

City of Lawndale Annual Financial Report of its

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

As of and for the Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 with Report of Independent Auditors





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Report of Independent Auditors

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Lawndale, 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, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund, the Measure M Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds) of the City of Lawndale, California (the City) which comprise the Funds' balance sheets as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances 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 City'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 City'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, the Measure M Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City of Lawndale, California, as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, 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, the Measure M Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City of Lawndale, California, and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, 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

Varguer & Company LLP

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 16, 2019 on our consideration of the City's internal control over the Funds' 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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over the Funds' financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over the Funds' 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 the Funds' financial reporting and compliance.

Glendale, California

December 16, 2019

	Ju	ne	30
	2019		2018
ASSETS			
Cash and investments \$	1,380,155	\$	1,314,989
Interest receivable	1,479	_	2,147
Total assets \$	1,381,634	\$	1,317,136
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE Liabilities Accounts payable \$ Accrued payroll and employee benefits Total liabilities	72,603 2,405 75,008	\$ 	65,037 2,403 67,440
Fund balance	4 206 626		1 240 606
Restricted Total fund balance	1,306,626		1,249,696
Total liabilities and fund balance \$	1,306,626	\$	1,249,696
Total liabilities and fund balance \$	1,381,634	Φ.	1,317,136

			Years en	ded	June 30
		_	2019		2018
Revenues Proposition A		\$	669,839	¢	624,810
Proposition A Proposition A Discretionary Incentive P		Ф	009,039	φ	34,915
Interest income	rogram gram		5,299		5,844
Project generated revenue		_	840		672
	Total revenues	_	675,978		666,241
Expenditures Various projects	Total expenditures	_	619,048 619,048		564,791 564,791
	Total Oxponuncaios	_	010,010	_	
Excess of revenues over expenditures			56,930		101,450
Fund balance at beginning of year		_	1,249,696		1,148,246
Fund balance at end of year		\$_	1,306,626	\$	1,249,696

City of Lawndale Proposition A Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget Year ended June 30, 2019 (With Comparative Actuals for 2018)

					2019			
Project Code	Project Name		LACMTA Budget		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)		2018 Actual
110-01	Shuttle Bus	_ \$	444,000	- \$	421,859	\$ 22,141	_ \$	382,020
130-01	Special Service Paratransit		146,560		102,260	44,300		99,184
160-02	Bus Shelters		200,000		-	200,000		-
480-03	Administration		139,646		94,929	 44,717		83,587
	Total expenditures	\$	930,206	\$	619,048	\$ 311,158	\$	564,791

Date Acquired	Description	Balance July 1, 2018	Additions		Deletions	Balance June 30, 2019
2001	El Dorado Aerotech \$	58,286	-	\$	- \$	\$ 58,286
2003	Senior Van	45,836		_	-	 45,836
	Total \$	104,122	-	\$_	- 9	\$ 104,122

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	2019		2018
		_	
ASSETS			
Cash and investments \$	2,215,274	\$	2,034,107
Interest receivable	2,314		3,298
Total assets \$	2,217,588	\$	2,037,405
		_	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable \$	188,380	\$	27,135
Retention payable	6,665		29,595
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	3,666		5,951
Total liabilities	198,711		62,681
Fund balance			
Restricted - Citywide Pavement Cracking Sealing and Repairs	552,135		550,000
Restricted - Others	1,466,742		1,424,724
Total fund balance	2,018,877	_	1,974,724
Total liabilities and fund balance \$	2,217,588	\$	2,037,405

			Years en	ded	June 30
			2019		2018
Revenues					
Proposition C		\$	555,613	\$	518,324
Interest income		_	8,246		9,822
	Total revenues	_	563,859		528,146
Expenditures Various projects	Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	519,706 519,706	- <u>-</u>	899,858 899,858
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over e	xpenditures		44,153		(371,712)
Fund balance at beginning of year		_	1,974,724		2,346,436
Fund balance at end of year		\$_	2,018,877	\$_	1,974,724

