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Independent Reviews Find Use of Measure R Transportation Sales Tax on Track; Measure M Committee Meets for the First Time

An Independent Taxpayers Oversight Committee has again determined that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and local return recipients have complied with the requirements set forth in the Measure R Ordinance. The Committee was appointed to ensure the Measure R half-cent sales tax approved by Los Angeles County voters in 2008 is being delivered as promised.

The Committee praised the independent auditors for the thorough reports provided, as well as Metro staff's monitoring of the use of Local Return funds by the county's 88 cities and county unincorporated areas. Funds are used to improve transit and other local transportation needs throughout Los Angeles County.

"The Taxpayer Oversight Committee is vital to ensuring that Los Angeles County residents receive all of the improvements promised to them through our sales tax measures," said Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti. "This independent review has found Metro is continuing to properly administer the tax dollars entrusted to our transportation agency."

Additionally, the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee for Measure M — approved by voters in 2016 — met for the first time, as Metro continues its efforts to provide transparency and accountability for the public's transportation investments. Staff provided updates on planned projects, budgeted amounts and fund distribution. Metro's chief auditor also provided a status update on the procurement of independent external auditor services that will perform the annual financial and compliance audits as required by the ordinance.

Measure M is expected to generate \$120 billion to fund transportation improvements over the next 40 years. Numerous projects are planned to help residents travel more easily, including improvements to transit, freeways, state of good repair and funding for the needs of local cities.

Measure R and Measure M fund countless transportation improvements to help L.A. County residents, workers and visitors travel more efficiently throughout all parts of the region. For additional information, please visit <https://www.metro.net/projects/taxpayer-oversight-committee/>.

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County.

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