

***CITY OF BELL GARDENS  
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, 2015 AND 2014***



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*FINANCIAL SECTION*

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the  
City of Bell Gardens, 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 Bell Gardens, California (City) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, 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 Bell Gardens, California, as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, 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.

### ***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 Bell Gardens, California, as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, 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.

### ***Other Matters***

#### ***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Bell Gardens, California's PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F Fund financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplemental 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 supplemental 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 supplemental 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 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 October 29, 2015, on our consideration of the City of Bell Gardens' 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* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Simpson &amp; Simpson".

Los Angeles, California  
October 29, 2015

**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

**PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND**

**BALANCE SHEETS**

**JUNE 30**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and investments	\$ 104,661	\$ 243,800
Interest receivable	66	104
Metro Receivable	<u>67,182</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 171,909</u>	<u>\$ 243,904</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 65,242	\$ 88,081
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	<u>-</u>	<u>1,517</u>
Total liabilities	<u>65,242</u>	<u>89,598</u>
Deferred inflow of resources (Note 7)	<u>67,182</u>	<u>-</u>
Total deferred inflow of resources	<u>67,182</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund Balance</b>		
Restricted	<u>39,485</u>	<u>154,306</u>
Total fund balance	<u>39,485</u>	<u>154,306</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 171,909</u>	<u>\$ 243,904</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

**PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND**

**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Proposition A	\$ 750,510	\$ 720,232
Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant (Note 8)	-	67,671
Interest income	893	290
Other miscellaneous income	-	407
Total revenues	<u>751,403</u>	<u>788,600</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Various projects	<u>866,224</u>	<u>833,274</u>
Total expenditures	<u>866,224</u>	<u>833,274</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(114,821)	(44,674)
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>154,306</u>	<u>198,980</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 39,485</u>	<u>\$ 154,306</u>

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**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES

ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

(With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014)

Project Code	Project Name	2015			2014 Actual
		Metro Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
110-01	Fixed Route Transit	\$ 118,275	\$ -	\$ 118,275	\$ -
120-01	General Public Transit	642,121	710,165	(68,044)	702,389
130-01	Medical Taxi Service	22,555	24,786	(2,231)	26,990
140-01	Recreational Transit Service	16,000	13,537	2,463	-
270-01	Project Planning and Coordination	1,445	1,305	140	1,405
270-02	Pre-Planning Study for Transpotation Plan	3,095	3,095	-	-
480-01	Direct Administration	104,914	113,336	(8,422)	102,490
	Total expenditures	<u>\$ 908,405</u>	<u>\$ 866,224</u>	<u>\$ 42,181</u>	<u>\$ 833,274</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

June 30, 2015

Date Acquired	Description	Balance 7/1/2014	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2015
1989	Trolley, Town	\$ 172,907	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 172,907
1990	Trolley, Town	172,907	-	-	172,907
1992	Trolley, Town	172,907	-	-	172,907
2009	Bus, Senior *	15,963	-	-	15,963
Total		\$ 534,684	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 534,684

\* The purchase of the Senior Bus in the amount of \$57,213 was funded by the following:

FY 2011-12 Proposition A Local Return funds	\$ 15,963
FY 2008-09 Mini Call Vehicle Replacement Project funds	41,250
Total purchase price of the Senior Bus	<u>\$ 57,213</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

**PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND**

**BALANCE SHEETS**

**JUNE 30**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and investments	\$ 451,663	\$ 130,464
Interest receivable	<u>167</u>	<u>33</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 451,830</u>	<u>\$ 130,497</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ <u>93,150</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>93,150</u>	<u>-</u>
 <b>Fund Balance</b>		
Restricted	<u>358,680</u>	<u>130,497</u>
Total fund balance	<u>358,680</u>	<u>130,497</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 451,830</u>	<u>\$ 130,497</u>

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**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

**PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND**

**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Proposition C	\$ 625,884	\$ 600,657
Program generated revenue (Note 9)	80,864	87,584
PCA Management Rebate (Note 10)	48,000	47,592
Interest income	1,388	147
Total revenues	<u>756,136</u>	<u>735,980</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Various projects	<u>527,953</u>	<u>705,271</u>
Total expenditures	<u>527,953</u>	<u>705,271</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	228,183	30,709
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>130,497</u>	<u>99,788</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 358,680</u>	<u>\$ 130,497</u>

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**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

**PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND**

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES  
ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015  
(With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014)

Project Code	Project Name	2015			2014 Actual
		Metro Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
110-05	Fixed Route Transit	\$ 354,825	\$ 376,450	\$ (21,625)	\$ 407,430
120-01	General Public Transit	71,000	-	71,000	-
440-01	Street Resurfacing Improvements on Florence Avenue	20,912	20,912	-	-
440-02	Bell Gardens Street Resurfacing	53,000	-	53,000	-
440-17	Street Improvement - Clara Street	-	-	-	213,027
440-18	Street Improvements No. 4	3,533	-	3,533	-
470-01	Pavement Management System	-	-	-	20,000
480-01	Direct Administration	95,649	105,591	(9,942)	64,814
500-01	Intersection Feasibility Study	25,000	25,000	-	-
	Total expenditures	<u>\$ 623,919</u>	<u>\$ 527,953</u>	<u>\$ 95,966</u>	<u>\$ 705,271</u>

