

City of Bell Annual Financial Report of its

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

As of and for the Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 with Independent Auditor's Report





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## Independent Auditor's Report

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

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund, the Measure M Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds) of the City of Bell, California (the City) which comprise the Funds' balance sheets as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the related statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.



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An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the City's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund, the Measure M Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City of Bell, California, as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements present only the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund, the Measure M Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City of Bell, California, and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### Supplementary Information

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

The supplementary information identified in the table of contents is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Funds' basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the Funds' basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Funds' basic financial statements or to the Funds' basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to each of the Funds' basic financial statements as a whole.



### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 11, 2021 on our consideration of the City's internal control over the Funds' financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over the Funds' financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over the Funds' financial 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.

Vargues & Company LLP

Glendale, California November 11, 2021

	June 30			
-	2021	2020		
ASSETS				
Cash and investments \$	861,039	\$ 623,561		
Accounts receivable	1,324	2,429		
Interest receivable	434	1,644		
Due from other funds	123,929	42,521		
Total assets \$	986,726	\$ 670,155		
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
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	115,040	59,044		
Fund balance				
Restricted	870,880	610,511		
Total fund balance	870,880	610,511		
Total liabilities and fund balance \$	986,726	\$ 670,155		
Due from other funds Total assets \$ LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE Liabilities Accounts payable Accrued payroll and employee benefits Total liabilities Fund balance Restricted Total fund balance	123,929 986,726 111,117 4,729 115,846 870,880 870,880	42,521 \$ 670,155 \$ 56,895 2,749 59,644 610,511 610,511		

		Years ended	I June 30
	_	2021	2020
Revenues Proposition A Interest income Bus pass sales Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Program Grant (Note 8) Total revenues	\$ 	735,511 \$ 8,339 408 32,693 776,951	704,887 18,461 18,486 - 741,834
<b>Expenditures</b> Various projects funded by Proposition C Various projects funded by General Fund <b>Total expenditures</b>	_	516,582  516,582	652,608 9,350 661,958
Excess of revenues over expenditures		260,369	79,876
Other Financing Sources Transfer from General Fund Total Other Financing Sources	_	<u> </u>	9,350 9,350
Change in fund balance		260,369	89,226
Fund balance at beginning of year	_	610,511	521,285
Fund balance at end of year	\$_	870,880 \$	610,511

			2021			
Project Code	Project Name	Metro Budget	 Actual	_	Variance Positive (Negative)	 2020 Actual
107	Dial-A-Ride \$	440,000	\$ 301,384	\$	138,616 \$	\$ 328,163
135	Bus Pass Subsidy Program	10,000	1,340		8,660	50,875
155	Recreational Transit	5,000	-		5,000	13,228
179	Consultant	-	-		-	24,500
205	Bus Shelter Maintenance	95,000	97,065		(2,065)	105,320
205	Bus Shelter Replacement	505,000	13,590		491,410	-
610	Administration	198,000	103,203		94,797	130,522
	Total expenditures \$	1,253,000	\$ 516,582	\$	736,418	\$ 652,608

Date Acquired	Description	 Balance July 1, 2020	 Additions	Deletions	 Balance June 30, 2021
3/31/2004	Imaginistics Copier	\$ 10,534	\$ - (	\$-	\$ 10,534
6/29/2010	1 2010 Braun Entervan Bus	30,000	-	-	30,000
6/29/2010	2 2010 Goshen Buses	60,000	-	-	60,000
12/01/2014	Class E-27 Ford-550 El Dorado	87,103	-	-	87,103
12/01/2014	Decals for Ford-550 El Dorado	8,041	-	-	8,041
	Total	\$ 195,678	\$ - 3	\$	\$ 195,678

