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# **Independent Auditor's Report**

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

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF), Proposition C Local Return Fund (PCLRF), Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF), Measure M Local Return Fund (MMLRF), and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) (collectively, the Funds), of the City of Paramount, California (the City) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, 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 opinions.



#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, MMLRF and TDAA3F of the City of Paramount, California, as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the respective changes in their financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements present only the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, MMLRF and TDAA3F of the City and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Paramount, California, as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in its financial position 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 audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on each of the Funds' financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information as listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The 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 Funds' financial statements. Such 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 Funds' financial statements or to the Funds' 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' financial statements as a whole.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have issued our report dated November 15, 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 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 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.

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Los Angeles, California November 15, 2019

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND BALANCE SHEETS June 30

		2019	2018
ASSETS		 	
Cash and inve	estments	\$ 933,506 \$	707,504
Due from Me	etro	98	20
Interest recei	vable	4,807	2,794
	Total assets	\$ 938,411 \$	710,318
LIABILITIE	S AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities			
Accounts pay	able	\$ 171,975 \$	123,991
	Total liabilities	 171,975	123,991
Fund Baland	ce		
Restricted		766,436	586,327
	Total fund balance	 766,436	586,327
	Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 938,411 \$	710,318

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

		2018	
REVENUES			 
Proposition A	\$	1,122,716	\$ 1,052,044
Interest income		16,196	7,610
Project generated revenue (Note 8)		39,351	 73,521
Total revenues		1,178,263	 1,133,175
EXPENDITURES			
Various projects		998,154	994,560
Total expenditures		998,154	 994,560
Excess of revenues over expenditures		180,109	138,615
Fund balances at beginning of year		586,327	 447,712
Fund balances at end of year	\$	766,436	\$ 586,327

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 (With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018)

			Variance			
Project		Metro		Favorable	2018	
Code	Project Name	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual	
110-01	Community Level Transit \$	721,000 \$	481,291	\$ 239,709 \$	676,558	
110-04	Long Beach Transit Subsidy	15,000	14,619	381	13,516	
110-05	Long Beach Transit Transportation Services	200,000	161,711	38,289	-	
140-02	Recreation Transit	44,000	8,400	35,600	10,997	
170-01	Bus Stop Maintenance	30,000	20,481	9,519	23,762	
170-02	Bus Stop Trash Receptacles	16,000	-	16,000	-	
220-01	Transit Security - Bus Stops and MTA					
	Railroad ROW Patrol	85,000	78,610	6,390	55,801	
240-05	Subsidized Taxi Services	60,000	40,197	19,803	29,268	
270-11	Eco-Rapid Transit (previously Orange Line					
	Feasibility Study (IV)	27,000	18,898	8,102	18,898	
280-01	Transit Marketing - Bus Wrap	50,000	2,256	47,744	-	
280-02	Transit Marketing Consulting Services	10,000	12,005	(2,005)	-	
480-03	Prop A Administration	200,000	159,686	40,314	165,760	
	Total expenditures \$	1,458,000 \$	998,154	\$ 459,846 \$	994,560	

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS June 30, 2019

Date			Balance						Balance
Acquired	Description		7/1/2018	_	Additions	_	Deletions	_	6/30/2019
2002	Challenger 16 Passenger Bus	\$	73,350	\$	- 3	\$	73,350 \$	3	-
2005	El Dorado EZ Rider II (30 passenger bus)		209,276		-		209,276		-
2007	El Dorado EZ Rider - Unit 599		101,993		-		101,993		-
2008	El Dorado Aerotech - Unit 598		70,374		-		70,374		-
2009	El Dorado EZ Rider - Unit 599		200,000		-		200,000		-
2011	2010 Starcraft Allstar 25' - Unit 241		34,311		-		34,311		-
2011	2010 Starcraft Allstar 25' - Unit 242		34,311		-		-		34,311
2011	2008 El Dorado Passport	_	36,739		-		36,739		-
	Тс	otal \$	760,354	\$	-	\$_	726,043	5_	34,311

#### CITY OF PARAMOUNT PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND BALANCE SHEETS June 30

		2018	
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	923,351	\$ 865,814
Interest receivable		4,762	3,861
Total assets	\$	928,113	\$ 869,675
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	243,674	\$ 156,358
Total liabilities		243,674	 156,358
Fund Balance			
Restricted		684,439	713,317
Total fund balance		684,439	 713,317
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	928,113	\$ 869,675

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

		2019	2018	
REVENUES	_		•	
Proposition C	\$	931,261	\$	869,729
Interest income	_	16,370		11,194
Total revenues	_	947,631		880,923
EXPENDITURES				
Various projects	_	976,509		787,263
Total expenditures	_	976,509		787,263
(Deficiency) excess of revenues (under) over expenditures		(28,878)		93,660
Fund balance at beginning of year	_	713,317		619,657
Fund balance at end of year	\$_	684,439	\$	713,317

