#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO MEASURE R ORDINANCE AND MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN GUIDELINES

#### TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015



# Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Measure R Consolidated Audit Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

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To: Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Measure R Oversight Committee

#### **Report on Compliance**

We have audited the compliance of the thirty-eight (38) Cities and the County of Los Angeles identified in Schedule 1, with the types of compliance requirements described in the Measure R Ordinance enacted through a Los Angeles County (the County) voter approved law in November 2008; Measure R Local Return Guidelines, issued by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), approved by its Board of Directors on October 22, 2009 (collectively, the Guidelines); and the respective Assurances and Understandings Regarding Receipt and Use of Measure R Local Return Funds, executed by LACMTA and the respective Cities and the County for the year ended June 30, 2015 (collectively, the Requirements). Compliance with the above noted Guidelines and Requirements by the Cities and the County are identified in the accompanying Summary of Compliance Findings, Schedule 1 and Schedule 2.

#### Management's Responsibility

Compliance with the Guidelines and Requirements is the responsibility of the respective Cities' and County's management.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on the Cities' and County's compliance with the Guidelines and Requirements referred to above based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Measure R Local Return program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about each City's and the County's compliance with the Guidelines and Requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions on compliance. However, our audits do not provide a legal determination of each City's and the County's compliance.



#### Opinion

In our opinion, the Cities and the County complied, in all material respects, with the Guidelines and Requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Measure R Local Return program for the year ended June 30, 2015.

#### **Other Matters**

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance, which are required to be reported in accordance with the Guidelines and Requirements and which are described in the accompanying Summary of Measure R Audit Results (Schedule 1) and Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Schedule 2) as Findings #2015-001 through #2015-012. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

Responses by the Cities to the noncompliance findings identified in our audits are described in the accompanying Schedule 2 - Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The Cities' responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance, and accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

The management of each City and the County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the Guidelines and Requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audits of compliance, we considered each City's and the County's internal control over compliance with the Requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the Measure R Local Return program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Guidelines and Requirements, 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 each City's and the County's internal control over compliance.

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

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 under the Guidelines and Requirements on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance under the Guidelines and Requirements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as Finding #2015-012 to be a material weakness.



A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with the Guidelines and 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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as Findings #2015-004 and #2015-009 to be significant deficiencies.

The responses by the Cities to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audits are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Schedule 2). The responses by the Cities were not subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

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

Simpson & Simpson

Los Angeles, California December 28, 2015

#### Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Summary of Compliance Findings Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

The audit of the thirty-eight (38) Cities and the County of Los Angeles has resulted in 12 findings. The table below shows a summary of the findings:

| Finding   | # of<br>Findings | Responsible Cities/<br>Finding Reference  | Questioned<br>Costs  | Resolved<br>During the<br>Audit                            |
|---|------------------|---|--|--|
| No adequate evidence that<br>funds were expended for<br>transportation purposes           | 4                | Huntington Park (#1)<br>Lawndale (#2)<br>Rosemead (#3)<br>South El Monte (#4)                 | \$ 8,282<br>\$ 1,872<br>\$ 92<br>\$ 14,798                 | None<br>None<br>None<br>None                               |
| Funds were expended without LACMTA's approval   | 5                | Compton (#5)<br>Cudahy (#6)<br>Monterey Park (#7)<br>San Fernando (#8)<br>South El Monte (#9) | \$ 798,683<br>\$ 710<br>\$ 12,491<br>\$ 23,254<br>\$ 3,064 | \$ 798,683<br>\$ 710<br>\$ 12,491<br>\$ 14,159<br>\$ 3,064 |
| Expenditure Plan (Form One) was not submitted timely                                      | 1                | Calabasas (#10)   | None   | None   |
| Expenditure Report (Form<br>Two) was not submitted timely                                 | 1                | Hidden Hills (#11)  | None   | None   |
| Administrative expenditures<br>claimed exceeded the 20%<br>admin cap under the Guidelines | 1                | Huntington Park (#12)   | \$ 63,034  | \$ 63,034  |
| Total Findings and<br>Questioned Cost   | 12               |   | \$ 926,280   | \$ 892,141   |

Details of the findings can be found in Schedule 2.

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| Compliance Area Tested  | Agoura<br>Hills   | Azusa             | Baldwin<br>Park   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Funds were expended for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Fund were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Evidence of signed and returned Assurances and<br>Understandings agreement  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Accounts and records have established a separate operating<br>Measure R Local Transportation Assistance Account for LR<br>purposes                          | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification of revenues received, including allocations,<br>project generated revenues, and interest income were<br>properly credited to Measure R account | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were expended with LACMTA's approval  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were not substituted for property tax<br>and is compliant with Assurances and Understandings  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Plan (Form One)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Report (Form Two)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely use of funds   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Administrative expenditures did not exceed 20% of the total annual LR expenditures  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Compliant         |
| Approval obtained from LACMTA for fund exchange (trades, loans, or gifts)   | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds expended and reimbursed by another<br>fund were properly credited to the LR account upon<br>reimbursement                           | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds exchanged with another jurisdiction<br>were properly recorded by that jurisdiction  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Establishment of and approval by LACMTA for a reserve fund  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| For capital reserve fund, verification that a separate account<br>has been established, and the current status is reported in the<br>expenditure plan       | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Recreational Transit Form was submitted timely for the recreational transit services  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |

| Compliance Area Tested  | Bell              | Bell<br>Gardens   | Beverly<br>Hills  |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Funds were expended for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Fund were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Evidence of signed and returned Assurances and<br>Understandings agreement  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Accounts and records have established a separate operating<br>Measure R Local Transportation Assistance Account for LR<br>purposes                          | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification of revenues received, including allocations,<br>project generated revenues, and interest income were<br>properly credited to Measure R account | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were expended with LACMTA's approval  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were not substituted for property tax<br>and is compliant with Assurances and Understandings  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Plan (Form One)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Report (Form Two)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely use of funds   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Administrative expenditures did not exceed 20% of the total annual LR expenditures  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Not<br>Applicable |
| Approval obtained from LACMTA for fund exchange (trades, loans, or gifts)   | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds expended and reimbursed by another<br>fund were properly credited to the LR account upon<br>reimbursement                           | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds exchanged with another jurisdiction<br>were properly recorded by that jurisdiction  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Establishment of and approval by LACMTA for a reserve fund  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| For capital reserve fund, verification that a separate account<br>has been established, and the current status is reported in the<br>expenditure plan       | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Recreational Transit Form was submitted timely for the recreational transit services  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |

| Compliance Area Tested  | Calabasas         | Carson            | Commerce          |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Funds were expended for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Fund were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Evidence of signed and returned Assurances and Understandings agreement   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Accounts and records have established a separate operating<br>Measure R Local Transportation Assistance Account for LR<br>purposes                          | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification of revenues received, including allocations,<br>project generated revenues, and interest income were<br>properly credited to Measure R account | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were expended with LACMTA's approval  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were not substituted for property tax<br>and is compliant with Assurances and Understandings  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Plan (Form One)  | #2015-010         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Report (Form Two)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely use of funds   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Administrative expenditures did not exceed 20% of the total annual LR expenditures  | Not<br>Applicable | Compliant         | Not<br>Applicable |
| Approval obtained from LACMTA for fund exchange (trades, loans, or gifts)   | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds expended and reimbursed by another<br>fund were properly credited to the LR account upon<br>reimbursement                           | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds exchanged with another jurisdiction<br>were properly recorded by that jurisdiction  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Establishment of and approval by LACMTA for a reserve fund  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| For capital reserve fund, verification that a separate account<br>has been established, and the current status is reported in the<br>expenditure plan       | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Recreational Transit Form was submitted timely for the recreational transit services  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |

| Compliance Area Tested  | Compton           | Cudahy            | Culver City       |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Funds were expended for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Fund were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Evidence of signed and returned Assurances and Understandings agreement   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Accounts and records have established a separate operating<br>Measure R Local Transportation Assistance Account for LR<br>purposes                          | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification of revenues received, including allocations,<br>project generated revenues, and interest income were<br>properly credited to Measure R account | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were expended with LACMTA's approval  | #2015-005         | #2015-006         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were not substituted for property tax<br>and is compliant with Assurances and Understandings  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Plan (Form One)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Report (Form Two)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely use of funds   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Administrative expenditures did not exceed 20% of the total annual LR expenditures  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Not<br>Applicable |
| Approval obtained from LACMTA for fund exchange (trades, loans, or gifts)   | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds expended and reimbursed by another<br>fund were properly credited to the LR account upon<br>reimbursement                           | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds exchanged with another jurisdiction<br>were properly recorded by that jurisdiction  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Establishment of and approval by LACMTA for a reserve fund  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| For capital reserve fund, verification that a separate account<br>has been established, and the current status is reported in the<br>expenditure plan       | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Recreational Transit Form was submitted timely for the recreational transit services  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |

| Compliance Area Tested  | El Monte          | Gardena           | Hawthorne         |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Funds were expended for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Fund were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Evidence of signed and returned Assurances and<br>Understandings agreement  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Accounts and records have established a separate operating<br>Measure R Local Transportation Assistance Account for LR<br>purposes                          | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification of revenues received, including allocations,<br>project generated revenues, and interest income were<br>properly credited to Measure R account | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
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| Approval obtained from LACMTA for fund exchange (trades, loans, or gifts)   | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds expended and reimbursed by another<br>fund were properly credited to the LR account upon<br>reimbursement                           | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds exchanged with another jurisdiction<br>were properly recorded by that jurisdiction  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Establishment of and approval by LACMTA for a reserve fund  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| For capital reserve fund, verification that a separate account<br>has been established, and the current status is reported in the<br>expenditure plan       | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Recreational Transit Form was submitted timely for the recreational transit services  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |

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| <b>Compliance Area Tested</b>   | Hidden<br>Hills   | Huntington<br>Park | City of<br>Industry |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Funds were expended for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | #2015-001          | Compliant           |
| Fund were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant          | Compliant           |
| Evidence of signed and returned Assurances and Understandings agreement   | Compliant         | Compliant          | Compliant           |
| Accounts and records have established a separate operating<br>Measure R Local Transportation Assistance Account for LR<br>purposes                          | Compliant         | Compliant          | Compliant           |
| Verification of revenues received, including allocations,<br>project generated revenues, and interest income were<br>properly credited to Measure R account | Compliant         | Compliant          | Compliant           |
| Verification that funds were expended with LACMTA's approval  | Compliant         | Compliant          | Compliant           |
| Verification that funds were not substituted for property tax<br>and is compliant with Assurances and Understandings  | Compliant         | Compliant          | Compliant           |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Plan (Form One)  | Compliant         | Compliant          | Compliant           |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Report (Form Two)  | #2015-011         | Compliant          | Compliant           |
| Timely use of funds   | Compliant         | Compliant          | Compliant           |
| Administrative expenditures did not exceed 20% of the total annual LR expenditures  | Not<br>Applicable | #2015-012          | Not<br>Applicable   |
| Approval obtained from LACMTA for fund exchange (trades, loans, or gifts)   | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable  | Not<br>Applicable   |
| Verification that funds expended and reimbursed by another<br>fund were properly credited to the LR account upon<br>reimbursement                           | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable  | Not<br>Applicable   |
| Verification that funds exchanged with another jurisdiction<br>were properly recorded by that jurisdiction  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable  | Not<br>Applicable   |
| Establishment of and approval by LACMTA for a reserve fund  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable  | Not<br>Applicable   |
| For capital reserve fund, verification that a separate account<br>has been established, and the current status is reported in the<br>expenditure plan       | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable  | Not<br>Applicable   |
| Recreational Transit Form was submitted timely for the recreational transit services  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable  | Not<br>Applicable   |

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| Compliance Area Tested  | Inglewood         | Irwindale         | La Puente         |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Funds were expended for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Fund were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Evidence of signed and returned Assurances and Understandings agreement   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Accounts and records have established a separate operating<br>Measure R Local Transportation Assistance Account for LR<br>purposes                          | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification of revenues received, including allocations,<br>project generated revenues, and interest income were<br>properly credited to Measure R account | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were expended with LACMTA's approval  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were not substituted for property tax<br>and is compliant with Assurances and Understandings  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Plan (Form One)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Report (Form Two)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely use of funds   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Administrative expenditures did not exceed 20% of the total annual LR expenditures  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Compliant         |
| Approval obtained from LACMTA for fund exchange (trades, loans, or gifts)   | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds expended and reimbursed by another<br>fund were properly credited to the LR account upon<br>reimbursement                           | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds exchanged with another jurisdiction<br>were properly recorded by that jurisdiction  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Establishment of and approval by LACMTA for a reserve fund  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| For capital reserve fund, verification that a separate account<br>has been established, and the current status is reported in the<br>expenditure plan       | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Recreational Transit Form was submitted timely for the recreational transit services  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |

| Compliance Area Tested  | Lawndale          | Los Angeles<br>County | Lynwood           |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Funds were expended for transportation purposes   | #2015-002         | Compliant             | Compliant         |
| Fund were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant             | Compliant         |
| Evidence of signed and returned Assurances and Understandings agreement   | Compliant         | Compliant             | Compliant         |
| Accounts and records have established a separate operating<br>Measure R Local Transportation Assistance Account for LR<br>purposes                          | Compliant         | Compliant             | Compliant         |
| Verification of revenues received, including allocations,<br>project generated revenues, and interest income were<br>properly credited to Measure R account | Compliant         | Compliant             | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were expended with LACMTA's approval  | Compliant         | Compliant             | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were not substituted for property tax<br>and is compliant with Assurances and Understandings  | Compliant         | Compliant             | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Plan (Form One)  | Compliant         | Compliant             | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Report (Form Two)  | Compliant         | Compliant             | Compliant         |
| Timely use of funds   | Compliant         | Compliant             | Compliant         |
| Administrative expenditures did not exceed 20% of the total annual LR expenditures  | Compliant         | Compliant             | Not<br>Applicable |
| Approval obtained from LACMTA for fund exchange (trades, loans, or gifts)   | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable     | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds expended and reimbursed by another<br>fund were properly credited to the LR account upon<br>reimbursement                           | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable     | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds exchanged with another jurisdiction<br>were properly recorded by that jurisdiction  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable     | Not<br>Applicable |
| Establishment of and approval by LACMTA for a reserve fund  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable     | Not<br>Applicable |
| For capital reserve fund, verification that a separate account<br>has been established, and the current status is reported in the<br>expenditure plan       | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable     | Not<br>Applicable |
| Recreational Transit Form was submitted timely for the recreational transit services  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable     | Not<br>Applicable |