	June 30				
	2021		2020		
ASSETS					
Cash and investments \$	2,071,381	\$	2,300,301		
Interest receivable	1,032		6,113		
Total assets \$ <sub>_</sub>	2,072,413	_\$	2,306,414		
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable \$	36,995	\$	67,322		
Retention payable	18,553		13,500		
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	1,588		633		
Due to PALRF	14,872	_	-		
Total liabilities	72,008		81,455		
Fund balance					
Restricted - Capital Reserve Project Code 705 (Note 9)	262,588		426,991		
Restricted - Capital Reserve Project Code 381 (Note 9)	100,442		99,562		
Restricted - Capital Reserve Project Code 705 (Note 9)	137,477		136,272		
Restricted - Other	1,499,898		1,562,134		
Total fund balance	2,000,405		2,224,959		
Total liabilities and fund balance \$	2,072,413	_\$	2,306,414		

		Years ended June 30			
		202	:1	2020	
Revenues					
Proposition C	\$	610	0,080 \$	584,706	
Interest income		1	7,426	69,066	
	Total revenues	62	7,506	653,772	
<b>Expenditures</b> Various projects	Total av pandituras		2,060	<u>690,113</u> 690,113	
	Total expenditures	00/	2,060	090,113	
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	3	(224	4,554)	(36,341)	
Fund balance at beginning of year		2,224	4,959	2,261,300	
Fund balance at end of year	\$	2,00	<u>0,405</u> \$	2,224,959	

### City of Bell Proposition C Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and Metro Approved Project Budget Year ended June 30, 2021 (With Comparative Actuals for 2020)

		2021					
Project Code	Project Name		Metro Budget		Actual	 Variance Positive (Negative)	 2020 Actual
170	Maintenance and Operations	\$	162,100	\$	115,785	\$ 46,315	\$ 33,131
302	Traffic Signal Equipment		145,000		-	145,000	-
381	Traffic Signal Equipment Upgrades		10,000		-	10,000	6,900
620	Administration Prop C		63,799		71,189	(7,390)	28,801
705	Florence Avenue and Slauson Avenue		128,000		-	128,000	-
705	Florence Avenue Pavement		250,000		-	250,000	-
705	Atlantic Ave Street Improvements		-		-	-	2,056
705	Gage Ave Bridge Replacement		-		-	-	28,157
705	Pavement Marking and Striping Project		168,177		168,177	-	57,823
705	Florence and Walker Intersection		-		-	-	110,000
705	Street Intersection, Striping and Marking		10,000		-	10,000	-
715	Eastern Ave Improvement		40,000		17,274	22,726	315,975
760	LED Illumintaed Street Sign Project		500,000		3,679	496,321	-
781	Florence Ave and Slauson Project		10,000		-	10,000	-
805	Florence Ave Pedestrian Project		941,700		475,956	465,744	57,920
806	Pedestrian Countdown Signal Head						
	Replacement and Curb Ramp Project		-		-	-	47,230
806	Sidewalk Shaving Project		-		-	-	2,120
	Total expenditures	\$	2,428,776	\$	852,060	\$ 1,576,716	\$ 690,113