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 (With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018)

2019 Variance Project Metro Favorable 2018 Code Project Name Budget (Unfavorable) Actual Actual 270-10 Intelligent Transit System Study -91/605 Corridor Phase II \$ 30,000 \$ 20,000 \$ 10,000 \$ 20,418 270-12 Corridor Study (Phase V) 40,000 25,000 15,000 25,000 Arterial Street Resurfacing (Project 9830) 78,078 440-30 579,000 500,922 85,000 440-31 Arterial Street Resurfacing (9730) 78,900 7,679 71,221 330,561 Orange and Somerset Signal Improvements 434,826 450-34 750,000 315,174 213,201 480-06 Prop C Administration 115,000 107,734 7,266 113,083 Total expenditures \$ 1,592,900 \$ 976,509 \$ 616,391 \$ 787,263

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS June 30, 2019

Date				Balance				Balance
Acquired	_	Description		7/1/2018	 Additions	_	Deletions	6/30/2019
	None		\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
			Total \$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND BALANCE SHEETS June 30

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Cash and investments	\$ 1,039,894	\$ 836,781
Interest receivable	5,508	3,153
Total assets	\$ 1,045,402	\$ 839,934
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 460,041	\$ -
Total liabilities	 460,041	 -
Fund Balance		
Restricted	585,361	839,934
Total fund balance	 585,361	 839,934
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 1,045,402	\$ 839,934

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

REVENUES				
Measure R	\$	698,647	\$	653,600
Interest income		18,039		7,138
Total revenues		716,686	- <u> </u>	660,738
EXPENDITURES				
Various projects		971,259		104,173
Total expenditures		971,259		104,173
(Deficiency) excess of revenues (under) over expenditures		(254,573)		556,565
Fund balance at beginning of year		839,934	<u> </u>	283,369
Fund balance at end of year	\$	585,361	\$	839,934

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 (With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018)

2019 Variance Project Favorable 2018 Metro (Unfavorable) Code Project Name Budget Actual Actual 1.05 Repaving of Various Neighborhood Streets (9831) \$ 490,000 \$ 329,641 \$ 160,359 \$ 47,200 Neighborhood Street Resurfacing - 2019 (9931) 1.05 500,000 557,941 (57, 941)1.05 Replacement of Various Sidewalk and Curb/Gutters throughout the City 40,000 8.10 Administration 145,000 83,677 61,323 16,973 Total expenditures \$ 1,135,000 \$ 971,259 \$ 163,741 \$ 104,173

# *CITY OF PARAMOUNT* MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS June 30, 2019

Date				Balance					Balance
Acquired		Description		 7/1/2018	_	Additions	Deletions	_	6/30/2019
	None			\$ -	\$_	-	\$ -	\$	-
			Total	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN FUND BALANCE SHEETS June 30

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Cash and investments	\$ 901,538	\$ 570,227
Interest receivable	4,495	1,903
Total assets	\$ 906,033	\$ 572,130
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 550,000	\$ -
Total liabilities	 550,000	 -
Fund Balance		
Restricted	356,033	572,130
Total fund balance	 356,033	 572,130
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 906,033	\$ 572,130

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN FUND STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

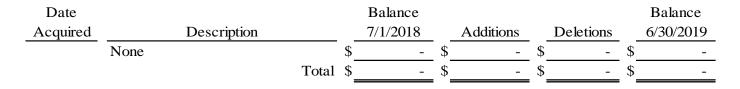
	 2019	 2018
REVENUES		
Measure M	\$ 787,438	\$ 592,311
Interest income	 12,442	 3,045
Total revenues	 799,880	 595,356
EXPENDITURES		
Various projects	 1,015,977	 23,226
Total expenditures	 1,015,977	 23,226
(Deficiency) excess of revenues (under) over expenditures	(216,097)	572,130
Fund balance at beginning of year	 572,130	 -
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 356,033	\$ 572,130

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

(With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018)

			2019		
				Variance	
Project		Metro		Favorable	2018
Code	Project Name	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
1.05	Repaving of Paramount Boulevard from Alondra				
	to Somerset and median landscape improvements				
	from Madison to the North City limit. (9830) \$	450,000 \$	433,149 \$	\$ 16,851 \$	23,226
1.05	Street resurfacing on Paramount Blvd. from				
	Rosecrans Ave. to the 105 Freeway. (9930)	100,000	-	100,000	-
1.05	Street resurfacing in neighborhood north of				
	Somerset, east of Orange, Grant and Golden.				
	(9931)	550,000	550,000	-	-
1.15	Extension of the bike path from Somerset to				
	Rosecrans per ATP grant application. (9932)	180,000	-	180,000	-
8.10	Fund Administration	140,000	32,828	107,172	-
	Total expenditures \$	1,420,000 \$	1,015,977	\$ 404,023 \$	23,226

