected by the Executive Director from high-level professional staff of local, regional, state, or federal transportation agencies outside of the San Diego region, or from one of the region's colleges or universities in a transportation-related field, or a combination thereof. The committee will develop a list of candidates determined to be qualified to serve on the ITOC based on the criteria established for the open position(s) on the ITOC. The Technical Screening Committee will recommend two candidates for each open position from the list of qualified candidates for consideration by the Selection Committee. The recommendations shall be made within 30 days of the noticed closing date for applications.
2. **Selection Committee:** A selection committee shall be established to select the ITOC members from the list of qualified candidates recommended by the Technical Screening Committee. The Selection Committee shall consist of the following:
  - Two members of the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors
  - The Mayor of the City of San Diego
  - A mayor from the cities of Chula Vista, Coronado, Imperial Beach, or National City selected by the mayors of those cities.
  - A mayor from the cities of El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, or Santee selected by the mayors of those cities.
  - A mayor from the cities of Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, Oceanside, or Solana Beach selected by the mayors of those cities.
  - A mayor from the cities of Escondido, Poway, San Marcos, or Vista selected by the mayors of those cities.

The selection of ITOC members shall be made within 30 days of the receipt of recommendations from the Technical Screening Committee. All meetings of the Selection Committee shall be publicly noticed and conducted in full compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act. Should the Selection Committee be unable to reach an agreement on a candidate from the qualified candidates recommended by the

Technical Screening Committee, the Selection Committee will request that the Technical Screening Committee recommend two additional qualified candidates for consideration, and the same selection process outlined above for new members will be initiated.

## **Technical Screening Recommendations**

### ***Request for Appointment***

Following the original solicitation for the position, two applications were considered for the following publicly noticed ITOC position:

A licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer with demonstrated experience of ten years or more in the fields of transportation and/or urban design in government or the private sector.

Consistent with the TransNet Extension Ordinance, the Technical Screening Committee reviewed all candidate applications received and recommends two candidates be advanced for consideration by the Selection Committee based on their qualifications.

The candidates for the Licensed Architect, Civil Engineer or Traffic Engineer are:

- Franciso Rivera – Technical Screening Committee members considered Mr. Rivera’s extensive experience working in numerous technical and managerial engineering positions with the City of Chula Vista. In addition, the Committee considered Mr. Rivera’s affiliation with various professional associations.
- Brian Stephenson – Technical Screening Committee members considered Mr. Stephenson’s substantial experience working in various project management and engineering positions for the private and public sectors. The committee also considered Mr. Stephenson’s membership in multiple professional organizations.

### ***Conflicts of Interest Review***

All applicant’s affiliations with business entities may present potential conflicts of interest should they be appointed. Based on SANDAG Board [Policy No. 31](#), as well as guidance from SANDAG’s Office of General Counsel (OGC), staff noted that the possibility of a potential conflict of interest does not automatically require disqualification of an applicant.

Should the Selection Committee not approve the requested appointments, the selection process for a new member would be initiated. A Technical Screening Committee would be established to review applications received from interested individuals and recommend qualified candidates for consideration by the Selection Committee.

### ***ITOC Term Limits***

In 2017, the SANDAG Board of Directors amended the TransNet Extension Ordinance to further stagger ITOC terms to prevent turnover of more than two members at any one time and to allow members filling mid-term vacancies to serve additional terms (not to exceed a total of ten years). In addition, the TransNet Extension Ordinance amendment acknowledged that if more than two members need to be replaced during the same recruitment period, the Selection Committee would determine the length of each member’s first term to limit concurrent future turnover.

The ITOC member in the licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer category was reappointed in May 2022 for another four-year term and through May 2026. After serving ITOC for one more year, and

due to new employment and potential conflict of interest, the licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer was not eligible to serve on ITOC.

Based on the proposed term end date of May 2026 for the replacement of the licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer category, term limits for all seven ITOC members would be as follows and would ensure term expirations do not result in more than two vacancies at any one time. Alternatively, the Selection Committee could elect to stagger the term differently than proposed below for the licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer as shown in grey cells.

**Table 2. Term Limits for All ITOC Members**

<b>Terms expiring May 2024</b>	<b>Terms expiring May 2025</b>	<b>Term expiring May 2026 (Proposed)</b>	<b>Terms expiring May 2027</b>
A professional experienced in real estate and land economics (Jonathan Frankel)	A chief executive officer or person in a similar senior-level decision-making position, of a major private sector employer (Sunnie House)	A licensed architect, civil engineer, or traffic engineer (Replacement for mid-term vacancy)	A professional in the field of municipal/public finance and/or budgeting (Maryam Babaki)
A licensed engineer with appropriate credentials in the field of transportation project design or construction (Les Hopper)	A professional in the management of large-scale construction projects (Pedro Orso-Delgado)		A professional in biology or environmental science (Lorraine Alquist)