# City of Bell Proposition C Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Capital Assets Year ended June 30, 2021

Date	<b>_</b>	Balance July 1,	A 1 1/1	5.1.1	Balance June 30,
Acquired	Description	2020	Additions	Deletions	2021
6/30/2002	Eastern Avenue Overlay	\$ 229,629	\$ - \$	- \$	229,629
6/30/2002	Florence/Otis	37,022	-	-	37,022
6/30/2002	Eastern/ Bandini Cabinet	50,442	-	-	50,442
6/30/2002	Florence/Otis Signal	17,805	-	-	17,805
6/30/2002	Florence/Walker Signal	36,057	-	-	36,057
6/30/2002	Gage/Orchard Signal	17,550	-	-	17,550
6/30/2002	LED Signal - Citywide	93,198	-	-	93,198
6/30/2003	Florence Atlantic AC Overlay	225,222	-	-	225,222
6/30/2003	Atlantic/Bell/Brompton Signals	52,280	-	-	52,280
6/30/2004	Atlantic at Gage Signal Bus Shelter	81,748	-	-	81,748
6/30/2004	Bus Shelter - Installation and Rehabilitation	47,444	-	-	47,444
6/30/2004	Florence/Walker Signal	173,532	-	-	173,532
6/30/2005	Flora at Florence Signal	23,339	-	-	23,339
6/30/2005	Gage at Orchard Signal	20,205	-	-	20,205
6/30/2006	Florence at Vinevale Signal	91,558	-	-	91,558
6/30/2006	Florence at Wilcox Signal	153,687	-	-	153,687
6/30/2008	Atlantic Avenue at Bell Brompton Signal	23,134	-	-	23,134
6/30/2008	Atlantic Avenue at Bell Plaza Signal	38,238	-	-	38,238
6/30/2008	Atlantic Avenue at Shopping Center Signal	50,720	-	-	50,720
6/30/2008	Wilcox at Acacia Signal	135,771	-	-	135,771
6/30/2009	Slauson at 710 Freeway	20,934	-	-	20,934
6/30/2009	Florence at Otis Traffic Signal	98,205	-	-	98,205
6/30/2014	Florence Avenue-Atlantic-Wilcox	369,787	-	-	369,787
5/21/2015	Pavement Rehabilitation Project (2014/15)	405,176	-	-	405,176
6/17/2016	Florence Ave Overlay West of Atlantic	111,552	-	-	111,552
6/30/2016	Florence Ave Overlay West of Atlantic	488	-	-	488
6/30/2016	Florence Ave Overlay West of Atlantic	3,018	-	-	3,018
11/03/2015	Gage/Walker-Concrete Pavement	1,050	-	-	1,050
12/02/2015	Gage/Walker-Concrete Pavement	459	-	-	459
12/10/2015	Gage/Walker-Concrete Pavement	3,530	-	-	3,530
1/07/2016	Gage/Walker-Concrete Pavement	7,040	-	-	7,040
1/27/2016	Gage/Walker-Concrete Pavement	5.018	-	-	5.018
3/17/2016	Gage/Walker-Concrete Pavement	451	_	-	451
4/04/2016	Gage/Walker-Concrete Pavement	4,088	_	_	4,088
4/06/2016	Gage/Walker-Concrete Pavement	7,934	_	_	7,934
4/08/2016	Gage/Walker-Concrete Pavement	22,425	-	_	22,425
5/05/2016	Gage/Walker-Concrete Pavement	474	-	-	22,425 474
5/05/2016	0		-	-	
	Gage/Walker-Concrete Pavement	3,474	-	-	3,474
6/03/2016	Gage/Walker-Concrete Pavement	5,300	-	-	5,300
6/30/2016	Gage/Walker-Concrete Pavement	10,920	-	-	10,920
6/30/2016	Pavement Rehabilitation - Phase IV	253,886	-	-	253,886
6/30/2017	Pavement Rehabilitation - Phase IV	96,019			96,019
	Tota	<b>\$</b> 3,029,809	\$\$	- \$	3,029,809

		June 30			
		2021	2020		
ASSETS					
Cash and investments	\$	659,859 \$	644,836		
Interest receivable		335	1,456		
Prepaid expense		4,400	4,400		
	Total assets \$	664,594 \$	650,692		
LIABILITIES AND FUND BAL	ANCE				
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$	20,361 \$	50,643		
Accrued payroll and employee benefits		1,033	442		
Due to PALRF		42,136	-		
	Total liabilities	63,530	51,085		
		<u> </u>			
Fund balance					
Restricted		601,064	599,607		
1	otal fund balance	601,064	599,607		
Total liabilities	and fund balance \$	664,594 \$	650,692		

		Years en	Years ended June 30		
		2021		2020	
Revenues					
Measure R	\$	458,194	\$	437,902	
Interest income		6,825		11,919	
	Total revenues	465,019		449,821	
<b>Expenditures</b> Various projects	Total expenditures	<u> </u>		404,544 404,544	
Excess of revenues over expenditures	5	1,457		45,277	
Fund balance at beginning of year		599,607		554,330	
Fund balance at end of year	\$	601,064	\$	599,607	