#### CITY OF PARAMOUNT MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS June 30, 2019



#### **CITY OF PARAMOUNT**

# TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND (PURSUANT TO PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE SECTION 99234) BALANCE SHEETS

June 30

2019		2018
\$ 3,155	\$	3,062
\$ 3,155	\$	3,062
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#### **CITY OF PARAMOUNT**

# TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	2019	2018
REVENUES		
TDA 3	\$ 37,915	\$ 36,736
Interest income	 46	 
Total revenues	37,961	 36,736
EXPENDITURES Annual Sidewalk Project Total expenditures	 <u> </u>	 <u> </u>
Excess of revenues under expenditures	 -	 -
Fund balance at beginning of year	 -	 -
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 	\$ 

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# SCHEDULE OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT

ALLOCATION FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Program						Unexpended	Project
Project Description	Year		Allocations	E	Expenditures		Allocations	Status
Local allocations				-		-		
Annual Sidewalk Program	2018-19	\$	37,961	\$	37,961	\$	-	Completed
Total		\$	37,961	\$	37,961			
Fund balance at beginning of year		=		=			-	
Fund balance at end of year						\$	-	
						-		

# *CITY OF PARAMOUNT* NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

# 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), Measure M Local Return Fund (MMLRF) 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.

MMLRF is derived from 17% 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 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

PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, MMLRF 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.

Special Revenue funds are reported on 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. Statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balance for Special Revenue Funds generally present increases (revenue 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 presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **CITY OF PARAMOUNT** NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 (Continued)

#### NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Fair Value Measurement

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, which became effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, 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 investment at fair value and recognizes unrealized gain (loss) on investments.

Refer to City's 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for detailed disclosures regarding the City's investments policy and fair value measurement.

#### Fund Balance Reporting

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

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

• Restricted – Amounts that are constrained for specific purpose, which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors, or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The uses of the funds' remaining fund balances are restricted for projects approved by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

Information regarding the fund balance reporting policy adopted by the City is described in Note 1 to 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 their compliance with the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Program Guidelines, Measure R Local Return Program Guidelines, Measure M Local Return Program Guidelines and Transportation Development Act Article 3 and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Funding and Allocation Guidelines for Transportation Development Act Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds.

#### **CITY OF PARAMOUNT** NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 (Continued)

# NOTE 3 - PROPOSITION A AND PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Program Guidelines, funds received pursuant to these guidelines may only be used for Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return approved programs. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

# NOTE 4 – MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

#### NOTE 5 – MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

On June 23, 2016, the Metro Board of Directors approved the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan Ordinance, known as Measure M. 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's 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 and investments account was separately maintained and interest income was apportioned to the participating funds based on the relationship of their average quarterly balances to the total of the pooled cash and investments.

#### **CITY OF PARAMOUNT** NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 (Continued)

#### NOTE 8 – PROJECT GENERATED REVENUE

Project generated revenue under PALRF for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 consisted of the following:

PALRF Project generated revenue:

	 2018	 2017
Shuttle fares	\$ 25,745	\$ 68,247
Taxi vouchers	3,858	3,394
College transit	1,155	1,880
Disposal of assets	 8,593	 -
Total revenue generated	\$ 39,351	\$ 73,521

#### NOTE 9 – TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUND REVENUE ALLOCATION

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

	 2019	 2018
FY 2017-18 allocation	\$ -	\$ 36,736
FY 2018-19 allocation	 37,915	 -
Total payment requested	\$ 37,915	\$ 36,736

#### NOTE 10 – TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDS RESERVED

In accordance with TDA Article 3 (SB821) Guidelines, funds not spent during the fiscal year have been placed on reserve in the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) account with the County Auditor-Controller to be drawn down whenever the funds become eligible for a specific project and an approved drawdown request is received by Metro. As of June 30, 2019, and 2018, the City has no funds on reserve as follows:

	_	2019	2018
FY 2017-18 allocation	\$	-	\$ -
FY 2018-19 allocation	_	-	-
Available reserve balance	\$		\$ -

#### NOTE 11 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City has evaluated events or transactions that occurred subsequent to June 30, 2019 through November 15, 2019, 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 Paramount, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, Proposition C Local Return Fund, Measure R Local Return Fund, Measure M Local Return Fund, and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds) of the City of Paramount, 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 November 15, 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 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 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 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 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 November 15, 2019

**COMPLIANCE SECTION** 



SIMPSON & SIMPSON CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOUNDING PARTNERS BRAINARD C. SIMPSON, CPA MELBA W. SIMPSON, CPA

# **Independent Auditor's Report On Compliance**

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

#### **Report on Compliance**

We have audited the compliance of the City of Paramount, 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 the 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.

