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**City of Bell Gardens
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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FINANCIAL SECTION

Independent Auditor's Report

**To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the
City of Bell Gardens, 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 Gardens, 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.



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 Gardens, 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 Gardens, 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 December 2, 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 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vasquez & Company LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Glendale, California
December 2, 2021**

**City of Bell Gardens
Proposition A Local Return Fund
Balance Sheets**

		June 30	
		2021	2020
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	329,810	\$ 352,370
Interest receivable		78	1,068
Due from Metro		-	64,210
Total assets	\$	<u>329,888</u>	\$ <u>417,648</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	77,126	\$ 64,956
Total liabilities		<u>77,126</u>	<u>64,956</u>
Fund balance			
Restricted		<u>252,762</u>	<u>352,692</u>
Total fund balance		<u>252,762</u>	<u>352,692</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	<u>329,888</u>	\$ <u>417,648</u>

See notes to Funds financial statements.

City of Bell Gardens
Proposition A Local Return Fund
Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

		Years ended June 30	
		2021	2020
Revenues			
Proposition A	\$	864,601	\$ 834,496
Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Program grant (Note 8)		129,423	63,125
Interest income		1,327	8,577
Other revenue (Note 9)		5,175	-
Total revenues		1,000,526	906,198
Expenditures			
Various projects		1,100,456	1,164,540
Total expenditures		1,100,456	1,164,540
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures		(99,930)	(258,342)
Fund balance at beginning of year		352,692	611,034
Fund balance at end of year	\$	252,762	\$ 352,692

See notes to Funds financial statements.

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

Project Code	Project Name	2021		Variance	2020
		Metro Budget	Actual	Positive (Negative)	Actual
105	Fixed Route Transit	\$ 554,000	\$ 526,457	\$ 27,543	\$ 533,723
105	General Public Transit	390,000	307,954	82,046	405,652
105	Senior Bus Driver	23,175	4,045	19,130	20,739
106	Medical Taxi Service	40,000	27,483	12,517	40,056
135	Bus Pass Purchases	5,800	200	5,600	4,080
155	Recreational Transit Services	25,000	-	25,000	12,918
175	Vehicle Fuel	122,000	82,747	39,253	101,029
205	Bus Shelter Maintenance	12,400	11,932	468	11,085
230	Vehicle Repair	1,500	936	564	4,701
230	Communication Equipment Maintenance	7,600	6,017	1,583	4,423
230	Vehicles	-	-	-	14,743
380	Traffic Studies	71,200	12,740	58,460	-
470	COG Membership	11,900	2,917	8,983	3,387
610	Direct Administration	269,087	117,028	152,059	8,004
	Total expenditures	\$ 1,533,662	\$ 1,100,456	\$ 433,206	\$ 1,164,540

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

<u>Date Acquired</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2020</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2021</u>
2009	Bus, Senior	\$ 15,963	\$ -	\$ (15,963)	\$ -
2020	Suite Up the Outside Bus Purchased from AQMD Funds	14,743	-	-	14,743
	Total	<u>\$ 30,706</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (15,963)</u>	<u>\$ 14,743</u>

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**City of Bell Gardens
Proposition C Local Return Fund
Balance Sheets**

		June 30	
		2021	2020
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	1,348,981	\$ 1,111,921
Interest receivable		331	2,221
Total assets	\$	<u>1,349,312</u>	<u>\$ 1,114,142</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	116,266	\$ 12,270
Total liabilities		<u>116,266</u>	<u>12,270</u>
Fund balance			
Restricted		<u>1,233,046</u>	<u>1,101,872</u>
Total fund balance		<u>1,233,046</u>	<u>1,101,872</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	<u>1,349,312</u>	<u>\$ 1,114,142</u>

See notes to Funds financial statements.

City of Bell Gardens
Proposition C Local Return Fund

Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

	Years ended June 30	
	2021	2020
Revenues		
Proposition C	\$ 717,156	\$ 692,216
Interest income	4,087	11,492
Project generated revenues (Note 10)	21,512	40,418
Total revenues	742,755	744,126
Expenditures		
Various projects	611,581	148,486
Total expenditures	611,581	148,486
Excess of revenues over expenditures	131,174	595,640
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,101,872	506,232
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 1,233,046	\$ 1,101,872

See notes to Funds financial statements.