Project Code	Project Name	Metro Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	2020 Actual	
302	Traffic Signal Equipment	300,000 \$	- \$	300,000 \$	-	
630	Fund Administration (20% cap)	56,689	91,640	(34,951)	-	
705	Pavement Marking/Striping	27,000	10,000	17,000	-	
705	Street Name Signs	-	-	-	24,268	
705	Street Rehabilitation Project	-	-	-	83,770	
705	Signal Housing Painting	-	-	-	33,575	
705	Sewer Inspection	65,000	-	65,000	-	
715	Fishburn Ave Improvement	-	-	-	94,729	
715	Street Repair and Maintenance	154,200	128,303	25,897	21,103	
805	Sidewalk Assessment/Concrete Shaving	-	-	-	112,944	
805	Sidewalk Repairs	300,000	192,532	107,468	15,605	
805	Clarkson Sidewalk Improvements	46,450	41,087	5,363	18,550	
	Total expenditures	<u>949,339</u> \$	463,562 \$	485,777 \$	404,544	

Date Acquired	Description		Balance July 1, 2020	 Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2021
5/21/2015	Pavement Rehabilitation Project	\$	563,167	\$ - \$	- \$	563,167
8/30/2015	Pavement Rehabilitation Project		500,000	-	-	500,000
	Tota	I\$	1,063,167	\$ - \$	- \$	1,063,167

		June 30		
	-	2021	2020	
ASSET	S			
Cash and investments	\$	818,725	\$ 788,041	
Interest receivable		487	1,944	
	Total assets \$	819,212	\$ 789,985	
LIABILITIES AND FU Liabilities Accounts payable Accrued payroll and employee ber Due to PALRF	\$	49,271 S 1,471	\$	
	Total liabilities	<u> </u>	1,674	
Fund balance Restricted	Total fund balance	701,549 701,549	788,311 788,311	
l otal lla	bilities and fund balance \$	819,212	5 789,985	

		Years ended June 30		
		2021		2020
Revenues			<b>•</b>	
Measure M	\$	519,151		492,553
Interest income		10,885		20,598
	Total revenues	530,036	<u> </u>	513,151
<b>Expenditures</b> Various projects	Total expenditures	<u> </u>		449,892 449,892
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over	er expenditures	(86,762	2)	63,259
Fund balance at beginning of year		788,311	<u> </u>	725,052
Fund balance at end of year	\$	701,549	\$	788,311

Project Code	Project Name	Metro Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	2020 Actual	
302	Traffic Signal Equipment \$	475,000 \$	- \$	475,000 \$	-	
640	Fund Administration	64,402	120,742	(56,340)	12,090	
705	Fishburn Ave Improvement	-	-	-	115,244	
705	Traffic Signs	-	-	-	129,705	
705	Street Name Signs	-	-	-	85,036	
705	Sewer Improvements	135,000	23,495	111,505	-	
705	Pavement Markings/Striping	448,000	458,647	(10,647)	-	
705	Street Curb Painting	11,000	10,811	189	1,028	
720	Local Road Safety Plan	8,000	3,103	4,897	-	
805	Sidewalk Assessment and Repair	-	-	-	106,789	
	Total expenditures \$	1,141,402 \$	616,798 \$	524,604 \$	449,892	

## City of Bell Measure M Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Capital Assets Year ended June 30, 2021

Date Acquired		Description		Balance July 1, 2020	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2021
N/A	None		\$	- \$	- \$	- \$	-
			Total \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	-

	Ju	ne 30
	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents \$	-	\$ 13,117
Due from Metro	61,860	19,793
Interest receivable	-	35
Total assets \$	61,860	\$ 32,945
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE Liabilities Accounts payable \$	260	\$ 208
Due to other funds	29,047	
Total liabilities	29,307	208
Fund balance		
Restricted	32,553	32,737
Total fund balance	32,553	32,737
Total liabilities and fund balance \$	61,860	\$ 32,945

