

***CITY OF CARSON***  
***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***



***CITY OF CARSON***  
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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 Carson, 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 Carson, 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 Carson, 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 Carson, 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 Carson, 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 6, 2015, on our consideration of the City of Carson'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* 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 6, 2015

**CITY OF CARSON**

**PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND**

**BALANCE SHEETS**

**JUNE 30**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 510,716	\$ 1,172,687
Investments	200,000	200,000
Due from Metro (Note 7)	21,763	18,353
Other Receivable	<u>3,409</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 735,888</u>	<u>\$ 1,391,040</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued expenses	\$ 247,906	\$ 587,024
Accrued payroll taxes payable	<u>14,028</u>	<u>10,969</u>
Total liabilities	<u>261,934</u>	<u>597,993</u>
 <b>Fund Balance</b>		
Restricted	<u>473,954</u>	<u>793,047</u>
Total fund balance	<u>473,954</u>	<u>793,047</u>
 Total liabilities and fund balance	 <u>\$ 735,888</u>	 <u>\$ 1,391,040</u>

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

**CITY OF CARSON**

**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	\$ 1,630,512	\$ 1,564,731
Proposition A Discretionary Incentive grant (Note 8)	202,567	227,600
Interest income	5,348	7,958
Project generated revenue (Note 9)	210,237	221,167
Total revenues	<u>2,048,664</u>	<u>2,021,456</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Various projects	<u>2,367,757</u>	<u>2,196,061</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,367,757</u>	<u>2,196,061</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(319,093)	(174,605)
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>793,047</u>	<u>967,652</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 473,954</u>	<u>\$ 793,047</u>

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

**CITY OF CARSON**

**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		Variance	2014 Actual
		Metro Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)	
110-09	Carson Circuit	\$ 1,049,696	\$ 1,175,672	\$ (125,976)	\$ 1,128,643
110-10	Long Beach Transit	5,400	5,837	(437)	5,304
110-14	CNG Fuel for the Carson Circuit	114,000	95,927	18,073	109,121
120-08	Bus Operation	448,177	440,661	7,516	340,794
170-06	Bus Stop Maintenance	71,640	72,241	(601)	58,816
200-01	Public Transit - Capital	1	-	1	-
240-02	Dial-A-Taxi	617,176	551,385	65,791	517,398
480-11	General Administration	38,874	26,034	12,840	35,985
	Total expenditures	<u>\$ 2,344,964</u>	<u>\$ 2,367,757</u>	<u>\$ (22,793)</u>	<u>\$ 2,196,061</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.



**CITY OF CARSON**

**PROPOSITION A 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>
04/2000	GTS/Micro City Printer	\$ 3,041	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,041
06/2000	Systech Computer	1,832	-	-	1,832
02/2000	Steamx Pressure Washer	6,579	-	-	6,579
08/2006	Gateway Co., Inc. Computer	2,408	-	-	2,408
10/2006	GST E Systems Color Printer	2,430	-	-	2,430
10/2009	GE Commerical Bus (P 35454)	143,640	-	-	143,640
02/2011	Konica Minolta Copier	8,715	-	-	8,715
	Total	<u>\$ 168,645</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 168,645</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

**CITY OF CARSON**  
**PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND**  
**BALANCE SHEETS**  
**JUNE 30**

	2015	2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 928,037	\$ 934,747
Total assets	\$ 928,037	\$ 934,747
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 166,716	\$ 477,407
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	917	512
Total liabilities	167,633	477,919
 <b>Fund Balance</b>		
Restricted	760,404	456,828
Total fund balance	760,404	456,828
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 928,037	\$ 934,747

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

**CITY OF CARSON**

**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	\$ 1,355,259	\$ 1,300,449
Interest income	6,054	4,303
Project generated revenue (Note 10)	<u>90,607</u>	<u>98,812</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,451,920</u>	<u>1,403,564</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Various projects	<u>1,148,344</u>	<u>1,175,405</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,148,344</u>	<u>1,175,405</u>
 Excess of revenues over expenditures	303,576	228,159
 Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>456,828</u>	<u>228,669</u>
 Fund balance at end of year	<u><u>\$ 760,404</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 456,828</u></u>