City of Bell Gardens
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)

Project Code	Project Name	2021			2020 Actual
		Metro Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	
302	Lubec St and Eastern Ave Traffic Signal Modification	\$ 111,000	\$ 37,114	\$ 73,886	\$ -
302	Garfield Ave and Muller St Traffic Signal Project	379,615	317,061	62,554	385
620	Direct Administration	91,825	65,039	26,786	-
715	Residential Roads, Arterial Rehabilitation	323,775	183,345	140,430	-
715	Gage Ave Rehab Phase 2	3,359	3,359	-	146,641
780	Traffic Studies	17,340	5,663	11,677	1,460
Total expenditures		\$ 926,914	\$ 611,581	\$ 315,333	\$ 148,486

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

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

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**City of Bell Gardens
Measure R Local Return Fund
Balance Sheets**

		June 30	
		2021	2020
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	1,424,977	\$ 1,225,372
Interest receivable		347	2,839
Total assets	\$	<u>1,425,324</u>	<u>\$ 1,228,211</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	-	\$ 89
Total liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>89</u>
Fund balance			
Restricted		<u>1,425,324</u>	1,228,122
Total fund balance		<u>1,425,324</u>	<u>1,228,122</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	<u>1,425,324</u>	<u>\$ 1,228,211</u>

See notes to Funds financial statements.

City of Bell Gardens
Measure R Local Return Fund

Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

		Years ended June 30	
		2021	2020
Revenues			
Measure R	\$	538,612	\$ 518,420
Interest income		4,505	14,365
Total revenues		543,117	532,785
 Expenditures			
Various projects		345,915	39,335
Total expenditures		345,915	39,335
Excess of revenues over expenditures		197,202	493,450
Fund balance at beginning of year		1,228,122	734,672
Fund balance at end of year		\$ 1,425,324	\$ 1,228,122

See notes to Funds financial statements.

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

Project Code	Project Name	2021			2020 Actual
		Metro Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	
380	Traffic Studies	\$ 27,000	\$ -	\$ 27,000	\$ -
430	Residential Roads, Arterial Rehabilitation	569,492	-	569,492	-
630	Fund Administration	63,575	36,786	26,789	-
705	Florence Ave (Ira and Jaboneria)	114,000	-	114,000	-
705	Slurry Seal Zone 1 Project	216,000	216,000	-	37,185
705	Garfield/Clara Intersection Widening	-	-	-	1,650
720	Garfield Street Rehab (Eastern-Quinn)	224,500	93,129	131,371	500
	Total expenditures	\$ 1,214,567	\$ 345,915	\$ 868,652	\$ 39,335

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

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

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**City of Bell Gardens
Measure M Local Return Fund
Balance Sheets**

		June 30	
		2021	2020
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	678,564	\$ 492,406
Interest receivable		155	1,243
		678,719	\$ 493,649
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	13,659	\$ 275,436
		13,659	275,436
Fund balance			
Restricted		665,060	218,213
		665,060	218,213
		678,719	\$ 493,649

See notes to Funds financial statements.

City of Bell Gardens
Measure M Local Return Fund

Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

	Years ended June 30	
	2021	2020
Revenues		
Measure M	\$ 610,268	\$ 583,439
Interest income	1,335	4,759
Total revenues	611,603	588,198
 Expenditures		
Various projects	164,756	385,717
Total expenditures	164,756	385,717
 Excess of revenues over expenditures	 446,847	 202,481
Fund balance at beginning of year	218,213	15,732
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 665,060	\$ 218,213

See notes to Funds financial statements.

