### CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES 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
TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT
ARTICLE 3 FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED
JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019





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### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates, 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 Palos Verdes Estates, California (the City) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, 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 Palos Verdes Estates, California, as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, 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 Palos Verdes Estates, California, as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, 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 December 5, 2020, 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.

Los Angeles, California

Simpson & Simpson

December 5, 2020

## PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND BALANCE SHEETS

### June 30

	2020			2019
ASSETS				_
Cash and investments	\$	95,797	\$	76,745
Total assets	\$	95,797	\$	76,745
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$	-	\$	-
Total liabilities		-	_	-
Fund Balance				
Restricted		95,797		76,745
Total fund balance		95,797	_	76,745
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	95,797	\$	76,745

## PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,

### AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

		2020		2019
REVENUES				
Proposition A	\$	262,325	\$	274,300
Interest income		1,298		872
Total revenues	_	263,623	_	275,172
EXPENDITURES				
Various projects		244,571		237,293
Total expenditures	_	244,571	_	237,293
Excess of revenues over expenditures		19,052		37,879
Fund balance at beginning of year	_	76,745		38,866
Fund balance at end of year	\$	95,797	\$_	76,745

### PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES

### ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

(With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019)

			Variance		
Project		Metro		Favorable	2019
Code	Project Name	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
110-09	PV Transit/DAR \$	249,805 \$	237,469	\$ 12,336 \$	230,553
270-01	Members Dues - South Bay Cities COG	7,077	7,102	(25)	6,740
	Total expenditures \$	256,882 \$	244,571	\$ 12,311 \$	237,293

### PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS June 30, 2020

Date				Balance			Balance
Acquired		Description		7/1/2019	Additions	Deletions	6/30/2020
	None		\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
			Total \$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

### PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND

### BALANCE SHEETS

June 30

	2020			2019	
ASSETS					
Cash and investments	\$	593,355	\$	850,403	
Total assets	\$	593,355	\$	850,403	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$	_	\$		
Total liabilities		-	_		
Fund Balance					
Restricted		593,355		850,403	
Total fund balance		593,355	_	850,403	
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	593,355	\$	850,403	

### PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

		2020	2019
REVENUES		_	
Proposition C	\$	217,599 \$	227,524
Interest income		13,931	14,860
Total revenues		231,530	242,384
EXPENDITURES			
Arterial Street Resurfacing	_	488,578	
Total expenditures		488,578	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		(257,048)	242,384
Fund balance at beginning of year	_	850,403	608,019
Fund balance at end of year	\$_	593,355 \$	850,403

### PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES

### ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

(With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019)

Project		Metro		Favorable	2019
Code	Project Name	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
440-02	Arterial Street Resurfacing \$	792,300 \$	488,578	\$ 303,722 \$	-
	Total expenditures \$	792,300 \$	488,578	\$ 303,722 \$	-

### PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS June 30, 2020

Date			Balance			Balance
Acquired	Description		7/1/2019	Additions	Deletions	6/30/2020
	None	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 
		Total \$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ _

### MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND BALANCE SHEETS

June 30

	2020	2019
ASSETS	 	
Cash and investments	\$ 952 \$	182,948
Total assets	\$ 952 \$	182,948
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ - \$	-
Total liabilities	 <u>-</u>	-
Fund Balance		
Restricted	952	182,948
Total fund balance	952	182,948
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 952 \$	182,948

### MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND

### STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,

### AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	2020			2019
REVENUES	<u> </u>		_	
Measure R	\$	162,966	\$	170,692
Interest income		4,021	_	3,947
Total revenues		166,987		174,639
EXPENDITURES				
Various projects		348,983		168,368
Total expenditures		348,983	_	168,368
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		(181,996)		6,271
Fund balance at beginning of year		182,948		176,677
Fund balance at end of year	\$	952	\$_	182,948

### MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES

### ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

(With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019)

				Variance	
Project		Metro		Favorable	2019
Code	Project Name	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
1.05	Street Repair and Maintenance \$	- \$	-	\$ - \$	168,368
1.05	Resurfacing and Slurry Seal on Local Streets FY2019-20	349,491	348,983	508	-
	Total expenditures \$	349,491 \$	348,983	\$ 508 \$	168,368

