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Independent Auditor's Report

**To the Board of Directors of the Antelope Valley Transit Authority
and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**

Report on the Schedules

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying schedule of expenditures and schedule of revenues received from Metro (Schedules) as defined by the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Guidelines and the Memorandum of Understanding for Sub-Regional Paratransit Services (Contract Number MOUPA5AVT22000) (MOUPA5AVT22000) dated July 1, 2021 between Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA), as grantee, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, as grantor, for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the Schedules, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the Schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the expenditures of AVTA and the revenues received from Metro for the year ended June 30, 2023, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Guidelines and MOUPA5AVT22000.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedules section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Authority and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis of Accounting and Reporting

We draw attention to Notes 4 and 5 to the Schedules, which describe the basis of accounting and reporting, including compliance requirements. The Schedules were prepared in accordance with contractual agreements and were tested for compliance with the MOUPA5AVT22000 and the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Guidelines.



As discussed in Note 2, the Schedules present only the revenues and expenditures towards the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant under MOUPA5AVT22000, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of AVTA as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its financial position for the year 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Schedules

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedules in accordance with the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Guidelines and MOUPA5AVT22000; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedules that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedules

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Schedules as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the Schedules.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Schedules, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the Schedules.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Authority's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the Schedules.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.



Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 9, 2023, on our consideration of AVTA's internal control over the preparation of the Schedules 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 preparation of the Schedules and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of AVTA's internal control over the preparation of the Schedules or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, in considering AVTA's internal control over the preparation of the Schedules and compliance.

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Glendale, California
November 9, 2023

**Antelope Valley Transit Authority
Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant
Schedule of Expenditures
Year ended June 30, 2023**

<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Reported Expenditures</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Audited Expenditures</u>
Total Expenditures - Identified as Net Operating Costs	\$ 3,311,277	\$ -	\$ 3,311,277
Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Guidelines maximum percentage that can be received by Grantee	<u> x 25%</u>	<u> x 25%</u>	<u> x 25%</u>
Grantee's Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant (Limitation) *	\$ <u>827,819</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>827,819</u>

* Grantee's amount earned is limited to 25% of net operating costs or
25% of Annual Fundmark as determined on a quarterly basis.

See independent auditor's report and notes to the schedules.

**Antelope Valley Transit Authority
Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant
Schedule of Revenues Received from Metro
Year ended June 30, 2023**

Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Limitation Calculation:

<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Reported Expenditures</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Audited Expenditures</u>
Total Expenditures - Identified as Net Operating Costs - Fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 **	\$ 3,165,824	\$ -	\$ 3,165,824
Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Guidelines maximum	<u>x 25%</u>	<u>x 25%</u>	<u>x 25%</u>
B) Grantee's Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant (Limitation)	\$ <u>791,456</u>	<u>-</u>	\$ <u>791,456</u>
Lesser of A) Actual amount received or B) 25% of Net Operating Costs ***			\$ <u>693,960</u>

* This is the amount of Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant received by AVTA during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

** The amount of allocation received by AVTA during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 is based on expenditures reported for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The operating expense calculation has a two-year lag, as permitted by Metro. Grantee contracts with AV Transportation Services to administer the operations of AVTA, which includes the Antelope Valley Dial-A-Ride Services program for the year ended June 30, 2021. Vasquez and Company LLP audited the Schedule of Expenditures of the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, whose report, dated November 19, 2021, expressed an unmodified opinion.

*** Grantee's billings to Metro are limited to the amount of the funding allocation or up to 25% of the total

See independent auditor's report and notes to the schedules.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

The Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) is located in Lancaster, California and was formed to provide and administer public transportation services in the Antelope Valley, including local passenger bus service, a commuter bus service, and a paratransit service.

AVTA is a public entity organized on July 1, 1992 pursuant to Section 6506 of the Government Code of the State of California. The formation of AVTA is as a joint powers authority (JPA) whose members consist of the County of Los Angeles, the Authority of Palmdale and the Authority of Lancaster. AVTA operates under a form of government, with the Board being comprised of two Directors appointed from each participating member.

Fund Accounting

The operations of the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant are accounted for in a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its revenues and expenditures.

Proposition A incentive program earmarks 5% of the 40% Proposition A Discretionary funds, which are distributed to eligible applicants based on funding priorities and subject to fund availability. The funds are used for varied transportation needs that encourage and develop an integrated transportation system.

Basis of Accounting

Expenditures are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liabilities are incurred.

NOTE 2 SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES RECEIVED FROM METRO AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The schedules of expenditures and revenues received from Metro reflect only certain elements of the financial statements (expenditures and revenues) for AVTA's Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant, and do not purport to, and do not present fairly AVTA's financial statements or total expenditures as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE 3 ANNUAL FUNDMARK

AVTA (Grantee) has been established and has met the eligibility criteria as a First Priority Applicant for being identified as a Sub-Regional paratransit participant and therefore is eligible to receive the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant on a quarterly basis up to 25% of its net operating cost.