City of Lawndale Proposition C Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget Year ended June 30, 2019 (With Comparative Actuals for 2018)

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Project Code	Project Name	LACMTA Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	2018 Actual
380-05	Citywide Pavement Cracking Sealing and Repairs \$	1 \$	- \$	1 \$	-
440-03	Street Improvements	93,518	-	93,518	632,482
440-12	Inglewood Ave Corridor Widening Phase I	551,204	291,131	260,073	28,893
440-13	Inglewood Ave Corridor Widening Phase II	73,160	26,750	46,410	51,840
440-14	Inglewood Ave Corridor Widening Phase III	75,548	20,886	54,662	75
480-03	Administration	267,684	86,617	181,067	149,976
500-01	Engineering Services	171,903	94,322	77,581	36,592
	Total expenditures \$	1,233,018 \$	519,706 \$	713,312 \$	899,858

City of Lawndale Proposition C Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Capital Assets Year ended June 30, 2019

Date Acquired	Descr	iption	 Balance July 1, 2018	 Additions	 Deletions	Balanc June 30 2019	
	None		\$ -	\$ -	\$ - 9	\$	-
		Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ - 9	<u> </u>	-

		Ju	ne 3	0
		2019		2018
ASSETS				
Cash and investments	\$	769,836	\$	418,280
Interest receivable		732		710
	Total assets \$	770,568	\$_	418,990
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALA Liabilities Accounts payable Retention payable Accrued payroll and employee benefits	NCE \$ Total liabilities	12,750 - 2,546 15,296	\$ 	8,309 2,482 10,791
Fund balance				
Restricted		755,272	_	408,199
То	tal fund balance	755,272		408,199
Total liabilities a	nd fund balance \$ _	770,568	\$	418,990

		Years ende	ed June 30
		2019	2018
Revenues			
Measure R	\$	416,829 \$	388,174
Interest income		2,392	1,875
	Total revenues	419,221	390,049
Expenditures			
Various projects		72,148	339,258
. ,	Total expenditures	72,148	339,258
Excess of revenues over expenditures		347,073	50,791
Fund balance at beginning of year		408,199	357,408
Fund balance at end of year	\$	 755,272_\$	408,199

City of Lawndale Measure R Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget Year ended June 30, 2019 (With Comparative Actuals for 2018)

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Project Code	Project Name	LACMTA Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	2018 Actual
1.05	Grevillea Ave (MMB/Marine) \$	210,363 \$;	\$ 210,363 \$	_
1.05	RM&R Various Streets	172,773	-	172,773	-
1.05	Street Improvement	38,741	2,410	36,331	274,259
1.05	Grevillea Ave/145th to Marine	188,453	-	188,453	8,456
7.90	Other Planning	62,125	57,714	4,411	-
8.10	Fund Administration	104,459	12,024	92,435	56,543
	Total expenditures \$	776,914	72,148	\$ 704,766 \$	339,258

City of Lawndale Measure R Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Capital Assets Year ended June 30, 2019

Date Acquired	Balance July 1, Description 2018 Additions Deletions						Balance June 30, 2019
2011	2011 El Dorado Aerotech 240	\$	66,278	\$	\$		66,278
	Total	\$	66,278	\$	<u> </u>	\$	66,278

		Jı	June 30		
		2019		2018	
	ASSETS				
Cash and investments	:	\$ 786,922	\$	352,191	
Interest receivable		817		525	
	Total assets	\$ <u>787,739</u>	\$	352,716	
LIABILITIES Liabilities Accounts payable	AND FUND BALANCE Total liabilities	\$ <u>10,250</u> 10,250	_ \$ _	<u>-</u>	
Fund balance Restricted		777,489		352,716	
	Total fund balance	777,489	-	352,716	
	Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ <u>787,739</u>	\$	352,716	