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| Compliance Area Tested  | Malibu            | Maywood           | Montebello        |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Funds were expended for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Fund were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Evidence of signed and returned Assurances and Understandings agreement   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Accounts and records have established a separate operating<br>Measure R Local Transportation Assistance Account for LR<br>purposes                          | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification of revenues received, including allocations,<br>project generated revenues, and interest income were<br>properly credited to Measure R account | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were expended with LACMTA's approval  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were not substituted for property tax<br>and is compliant with Assurances and Understandings  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Plan (Form One)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Report (Form Two)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely use of funds   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Administrative expenditures did not exceed 20% of the total annual LR expenditures  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Compliant         |
| Approval obtained from LACMTA for fund exchange (trades, loans, or gifts)   | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds expended and reimbursed by another<br>fund were properly credited to the LR account upon<br>reimbursement                           | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds exchanged with another jurisdiction<br>were properly recorded by that jurisdiction  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Establishment of and approval by LACMTA for a reserve fund  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| For capital reserve fund, verification that a separate account<br>has been established, and the current status is reported in the<br>expenditure plan       | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Recreational Transit Form was submitted timely for the recreational transit services  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |

| Compliance Area Tested  | Monterey<br>Park  | Pico Rivera       | Pomona            |
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| Funds were expended for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Fund were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Evidence of signed and returned Assurances and Understandings agreement   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Accounts and records have established a separate operating<br>Measure R Local Transportation Assistance Account for LR<br>purposes                          | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification of revenues received, including allocations,<br>project generated revenues, and interest income were<br>properly credited to Measure R account | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were expended with LACMTA's approval  | #2015-007         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were not substituted for property tax<br>and is compliant with Assurances and Understandings  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Plan (Form One)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Report (Form Two)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely use of funds   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Administrative expenditures did not exceed 20% of the total annual LR expenditures  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Compliant         |
| Approval obtained from LACMTA for fund exchange (trades, loans, or gifts)   | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds expended and reimbursed by another<br>fund were properly credited to the LR account upon<br>reimbursement                           | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds exchanged with another jurisdiction<br>were properly recorded by that jurisdiction  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Establishment of and approval by LACMTA for a reserve fund  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| For capital reserve fund, verification that a separate account<br>has been established, and the current status is reported in the<br>expenditure plan       | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Recreational Transit Form was submitted timely for the recreational transit services  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |

| Compliance Area Tested  | Rosemead          | San<br>Fernando   | Santa Fe<br>Springs |
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| Funds were expended for transportation purposes   | #2015-003         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Fund were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Evidence of signed and returned Assurances and Understandings agreement   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Accounts and records have established a separate operating<br>Measure R Local Transportation Assistance Account for LR<br>purposes                          | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Verification of revenues received, including allocations,<br>project generated revenues, and interest income were<br>properly credited to Measure R account | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Verification that funds were expended with LACMTA's approval  | Compliant         | #2015-008         | Compliant           |
| Verification that funds were not substituted for property tax<br>and is compliant with Assurances and Understandings  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Plan (Form One)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Report (Form Two) Compliant Compliant  |                   | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Timely use of funds   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Administrative expenditures did not exceed 20% of the total annual LR expenditures  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Approval obtained from LACMTA for fund exchange (trades, loans, or gifts)   | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable   |
| Verification that funds expended and reimbursed by another<br>fund were properly credited to the LR account upon<br>reimbursement                           | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable   |
| Verification that funds exchanged with another jurisdiction<br>were properly recorded by that jurisdiction  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable   |
| Establishment of and approval by LACMTA for a reserve fund  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable   |
| For capital reserve fund, verification that a separate account<br>has been established, and the current status is reported in the<br>expenditure plan       | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable   |
| Recreational Transit Form was submitted timely for the recreational transit services  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable   |

| Compliance Area Tested  | Santa<br>Monica   | South El<br>Monte | South Gate        |
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| Funds were expended for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | #2015-004         | Compliant         |
| Fund were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Evidence of signed and returned Assurances and<br>Understandings agreement  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Accounts and records have established a separate operating<br>Measure R Local Transportation Assistance Account for LR<br>purposes                          | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification of revenues received, including allocations,<br>project generated revenues, and interest income were<br>properly credited to Measure R account | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were expended with LACMTA's approval  | Compliant         | #2015-009         | Compliant         |
| Verification that funds were not substituted for property tax<br>and is compliant with Assurances and Understandings  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Plan (Form One)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Report (Form Two)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Timely use of funds   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant         |
| Administrative expenditures did not exceed 20% of the total annual LR expenditures  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Not<br>Applicable |
| Approval obtained from LACMTA for fund exchange (trades, loans, or gifts)   | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds expended and reimbursed by another<br>fund were properly credited to the LR account upon<br>reimbursement                           | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Verification that funds exchanged with another jurisdiction<br>were properly recorded by that jurisdiction  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Establishment of and approval by LACMTA for a reserve fund  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| For capital reserve fund, verification that a separate account<br>has been established, and the current status is reported in the<br>expenditure plan       | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |
| Recreational Transit Form was submitted timely for the recreational transit services  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable |

| Compliance Area Tested  | Walnut            | West<br>Hollywood | Westlake<br>Village |
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| Funds were expended for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Fund were used to augment, not supplant, existing local revenues being used for transportation purposes   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Evidence of signed and returned Assurances and Understandings agreement   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Accounts and records have established a separate operating<br>Measure R Local Transportation Assistance Account for LR<br>purposes                          | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Verification of revenues received, including allocations,<br>project generated revenues, and interest income were<br>properly credited to Measure R account | Compliant         | Compliant         | Not<br>Applicable   |
| Verification that funds were expended with LACMTA's approval  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Verification that funds were not substituted for property tax<br>and is compliant with Assurances and Understandings  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Plan (Form One)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Timely submission of Expenditure Report (Form Two)  | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Timely use of funds   | Compliant         | Compliant         | Compliant           |
| Administrative expenditures did not exceed 20% of the total annual LR expenditures  | Compliant         | Not<br>Applicable | Compliant           |
| Approval obtained from LACMTA for fund exchange (trades, loans, or gifts)   | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable   |
| Verification that funds expended and reimbursed by another<br>fund were properly credited to the LR account upon<br>reimbursement                           | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable   |
| Verification that funds exchanged with another jurisdiction<br>were properly recorded by that jurisdiction  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable   |
| Establishment of and approval by LACMTA for a reserve fund  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable   |
| For capital reserve fund, verification that a separate account<br>has been established, and the current status is reported in the<br>expenditure plan       | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable   |
| Recreational Transit Form was submitted timely for the recreational transit services  | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable | Not<br>Applicable   |

