CITY OF LAKEWOOD ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE

PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND
PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND
MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND
TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT
ARTICLE 3 FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

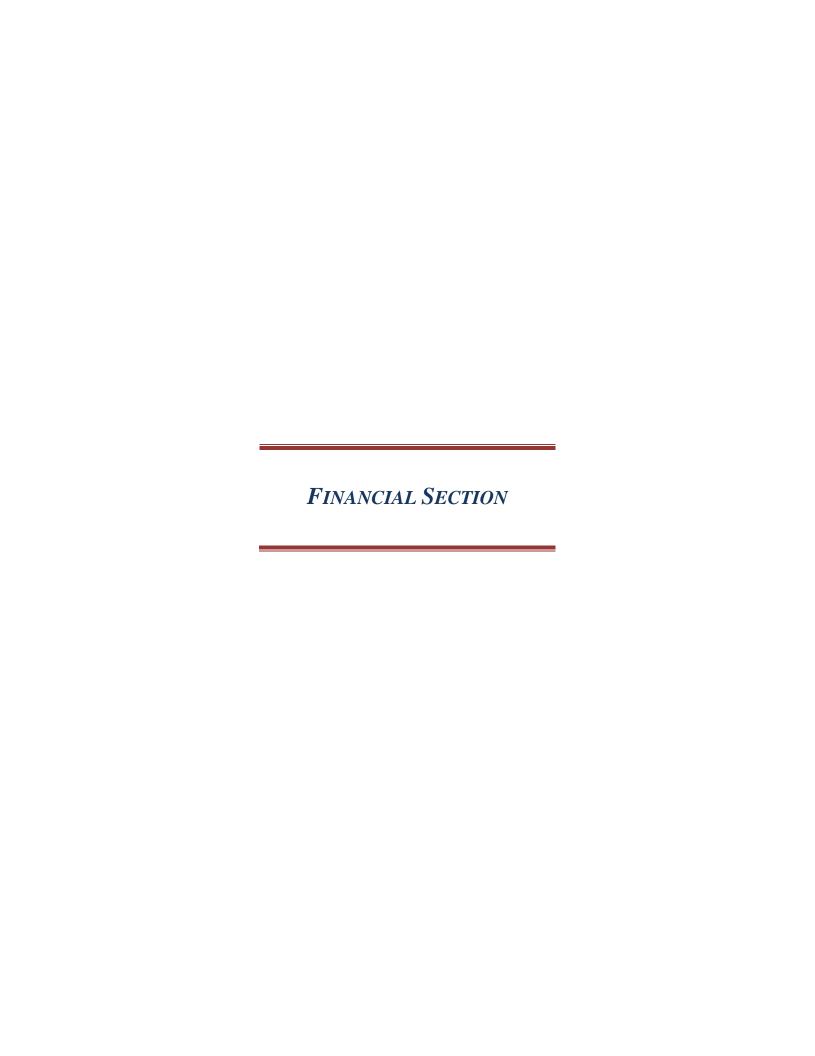




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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF), Proposition C Local Return Fund (PCLRF), Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF), and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) of the City of Lakewood, California (City) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.





Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F of the City of Lakewood, California, as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in their financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matter

The financial statements of the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, were audited by other auditors, whose report, dated December 8, 2015, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements present only the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Lakewood, California, as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Lakewood, California's PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F Fund financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information as listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



Other Reporting Required by Governmental Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have issued our report dated September 22, 2016, on our consideration of the City of Lakewood's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Los Angeles, California September 22, 2016

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PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND

BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30

		2016	_	2015
ASSETS			-	
Cash and investments	\$	761,046	\$	850,735
Total assets	\$ _	761,046	\$	850,735
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$	35,001	\$	31,804
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	_	6,801	-	4,605
Total liabilities	_	41,802	-	36,409
Fund Balance				
Restricted		719,244		814,326
Total fund balance		719,244	-	814,326
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	761,046	\$	850,735

PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	2016	2015
REVENUES		
Proposition A	\$ 1,466,113	\$ 1,428,635
Interest income	10,975	8,710
Total revenues	1,477,088	1,437,345
EXPENDITURES		
Various projects	1,572,170	1,357,251
Total expenditures	1,572,170	1,357,251
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures	(95,082)	80,094
Fund balance at beginning of year	814,326	734,232
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 719,244	\$ 814,326

PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015)

Project Code	Project Name		Metro Budget		Actual	Varianc Favorabl (Unfavoral		2015 Actual
110-61 270-23	Long Beach Transit Subsidy Transportation Planning- Gateway Cities	\$	205,738 14,718	\$	187,202 14,718	\$	18,536 \$	182,225 11,000
270-29 280-30	Geographical Information System CATV Programming		48,713 95,791		39,174 80,480		9,539 15,311	42,443 43,080
280-31	Public Information Campaign		28,351		26,275		2,076	19,606
300-83	DASH Office Expansion and Modernization		182,000		147,429		34,571	4,939
405-93	4th Fund Exchange - City of West Hollywood (Note 7)		-		-		-	1,000,000
405-94	5th Fund Exchange - City of West Hollywood (Note 7)		1,000,000		1,000,000		-	-
480-01	Direct Administration	_	79,859		76,892	. <u> </u>	2,967	53,958
	Total expenditures	\$_	1,655,170	\$	1,572,170	\$	83,000 \$	1,357,251

PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

June 30, 2016

Date			Balance			Balance
Acquired	Description		7/1/2015	 Additions	 Deletions	 6/30/2016
1/24/2014	Telephone System for DASH	\$_	7,374	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,374
		Total \$	7,374	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,374

PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND

BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30

		2016		2015		
ASSETS						
Cash and investments	\$_	2,354,650	\$	2,282,829		
Total assets	\$ _	2,354,650	\$	2,282,829		
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE						
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$_	784	\$	8,605		
Total liabilities	_	784		8,605		
Fund Balance						
Restricted	_	2,353,866		2,274,224		
Total fund balance	_	2,353,866	•	2,274,224		
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ _	2,354,650	\$	2,282,829		

PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	2016	2015
REVENUES		
Proposition C	\$ 1,217,338	\$ 1,186,714
Interest income	21,065	14,561
Total revenues	1,238,403	1,201,275
EXPENDITURES		
Various projects	1,158,761	842,521
Total expenditures	1,158,761	842,521
Excess of revenues over expenditures	79,642	358,754
Fund balance at beginning of year	2,274,224	1,915,470
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 2,353,866	\$ 2,274,224

PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015)

		_	2016						
Project			Metro				Variance Favorable		2015
Code	Project Name		Budget		Actual	tual (Unfav		ble) Actu	
130-02	DASH Operations	\$	630,392	\$	676,851	\$	(46,459) \$	5	630,091
140-04	Recreational Travel		4,600		3,649		951		2,897
270-92	2014 Consultant Services - Funding Presentation for Lakewood Boulevard Improvement Project		-		-		-		17,958
440-84	Woodruff Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation		2,200,000		-		2,200,000		-
440-89	Del Amo Pavement Rehabilitation - Clark and Downey		450,000		257,160		192,840		27,453
480-04	Direct Administration	_	567,692		221,101		346,591		164,122
	Total expenditures	\$	3,852,684	\$	1,158,761	\$	2,693,923 \$	<u> </u>	842,521

PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

June 30, 2016

Date			Balance				Balance
Acquired	Description		7/1/2015	 Additions	_	Deletions	 6/30/2016
5/28/2014	Dodge Braun Entervan-Grand Caravan, ADA Compliant, Fleet Unit #21	\$	46,089	\$ - :	\$	-	\$ 46,089
5/28/2014	Dodge Braun Entervan-Grand Caravan, ADA Compliant, Fleet Unit #24		46,089	-		-	46,089
5/28/2014	Dodge Braun Entervan-Grand Caravan, ADA Compliant, Fleet Unit #25		46,089	-		-	46,089
5/28/2014	Dodge Braun Entervan-Grand Caravan, ADA Compliant, Fleet Unit #26		46,089	-		-	46,089
5/28/2014	Dodge Braun Entervan-Grand Caravan, ADA Compliant, Fleet Unit #27		46,089	-		-	46,089
5/28/2014	Dodge Braun Entervan-Grand Caravan, ADA Compliant, Fleet Unit #28	_	46,089	 -	_	-	46,089
	Total	\$	276,534	\$ - 5	\$ _	-	\$ 276,534

MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND

BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Cash and investments	\$ 895,774	\$ 19,084
Total assets	\$ 895,774	\$ 19,084
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities		
Due to General Funds	\$ -	\$ 40,788
Total liabilities		40,788
Fund Balance		
Restricted	895,774	(21,704)
Total fund balance	895,774	(21,704)
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 895,774	\$ 19,084

MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	2016	2015
REVENUES		
Measure R	\$ 912,628	\$ 888,963
Interest income	4,850	
Total revenues	917,478	888,963
EXPENDITURES		
Various projects		58,000
Total expenditures		58,000
Excess of revenues over expenditures	917,478	830,963
Fund balance at beginning of year	(21,704)	(852,667)
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 895,774	\$ (21,704)

MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015)

	2016							
Project Code	Project Name		Metro Budget		Actual]	Variance Favorable nfavorable)	2015 Actual
1-007	Preventive Maintenance for Six Bridges	\$	-	\$	-	\$	- \$	58,000
1.05	Overlay 215th Street - East of Pioneer Boulevard (4/15/16 - 6/30/16)		35,000		-		35,000	-
1.90	Capital Reserve - Street Improvements in Various Locations		650,000		-		650,000	-
8.10	Direct Administration	_	130,012		-	_	130,012	
	Total expenditures	\$_	815,012	\$_	-	\$	815,012 \$	58,000

MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

June 30, 2016

Date				Balance			Balance
Acquired		Description		7/1/2015	Additions	Deletions	6/30/2016
	None			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
			Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND (PURSUANT TO PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE SECTION 99234)

BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30

	 2016		2015
ASSETS			_
Due from Metro	\$ 4,313	\$_	
Total assets	\$ 4,313	\$ =	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Due to other fund	\$ 4,313	\$	-
Total liabilities	 4,313	_	
Fund Balance			
Restricted	 -	_	
Total fund balance	 -	_	
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 4,313	\$	

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	2016		2015
REVENUES			
Payment from FY 2014-15 apportionment	\$ -	\$	53,312
Payment from FY 2015-16 apportionment	51,756	,	-
Total revenues	51,756	•	53,312
EXPENDITURES			
Local Street and Sidewalk Rehabilitation	51,756	,	53,312
Total expenditures	51,756	!	53,312
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-		-
Fund balance at beginning of year			<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 	\$	

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ALLOCATION FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

		Program					Unexpended	Project
Project Description		Year	_	Allocations	 Expenditures		Allocations	Status
Local allocations								
Local Street and Sidewalk		2015-16	\$	51,756	\$ 51,756	\$	-	Complete
Rehabilitation								
,	Total		\$	51,756	\$ 51,756	-	-	
Fund balance at beginning of	f year					_	-	
Fund balance at end of year						\$	-	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fund Accounting

The operations of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF) and Proposition C Local Return Funds (PCLRF), Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF), and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) are accounted for in separate sets of self-balancing accounts that comprise their assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures.

PALRF and PCLRF represent 25% and 20% respectively, of the ½ cent Proposition A and ½ cent Proposition C sales taxes which are distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on population and must be used exclusively for transportation related programs and projects.

MRLRF represents 15% of the ½ cent sales tax which is distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on a per capita basis and must be used exclusively for transportation purposes.

Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) is a Special Revenue Fund that accounts for the City's share of the Transportation Development Act Article 3 allocations which are legally restricted for specific purposes.

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period and expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liabilities are incurred.

Special Revenue funds are reported on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that generally only current assets, current liabilities and deferred inflows and outflows of resources are included on their balance sheets. Statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for Special Revenue Funds generally present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgeted amounts presented in this report for comparison to the actual amounts are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 (Continued)

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fair Value Measurement

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, which became effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the City categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy that is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the investment. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical investments; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. Accordingly, the City reports its investments at fair value and recognizes unrealized gain (loss) on investments.

Refer to the City's 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for detailed disclosures regarding the City's investments policy and fair value measurements.

Fund Balance Reporting

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, establishes the fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F report the following fund balance classification as of June 30, 2016:

Restricted – Amounts that are constrained for specific purposes, which are externally imposed by
providers, such as creditors, or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling
legislation. The use of the Funds' remaining fund balances are restricted for projects approved by
LACMTA.

Information regarding the fund balance reporting policy adopted by the City is described in Note 1 to the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

NOTE 2 – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements reflect only the financial position and results of operations of the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F and their compliance with the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Program Guidelines, Measure R Local Return Program Guidelines, Transportation Development Act Article 3, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Funding and Allocation Guidelines for Transportation Development Act Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 (Continued)

NOTE 3 – PROPOSITION A AND PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Program Guidelines, funds received pursuant to these guidelines may only be used for Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return approved programs.

NOTE 4 – MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Measure R Local Return Program Guidelines, funds received pursuant to these guidelines may only be used for Measure R Local Return approved programs.

NOTE 5 – TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 99234, funds received pursuant to this Code's section may only be used for activities relating to pedestrians and bicycle facilities.

NOTE 6 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F cash balances were pooled with various other City funds for deposit and investment purposes. The share of each fund in the pooled cash account was separately maintained and interest income was apportioned to the participating funds based on the relationship of their average balances to the total of the pooled cash and investments.

NOTE 7 – PROPOSITION A FUND EXCHANGE - PALRF

In fiscal year 2016, the City entered into an agreement on February 24, 2016 with the City of West Hollywood to exchange \$1 of Proposition A local return funds for every \$.75 (or 75 cents) of General fund. Accordingly, the City received \$750, 000 of the City of West Hollywood's General Funds on April 1, 2016 and assigned \$1,000,000 of its Proposition A Local Return Funds to City of West Hollywood on April 7, 2016.

In fiscal year 2015, the City entered into an agreement on February 2015 with the City of West Hollywood to exchange \$1 of Proposition A local return funds for every \$.75 (or 75 cents) of General fund. Accordingly, the City received \$750,000 of the City of West Hollywood's General Funds and assigned \$1,000,000 of its Proposition A Local Return Funds to City of West Hollywood.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 (Continued)

NOTE 8 – TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUND REVENUE ALLOCATION

The revenue allocation for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 consisted of the following:

FY 2014-15 allocation \$		\$ 53,312
FY 2015-16 allocation	51,756	-
Total \$	51,756	\$ 53,312

NOTE 9 – TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDS RESERVED

In accordance with TDA Article 3 (SB821) Guidelines, funds not spent during the fiscal year have been placed on reserve in the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) account with the County Auditor-Controller to be drawn down whenever the funds become eligible for a specific project and an approved drawdown request is received by Metro. As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, the City has no funds on reserve.

NOTE 10 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City has evaluated events or transactions that occurred subsequent to June 30, 2016 through September 22, 2016, the date the accompanying financial statements were available to be issued, for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements and determined no subsequent matters require disclosure or adjustment to the accompanying financial statements.



Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF), Proposition C Local Return Fund (PCLRF), Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF), and Transportation Development Act Article 3 (TDAA3F) Fund of the City of Lakewood, California (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 22, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City's local return funds and TDAA3F financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.





Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Los Angeles, California

Simpson & Simpson

September 22, 2016





Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Report on Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the City of Lakewood, California (City) with the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Guidelines, Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Transportation Development Act Article 3, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Funding and Allocation Guidelines for the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds (collectively, the Guidelines) for the year ended June 30, 2016.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for the City's compliance with those guidelines.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Guidelines referred to in the preceding paragraph. Those standards and the Guidelines require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a local return program and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with those requirements.

Opinion on Each Local Return Program and Transportation Development Act Article 3

In our opinion, the City of Lakewood complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that apply to Proposition A Local Return Fund, Proposition C Local Return Fund, Measure R Local Return Fund, and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund for the year ended June 30, 2016.





Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the City of Lakewood is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the Requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City's internal control over compliance with the Requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the Local Return programs and the TDAA3F to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Requirements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance under the Requirements on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance under the Requirements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with Requirements that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirement of the Guidelines. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Los Angeles, California September 22, 2016

Simpson & Simpson

COMPLIANCE MATRIX Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Compliance Requirement		n liance	Questioned	If no, provide details and
	compliance requirement	Yes	No	Costs	management response.
4. P	roposition A and Proposition C	Local R	eturn F	unds	
1.	Timely use of funds.	X		None	
2.	Expenditures were approved before being incurred.	X		None	
3.	Funds were used on approved projects only and expenditures were supported and allowable per Guidelines.	X		None	
4.	Expenditures did not exceed 25% of Metro's approved budget.	X		None	
5.	Administrative expenses were within the 20% cap.	X		None	
6.	All on-going and carryover projects were reported in Form B.	X		None	
7.	Annual Project Summary Report (Form B) was submitted on time.	X		None	
8.	Annual Expenditure Report (Form C) and listing of Recreational Transit Services, if applicable, were submitted on time.	X		None	
9.	Cash or cash equivalents were maintained.	X		None	
10.	Accounting procedures, record keeping and documentation were adequate.	X		None	
11.	Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues, and interest income were properly credited to the PALRF and PCLRF accounts.	X		None	

COMPLIANCE MATRIX Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Continued)

	Compliance Requirement	I Comp		Questioned	If no, provide details and
	r r r	Yes	No	Costs	management response.
B. M	easure R Local Return Fund				
1.	Timely use of funds.	X		None	
2.	Expenditures were approved before being incurred.	N/A		None	
3.	Funds were used on approved projects only and expenditures were supported and allowable per Guidelines.	N/A		None	
4.	Fund were not substituted for property tax.	N/A		None	
5.	Administrative expenses were within the 20% cap.	N/A		None	
6.	Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted on time.	X		None	
7.	Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted on time.	X		None	
8.	Cash or cash equivalents were maintained.	X		None	
9.	Accounting procedures, record keeping and documentation were adequate.	X		None	
10.	Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues, and interest income were properly credited to the Measure R account.	X		None	
11.	Funds were not used to supplant existing local revenues being used for transportation purpose.	X		None	

 $\ensuremath{N/A}$ - Not applocable as the City did not expend funds

COMPLIANCE MATRIX Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Continued)

	Compliance Requirement	_	n liance	Questioned	If no, provide details and
	•	Yes	No	Costs	management response.
C. T	ransportation Development Act	Article	3 Fund		
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1.	Timely use of funds.	Λ		None	

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS June 30, 2016

No findings were noted.



PROPOSITION A, PROPOSITION C, MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUNDS, AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND EXIT CONFERENCE June 30, 2016

An exit conference was held on December 6, 2016 via telephone conference. Those in attendance were:

Simpson & Simpson Representative:

Elizabeth Mendoza, Senior Auditor

City's Representative:

Claire Houck, Senior Accountant

Matters Discussed:

Results of the audit disclosed no significant control deficiencies or non-compliance issues with LACMTA's Guidelines.

A copy of this report was forwarded to the following City representative(s) for their comments prior to the issuance of the final report:

Claire Houck, Senior Accountant