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

Project Code	Project Name	2021		Variance Positive (Negative)	2020 Actual
		Metro Budget	Actual		
380	Traffic Studies	\$ 48,000	\$ -	\$ 48,000	\$ -
640	Fund Administration	109,600	-	109,600	-
715	Rehabilitation of Various Streets	81,696	14,494	67,202	280,805
715	Slurry Seal Zone 1 Project	-	-	-	14,300
715	Gage Ave Improvements Project	46,887	40,748	6,139	90,612
715	Slurry Seal, Residential Rehabilitation	531,948	-	531,948	-
715	Residential Rehabilitation Project	230,508	109,514	120,994	-
715	Residential Rehabilitation Project Artesia	301,440	-	301,440	-
	Total expenditures	\$ 1,350,079	\$ 164,756	\$ 1,185,323	\$ 385,717

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

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

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City of Bell Gardens
Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund
Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99234
Balance Sheets

		June 30	
		2021	2020
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	-	\$ 4,825
Interest receivable		-	77
Due from Metro		24,633	2,530
Total assets	\$	24,633	\$ 7,432
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	-	\$ 7,432
Due to general fund		24,633	-
Total liabilities		24,633	7,432
Fund balance			
Restricted		-	-
Total fund balance		-	-
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	24,633	\$ 7,432

See notes to Funds financial statements.

City of Bell Gardens
 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund
 Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99234
Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

	Years ended June 30	
	2021	2020
Revenues		
Intergovernmental allocations:		
Article 3	\$ 24,633	\$ 51,000
Interest income	-	209
Total revenues	24,633	51,209
 Expenditures		
Various projects	24,633	51,209
Total expenditures	24,633	51,209
 Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	-
 Fund balance at beginning of year	-	-
 Fund balance at end of year	\$ -	\$ -

See notes to Funds financial statements.

City of Bell Gardens
 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

Project Description	Program Year	Totals to Date		Unexpended Allocations	Project Status
		Allocations	Expenditures		
Local Allocations:					
Street Rehab Project	2021	\$ 17,201	\$ 17,201	\$ -	Ongoing
Circulation Element Plan/TOD	2021	7,432	7,432	-	Ongoing
	Totals	<u>\$ 24,633</u>	<u>\$ 24,633</u>		
Fund balance at beginning of year				-	
Fund balance at end of year				\$ -	

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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), 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.

NOTE 5 MEASURE M LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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

NOTE 6 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

NOTE 7 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

NOTE 8 PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT

The Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Program grant represents additional funds received from Metro for participating in the Voluntary NTD Program. The amounts received for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 consisted of the following:

	2021	2020
FY 2015-16 Voluntary NTD Reporting Program Year	\$ -	\$ 63,125
FY 2016-17 Voluntary NTD Reporting Program Year	64,193	-
FY 2017-18 Voluntary NTD Reporting Program Year	65,230	-
	\$ 129,423	\$ 63,125

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

NOTE 9 OTHER REVENUS – PALRF

Other revenues for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 consisted of the following:

		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
Federal grant reimbursement	\$	1,000	\$	-
Sale of capital assets		4,175		-
	\$	<u>5,175</u>	\$	<u>-</u>

NOTE 10 PROJECT GENERATED REVENUES – PCLRF

Project generated revenues for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 consisted of the following:

		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
DART fares	\$	3,702	\$	4,293
Trolley fares		17,810		36,125
	\$	<u>21,512</u>	\$	<u>40,418</u>

NOTE 11 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND REVENUE ALLOCATION

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

		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
FY 2018/19 allocation	\$	-	\$	20,637
FY 2019/20 allocation		702		30,363
FY 2020/21 allocation		23,931		-
	\$	<u>24,633</u>	\$	<u>51,000</u>

NOTE 12 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:

		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>
FY 2019/20 allocation	\$	-	\$	702
FY 2020/21 allocation		30		-
Total reserve	\$	<u>30</u>	\$	<u>702</u>

**NOTE 12 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUNDS RESERVED
(CONTINUED)**

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 13 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 14 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 December 2, 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.

**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 Gardens, 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 Gardens, 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 December 2, 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 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 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.

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**Glendale, California
December 2, 2021**

COMPLIANCE SECTION

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance

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

Report on Compliance

We have audited the City of Bell Gardens, 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 Gardens, 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 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.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vasquez & Company LLP".