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| Finding #2015-001     | City of Huntington Park   |
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| Compliance Reference  | According to Measure R Local Return Guidelines, "It is the Jurisdictions' responsibility to maintain proper accounting records and documentation."  |
| Condition             | During our audit of the local funds, we noted that the City did not reverse<br>the prior year's accounts payable for the MRLRF in fiscal year 2014-15.<br>As such, the current year's expenditures were overstated by \$8,282 for<br>MRLRF. Subsequent to our inquiries, the City prepared a journal entry to<br>correct the expenditures and the accounts payable balances of the fund<br>under audit. |
| Cause                 | There appears to be a lack of adequate controls over financial reporting and the accounts payable reconciliation.   |
| Effect                | Accounts payable that was not reversed in the subsequent year leads to over-reporting the program expenditures in the following fiscal year.  |
| Recommendation        | The City should update its internal accounting controls to ensure that appropriate procedures are in place to reconcile year-end accounts payable of all LRF balances in a timely manner. The City should also revise and resubmit the Form C and Form II to reflect the adjustments made for the project costs.  |
| Management's Response | The City Staff will work more diligently to make sure Account Payable is correctly balanced, thus insuring proper reporting.  |

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| Finding #2015-002     | City of Lawndale  |
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| Compliance Reference  | According to Measure R Local Return Guidelines, "It is the Jurisdictions' responsibility to maintain proper accounting records and documentation to facilitate the performance of the audit prescribed in these guidelines."  |
| Condition             | During our review of payroll salary expenditures, we noted that four (4) positions were partially funded by the Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF). The allocation percentages claimed to the fund were not supported by timesheets certified by the employees or a cost allocation with verifiable data. Through our inquiry with the City's Accounting Manager, the basis of the allocation percentages were based on annual budget (predetermined). The total questioned costs are \$1,872. |
|                       | This is a repeated finding of FY 2014; however, corrective actions were taken and a new timekeeping system was implemented to track the actual hours worked on the local return funds starting October 2014.  |
| Cause                 | During the first few months of FY 2014-15, the Public Works Director position was vacant causing a lack of oversite of timesheets. It was overlooked until October 2014, when the Payroll Staff noticed that timesheet verification was lacking and corrective action was not taken.  |
| Effect                | Lack of supporting documentation (activity report, functional timesheets, and/or time study) to substantiate the charges for project expenditures could result in disallowed cost claimed to the MRLRF.   |
| Recommendation        | We do not have any recommendation since the City has implemented a timekeeping system to ensure salaries and related fringe benefits are supported by adequate documentation (i.e. activity report, timesheet, or time study) as of October 2014.   |
| Management's Response | Management agrees with the finding that certain Public Works employees timesheets were on the allocation basis and not actual. October 2014 corrective action was taken so all employees' time was based on actual hours worked.  |

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| Finding #2015-003     | City of Rosemead   |
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| Compliance Reference  | According to the Measure R Guidelines, "It is the Jurisdictions' responsibility to maintain proper accounting records and documentation to facilitate the performance of the audit prescribed in these guidelines."  |
| Condition             | Upon testing the payroll expenditures charged to MRLRF, we found that the payroll charges were based on estimated percentage of actual salaries, determined by the City to be attributable to the funds for the period 7/1/2014 through 1/4/2015. The payroll charges are supported by timesheets; however, actual timesheet documentation did not accurately equal the estimated percentages used to allocate the employee' salaries to the local return fund for the period 7/1/2014 through 1/4/2015. Some pay periods are over the estimates and some are under the estimates. No true-up of the estimates was done at the end of the fiscal year. There was a total of 23 employees tested where the hours on the timesheet did not equal the estimated percentages. Total questioned costs are \$92. |
| Cause                 | The City uses its best estimate of percentage of its employees' salaries to determine its payroll charges to the MRLRF. Actual timesheets filled out by employees may or may not equal the estimates used by the City's payroll system to automatically charge the local return fund.  |
| Effect                | Insufficient supporting documentation (activity report, timesheets, and/or time study) to substantiate the charges for "Direct Administrative" could result in disallowed costs claimed to the MRLRF.  |
| Recommendation        | We recommend that the City periodically reconcile estimates (charged hours) to the timesheet hours and record the required adjustments to reflect actual hours.  |
| Management's Response | The City will meet with staff under the Bus Shelter Maintenance department to reinforce the procedures for tracking time on these programs.  |

