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**City of Lakewood
Annual Financial Report of its**

**Proposition A Local Return Fund
Proposition C Local Return Fund
Measure R Local Return Fund
Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund**

**As of and for the Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014
with Report of Independent Auditors**

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FINANCIAL SECTION

Report of Independent Auditors

**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, Proposition C Local Return Fund, Measure R Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds) of the City of Lakewood, California (the City) which comprise the Funds' balance sheets as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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 audits 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 Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City of Lakewood, California, as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the respective changes in 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 Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on each of the Funds' financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information identified in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information identified in the table of contents is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Funds' basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the Funds' basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Funds' basic financial statements or to the Funds' basic 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 each of the Funds' basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 8, 2015 on our consideration of the City'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, and 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vasquez & Company LLP".

Los Angeles, California
December 8, 2015

**City of Lakewood
Proposition A Local Return Fund
Balance Sheets**

		June 30	
		2015	2014
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	850,735	\$ 784,837
Total assets	\$	850,735	\$ 784,837
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	31,804	\$ 48,032
Accrued salaries and benefits payable		4,605	2,573
Total liabilities		36,409	50,605
Fund balance			
Restricted		814,326	734,232
Total fund balance		814,326	734,232
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	850,735	\$ 784,837

See notes to financial statements.

City of Lakewood
Proposition A Local Return Fund
Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

	Years ended June 30	
	2015	2014
Revenues		
Proposition A	\$ 1,428,635	\$ 1,370,998
Investment income	8,710	5,899
Total revenues	1,437,345	1,376,897
Expenditures		
Various projects	1,357,251	1,143,979
Total expenditures	1,357,251	1,143,979
Excess of revenues over expenditures	80,094	232,918
Fund balance at beginning of year	734,232	501,314
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 814,326	\$ 734,232

See notes to financial statements.

City of Lakewood
Proposition A Local Return Fund
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget
Year ended June 30, 2015
Actual for 2014

Project Code	Project Name	2015			2014 Actual
		LACMTA Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	
110-61	Long Beach Transit Subsidy	\$ 183,353	\$ 182,225	\$ 1,128	\$ 130,475
170-86	Bus Shelter Maintenance at 3400 South Street	-	-	-	23,494
170-87	Bus Shelter Maintenance at Southeast Corner of Del Amo Blvd and Lakewood Blvd	-	-	-	9,090
270-23	Transportation Planning - Gateway Cities	11,000	11,000	-	11,000
270-29	Geographical Information System	51,438	42,443	8,995	25,832
280-30	CATV Programming	61,490	43,080	18,410	50,086
280-31	Public Information Campaign	25,555	19,606	5,949	19,392
300-83	DASH Office Expansion and Modernization	60,000	4,939	55,061	7,374
405-88	3rd Fund Exchange between the City of Lakewood and the City of West Hollywood	-	-	-	800,000
405-93	4th Fund Exchange Between the City of Lakewood and the City of West Hollywood	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-
480-01	Direct Administration	56,629	53,958	2,671	67,236
Total expenditures		\$ 1,449,465	\$ 1,357,251	\$ 92,214	\$ 1,143,979

See report of independent auditors.

City of Lakewood
Proposition A Local Return Fund
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Capital Assets
Year ended June 30, 2015

<u>Date Acquired</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2015</u>
1/24/2014	Telephone System for DASH	\$ 7,374	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,374
	Total	\$ 7,374	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,374

See report of independent auditors.

**City of Lakewood
Proposition C Local Return Fund
Balance Sheets**

		June 30	
		2015	2014
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	2,282,829	\$ 1,956,939
Total assets	\$	2,282,829	\$ 1,956,939
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	8,605	\$ 24,415
Accrued salaries and benefits payable		-	17,054
Total liabilities		8,605	41,469
Fund balance			
Restricted		2,274,224	1,915,470
Total fund balance		2,274,224	1,915,470
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	2,282,829	\$ 1,956,939

See notes to financial statements.

