

*CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE  
PROPOSITION A GROWTH OVER INFLATION FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016*



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***CITY OF LOS ANGELES***  
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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 Los Angeles, 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 Growth Over Inflation (GOI) funds, which are accounted for in Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

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

### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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 audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about 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 opinion.



### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Proposition A GOI funds of the City of Los Angeles, California, as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, 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 GOI funds and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the PALRF Fund or the City of Los Angeles, California, as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements of the Proposition A GOI funds, which are accounted for in the PALRF. The accompanying supplementary information as listed in the table of contents is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

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

### ***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have issued our report dated December 7, 2017, on our consideration of the City of Los Angeles' 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.

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Los Angeles, California  
December 7, 2017

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**PROPOSITION A GROWTH OVER INFLATION**  
**BALANCE SHEETS**  
**JUNE 30**

	2017	2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Due from LACMTA	\$ -	\$ -
Total assets	-	-
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -
Total liabilities	-	-
 <b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
Restricted	-	-
Total fund balance	-	-
Total fund balance and liabilities	\$ -	\$ -

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

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**PROPOSITION A GROWTH OVER INFLATION**  
**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30

	2017	2016
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Proposition A Growth Over Inflation	\$ 4,780,654	\$ 4,814,482
Total revenues	4,780,654	4,814,482
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Fixed Route Transit Services	4,780,654	4,814,482
Total expenditures	4,780,654	4,814,482
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	-
Fund balance at beginning of year	-	-
Fund balance at end of year	\$ -	\$ -

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

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*Fund Accounting*

The operations of the Proposition A- Growth Over Inflation (GOI) funds are accounted for in the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF), which is a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise their assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures.

On April 22, 2010, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, elected to designate a portion of the Proposition A 40% Discretionary Funds to non-municipal, Tier II operators, to assist in the growth and development of those operators' fixed route transit services. The funds are awarded based on LACMTA formula allocation procedures, which is based on the Transit Performance Measurement Data that is reported by the operators at the end of each fiscal year. On June 23, 2016, the LACMTA Board authorized an allocation of \$6,000,000 for the continuation of the Tier II Operator Funding Program.

*Basis of Accounting*

The PALRF is 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.

**NOTE 2 – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements reflect only the financial position and results of operations of the Proposition A GOI funds, and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the PALRF or the City's financial position as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in fund balances for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**NOTE 3 – PROPOSITION A GROWTH OVER INFLATION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with Proposition A GOI Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Proposition A 40% Discretionary Guidelines, these funds are to be used exclusively for fixed route transit services. Expenditures to expand fixed route transit services or to maintain current level of effort are eligible uses of Proposition A GOI funds. Any funds that were not expended during the fiscal year, shall be returned to LACMTA. Such unexpended funds will be treated as carryover funds and held by LACMTA on behalf of the operator for a period of two years. Grantee may carryover for two years, one hundred percent (100%) of its annual funding mark minus any portion expended during the fiscal year.



***CITY OF LOS ANGELES***

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016  
(Continued)

**NOTE 4- SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The City has evaluated events or transactions that occurred subsequent to December 7, 2017, 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 Los Angeles, 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 Growth Over Inflation (GOI) funds, which are accounted for in Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF) of the City of Los Angeles, California (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 7, 2017.

**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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City'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 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 of 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 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  
December 7, 2017

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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 Los Angeles, California and the  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority

### Report on Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the City of Los Angeles, California (City) with the Proposition A GOI MOU and the Proposition A 40% Discretionary Guidelines, for the year ended June 30, 2017.

### *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 occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about 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 City's compliance with those requirements.

### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the City of Los Angeles complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that apply to Proposition A GOI funds for the year ended June 30, 2017.



## Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the City of Los Angeles 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 Proposition A GOI funds 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 the City's 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 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 we consider to be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

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Los Angeles, California  
December 7, 2017

City of Los Angeles  
Proposition A Growth Over Inflation  
COMPLIANCE MATRIX  
Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Compliance Requirement	In Compliance		Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response
		Yes	No		
1.	Timely use of funds.	X			
2.	Expenditures for Capital assets and Capital projects were approved before being incurred.	N/A			
3.	Expenditures were supported and allowable per the Guidelines.	X			
4.	Accounting procedures, record keeping and documentation were adequate.	X			
5.	Only expenditures for Fixed Route Services were included in the TPM.	X			
6.	By November 1st of each year report transit performance measurement (TPM) data to MTA as required pursuant to AB 103 (PUC Section 130380).	N/A			
7.	Did not participate in any of the non allowable funding programs (Section 4.1 of the MOU ).	X			
8.	Maintained existing local commitment of Proposition A, Proposition C and Measure R for current Transportation Services.	X			
9.	Used GOI funds to augment, not supplant existing local revenues being used for Transportation Services.	X			
10.	Complied with all National Transit Database reporting requirements.	X			
11.	Committed all NTD subsidies prior to Committing GOI funds.	X			
12.	For each Fiscal year submit to LACMTA a Short Range Transportation Plan (SRTP).	X			
13.	No later than 90 days after each fiscal year submit to LACMTA a completed State Controller's Report.	N/A			
14.	Secured local support equivalent to the lesser of: 5% of the current Fiscal year gross operating expenses, or 25% of the current Fiscal year Local Return Funds received.	X			

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***SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS***

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***CITY OF LOS ANGELES***  
PROPOSITION A GROWTH OVER INFLATION  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
June 30, 2017

No findings were noted.

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*SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION*

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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
 Proposition A Growth Over Inflation  
 Supplementary Information  
 Exhibit B  
 Proposition A Growth Over Inflation Worksheet  
 FY 2017

**Claimant: City of Los Angeles**  
**Mode: Community DASH (Non FAP**  
**(Bus, DAR, or System Total)**

**Date: 2/28/2017**  
**Contact: Martha D' Andrea**

**SOURCE OF OPERATING FUNDS:**

Maximum Annual Allocation	Estimated Monthly Payment
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**FEDERAL CASH GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS**

FTA Sec. 5307 (Sec. 9) Operating	0.00	0
CMAQ (Operating)	0.00	0

**STATE CASH GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS**

Other State (Specify)	0.00	0.00
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**LOCAL CASH GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS**

Passenger Fares	\$ 5,003,126	\$ 416,927
Special Transit Service	\$ -	\$ -
Charter Service Revenues	\$ -	\$ -
Auxiliary Transportation Revenues	\$ -	\$ -
Non-transportation Revenues	\$ -	\$ -
Prop. A Growth Over Inflation	\$ 4,780,654	\$ 398,388
Prop. A 25% Local Return	\$ 32,362,343	\$ 2,696,887
Prop. A Incentive fund	\$ 2,033,245	\$ 169,437
Prop. C 20% Local Return	\$ -	\$ -
Measure R 15% Local Return	\$ -	\$ -
Other Local (Specify)	\$ -	\$ -

<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 44,179,368</b>	<b>\$ 3,681,639</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 44,179,668</b>	<b>\$ 3,681,639</b>

**Cost per VSH Calculation**

Vehicle Service Hours (VSH)	489,871
Costs per VSH	\$ 90.19
% Change/VSH	
Maintenance of Effort	
5% Operating Expenses	\$ 2,208,983
25% of Local Return Funds	\$ 8,090,661

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***EXIT CONFERENCE***

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***CITY OF LOS ANGELES***

**PROPOSITION A GROWTH OVER INFLATION**

**EXIT CONFERENCE**

June 30, 2017

An exit conference was held on December 7, 2017 with the City of Los Angeles. Those in attendance were:

***Simpson & Simpson Representative:***

Joseph W. Simpson II, Auditor

***City's Representative:***

Martha D' Andrea, Supervising Transportation Planner

***Matters Discussed:***

Results of the audit disclosed no significant financial and compliance issues.

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

Martha D' Andrea, Supervising Transportation Planner

Sue Chen, Department Chief Accountant IV

Baljit Soni, Principal Accountant II

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RE: CITY OF LOS ANGELES ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PROPOSITION A  
GROWTH OVER INFLATION FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017  
AND 2016.

I have received the annual financial report of the Proposition Growth Over Inflation funds for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, for the City of Los Angeles and agree with the contents of the report except as indicated below:

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

Very truly yours,

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Name

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Title

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Date