			Years end	ded	d June 30
		-	2019		2018
Revenues					
Measure M		\$	469,597	\$	351,774
Interest income			2,513		942
	Total revenues	-	472,110		352,716
Expenditures					
Various projects			47,337		-
	Total expenditures		47,337		-
Excess of revenues over expenditures	5		424,773		352,716
Fund balance at beginning of year		-	352,716		
Fund balance at end of year		\$	777,489	\$	352,716

City of Lawndale Measure M Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget Year ended June 30, 2019 (With Comparative Actuals for 2018)

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Project Code	Project Name	LACMTA Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	2018 Actual
1.05	Street Improvements \$	76,213 \$	28,500 \$	47,713 \$	-
2.29	Traffic Signal Improvements	22,200	18,500	3,700	-
8.10	Administration	13,900	337	13,563	-
	Total expenditures \$	112,313 \$	47,337 \$	64,976 \$	-

City of Lawndale Measure M Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Capital Assets Year ended June 30, 2019

Date Acquired	Balance July 1, Description 2018 Additions Deletion					Deletions	_	Balance June 30, 2019		
	None	Total	\$_ \$_		\$ \$	<u>-</u>	\$ \$	<u>-</u> .	\$_ \$_	<u>-</u>

		June	30
		2019	2018
Due from LACMTA	ASSETS \$ Total assets \$	\$	32,285 32,285
LIABILITIE Liabilities	S AND FUND BALANCE		
Due to other funds	\$	- \$	32,285
	Total liabilities	-	32,285
Fund balance Restricted		_	-
	Total fund balance		
	Total liabilities and fund balance \$	\$	32,285

		Years end	ded	d June 30	
	·	2019		2018	
Revenues					
Intergovernmental Allocations: Article 3	\$		\$	32,285	
Al tible 3	۳ . Total revenues	<u>-</u>	Ψ_	32,285	
			· <u> </u>	- ,	
Expenditures					
Sidewalk Reconstruction		-		32,299	
	Total expenditures	-	_	32,299	
Deficiency of revenues over expenditure	es .			(14)	
Other financing source (use)					
Transfers in from the General Fund		-		14	
		-		14	
Change in fund balance		-		-	
Fund balance at beginning of year	-	-			
Fund balance at end of year	\$ _	_	\$		

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fund Accounting

The operations of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF), the Proposition C Local Return Fund (PCLRF), the Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF), the Measure M Local Return Fund (MMLRF) and the 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent Proposition A and $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 the county-wide ½ cent Measure R 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.

MMLRF is derived from 17% of the county-wide ½ cent Measure M 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.

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

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, MMLRF and TDAA3F are reported as Special Revenue Funds of the City and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become "susceptible to accrual", that is, measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

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

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgeted amounts presented in this report for comparison to the actual amounts are based on budgets approved by LACMTA and are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fair Value Measurement

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

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

Fund Balance Reporting

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

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, MMLRF and TDAA3F report the following fund balance classification as of June 30, 2019 and 2018:

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

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

NOTE 2 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements reflect only the financial position and results of operations of the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, MMLRF and TDAA3F, and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the City's financial position as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, 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.

Proposition A and Proposition C LR funds must be expended within three years of the last day of the fiscal year in which funds were originally allocated.

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.

Measure R LR funds must be expended within five years of the first day of the fiscal year in which funds were originally allocated or received.

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 MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Measure M was approved by the voters of Los Angeles County on November 8, 2016 to improve transportation and ease traffic congestion consistent with the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan Ordinance approved by the Metro Board of Directors on June 23, 2016. The Measure M Ordinance specifies that LR funds be used exclusively for transportation purposes.

NOTE 5 MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Measure M LR funds must be expended within five years of the first day of the fiscal year in which funds were originally allocated or received.

In accordance with *Measure M Local Return Program Guidelines*, funds received pursuant to these guidelines may only be used for Measure M Local Return approved programs. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

NOTE 6 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 7 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, MMLRF 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.