#### 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 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 on Each Local Return Program and Transportation Development Act Article 3**

In our opinion, the City 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 Guidelines 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance under the Guidelines 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 is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with the Guidelines 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 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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Los Angeles, California November 15, 2019

# *CITY OF PARAMOUNT* COMPLIANCE MATRIX Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Compliance Requirement In Compliance		ance	Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.	
		Yes	No	N/A		
A. Pı	roposition A and Proposition C Local Return Fund	s				
1.	Uses the State Controller's Uniform System of Accounts and Records.	Х			None	
2.	Timely use of funds.	Х			None	
3.	Funds expended were approved and have not been substituted for property tax.	Х			None	
4.	Expenditures that exceeded 25% of approved project budget have approved amended Project Description Form (Form A).	Х			None	
5.	Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap of the total annual Local Return Expenditures.	Х			None	
6.	All on-going and carryover projects were reported in Form B.	Х			None	
7.	Annual Project Summary Report (Form B) was submitted on time.	Х			None	
8.	Annual Expenditure Report (Form C) was submitted on time.	Х			None	
9.	Cash or cash equivalents are maintained.	Х			None	
10.	Accounting procedures, record keeping, and documentation are adequate.	Х			None	
11.	Pavement Management System (PMS) in place and being used for Street Maintenance or Improvement Projects Expenditures.	Х			None	
12.	Local Return Account is credited for reimbursable expenditures.	Х			None	
13.	Self-Certification was completed and submitted for Intelligent Transportation Systems projects or elements.			X	None	ITS Certification was not required for Prop A and Prop C fund in FY18/19
14.	Assurances and Understandings form was on file.	Х			None	
15.	Recreational transit form was submitted on time.	X			None	

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT COMPLIANCE MATRIX Year Ended June 30, 2019 (Continued)

	Compliance Requirement In Compliance		Compliance Requirement		In Compliance		Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
		Yes	No	N/A				
<b>B.</b> M	easure R Local Return Fund							
1.	Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	X			None			
2.	Fund 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 was 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			
6.	Funds were expended with Metro'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 expenditures are within the 20% cap.	X			None			
11.	Fund exchanges were approved by Metro.			X	None	There were no fund exchanges in FY18/19		
12.	A separate account was established for capital reserve funds and capital reserve was approved by Metro.			X	None	No capital reserve fund establish for Measure R fund in FY18/19		
13.	Recreational transit form was submitted on time.			X	None	Recreational transit form was not required for Measure R in FY18/19		

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT COMPLIANCE MATRIX Year Ended June 30, 2019 (Continued)

	Compliance Requirement	In Compliance			Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
		Yes	No	N/A		
C. Me	easure M Local Return Fund					
1.	Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	Х			None	
2.	Funds were used to augment, not supplant existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a fund shortfall.	X			None	
3.	Signed Assurances and Understandings was on file.	X			None	
4.	Separate Measure M Local Return Account was established.	X			None	
5.	Revenue received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure M Local Return Account.	X			None	
6.	Funds were expended with Metro's approval.	Х			None	
7.	Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted on time.	X			None	
8.	Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted on time.	Х			None	
9.	Timely use of funds.	X			None	
10.	Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.	X			None	
11.	Fund exchanges were approved by Metro.			X	None	There were no fund exchanges in FY18/19
12.	A separate account was established for capital reserve funds and capital reserve was approved by Metro.			X	None	No capital reserve fund establish for Measure M fund in FY18/19
13.	Recreational transit form was submitted timely.			X	None	Recreational transit form was not required for Measure M fund in FY18/19

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT COMPLIANCE MATRIX Year Ended June 30, 2019 (Continued)

	Compliance Requirement		Complia	ance	Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
		Yes	No	N/A		
<b>D</b> . '	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	

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS June 30, 2019

No findings were noted.

**EXIT CONFERENCE** 

# CITY OF PARAMOUNT PROPOSITION A, PROPOSITION C, MEASURE R, MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN FUNDS AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND EXIT CONFERENCE June 30, 2019

An exit conference was held on December 27, 2019 with the City of Paramount. Those in attendance were:

#### Simpson & Simpson Representative:

Tian Bian, Senior Auditor

#### City's Representative:

Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director Jaime De Guzman, Jr. Senior Accountant

#### Matters Discussed:

Results of the audit disclosed no significant control deficiencies and no non-compliance issue with Metro Guidelines.

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

Clyde Alexander, Assistant Finance Director Jaime De Guzman, Jr. Senior Accountant Simpson & Simpson, LLP 633 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3320 Los Angeles, CA 90071

RE: CITY OF PARAMOUNT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE 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 FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

I have received the annual financial report of the 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 for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 for the City of Paramount and agree with the contents of the report except as indicated below:

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

Very truly yours,

Name

Title

Date