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**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

**PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND**

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS**

June 30, 2015

<u>Date Acquired</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance 7/1/2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2015</u>
None		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**  
**MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND**  
**BALANCE SHEETS**  
**JUNE 30**

	2015	2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and investments	\$ 663,734	\$ 295,940
Interest receivable	238	70
Total assets	\$ 663,972	\$ 296,010
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 7,162	\$ 10,812
Total liabilities	7,162	10,812
 <b>Fund Balance</b>		
Restricted	656,810	285,198
Total fund balance	656,810	285,198
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 663,972	\$ 296,010

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**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

**MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND**

**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Measure R	\$ 467,002	\$ 445,845
Interest income	<u>2,060</u>	<u>278</u>
Total revenues	<u>469,062</u>	<u>446,123</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Various projects	<u>115,310</u>	<u>427,758</u>
Total expenditures	<u>115,310</u>	<u>427,758</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>353,752</u>	<u>18,365</u>
Fund balance at beginning of year, as previously reported	285,198	-
Prior period adjustment (Note 11)	<u>17,860</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at beginning of year, as restated	<u>303,058</u>	<u>266,833</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 656,810</u>	<u>\$ 285,198</u>

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**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

**MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND**

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES  
ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015  
(With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014)

Project Code	Project Name	2015			2014 Actual
		Metro Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
1.05	Street Improvement - Clara Street	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145,924
1.05	Florence Avenue Improvement - Emil to East City Limits	-	-	-	16,389
1.05	Street Improvement - Suva Street, Emil to Scout (6027.151)	20,000	3,837	16,163	-
1.05	Slurry Seal on Various Streets	-	-	-	140,957
1.05	Street Improvement - Lebuc	-	-	-	49,250
2.03	Replacement of Illuminated Street Name Signs (6027.181)	360,000	34,650	325,350	-
3.05	Citywide Safely Enhancement Project - ATP	68,000	-	68,000	-
4.20	Senior Bus Driver	27,025	28,257	(1,232)	23,294
5.05	Bus Shelter Maintenance	7,400	7,103	297	7,269
6.30	Bus Pass Purchases	10,000	12,782	(2,782)	10,822
7.90	COG Dues	11,400	11,339	61	11,339
8.10	Fund Administration (20% cap)	63,951	17,342	46,609	22,514
	Total expenditures	<u>\$ 567,776</u>	<u>\$ 115,310</u>	<u>\$ 452,466</u>	<u>\$ 427,758</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**  
**MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS**

June 30, 2015

<u>Date Acquired</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance 7/1/2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2015</u>
None		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

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

**BALANCE SHEETS**

**JUNE 30**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Investments	\$ 2,889	\$ -
Interest receivable	-	8
Due from MTA	-	2,866
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,889</u>	<u>\$ 2,874</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund Balance</b>		
Restricted	<u>2,889</u> *	<u>2,874</u>
Total fund balance	<u>2,889</u>	<u>2,874</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 2,889</u>	<u>\$ 2,874</u>

\* The City encumbered the funds for Bike Master Plan project as of June 30, 2015. Therefore, the City is not required to return the ending fund balance of \$2,889 to Metro to be placed on reserve for the City.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

**TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND**

**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Payment from FY 2012-13 apportionment	\$ -	\$ 10,243
Payment from FY 2013-14 apportionment	-	34,394
Interest income	<u>15</u>	<u>28</u>
Total revenues	<u>15</u>	<u>44,665</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Various Projects	<u>-</u>	<u>88,163</u>
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>88,163</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	15	(43,498)
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>2,874</u>	<u>46,372</u>
Fund balance at end of year *	<u><u>\$ 2,889</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,874</u></u>

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**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT  
ALLOCATION FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Program Year</u>	<u>Allocations</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Unexpended Allocations</u>	<u>Project Status</u>
<b>Local allocations</b>					
None	2014-15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Total	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	-	
Unexpended interest accumulated to date				15	
Fund balance at beginning of year				<u>2,874</u>	
Fund balance at end of year				<u>\$ 2,889</u>	*

\* The City encumbered the funds for Bike Master Plan project as of June 30, 2015. Therefore, the City is not required to return the ending fund balance of \$2,889 to Metro to be placed on reserve for the City.

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**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

**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*

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.

*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.

*Unrealized Gain (Loss)*

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and External Investment Pools, local governments are required to use fair value (instead of amortized costs) for financial reporting purposes. As a result of such implementation, the City recognizes the unrealized gain (loss) on its external investment pools.

**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014  
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**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.

**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 quarterly balances to the total of the pooled cash and investments.