NOTE 3 ANNUAL FUNDMARK (CONTINUED)

Each fiscal year, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority (Metro) (grantor) will establish an “annual fundmark” for the Grantee’s share of the Program Funds for the Sub-Regional Paratransit Program to the extent funds are available. As such, the grantor approved the annual allocation of \$693,960 in FY 2023. See Note 4.

NOTE 4 GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS

Memorandum of Understanding for Sub-Regional Paratransit Services

On July 1, 2021, Metro and AVTA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for Sub-Regional Paratransit Services (MOUPA5AVT22000), which is effective through June 30, 2026.

In accordance with Article 2 of the MOU, the Grantee must abide by the following restrictions in the agreement.

- 1) Grantee shall use program funds to provide certain specialized transportation services known as the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Dial-A-Ride Paratransit program.
- 2) Grantee shall document coordination activities with existing transit services and with participating local governments. This documentation shall consist of executed agreements, joint resolutions, and/or approved implementation plans.
- 3) Grantee shall submit invoices quarterly requesting reimbursement. Grantor shall pay 25% of the reasonable and allowable costs not to exceed the annual allocation.

In addition to the annual fundmark established by Metro, additional funding from CRRSAA was made available to participating operators.

For the FY 2022/23 grantee received quarterly reimbursements totaling \$693,960 which were committed to the Grantee’s Dial-A-Ride Paratransit Program.

NOTE 5 PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE GRANT

Recording

Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant totaling \$693,960 for the year ended June 30, 2023 was recorded under the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant and was the only Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant received by AVTA.

NOTE 5 PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE GRANT (CONTINUED)

Compliance

The incentive funds were used to supplement Proposition A and Proposition C operating expenses to pay for transit services operated by AV Transportation Services who also operated the Antelope Valley Transit Authority's Dial-A-Ride Program, which is an eligible project under the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Guidelines.

NOTE 6 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

AVTA has evaluated events subsequent to June 30, 2023 to assess the need for potential recognition or disclosure in the Schedules. Such events were evaluated through November 9, 2023, the date the Schedules 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 Schedules.



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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 Board of Directors of the Antelope Valley Transit Authority
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 schedules of expenditures and revenues received from Metro (Schedules) as defined by the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Guidelines and the Memorandum of Understanding for Sub-Regional Paratransit Services (MOUPA5AVT22000) dated July 1, 2021 between Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA), as grantee, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, as grantor, for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the Schedules, and have issued our report thereon dated November 9, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.



Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether AVTA's Schedules 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 Schedules. 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 intended 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Guidelines

**To the Board of Directors of the Antelope Valley Transit Authority
and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**

Report on Compliance

Opinion

We have audited the Antelope Valley Transit Authority's (AVTA) compliance with the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Guidelines and the Memorandum of Understanding for Sub-Regional Paratransit Services (MOUPA5AVT22000) dated July 1, 2021 (collectively, the Guidelines) for the year ended June 30, 2023.

In our opinion, the Antelope Valley Transit Authority complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that apply to the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the Guidelines. Our responsibilities under those standards and the Guidelines are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of AVTA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance with the Guidelines. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of AVTA's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for AVTA compliance with the Guidelines and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the compliance requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or agreements applicable to AVTA.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on AVTA's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Guidelines will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about AVTA's compliance with the requirements of the Guidelines as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Guidelines, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding AVTA's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of AVTA's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Guidelines, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of AVTA's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on 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 with the Guidelines 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, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with the Guidelines will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with the Guidelines that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.



Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

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Glendale, California
November 9, 2023

**Antelope Valley Transit Authority
Compliance Matrix
Year ended June 30, 2023**

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. Memorandum of Understanding covers the period under audit.	X				
2. Expenditures were used for projects in accordance with Contractual Agreement.	X				
3. Joint Powers Authority - Governing Body has earmarked funds / committed funds.	X				
4. Maintenance of effort more than 1/2 of allocated Proposition A Local Return Funds were spent or encumbered as of the year ending date.			X		AVTA did not receive any Local Return Funds.
5. Grant did not exceed 25% of Total Operating Costs.	X				
B. Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Funds					
1. Amount received did not exceed Annual Fundmark.	X				
2. Accounting records and documentation sufficient enough to prepare financial statements (schedule of expenditures).	X				
3. Ability to demonstrate that funds were spent on operating subsidies. Received the lesser of 25% of Annual Fundmark or 25% of Dial-A-Ride net operating costs.	X				

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

**Antelope Valley Transit Authority
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year ended June 30, 2023**

There were no findings and questioned costs.

EXIT CONFERENCE

An exit conference was held on November 1, 2023 with the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) representatives. Those in attendance were:

Vasquez and Company LLP representatives:

 Marialyn Labastilla – Audit Director

 Erica Ong – Audit Manager

AVTA representatives:

 Judy Fry – Chief Financial Officer

 Vianney McLaughlin – 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 AVTA representatives for comments prior to the issuance of the final report.

 Judy Fry – Chief Financial Officer

 Vianney McLaughlin – Finance Manager



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