	Years ende	d June 30
	2021	2020
Revenues Intergovernmental Allocations:		<i>i</i>
Article 3 \$		19,793
Interest income	76	658
Total revenues	61,936	20,451
Expenditures Various projects Total expenditures	<u> </u>	20,000
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(184)	451
Fund balance at beginning of year	32,737	32,286
Fund balance at end of year \$	3 <b>2,553</b> \$	32,737

### City of Bell Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99234 Supplementary Information Schedule of Transportation Development Act Allocation for Specific Projects Year ended June 30, 2021

		Totals to Date			
Project Description	Program Year	Allocations	Expenditures	Unexpended Allocations	Project Status
Local Allocations:					
Remove Damaged Concrete Sidewalks Totals			\$ <u>62,120</u> \$ \$ <u>62,120</u>	6 <u>(260)</u> (260)	Completed
Interest income				76	
Fund balance at beginning of year				32,737	
Fund balance at end of year			\$	32,553 *	

\* The remaining fund balance of \$32,553 was encumbered as of June 30, 2021.

### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Fund Accounting**

The operations of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF), the Proposition C Local Return Fund (PCLRF), the Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF), the Measure M Local Return Fund (MMLRF) and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) (collectively, the Funds) are accounted for in separate sets of self-balancing accounts that comprise their assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures.

PALRF and PCLRF represent 25% and 20%, respectively, of the 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 the county-wide ½ cent Measure R sales tax which is distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on a per capita basis and must be used exclusively for transportation purposes.

MMLRF is derived from 17% of the county-wide ½ cent Measure M sales tax which is distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on a per capita basis and must be used exclusively for transportation purposes.

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

### **Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus**

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

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

### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

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

### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### **Fair Value Measurement**

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

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

### Fund Balance Reporting

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

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, MMLRF and TDAA3F report the following fund balance classification as of June 30, 2021 and 2020:

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

Information regarding the fund balance reporting policy adopted by the City is described in the City's ACFR.

### NOTE 2 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements reflect only the financial position and results of operations of the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, MMLRF and TDAA3F, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the City's financial position as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

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

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

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

### NOTE 4 MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

### NOTE 5 MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

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

### NOTE 5 MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

### NOTE 6 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with *Public Utilities Code Section 99234*, funds received pursuant to this Code's section may only be used for activities relating to pedestrians and bicycle facilities. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

### NOTE 7 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, MMLRF and TDAA3F cash balances were pooled with various other City funds for deposit and investment purposes. The share of each fund in the pooled cash account was separately maintained and interest income was apportioned to the participating funds based on the relationship of their average quarterly balances to the total of the pooled cash and investments.

Please refer to the ACFR for a full description of risks relating to cash and investments.

### NOTE 8 PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANTS

The City received Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant amounting to \$32,693 and \$0 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, which represents additional funds received from Metro for participating in the sub-regional paratransit services program.

The Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Program Grants were recorded in PALRF.

### NOTE 9 CAPITAL RESERVE AGREEMENTS – PCLRF

# Street Intersection, Striping and Landscaped Median Improvements along Atlantic Avenue ((Project Code 705 (formerly 380-03))

On June 30, 2017, Metro and the City entered into a capital reserve agreement to establish a capital reserve account (Account) of \$400,000 for the Street Intersection, Striping and Landscaped Median Improvements along Atlantic Avenue Project.

The account is funded with the Proposition C Local Return funds allocated to the City. All interest is accrued in the Account for use exclusively for the said project. If the project is not completed by June 30, 2021, any unexpended funds shall lapse and be returned to Metro. In June 2021, Metro Board of Directors approved the City's request to extend this capital reserve agreement to June 30, 2026.