City of Lakewood
Proposition C Local Return Fund
Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

	Years ended June 30	
	2015	2014
Revenues		
Proposition C	\$ 1,186,714	\$ 1,138,690
Investment income	14,561	12,555
Total revenues	1,201,275	1,151,245
Expenditures		
Various projects	842,521	1,362,922
Total expenditures	842,521	1,362,922
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	358,754	(211,677)
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,915,470	2,127,147
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 2,274,224	\$ 1,915,470

See notes to financial statements.

City of Lakewood
Proposition C Local Return Fund
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget
Year ended June 30, 2015
Actual for 2014

Project Code	Project Name	2015			2014 Actual
		LACMTA Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	
130-02	DASH Operations	\$ 646,861	\$ 630,091	\$ 16,770	\$ 662,914
140-04	Recreational Travel	4,600	2,897	1,703	3,531
200-90	2014 DASH Paratransit Minivan Purchases	-	-	-	276,532
270-92	2014 Consultant Services - Funding Presentation for Lakewood Blvd Improvement Project	18,000	17,958	42	-
440-84	Woodruff Ave Pavement Rehabilitation	2,200,000	-	2,200,000	-
440-85	Candlewood Street Pavement Repairs	-	-	-	189,579
440-89	Del Amo Pavement Rehabilitation - Clark and Downey	450,000	27,453	422,547	91,578
480-04	Direct Administration	389,853	164,122	225,731	138,788
Total expenditures \$		3,709,314	842,521	2,866,793	1,362,922

See report of independent auditors.

City of Lakewood
Proposition C Local Return Fund
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Capital Assets
Year ended June 30, 2015

<u>Date Acquired</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2015</u>
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		<u>\$ 276,534</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 276,534</u>

See report of independent auditors.

**City of Lakewood
Measure R Local Return Fund
Balance Sheets**

		June 30	
		2015	2014
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	19,084	\$ -
Total assets	\$	19,084	\$ -
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Due to General Fund	\$	40,788	\$ 852,667
Total liabilities		40,788	852,667
Fund balane			
Unassigned (Note 11)		(21,704)	(852,667)
Total fund deficit		(21,704)	(852,667)
Total liabilities and fund deficit	\$	19,084	\$ -

See notes to financial statements.

City of Lakewood
Measure R Local Return Fund

Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

		Years ended June 30	
		2015	2014
Revenues			
Measure R		\$ <u>888,963</u>	\$ 848,689
	Total revenues	<u>888,963</u>	<u>848,689</u>
Expenditures			
Various projects		<u>58,000</u>	570,269
	Total expenditures	<u>58,000</u>	<u>570,269</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures		830,963	278,420
Unassigned fund balance at beginning of year		<u>(852,667)</u>	<u>(1,131,087)</u>
Unassigned fund balance at end of year		<u>\$ (21,704)</u>	<u>\$ (852,667)</u>

See notes to financial statements.

City of Lakewood
Measure R Local Return Fund
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget
Year ended June 30, 2015
Actual for 2014

Project Code	Project Name	2015		Variance Positive (Negative)	2014 Actual
		LACMTA Budget	Actual		
1-006	Capital Reserve - Street Improvements in Various Locations \$	50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 475,619
1-007	Preventive Maintenance for Six Bridges	58,000	58,000	-	-
8-001	Measure R Administration Costs	-	-	-	94,650
Total expenditures \$		108,000	\$ 58,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 570,269

See report of independent auditors.

City of Lakewood
Measure R Local Return Fund
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Capital Assets
Year ended June 30, 2015

<u>Date Acquired</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2014</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2015</u>
	None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

See report of independent auditors.

City of Lakewood
Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund
Balance Sheets
Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99234

		June 30	
		2015	2014
ASSETS			
Cash and investments		\$ -	\$ 13,757
	Total assets	\$ -	\$ 13,757
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable		\$ -	\$ 13,757
	Total liabilities	-	13,757
Fund balance			
Restricted		-	-
	Total fund balance	-	-
	Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ -	\$ 13,757

See notes to financial statements.