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| Finding #2015-004    | City of South El Monte   |
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| Compliance Reference | According to Measure R Guidelines, Section B (VII. Audit Section),<br>"Jurisdictions are required to expend their Measure R Local Return funds<br>for transportation purposes, as defined by the Guidelines" and "It is the<br>Jurisdictions' responsibility to maintain proper accounting records and<br>documentation."  |
|                      | In order to ensure the propriety of expenditures being charged to the Measure R Local Return Funds, non-payroll expenditures should be supported by properly executed contracts, invoices, vouchers, or other official documentation, evidencing in proper detail, the nature of the charges.  |
| Condition            | <ol> <li>The City reimbursed Arroyo Strategy Group (Consultant) for<br/>various expenses including Outreach Education program expenses,<br/>website creation and upgrades, two extra nights at a hotel for a<br/>conference in the amount of \$14,798. The City charged these<br/>reimbursements to LACMTA's approved SR Coalition Work<br/>project for the Measure R Local Return Fund. The Contract<br/>between the City of South EL Monte and Arroyo Strategy Group<br/>(Consultant), states that the "Consultant shall not be reimbursed for<br/>any expenses unless it receives prior written authorization from the<br/>City Council." We requested but the City did not provide us with<br/>the evidence of Prior Written Authorization for these cost<br/>reimbursements.</li> </ol> |
|                      | <ol> <li>In addition, we noted that some reimbursements did not have proper<br/>documentation such as receipts, timesheets or a basis for the<br/>charges. Of the \$14,798 reimbursements, \$12,563 did not have<br/>proper documentation.</li> </ol>  |
| Cause                | The City ascertains that the various expenditures by the Consultant were covered under the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) Exhibit A under "Assist in the Advocacy of the SR-60 Alternative of the Eastside Goldline Corridor Phase II" and "Other tasks there onto assigned." Because these expenditures were named in the Scope of Work, the City did not treat these expenditures as "Reimbursements" which require prior written approval by the City.   |
| Effect               | The reimbursements without proper supporting documentation and/or prior written authorization resulted in questioned costs of \$14,798.  |

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| Finding #2015-004     | City of South El Monte (Continued)  |
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| Recommendation        | In accordance with the Guidelines, we recommend that the City reimburse<br>its Measure R Local Return account \$14,798. We also recommend that the<br>City establish controls to ensure that the expenditures charged to the Local<br>Return funds are adequately supported by contracts, invoices, canceled<br>checks or similar documentation and properly authorized so that the City's<br>expenditures of Local Return funds will be in compliance with the<br>Guidelines.  |
| Management's Response | The City will amend all Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to reflect a<br>more detailed explanation of the services encompassed by any use of<br>Measure R funds. In addition, the PSA will also amend the language to<br>clarify what "Reimbursable Expenses" includes and the process to<br>differentiate between reimbursable and non-reimbursable expenses. Also,<br>the City Council will approve a resolution authorizing specific authorization<br>of approval for the City Manager as it pertains to the expenditures of<br>Measure R Funds. Each assignment listed in Exhibit A of the Professional<br>Service Agreement will only need to be approved by the City Manager<br>upon the Execution of said Resolution. |

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| Finding #2015-005                  | City of Compton  |
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| Compliance Reference               | According to Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Section B (VII.A,<br>Financial and Compliance Provisions), "The Measure R LR Audits shall<br>include, but not limited to, verification of adherence to the following<br>financial and compliance provisions of this guidelines:<br>Verification that funds were expended with Metro's approval." |
| Condition                          | The expenditures for MRLRF's Administration project in the amount of \$798,683 were incurred prior to the approval from LACMTA for fiscal year 2014-15. However, the City subsequently received LACMTA's approval on the MRLRF project on November 24, 2015.   |
| Cause                              | The Public Works department unintentionally did not include Fund<br>Administration as a line item in the budget request from MTA.  |
| Effect                             | The City did not comply with the Guidelines when expenditures for MRLRF project is incurred without LACMTA's approval.   |
| Recommendation                     | We recommend that the City establish procedures to ensure that it obtains<br>approval from LACMTA prior to implementing any Measure R Local<br>Return projects.  |
| Management's Response              | The City received approval subsequently on November 24, 2015. However, in the future the Public Works department will ensure they receive approval for MRLRF Fund Administration prior to expending the funds.   |
| Finding Corrected During the Audit | LACMTA Program Manager granted retroactive approval of the MRLRF project on November 24, 2015. No additional follow up is required.  |

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| Finding #2015-006                  | City of Cudahy   |
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| Compliance Reference               | According to Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Section B (VII.A,<br>Financial and Compliance Provisions), "The Measure R LR Audits shall<br>include, but not limited to, verification of adherence to the following<br>financial and compliance provisions of this guidelines:<br>Verification that funds were expended with Metro's approval."   |
| Condition                          | The expenditures for MRLRF's Administration project in the amount of \$710 were incurred prior to the approval from LACMTA for fiscal year 2014-15. However, the City subsequently received LACMTA's approval on the MRLRF project on October 7, 2015.   |
| Cause                              | The City did not anticipate administrative expenditures during fiscal year 2014-15 for MRLRF. Therefore, the City did not include a request for approval for the project in the Annual Project Update Form (Form I) submitted to LACMTA on July 31, 2014. However, the City failed to submit a Form I for the project when the audit fee in the amount of \$710 was allocated to the fund in April 2015. |
| Effect                             | The City did not comply with the Guidelines when expenditure for MRLRF project is incurred without LACMTA's approval.  |
| Recommendation                     | We recommend that the City establish procedures to ensure that it obtains<br>approval from LACMTA prior to implementing any Measure R Local<br>Return projects.  |
| Management's Response              | The City will ensure that the Administration Cost is included in Form I for Measure R when budget is submitted to Metro.   |
| Finding Corrected During the Audit | LACMTA Program Manager granted retroactive approval of the MRLRF project on October 7, 2015. No additional follow up is required.  |