#### NOTE 9 CAPITAL RESERVE AGREEMENTS – PCLRF (CONTINUED)

#### Traffic Signal Equipment Upgrades ((Project Code 381 (formerly 380-04))

In June 2019, Metro and the City entered into a capital reserve agreement to establish a capital reserve account (Account) of \$100,000 for the Traffic Signal Equipment Upgrades Project.

The Account is funded with the Proposition C Local Return funds allocated to the City. All interest is accrued in the Account for use exclusively for the said project. If the project is not completed by June 30, 2024, any unexpended funds shall lapse and be returned to Metro.

# Florence Avenue and Slauson Avenue Bridge Maintenance ((Project code 705 (formerly 380-05))

In June 2019, Metro and the City entered into a capital reserve agreement to establish a capital reserve account (Account) of \$128,000 for the Florence Avenue and Slauson Avenue Bridge Maintenance Project.

The Account is funded with the Proposition C Local Return funds allocated to the City. All interest is accrued in the Account for use exclusively for the said project. If the project is not completed by June 30, 2024, any unexpended funds shall lapse and be returned to Metro.

Following are the transactions and the balances reported for the reserve accounts as of and for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020:

		Project Code				
		705		381		705
		(380-03)		(380-04)		(380-05)
Capital reserve, June 30, 2019	\$	415,196	\$	103,513	\$	132,497
Interest income earned		11,795		2,949		3,775
Expenditures during the year		-		(6,900)		-
Capital reserve, June 30, 2020	-	426,991		99,562		136,272
Interest income earned		3,774		880		1,205
Expenditures during the year		(168,177)		-		-
Capital reserve, June 30, 2021	\$	262,588	\$	100,442	\$ _	137,477

### NOTE 10 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND REVENUE ALLOCATION

The revenue allocations for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 consisted of the following:

	2021	2020
FY 2017/18 allocation	\$ -	\$ 10,335
FY 2018/19 allocation	15,231	9,458
FY 2019/20 allocation	26,243	-
FY 2020/21 allocation	20,386	-
	\$ 61,860	\$ 19,793

### NOTE 11 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUNDS RESERVED

In accordance with TDA Article 3 (SB821) Guidelines, funds which will not be spent during the fiscal year have been placed on reserve in the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) account with the County Auditor-Controller to be drawn down whenever the funds become eligible for a specific project and an approved drawdown request is received by Metro. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the City has funds on reserve as follows:

	2021	2020
FY 2018/19 allocation	\$ - \$	15,231
FY 2019/20 allocation	-	26,243
Total reserve	\$ - \$	41,474

For FY 2020/21, any TDA Article 3 funds left on reserve for FY 2016/17 or prior, are subject to lapse if not claimed by the City by June 30, 2021. There were no funds that lapsed in FY 2020/21.

### NOTE 12 IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS

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. 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, including the United States.

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. However, the City's management believes that the financial impact, if any, will not materially affect the June 30, 2021 Funds financial statements.

### NOTE 13 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City has evaluated events subsequent to June 30, 2021 to assess the need for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Such events were evaluated through November 11, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based upon this evaluation, it was determined that no subsequent events occurred that require recognition or additional disclosure in the 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 Bell, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund, the Measure M Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds) of the City of Bell, California (the City) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 11, 2021.

## Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the Funds' financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over the Funds' financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the Funds' financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Funds' financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control 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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

asynes & Company LLP

Glendale, California November 11, 2021

**COMPLIANCE SECTION** 



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# Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance

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

## **Report on Compliance**

We have audited the City of Bell, California's (the City) compliance with the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Guidelines, Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Measure M Local Return Guidelines, Transportation Development Act Article 3, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Funding and Allocation Guidelines for Transportation Development Act Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds (collectively, the Guidelines) for the year ended June 30, 2021.

## 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 with the Guidelines based on our audit. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the Guidelines. Those standards and the Guidelines require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Proposition A Local Return Program, Proposition C Local Return Program, Measure R Local Return Program, Measure M Local Return Program and Transportation Development Act Article 3 Program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance with the Guidelines. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the Guidelines.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the City of Bell, California complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements of the Guidelines for the year ended June 30, 2021.