City of Lakewood
 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund
 Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99234

	Years ended June 30	
	2015	2014
Revenues		
Intergovernmental Allocations:		
Article 3	\$ 53,312	\$ 65,460
Total revenues	53,312	65,460
Expenditures		
Construction/Maintenance	53,312	65,460
Total expenditures	53,312	65,460
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	-
Fund balance at beginning of year	-	-
Fund balance at end of year	\$ -	\$ -

See notes to financial statements.

City of Lakewood
Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund
Supplementary Information
Schedule of Transportation Development Act Allocation for Specific Projects
Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99234
Year ended June 30, 2015

Project Description	Program Year	Totals to Date		Unexpended Allocations	Project Status
		Allocations	Expenditures		
Local Allocations:					
Local Street and Sidewalk Rehabilitation	2015	\$ 53,312	\$ 53,312	\$ -	Completed
Totals		<u>\$ 53,312</u>	<u>\$ 53,312</u>	-	
Fund balance at beginning of year				-	
Fund balance at end of year				<u>\$ -</u>	

See report of independent auditors.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fund Accounting

The operations 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) (collectively, the Funds) 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 is derived from 15% of a county-wide 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 pooled with other City monies in the Special Revenue Fund. The Special Revenue Fund 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) on Investments

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 investments.

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 do not purport to, and do not present fairly the City's financial position as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE 3 PROPOSITION A AND PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Proposition A Ordinance requires that Local Return (LR) funds be used exclusively to benefit public transit. Expenditures related to fixed route and paratransit services, Transportation Demand Management, Transportation Systems Management and fare subsidy programs that exclusively benefit transit are all eligible uses of Proposition A LR funds. Proposition A LR funds may also be traded with other Jurisdictions in exchange for general or other funds.

The Proposition C Ordinance directs that LR funds also be used to benefit public transit, as described above, but provides an expanded list of eligible project expenditures including Congestion Management Programs, bikeways and bike lanes, street improvements supporting public transit service, and Pavement Management System projects. Proposition C LR funds cannot be traded.

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. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

NOTE 4 MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Measure R Ordinance specifies that LR funds be used exclusively for transportation purposes.

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. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

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. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

NOTE 6 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF and TDAA3F cash and investment 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 monthly balances to the total of the pooled cash and investments.

Please refer to the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for a full description of risks relating to cash and investments.

NOTE 7 MEASURE R CAPITAL RESERVE

In September 2012, LACMTA Program Manager approved the City's MRLRF capital reserve of \$2,900,000 on its Street Improvements in Various Locations project (Project). The capital reserve will allow the City to use City funds for street improvements and will reimburse the costs of the Project from the City's future MRLRF revenue.

Total expenditures incurred on the Project amounted to \$0 and \$475,619 in FY 2014/15 and FY 2013/14, respectively.

NOTE 8 PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND EXCHANGE

As permitted under the Guidelines, the City entered into agreements with the City of West Hollywood to exchange the City's PALRF with General Fund. Those exchanges are listed below:

- In February 2015, the City entered into an agreement with the City of West Hollywood to exchange the City's PALRF amounting to \$1,000,000 for \$750,000, or \$0.75, of General Fund per \$1 PALRF.
- In January 2014, the City entered into an agreement with the City of West Hollywood to exchange the City's PALRF amounting to \$800,000 for \$600,000, or \$0.75, of General Fund per \$1 PALRF.

NOTE 9 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND REVENUE ALLOCATION

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

		<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>
FY 2013/14 allocation	\$	-	\$	65,460
FY 2014/15 allocation		53,312		-
	\$	<u>53,312</u>	\$	<u>65,460</u>

NOTE 10 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUNDS RESERVED

In accordance with TDA Article 3 (SB821) Guidelines, funds which will not be 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 LACMTA.