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**CITY OF CARSON**

**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)	
110-09	Carson Circuit	\$ 1,097,619	\$ 999,357	\$ 98,262	\$ 992,357
110-13	North-South Shuttle	46,184	22,435	23,749	38,362
110-14	CNG Fuel for the Carson Circuit	114,000	95,927	18,073	109,121
200-01	Public Transit - Capital	260,000	-	260,000	-
200-02	Public Transit - Capital	260,000	-	260,000	-
220-15	Carson Circuit Transit Security	35,000	30,625	4,375	35,565
310-01	Transit Center Program	1	-	1	-
	Total expenditures	<u>\$ 1,812,804</u>	<u>\$ 1,148,344</u>	<u>\$ 664,460</u>	<u>\$ 1,175,405</u>

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**CITY OF CARSON**

**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>
01/08/09	El Dorado Bus	\$ 244,425	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 244,425
	Total	\$ 244,425	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 244,425

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**CITY OF CARSON**

**MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND**

**BALANCE SHEETS**

**JUNE 30**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 858,927	\$ 2,346,804
Total assets	<u>\$ 858,927</u>	<u>\$ 2,346,804</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 604,753	\$ 3,210
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	-	132
Due to other funds	1,397	1,602
Retention payable	-	8,905
Total liabilities	<u>606,150</u>	<u>13,849</u>
 <b>Fund Balance</b>		
Restricted	<u>252,777</u>	<u>2,332,955</u>
Total fund balance	<u>252,777</u>	<u>2,332,955</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 858,927</u>	<u>\$ 2,346,804</u>

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**CITY OF CARSON**

**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	\$ 1,014,581	\$ 968,616
Interest income	<u>9,516</u>	<u>17,147</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,024,097</u>	<u>985,763</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Various projects	<u>3,104,275</u>	<u>559,237</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,104,275</u>	<u>559,237</u>
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures	(2,080,178)	426,526
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>2,332,955</u>	<u>1,906,429</u>
Fund balance at end of year	\$ <u><u>252,777</u></u>	\$ <u><u>2,332,955</u></u>

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**CITY OF CARSON**

**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	Citywide Streets/Roads/Infrastructures Improvement Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 559,237
1.05	Avalon Boulevard Pavement/I-405 - 223rd Street/Project 1330	200,000	67,031	132,969	-
1.05	Citywide Annual Concrete Replacement - Project 1359	661,503	593,084	68,419	-
1.05	Citywide Annual Overlay - Project 1360	1,276,275	1,276,274	1	-
1.05	Citywide Annual Slurry Seal - Project 1394	200,000	64,293	135,707	-
1.20	Avalon Pavement - Project 1444	1,051,978	1,049,468	2,510	-
3.05	Pedestrian Bridge 213th @ Dominguez Channel - Project 1252	48,554	48,554	-	-
8.10	Labors and Operations	6,500	5,571	929	-
	Total expenditures	<u>\$ 3,444,810</u>	<u>\$ 3,104,275</u>	<u>\$ 340,535</u>	<u>\$ 559,237</u>

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**CITY OF CARSON**

**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>
FY 12-13	Project 954 - Del Amo Median	\$ -	\$ 1,165,089	\$ -	\$ 1,165,089
FY 14-15	Project 1252 - Pedestrian Bridge 213th @ Dominguez Channel	-	278,537	-	278,537
FY 14-15	Project 1359 - Citywide Annual Concrete Replacement	-	767,492	-	767,492
FY 14-15	Project 1360 - Citywide Annual Overlay	-	1,276,274	-	1,276,274
		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,487,392</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,487,392</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

**CITY OF CARSON**

**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	\$ -	\$ 25,864
Due from MTA	<u>72,082</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 72,082</u>	<u>\$ 25,864</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 5,050	\$ -
Due to General Funds	<u>60,132</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>65,182</u>	<u>-</u>
 <b>Fund Balance</b>		
Restricted	<u>6,900</u>	<u>25,864</u>
Total fund balance	<u>6,900</u>	<u>* 25,864</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 72,082</u>	<u>\$ 25,864</u>

\* Metro granted the City a waiver for the return of the unspent TDA 3 funds until June 30, 2016.