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| Finding #2015-007                  | City of Monterey Park  |
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| Compliance Reference               | According to Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Section B (VII.A,<br>Financial and Compliance Provisions), "The Measure R LR Audits shall<br>include, but not limited to, verification of adherence to the following<br>financial and compliance provisions of this guidelines:<br>Verification that funds were expended with Metro's Approval." |
| Condition                          | The expenditures for the Measure R Transportation Services project in the amount of \$12,491 were incurred prior to the approval from LACMTA. However, the project was subsequently approved by LACMTA on October 6, 2015.   |
| Cause                              | Form R forms have Macros built into the spreadsheets that sometimes do<br>not function properly with City software. While the project code 1.05,<br>Localized Pavement Repairs, was identified in the Form One budget, costs<br>associated for that project were inadvertently left out.   |
| Effect                             | The expenditures for Measure R Local Return programs were incurred prior<br>to LACMTA's approval. Incurred expenditures prior to LACMTA's<br>approval resulted in questioned costs of \$12,491.  |
| Recommendation                     | We recommend the City establish procedures to ensure that Form One is<br>properly prepared and submitted before the due date of August 1st so that<br>the City's expenditures of the Measure R Local Return Funds will be in<br>accordance with LACMTA's approval and the Guidelines.  |
| Management's Response              | Staff will revise the mapping spreadsheet to incorporate the budget<br>expenditures in order to identify discrepancies with the actual expenditures<br>prior to submittal to MTA. In addition, a review will be properly done by<br>both Program and Finance personnel to ensure proper data submittal.  |
| Finding Corrected During the Audit | LACMTA Program Manager granted retroactive approval of the MRLRF project on October 6, 2015. No additional follow up is required.  |

| Finding #2015-008    | City of San Fernando   |
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| Compliance Reference | According to Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Section B (VII.A,<br>Financial and Compliance Provisions), "The Measure R LR Audits shall<br>include, but not limited to, verification of adherence to the following<br>financial and compliance provisions of this guidelines:<br>Verification that funds were expended with Metro's Approval.  |
| Condition            | The project expenditures for project codes 1.90 and 7.90 funded by Measure R totaling \$14,159 and \$9,095 respectively, were incurred without an approval from LACMTA. Total questioned costs are \$23,254.   |
| Cause                | The City represented to us that the expenditures for project codes 1.9 and 7.90 were budgeted under project code 1.05 in the amount of \$592,000 and was approved in the Form 1. However, when preparing the Form II, the City separated the project codes in accordance with the Guidelines.<br>The City was granted a subsequent approval for project code 1.90 by LACMTA on December 15, 2015. Expenditure for project code 7.90 was not subsequently approved by LACMTA. |
| Effect               | The expenditures for Measure R Local Return programs were incurred prior<br>to LACMTA's approval and incorrectly reporting the project and<br>administrative expenditures could result in over-or-under reported approved<br>project costs.  |
| Recommendation       | We recommend the City establish procedures to ensure that Form One is<br>properly prepared and submitted before the due date of August 1 <sup>st</sup> so that<br>the City's expenditures of the Measure R Local Return Funds will be in<br>accordance with LACMTA's approval and the Guidelines. The City should<br>prepare a journal entry to transfer funds from the general fund to reimburse<br>the Measure R for the disapproved project cost.                         |
|                      | We also recommend the City return the unapproved project expenditure of \$9,095 to LACMTA.   |

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| Finding #2015-008                  | City of San Fernando (Continued)   |
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| Management's Response              | The City maintains that Form One was properly prepared and submitted prior to August 1 <sup>st</sup> and fiscal year 2014-2015 expenditures were in accordance with Metro's approval. The original Metro approved budget included \$592,000 in Street and Roads expenditures, classified broadly using Sub-category 1.05 – Street Repair and Maintenance.  |
|                                    | The revised budget, submit during the fiscal year in which the funds<br>were expended, included a total of \$34,278 in expenditures using<br>more defined expenditure categories, including \$25,000 in Streets and<br>Roads expenditures, Sub-category 1.20 – Consulting Services/Professional<br>Services; and \$9,278 in Transportation Administration, Sub-category 8.10<br>– Fund Administration. As the City understands the guideline referenced<br>above, the funds were expended with Metro's approval. Metro approved<br>\$592,000 for Streets and Roads under the broad Sub-category of Street<br>Repair and Maintenance.   |
|                                    | Of the \$23,254 in questioned costs, \$14,159 was reported using a more defined Sub- category under the originally approved Streets and Roads category. The remaining \$9,095 in questioned costs were reported under the Transportation Administration Category to better reflect actual activity during the year. We concur that all activities funded by Measure R Local Return must be accurately reported; however, it is also required to be preapproved by MTA. In an effort to make reporting as accurate as possible, staff reported expenses using more detailed codes rather than the broad codes approved in the budget. Going forward, staff will ensure that the same codes used for budgeting purposes will be used for reporting purposes. |
|                                    | Additionally, City staff responsible for management and reporting of the Measure R Local Return Program attended training on July 22, 2015, to ensure that expenditures of the Measure R Local Return Funds will continue to be in accordance with Metro's approval and program Guidelines.  |
| Finding Corrected During the Audit | Out of the \$23,254 questioned costs, LACMTA Program Manager partially granted retroactive approval of project codes 1.9 in the amount of \$14,159 on December 15, 2015.   |