## **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City's internal control over compliance to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with the requirements, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in a significant deficiency in internal control over compliance with the requirements that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

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

asques & Company LLP

Glendale, California November 11, 2021

	Compliance Requirements		omplia	ance	Questioned	If no, provide details and
			Yes No N/A		Costs	management response.
Α.	Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Funds					
	<ol> <li>Uses the State Controller's</li> </ol>					
	Uniform System of Accounts and					
	Records or has established a					
	separate Proposition A and					
	Proposition C Local Transit					
	Assistance Account for Local					
	Return purposes.	Х		ļ		
	2. Revenues received including					
	allocations, project generated					
	revenues and interest income was					
	properly credited to the Proposition					
	A and/or Proposition C Local	V				
	Return Account.	Х				
	3. Funds were expended with Metro's					
	approval and were not substituted	V				
	for property tax.	X X				
	4. Timely use of funds.	X				
	5. Administrative expenses are within	v				
	the 20% cap.	Х				
	6. Expenditures that exceeded 25%					
	of approved project budget have					
	approved amended Project Description Form (Form A) or					
	electronic equivalent.			х		
	7. Annual Project Update Report			~		
	(Form B) or electronic equivalent					
	was submitted on time.	х				
	8. Annual Expenditure Report (Form	~				
	C) or electronic equivalent was					
	submitted on time.	Х				
	9. Pavement Management System	~				
	(PMS) is in place and being used					
	for Street Maintenance or					
	Improvement Projects					
	Expenditures.	Х				
	10. Local Return Account is credited					
	for reimbursable expenditures.	Х				
	11. Where Proposition A funds were					
	given, loaned or exchanged by one					
	jurisdiction to another, the					
	receiving jurisdiction has credited					
	its Local Return Account with the					
	funds received.			Х		
	12. Self-Certification was completed					
	and submitted for Intelligent					
	Transportation Systems projects					
1	and elements.			Х		

	Compliance Requirements		omplia	ance	Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
			Yes No N/A	N/A		
Α.	Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Funds					
	<ul> <li>13. A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds, Capital reserve was approved by Metro and current status is reported in the Annual Project Update (Form B) or electronic equivalent.</li> </ul>	x				
	14. Recreational transit form was submitted on time.			x		
	15. Fund exchanges (trades, loans, or gifts) were approved by Metro.			x		
	<ol> <li>Proposition C Local Return Funds were used to augment, not supplant existing local revenues being used for road improvement purposes.</li> </ol>	x				
	17. All on-going and carryover projects were reported on Form B or electronic equivalent.	x				
	18. Cash or cash equivalents are maintained.	x				
	<ol> <li>Accounting procedures, record keeping, and documentation are adequate.</li> </ol>	x				

	Compliance Requirements		In C	omplia	ance	Questioned	If no, provide details and
	Compliance Requirements			No N/A		Costs	management response.
В.		asure R Local Return Fund					
	1.	Funds were expended for					
		transportation purposes.	Х				
	2.	•					
		Account was established.	Х				
	3.	Revenues received including					
		allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was					
		properly credited to the Measure R					
		Local Return Account.	х				
	4	Funds were expended with Metro					
	ч.	approval.	х				
	5.	Funds were not substituted for					
	•.	property tax and are in compliance					
		with the Maintenance of Effort.	Х				
	6.	Timely use of funds.	Х				
	7.	Administrative expenses are within					
		the 20% cap.	Х				
	8.	Expenditure Plan (Form One or					
		electronic equivalent) was					
		submitted timely.	Х				
	9.	Annual Expenditure Report (Form					
		Two or electronic equivalent) was	~				
	40	submitted timely.	Х				
	10.	Where funds expended were					
		reimbursable by other grants or fund sources, the reimbursement					
		was credited to the Local Return					
		Account upon receipt of the					
		reimbursement.	х				
	11.	Where Measure R funds were					
		given, loaned or exchanged by one					
		jurisdiction to another, the receiving					
		jurisdiction has credited its Local					
		Return Account with the funds					
<u> </u>	40	received.			Х		
	12.	A separate account was					
		established for Capital reserve					
		funds and Capital reserve was approved by Metro.			х		
	13	Funds were used to augment, not			^		
	10.	supplant existing local revenues					
		being used for transportation					
		purposes unless there is a fund					
		shortfall.	Х				