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

**CITY OF CARSON**

**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 prior year reserve (Note 11)	\$ 72,082	\$ -
Interest income	<u>-</u>	<u>166</u>
Total revenues	<u>72,082</u>	<u>166</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Bike Path Plan and Citywide Park Improvement Projects	<u>91,046</u>	<u>1,250</u>
Total expenditures	<u>91,046</u>	<u>1,250</u>
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures	(18,964)	(1,084)
Operating transfer-in (Note 12)	-	5,116
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>25,864</u>	<u>21,832</u>
Fund balance at end of year *	\$ <u><u>6,900</u></u>	\$ <u><u>25,864</u></u>

\* Metro granted the City a waiver for the return of the unspent TDA 3 funds until June 30, 2016.

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

**CITY OF CARSON**

**TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT  
ALLOCATION FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

<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>					
Bike Path Plan and Citywide Park Improvement Projects	2014-15	\$ 72,082	\$ 91,046	\$ (18,964)	Ongoing
	Total	<u>\$ 72,082</u>	<u>\$ 91,046</u>	(18,964)	
Unexpended interest accumulated to date				-	
Fund balance at beginning of year				<u>25,864</u>	
Fund balance at end of year				<u>\$ 6,900</u> *	

\* Metro granted the City a waiver for the return of the unspent TDA 3 funds until June 30, 2016.

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**CITY OF CARSON**

**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 CARSON**

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

**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.

**NOTE 7 – DUE FROM METRO**

The amounts receivable from Metro for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 consisted of the following:

	2015	2014
EZ Transit Pass Subsidies	\$ 21,763	\$ 18,353
Total	\$ 21,763	\$ 18,353

**CITY OF CARSON**

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

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

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 21, 2014	7/1/13 – 6/30/15	FY 2011-12	\$ 202,567	\$ 202,567	\$ -
May 22, 2013	7/1/12 – 6/30/14	FY 2010-11	\$ 227,600	-	227,600
Total				\$ 202,567	\$ 227,600

The Proposition A discretionary incentive grants were recorded under PALRF.

**NOTE 9 – PROJECT GENERATED REVENUE – PALRF**

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

	2015	2014
Dial –A-Ride	\$ 66,357	\$ 74,037
Carson Circuit	101,744	110,993
EZ Transit	42,136	36,137
Total	\$ 210,237	\$ 221,167

**NOTE 10 – PROJECT GENERATED REVENUE – PCLRF**

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

	2015	2014
North/South Shuttle	\$ 1,008	\$ 1,686
Carson Circuit	89,599	97,126
Total	\$ 90,607	\$ 98,812

**CITY OF CARSON**

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

**NOTE 11 – 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	\$ 69,765	\$ -
FY 2013-14 allocation	2,317	-
Total	\$ 72,082	\$ -

**NOTE 12 – OPERATING TRANSFER-IN – TDAA3F**

The Operating Transfer-In for TDA 3 in the amount of \$5,116 for the year end June 30, 2014 are transfers from the City’s State Local Transportation Fund to reimburse the expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2012-13 for City’s Parks Improvement Projects, Bikepath, and Traffic Signs project.

**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 funds on reserve as follows:

	2015	2014
FY 2012-13 allocation	\$ -	\$ 69,765
FY 2013-14 allocation	72,392	74,709
FY 2014-15 allocation	60,844	-
Available reserve balance	\$ 133,236	\$ 144,474

**NOTE 14 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The City has evaluated events or transactions that occurred subsequent to June 30, 2015 through October 6, 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 Carson, 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 Carson, 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 6, 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 6, 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 Carson, California and the  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority

### Report on Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the City of Carson, 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 Carson 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, 2015.



## Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the City of Carson 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 6, 2015

**CITY OF CARSON**  
**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 CARSON**  
**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 CARSON**  
**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 CARSON***

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**  
June 30, 2015

No findings were noted.

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***EXIT CONFERENCE***

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***CITY OF CARSON***

**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 7, 2015 via telephone conference. Those in attendance were:

***Simpson & Simpson Representative:***

Teresita Anson, Senior Auditor

***City's Representative:***

Phat Nguyen, 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:

Phat Nguyen, Accountant