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

### MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS June 30, 2020

Date					Balance					Balance
Acquired		Description		_	7/1/2019	_	Additions	 Deletions	_	6/30/2020
	None			\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-
			Total	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-

## MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN FUND BALANCE SHEETS

June 30

	2020		2019
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$ 4,570	\$	342,918
Total assets	\$ 4,570	\$	342,918
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$	-
Total liabilities	 -	_	
Fund Balance			
Restricted	 4,570		342,918
Total fund balance	 4,570	_	342,918
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 4,570	\$	342,918

### MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN FUND

### STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,

### AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	 2020		2019
REVENUES			
Measure M	\$ 183,393	\$	192,294
Interest income	 6,482		5,379
Total revenues	 189,875		197,673
<b>EXPENDITURES</b> Resurfacing and Slurry Seal on Local Streets FY2019-20 Total expenditures	 528,223 528,223		<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(338,348)		197,673
Fund balance at beginning of year	 342,918		145,245
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 4,570	\$_	342,918

### MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES

### ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

	_				
				Variance	
Project		Metro		Favorable	2019
Code	Project Name	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
1.05	Resurfacing and Slurry Seal on Local Streets FY2019-20 \$_	528,794 \$	528,223 \$	571 \$	
	Total expenditures \$_	528,794 \$	528,223 \$	571 \$	-

### MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS June 30, 2020

Date				Balance					Balance
_Acquired_		Description		7/1/2019	_	Additions	Deletions	_	6/30/2020
	None			\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$	
			Total	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-

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

### June 30

	2	2020	2019
ASSETS			
Due from Metro	\$	- \$	9,275
Total assets	\$	- \$	9,275
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	- \$	
Total liabilities			
Fund Balance			
Restricted		-	9,275
Total fund balance			9,275
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	\$	9,275

### TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	 2020		2019
REVENUES			
TDA 3	\$ -	\$	54,090
Total revenues	 -	. ,	54,090
EXPENDITURES			
Annual sidewalk program	9,275		44,815
Total expenditures	 9,275		44,815
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(9,275)		9,275
Fund balance at beginning of year	 9,275	. ,	<u> </u>
Fund balance at end of year	\$ -	\$	9,275

## TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## SCHEDULE OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ALLOCATION FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Program					Unexpended	Project
Project Description	Year		Allocations	Expenditures		Allocations	Status
<b>Local allocations</b>					-	_	
Annual sidewalk program		\$	-	\$ 9,275	\$	(9,275)	Completed
Total		\$ _	-	\$ 9,275			
Fund balance at beginning of year				,	_	9,275	
Fund balance at end of year					\$	_	

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

### 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 the 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. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for Special Revenue Funds generally presents 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.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 (Continued)

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

Fair Value Measurement

In accordance with Government Accounting Standard 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 2020 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 the 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 classifications as of June 30, 2020:

• 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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 (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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 (Continued)

### NOTE 8 – TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUND REVENUE ALLOCATION

The revenue allocation for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 consisted of the following:

	_	2020	2019
FY 2013-14 allocation	\$	-	\$ 9,056
FY 2014-15 allocation		-	8,982
FY 2015-16 allocation		-	8,722
FY 2016-17 allocation		-	9,111
FY 2017-18 allocation		-	8,944
FY 2018-19 allocation	_		9,275
Total payment requested	\$_		\$ 54,090

### NOTE 9 – 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, 2020, and 2019, the City has funds on reserve as follows:

	2020	2019
FY 2019-20 allocation	\$ 9,775	\$ -
Available reserve balance	\$ 9,775	\$ -

### **NOTE 10 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" and on March 10, 2020, declared it to be a pandemic. Actions taken around the world to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus include restrictions on travel, and quarantines in certain areas, and forced closures for certain types of public places and businesses. The coronavirus and actions taken to mitigate it have had and are expected to continue to have an adverse impact on the economies and financial markets of many countries. To date, it is unknown how long these conditions will last and what the complete financial effect will be to businesses and other affected organizations, including local governmental entities.

The City has evaluated subsequent events through December 5, 2020, the date the financial statements were available to be issued and concluded no other events have occurred that require disclosure or adjustments to the financial statements.





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 Palos Verdes Estates, 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 Palos Verdes Estates, California (the City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 2020.