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| According to Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Section B (VII.A, Financial and Compliance Provisions), "The Measure R LR audits shall include, but not limited to, verification of adherence to the following financial and compliance provisions of this guidelines:   |
| Verification that funds were expended with Metro's approval."  |
| The expenditures for the Measure R Administration project in the amount of \$3,064 were incurred prior to the approval from LACMTA for fiscal year 2014-15. However, the City subsequently received LACMTA's approval on the MRLRF project on October 15, 2015.  |
| This is a repeated finding of FY 2014.   |
| The Grants Coordinator of the Finance Department has been catching up on<br>her duties since she was on an extended leave of absence due to illness.<br>There were instances, such as that identified in finding, that lead to<br>documents being submitted late to entities. The Grants Coordinator of the<br>Finance Department has trained the Accountant of the Department to avoid<br>issues such as mentioned in this finding. |
| The City did not comply with the Guidelines when the expenditures for MRLRF project were incurred without LACMTA's approval.   |
| We recommend that the City establish procedures to ensure that it obtains<br>and confirms approval from LACMTA prior to implementing any Measure<br>R Local Return projects.   |
| The City will continue to monitor its program to ensure that the expenditures for projects/programs have been prepared correctly and submitted to LACMTA on a timely manner to ensure the expenditures are approved by LACMTA prior to incurring the cost.   |
| LACMTA Program Manager granted retroactive approval of the MRLRF project on October 15, 2015. No additional follow up is required.   |
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| Finding #2015-010     | City of Calabasas  |
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| Compliance Reference  | According to Measure R Guidelines, Section B (II.1), "Jurisdictions shall submit to LACMTA an Expenditure Plan, annually, on or before August 1st of each fiscal year."  |
| Condition             | The City did not meet the August 1, 2014 deadline for submission of Form One. However, the City submitted the Form One on September 23, 2014.  |
| Cause                 | During the transition period of hiring a new staff, the previous employee did<br>not inform the supervising staff the reporting deadline for the submission of<br>Form One to Metro.   |
| Effect                | The City's Form One was not submitted timely.  |
| Recommendation        | We recommend that the City establish procedures to ensure that the Form<br>One (Expenditure Plan) is properly prepared and submitted before the due<br>date of August 1st so that the City's expenditures of the Measure R Local<br>Return Funds will be in accordance with LACMTA's approval and the<br>guidelines. Furthermore, we recommend the City to retain a confirmation of<br>receipt by LACMTA to indicate the form was submitted on a timely<br>manner. |
| Management's Response | Besides the City employee who is responsible for submitting the Form One,<br>the supervising staff is also aware of the required forms and their due dates<br>to ensure that the City does not miss the LACMTA reporting deadlines in<br>the future.   |

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| Finding #2015-011     | City of Hidden Hills   |
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| Compliance Reference  | According to Measure R Guidelines, Section B (II.2), "Jurisdictions shall submit a Form Two, to LACMTA annually, by October 15th (following the conclusion of the fiscal year)." |
| Condition             | The City did not submit Form Two to LACMTA until November 17, 2014.  |
| Cause                 | The condition was due to oversight of the City's management.   |
| Effect                | The City's Form Two were not submitted timely.   |
| Recommendation        | The City should establish procedures to ensure that Form Two be submitted timely.  |
| Management's Response | The City will make a better effort to file in a timely manner.   |

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| Finding #2015-012                  | City of Huntington Park  |
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| Compliance Reference               | According to Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Section A.II. 8, "The administrative expenditures for any year shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total local return annual expenditures."   |
| Condition                          | The City's administrative expenditures exceeded more than twenty percent<br>of its total Measure R local return annual expenditures in the amount of<br>\$63,034. Subsequently, the City transferred \$63,034 to its Measure R Local<br>Return account on December 23, 2015. |
| Cause                              | The condition was due to oversight of the City's management.   |
| Effect                             | The City's MRLRF administrative expenditures exceeded 20 percent of its local return annual expenditures and the City did not comply with the Guidelines. Amount exceeded 20 percent cap resulted in questioned costs of \$63,034.   |
| Recommendation                     | We recommend that the City establish procedures and controls to ensure<br>that administrative expenditures are within the 20% cap of the MRLRF's<br>total annual expenditures.   |
| Management's Response              | City staff will work more diligently to adhere to the Metro approved budget<br>which includes but not limited to tracking expenditures and monitoring<br>compliance to City Budget as well.  |
| Finding Corrected During the Audit | The City subsequently transferred \$63,034 to its Measure R Local Return account on December 23, 2015. No additional follow up is required.  |