Compliance Requirements		omplia	nce	Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
		No	N/A		
B. Measure R Local Return Fund					
14. Recreational transit form was					
submitted on time.			Х		
15. Fund exchanges (trades, loans, or					
gifts) were approved by Metro.			Х		
16. Accounting procedures, record					
keeping, and documentation are					
adequate.	Х				

	Compliance Requirements		In Compliance			Questioned	If no, provide details and
		Compliance Requirements	Yes	No	N/A	N/A Costs	management response.
C.		asure M Local Return Fund					
	1.	Funds were expended for					
		transportation purposes.	Х	ļ			
	2.						
		Account was established.	Х				
	3.	Revenues received including					
		allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was					
		properly credited to the Measure M					
		Local Return Account.	х				
	Δ	Funds were expended with Metro					
	ч.	approval.	Х				
	5.	Funds were not substituted for					
	•.	property tax and are in compliance					
		with the Maintenance of Effort.	Х				
	6.	Timely use of funds.	Х				
	7.	Administrative expenses are within					
		the 20% cap.	Х				
	8.	Expenditure Plan (Form M-One or					
		electronic equivalent) was					
		submitted timely.	Х				
	9.	Expenditure Report (Form M-Two					
		or electronic equivalent) was	V				
	10	submitted timely.	Х				
	10.	Where funds expended were reimbursable by other grants or					
		fund sources, the reimbursement					
		was credited to the Local Return					
		Account upon receipt of the					
		reimbursement.	Х				
	11.	Where Measure M funds were					
		given, loaned or exchanged by one					
		jurisdiction to another, the receiving					
		jurisdiction has credited its Local					
		Return Account with the funds			Ň		
<u> </u>	40	received.			X		
	12.	A separate account was					
		established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was					
		approved by Metro.			x		
<u> </u>	13	Funds were used to augment, not					
	.0.	supplant existing local revenues					
		being used for transportation					
		purposes unless there is a fund					
		shortfall.	Х				

Compliance Requirements		omplia	ance	Questioned	If no, provide details and
		No N/A	Costs	management response.	
C. Measure M Local Return Fund					
14. Recreational transit form was					
submitted on time.			Х		
15. Fund exchanges (trades, loans, or					
gifts) were approved by Metro.			Х		
16. Accounting procedures, record					
keeping, and documentation are					
adequate.	Х				

	Compliance Requirements		omplia	ince	Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
			No	N/A		
D.	Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund					
	1. Timely use of funds.	Х				
	<ol> <li>Expenditures were incurred for activities relating to pedestrian and bicycle facilities and amenities.</li> </ol>	x				

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

There were no findings noted.

EXIT CONFERENCE

An exit conference was held on November 5, 2021 with the City of Bell representative. Those in attendance were:

Vasquez and Company LLP representative: Marialyn Salvador – Audit Senior Manager

City of Bell representative: Elisa Gratil – Finance Manager

Matters discussed:

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

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

Elisa Gratil – Finance Manager

Vasquez & Company LLP 655 North Central Avenue, Suite 1550 Glendale, CA 91203

RE: CITY OF BELL, CALIFORNIA ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND, THE PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND, THE MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND, THE MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN FUND AND THE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020.

I have received the annual financial report of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund, the Measure M Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund, for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 for the City of Bell and agreed with the contents of the report except as indicated below:

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

Very truly yours,

Name

Title

Date



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