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

NOTE 8 PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT

Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant amounting to nil and \$34,915 for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively, represent additional funds received from LACMTA for participating in the Voluntary National Transit Database (NTD) Reporting Program.

The Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Program grant were recorded under PALRF.

NOTE 9 PROPOSITION C CAPITAL RESERVE

Citywide Pavement Cracking, Sealing and Repairs

On June 28, 2019, the LACMTA and the City entered into an agreement to establish a capital reserve account (Account) for the Citywide Pavement Cracking Sealing and Repairs project in the initial amount of \$550,000. In accordance with the contract between the City and LACMTA, the funding of the Account will continue through Proposition C allocations until June 30, 2023.

Per agreement, all interest is accrued and placed in the capital reserve account for use exclusively for the Citywide Pavement Cracking Sealing and Repairs project.

For the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, the following is the capital reserve amount for PCLRF:

Capital reserve, June 30, 2017	\$ -
Add: Set-up capital reserve account	550,000
Less: Expenditures during the year	
Capital reserve, June 30, 2018	550,000
Add: interest income earned	2,135
Capital reserve, June 30, 2019	\$ 552,135

NOTE 10 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND REVENUE ALLOCATION

The revenue allocations for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 consisted of the following:

	 2019	2018
FY 2014/15 allocation	\$ - (\$ 5,211
FY 2015/16 allocation	-	21,183
FY 2016/17 allocation	 	5,891
	\$ - (\$ 32,285

The City did not draw down any TDA Article 3 funds from the reserve in FY 2018/19.

NOTE 11 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. As of June 30, 2019 and 2018, the City has funds on reserve as follows:

	2019	2018
FY 2016/17 reserve	\$ 16,251	\$ 16,251
FY 2017/18 reserve	21,824	21,824
FY 2018/19 allocation	22,627	-
	\$ 60,702	\$ 38,075

For FY 2018/19, any TDA Article 3 funds left on reserve for FY 2014/15 or prior, are subject to lapse if not claimed by the City by June 30, 2019. There were no funds that lapsed in FY 2018.

NOTE 12 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City has evaluated subsequent events through December 16, 2019, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and concluded no events have occurred that require disclosure or adjustments to the financial statements.





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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 Lawndale, 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, the Measure M Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds) of the City of Lawndale, California (the City) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 16, 2019.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the Funds' financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over the Funds' 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 Funds' 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 Proposition A Local Return Fund, Proposition C Local Return Fund, Measure R Local Return Fund, Measure M 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 audit, 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 City'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 City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Glendale, California December 16, 2019

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Report of Independent Auditors on Compliance

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

Report on Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the City of Lawndale, California (the City) with the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Guidelines, Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Measure M 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, 2019.

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 with the Guidelines 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, Measure M 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 Lawndale, California complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements of the Guidelines for the year ended June 30, 2019.





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 with the requirements, 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 with the 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 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 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.

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Glendale, California December 16, 2019

	Compliance Requirements	In Compliance			Questioned	If no, provide details and
	•	Yes	No	N/A	Costs	management response.
A.	Proposition A and Proposition C Local					
	Return Funds					
	Uses the State Controller's					
	Uniform System of Accounts and	V				
-	Records.	X				
	2. Timely use of funds.	Χ				
	3. Funds expended were approved					
	and have not been substituted for					
	property tax.	Х				
	4. Expenditures that exceeded 25%					
	of approved project budget have					
	approved amended Project					
	Description Form (Form A)	Χ				
	5. Administrative expenses are within					
	the 20% cap of the total annual					
	Local Return Expenditures.	Χ				
	6. All on-going and carryover projects					
	were reported in Form B.	Χ				
	7. Annual Project Summary Report					
	(Form B) was submitted timely.	Χ				
	Annual Expenditure Report (Form					
	C) was submitted timely.	Χ				
	9. Cash or cash equivalents are					
	maintained.	Χ				
	10. Accounting procedures, record					
	keeping and documentation are					
	adequate.	Χ				
	11. Pavement Management System					
	(PMS) in place and being used for					
	Street Maintenance or					
	Improvement Projects					
	Expenditures.	Χ				
	12. Local Return Account is credited					
	for reimbursable expenditures.			Χ		
1	13. Self-Certification was completed					
1	and submitted for Intelligent					
	Transportation Systems projects or					
	elements.			Χ		
	14. Assurances and Understandings					
	form was on file.	Χ				
	15. Recreational Transit Form was					
	submitted timely.			Χ		