**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014  
(Continued)

**NOTE 7 – DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES - PALRF**

The City recognizes revenue when the reimbursement from Metro becomes measureable and available. In fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the City records deferred inflow of resources when the availability of the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant funds is not determined at fiscal year end.

The issuance of Governmental Accounting Standards No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, established accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify certain liabilities as deferred inflows of resources. A deferred inflow of resources is defined as those resources that are not available for spending in the current period. Since the reimbursement from Metro was not available for spending for PALRF in fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the amount of \$67,182 is reported as deferred inflow of resources.

**NOTE 8 – PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE GRANT – PALRF**

The City entered into various Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to receive Proposition A discretionary incentive grants for participating in the Consolidated National Transit Database (NTD) Voluntary Reporting. The amounts received for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 consisted of the following:

Agreement Date	Period	NTD Voluntary Reporting	MOU Amount	Amount Received	
				2015	2014
May 22, 2013	7/1/12 – 6/30/14	FY 2010-11	\$ 67,671	-	67,671
Total			\$	-	\$ 67,671

The Proposition A discretionary incentive grants were recorded under PALRF.

**NOTE 9 – PROJECT GENERATED REVENUE – PCLRF**

Project generated revenue for the years ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 consisted of the following:

	2015	2014
DART Fares	\$ 23,190	\$ 28,452
Trolley Fares	57,674	59,132
Total	\$ 80,864	\$ 87,584

**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014  
(Continued)

**NOTE 10 – PCA MANAGEMENT REBATE - PCLRF**

In September 2008, the City Council approved a five year service contract to Parking Company of America (PCA) commencing on January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013. The City purchased new transit vehicles for the Fixed Route, Dial-A-Ride and Senior Bus programs and presently have been fully paid by the City. PCA desired to share the cost savings with the City. As an incentive for the City to consider the contract extension, PCA offered to provide monthly discount of \$4,000. The monthly discounts will retroactively apply as of January 1, 2013, under the conditions that the contract extension is approved. On April 22, 2013, the City Council approved a five-year extension of the contract which expires on December 31, 2018.

The City received discounts totaling \$48,000 and \$47,592 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

**NOTE 11 – PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT – MRLRF**

The prior period adjustment reported under MRLRF represents the adjustment of the fund’s expenditures incurred on the Lubec Street Improvement project in fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 for a total amount of \$17,860. The City received reimbursement from the State of California in fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The result is a restatement of the beginning fund balance in the financial statement adjusted to \$303,058 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

**NOTE 12 – TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUND REVENUE ALLOCATION**

The revenue allocation for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 consisted of the following:

		2015		2014
FY 2012-13 allocation	\$	-	\$	10,243
FY 2013-14 allocation		-		34,394
Total	\$	-	\$	44,637

**NOTE 13 – 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, 2015 and 2014, the City has reserve as follows:

		2015		2014
FY 2014-15 allocation	\$	28,015	\$	-
Available reserve balance	\$	28,015	\$	-



***CITY OF BELL GARDENS***

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014  
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**NOTE 14 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The City has evaluated events or transactions that occurred subsequent to June 30, 2015 through October 29, 2015, 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.



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**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 Bell Gardens, California and the  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit 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 Bell Gardens, California (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 29, 2015.

**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.

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Los Angeles, California  
October 29, 2015

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*COMPLIANCE SECTION*

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## Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the  
City of Bell Gardens, California and the  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority

### Report on Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the City of Bell Gardens, 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, 2015.

### *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 Bell Gardens' 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 (TDAA3F) for the year ended June 30, 2015.



## Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the City of Bell Gardens, California 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.

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Los Angeles, California  
October 29, 2015

**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**  
**COMPLIANCE MATRIX**  
Year Ended June 30, 2015

Compliance Requirement	In Compliance		Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.	
	Yes	No			
<b>A. Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Funds</b>					
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	

**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**  
**COMPLIANCE MATRIX**  
Year Ended June 30, 2015  
(Continued)

Compliance Requirement	In Compliance		Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.	
	Yes	No			
<b>B. Measure R Local Return Fund</b>					
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.	Fund were not substituted for property tax.	X		None	
5.	Administrative expenses were within the 20% cap.	X		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	



**CITY OF BELL GARDENS**  
**COMPLIANCE MATRIX**  
Year Ended June 30, 2015  
(Continued)

Compliance Requirement	In Compliance		Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
	Yes	No		
<b>C. Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund</b>				
1.	Timely use of funds.	X		None
2.	Expenditures were incurred for activities relating to pedestrian and bicycle facilities and amenities.	X		None

***CITY OF BELL GARDENS***

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

June 30, 2015

No findings were noted.

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*EXIT CONFERENCE*

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***CITY OF BELL GARDENS***

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

June 30, 2015

An exit conference was held on December 14, 2015 via telephone conference. Those in attendance were:

***Simpson & Simpson Representative:***

Yung Dang, Semi-Senior Auditor

***City's Representative:***

Will Kaholokula, Director of Finance and Administrative Services

***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:

Will Kaholokula, Director of Finance and Administrative Services