Glendale, California
December 2, 2021

**City of Bell Gardens
Compliance Matrix
Year ended June 30, 2021**

Compliance Requirements	In Compliance			Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
	Yes	No	N/A		
A. Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Funds					
1. Uses the State Controller's Uniform System of Accounts and Records or has established a separate Proposition A and Proposition C Local Transit Assistance Account for Local Return purposes.	X				
2. Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Proposition A and/or Proposition C Local Return Account.	X				
3. Funds were expended with Metro's approval and were not substituted for property tax.	X				
4. Timely use of funds.	X				
5. Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.			X		There were no administration expenses charged to the LR funds in FY 2020/21.
6. Expenditures that exceeded 25% of approved project budget have approved amended Project Description Form (Form A) or electronic equivalent.			X		
7. Annual Project Update Report (Form B) or electronic equivalent was submitted on time.	X				
8. Annual Expenditure Report (Form C) or electronic equivalent was submitted on time.	X				
9. Pavement Management System (PMS) is in place and being used for Street Maintenance or Improvement Projects Expenditures.	X				
10. Local Return Account is credited for reimbursable expenditures.	X				
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.			X		

**City of Bell Gardens
Compliance Matrix
Year ended June 30, 2021**

Compliance Requirements	In Compliance			Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
	Yes	No	N/A		
A. Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Funds					
12. Self-Certification was completed and submitted for Intelligent Transportation Systems projects and elements.			X		
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.			X		
14. Recreational transit form was submitted on time.			X		
15. Fund exchanges (trades, loans, or gifts) were approved by Metro.			X		
16. Proposition C Local Return Funds were used to augment, not supplant existing local revenues being used for road improvement purposes.	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				
19. Accounting procedures, record keeping, and documentation are adequate.	X				

**City of Bell Gardens
Compliance Matrix
Year ended June 30, 2021**

Compliance Requirements	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				
2. Separate Measure R Local Return Account was established.	X				
3. Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure R Local Return Account.	X				
4. Funds were expended with Metro's approval.			X		There were no expenditures charged to MRLRF in FY 2020/21.
5. Funds were not substituted for property tax and are in compliance with the Maintenance of Effort.	X				
6. Timely use of funds.	X				
7. Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.			X		There were no expenditures charged to MRLRF in FY 2020/21.
8. Expenditure Plan (Form One or electronic equivalent) was submitted timely.	X				
9. Annual Expenditure Report (Form Two or electronic equivalent) was submitted timely.	X				
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.			X		
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 received.			X		
12. A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was approved by Metro.			X		
13. Funds were used to augment, not supplant existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a fund shortfall.	X				

**City of Bell Gardens
Compliance Matrix
Year ended June 30, 2021**

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

**City of Bell Gardens
Compliance Matrix
Year ended June 30, 2021**

Compliance Requirements	In Compliance			Questioned Costs	If no, provide details and management response.
	Yes	No	N/A		
C. Measure M Local Return Fund					
1. Funds were expended for transportation purposes.	X				
2. Separate Measure M Local Return Account was established.	X				
3. Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues and interest income was properly credited to the Measure M Local Return Account.	X				
4. Funds were expended with Metro's approval.			X		There were no expenditures charged to MRLRF in FY 2020/21.
5. Funds were not substituted for property tax and are in compliance with the Maintenance of Effort.	X				
6. Timely use of funds.	X				
7. Administrative expenses are within the 20% cap.			X		There were no expenditures charged to MRLRF in FY 2020/21.
8. Expenditure Plan (Form M-One or electronic equivalent) was submitted timely.	X				
9. Expenditure Report (Form M-Two or electronic equivalent) was submitted timely.	X				
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.			X		
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 received.			X		
12. A separate account was established for Capital reserve funds and Capital reserve was approved by Metro.			X		
13. Funds were used to augment, not supplant existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes unless there is a fund shortfall.	X				

**City of Bell Gardens
Compliance Matrix
Year ended June 30, 2021**

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

**City of Bell Gardens
Compliance Matrix
Year ended June 30, 2021**

Compliance Requirements	In Compliance			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				
2. Expenditures were incurred for activities relating to pedestrian and bicycle facilities and amenities.	X				

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

There were no findings noted.

EXIT CONFERENCE

An exit conference was held on December 2, 2021 with the City of Bell Gardens representatives. Those in attendance were:

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

City of Bell Gardens representatives:
 Manuel Carrillo – Director of Finance and Administration Services
 Rimo Hanson – Accounting Manager
 Grissel Chavez – Director of Public Works
 Veronica Sanchez – Management Analyst

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 Gardens representatives for comments prior to the issuance of the final report:

 Manuel Carrillo – Director of Finance and Administration Services
 Rimo Hanson – Accounting Manager



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