	_		In Compliance			Questioned	If no, provide details
		Compliance Requirements	Yes	No	N/A	Costs	and management response.
B.	Mea	asure R Local Return Fund					
	1.						
		transportation purposes.	Χ				
	2.	Funds were used to augment, not					
		supplant, existing local revenues					
		being used for transportation					
		purposes unless there is a funding					
		shortfall.	Х				
	3.	0					
		Understandings on file.	Χ				
	4.	Separate Measure R Local Return					
		Account was established.	Х				
	5.	Revenues received including					
		allocations, project generated					
		revenues and interest income was					
		properly credited to the Measure R	\ \ \				
		Local Return Account.	Х				
	6.	Funds were expended with	\ \ \				
		LACMTA's approval.	Χ				
	7.	Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted timely.	Х				
	8.	Expenditure Report (Form Two)					
		was submitted timely.	Х				
	9.	Timely use of funds.	Х				
		Administrative expenses are within					
	_	the 20% cap.	Χ				
	11.	Fund exchanges were approved by					
		LACMTA.			X		
	12.	A separate account was					
		established for Capital reserve					
		funds and Capital reserve was					
		approved by LACMTA.			X		
	13.	Recreational transit form was					
		submitted timely.			X		

	Compliance Requirements		In Compliance			Questioned	If no, provide details and
			Yes	No	N/A	Costs	management response.
C.	Mea	asure M Local Return Fund					
	1.	Funds were expended for					
		transportation purposes.	Χ				
	2.	Funds were used to augment, not					
		supplant, existing local revenues					
		being used for transportation					
		purposes unless there is a fund					
		shortfall.	Χ				
	3.	Signed Assurances and					
		Understandings on file.	Χ				
	4.	Separate Measure M Local Return					
		Account was established.	Χ				
	5.	Revenues received including					
		allocations, project generated					
		revenues and interest income was					
		properly credited to the Measure M					
		Local Return Account.	Χ				
	6.	Funds were expended with					
		LACMTA's approval.	Χ				
	7.	Expenditure Plan (Form M-One)					
		was submitted timely.	Χ				
	8.	Expenditure Report (Form M-Two)					
		was submitted timely.	X				
		Timely use of funds.	Χ				
	10.	Administrative expenses are within					
		the 20% cap.	Χ				
	11.	Fund exchanges were approved by					
		LACMTA.			Х		
	12.	A separate account was					
		established for Capital reserve					
		funds and Capital reserve was					
		approved by LACMTA.			Х		
	13.	Recreational transit form was					
		submitted timely.			Χ		

Compliance Requirements		In Compliance			Questioned	If no, provide details and
		Yes	No	N/A	Costs	management response.
D.	Transportation Development Act Article					
	3 Fund					
	 Timely use of funds. 	Χ				
	2. Expenditures were incurred for					N/A. There were no
	activities relating to pedestrian and					expenditures in FY
	bicycle facilities and amenities.			Х		2018/19.



There were no findings noted.



An exit conference was held on December 4, 2019 with the City of Lawndale representative. Those in attendance were:

Vasquez and Company LLP representative:

Marialyn Salvador – Audit Senior Manager

City of Lawndale representative:

Marla Pendleton – Director of Finance and Treasurer

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 Lawndale representative for comments prior to the issuance of the final report:

Marla Pendleton – Director of Finance and Treasurer



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