For FY 2014/15, any TDA Article 3 funds left on reserve for FY 2010/11 or prior, are subject to lapse if not claimed by the City by June 30, 2015. There were no funds that lapsed in FY 2014/15. As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, the City has no funds on reserve.

NOTE 11 MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND ACCUMULATED FUND DEFICIT

At June 30, 2015 and 2014, MRLRF has an accumulated fund deficit (unassigned fund balance) of \$21,704 and \$852,667, respectively. The City expects that the fund deficit will be covered from future revenues and transfers from the General Fund.

NOTE 12 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City has evaluated subsequent events through December 8, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and concluded that no events have occurred that require disclosure in or adjustments to the financial statements.

**Report of Independent Auditors 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 the 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, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds) of the City of Lakewood, California (the 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 December 8, 2015.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits of the Funds' 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 Funds' 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 entity's 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 audits 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 Proposition A Local Return Fund, Proposition C Local Return Fund, Measure R Local Return Fund, and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund 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 audits, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are 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 results 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaqueria & Company LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Los Angeles, California
December 8, 2015

COMPLIANCE SECTION

Report of Independent Auditors 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 (the 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 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 the Guidelines.

Auditors' 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 the 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. Those standards and the Guidelines require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Proposition A Local Return Program, Proposition C Local Return Program, Measure R Local Return Program, and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program 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 with the Guidelines. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the Guidelines.

Opinion

In our opinion, the City of Lakewood, California complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements of the Guidelines for the year ended June 30, 2015.



Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City's internal control over compliance to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance, 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 on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance 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 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 might 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 or significant deficiencies 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 requirements of the Guidelines. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Los Angeles, California
December 8, 2015

**City of Lakewood
Compliance Matrix
Year ended June 30, 2015**

Compliance Requirements	In Compliance		Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
	Yes	No		
A. Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Funds				
1. Timely use of funds.	X		None	
2. Expenditures approved before being incurred.	X		None	
3. Expenditures did not exceed 25% of LACMTA's approved budget.	X		None	
4. Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	X		None	
5. All on-going and carryover projects were reported on Form B.	X		None	
6. Annual Project Summary Report (Form B) was submitted on time.	X		None	
7. Annual Expenditure Report (Form C) was submitted on time.	X		None	
8. Cash or cash equivalents are maintained.	X		None	
9. Accounting procedures, record keeping and documentation are adequate.	X		None	
B. Measure R Local Return Fund				
1. Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	X		None	
2. Funds were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a funding shortfall.	X		None	
3. Signed Assurances and Understandings on file.	X		None	
4. Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	X		None	
5. Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	X		None	

**City of Lakewood
Compliance Matrix
Year ended June 30, 2015**

Compliance Requirements	In Compliance		Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
	Yes	No		
B. Measure R Local Return Fund (Continued)				
6. Funds were expended with LACMTA's approval.	X		None	
7. Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted on time.	X		None	
8. Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted on time.	X		None	
9. Timely use of funds.	X		None	
10. Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	X		None	
11. Fund exchanges were approved by LACMTA.				Not applicable.
12. A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was approved by LACMTA.	X		None	
13. Recreational transit form was submitted on time.				Not applicable.
C. Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund				
1. Timely use of funds.	X		None	
2. Expenditures were incurred for activities relating to pedestrian and bicycle facilities and amenities.	X		None	

EXIT CONFERENCE

An exit conference was held on December 8, 2015 with a City of Lakewood representative. Those in attendance were:

Vasquez and Company LLP representative:
Marialyn Salvador – Audit Manager

City of Lakewood representative:
Claire Houck – Senior Accountant

Matters discussed:

Results of the audit disclosed no significant compliance or financial statement issues.

A copy of this report was forwarded to the following City of Lakewood representative for comments prior to the issuance of the final report:

Claire Houck – Senior Accountant



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