### **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.

Los Angeles, California

Simpson & Simpson

December 5, 2020







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

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

### **Report on Compliance**

We have audited the compliance of the City of Palos Verdes Estates, 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, 2020.

### 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, 2020.



### **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 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.

Los Angeles, California December 5, 2020

Simpson & Simpson

## COMPLIANCE MATRIX

Year Ended June 30, 2020

Compliance Requirement		In (	Compli	iance	Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
		Yes	No	N/A		
A. Pı	coposition A and Proposition C Local Return Fu	nds				
1.	Uses the State Controller's Uniform System of Accounts and Records.	X			None	
2.	Timely use of funds.	X			None	
3.	Funds expended were approved and have not been substituted for property tax.	X			None	
4.	Expenditures that exceeded 25% of approved project budget have approved amended Project Description Form (Form A).			X	None	There were no expenditures that exceeded 25% of approved project budget.
5.	Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap of the total annual Local Return Expenditures.			X	None	There were no administrative expenditures in FY 2019/20.
6.	All on-going and carryover projects were reported in Form B.	X			None	
7.	Annual Project Summary Report (Form B) was submitted on time.	X			None	
8.	Annual Expenditure Report (Form C) was submitted on time.	X			None	
9.	Cash or cash equivalents are maintained.	X			None	
10.	Accounting procedures, record keeping, and documentation are adequate.	X			None	
11.	Pavement Management System (PMS) is in place and being used for Street Maintenance or Improvement Projects Expenditures.	X			None	
12.	Local Return Account is credited for reimbursable expenditures.	X			None	
13.	Self-Certification was completed and submitted for Intelligent Transportation Systems projects or elements.			X	None	There were no Intelligent Transportation Systems projects or elements in FY 2019/20.
14.	Assurances and Understandings form was on file.	X			None	
15.	Recreational transit form was submitted on time.			X	None	There was no recreational transit in FY 2019/20.

### COMPLIANCE MATRIX

Year Ended June 30, 2020 (Continued)

Compliance Requirement		In Compliance			Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
		Yes	No	N/A		•
B. Measure 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	There were no administrative expenditures in FY 2019/20.
11.	Fund exchanges were approved by Metro.			X	None	There were no fund exchanges in FY 2019/20.
12.	A separate account was established for capital reserve funds and capital reserve was approved by Metro.			X	None	There were no capital reserve funds in FY19/20.
13.	Recreational transit form was submitted on time.			X	None	There was no recreational transit in FY19/20.

### COMPLIANCE MATRIX

Year Ended June 30, 2020 (Continued)

	Compliance Requirement		Compli	ance	Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
		Yes	No	N/A		<del>-</del> 
C. Me	easure M Local Return Fund					
1.	Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	X			None	
2.	Funds were used to augment, not supplant existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a 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.	X			None	
7.	Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted on time.	X			None	
8.	Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted on time.	X			None	
9.	Timely use of funds.	X			None	
10.	Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.			X	None	There were no administrative expenditures in FY 2019/20.
11.	Fund exchanges were approved by Metro.			X	None	There were no fund exchanges in FY 2019/20.
12.	A separate account was established for capital reserve funds and capital reserve was approved by Metro.			X	None	There were no capital reserve funds in FY19/20.
13.	Recreational transit form was submitted timely.			X	None	There was no recreational transit in FY19/20.

COMPLIANCE MATRIX Year Ended June 30, 2020 (Continued)

	Compliance Requirement		Complia	ance	Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
		Yes	No	N/A		
D. 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 PALOS VERDES ESTATES SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS June 30, 2020

No findings were noted.



# PROPOSITION A, PROPOSITION C, MEASURE R, MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN FUNDS AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND EXIT CONFERENCE

June 30, 2020

An exit conference was held on December 28, 2020 with the City of Palos Verdes Estates. Those in attendance were:

### Simpson & Simpson Representative:

Terry Bian, Senior Auditor

### City's Representative:

Martin Cole, Acting Finance Director

### 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:

Martin Cole, Acting Finance Director

Simpson & Simpson, LLP 633 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3320 Los Angeles, CA 90071

RE: CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES 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, 2020 AND 2019

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, 2020 and 2019 for the City of Palos Verdes Estates and agree with the contents of the report except as indicated below:

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

Very	truly yours,	
	Name	
	Title	
	Date	