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FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016





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Independent Auditor's Report

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

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF), Proposition C Local Return Fund (PCLRF), Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF), Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) and Transportation Development Act Article 8 Fund (TDAA8F) of the City of Avalon, California (City) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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





Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, TDAA3F, and TDAA8F of the City of Avalon, California, as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the respective changes in their financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements present only the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, TDAA3F, and TDAA8F and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Avalon, California, as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Avalon, California's PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, TDAA3F, and TDAA8F Fund financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information as listed in the table of contents is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have issued our report dated December 15, 2017, on our consideration of the City of Avalon's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance

Simpson & Simpson

Los Angeles, California December 15, 2017

PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND

BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30

		2017	2016
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$	-	\$ 46,052
Due from LACMTA	_	200,189	900,000
Total assets	\$ _	200,189	\$ 946,052
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	30,416	\$ 14,000
Due to other fund	_	169,773	900,000
Total liabilities	_	200,189	914,000
Fund Balance			
Restricted	_	-	32,052
Total fund balance	_	-	32,052
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ _	200,189	\$ 946,052

PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	2017	2016
REVENUES		
Proposition A	\$ 70,070	\$ 68,952
Proposition A Incentive Grant (Note 7)	900,000	900,000
Total revenues	970,070	968,952
EXPENDITURES		
Various projects	1,002,122	1,215,411
Total expenditures	1,002,122	1,215,411
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(32,052)	(246,459)
Fund balance at beginning of year	32,052	278,511
Fund balance at end of year	\$ -	\$ 32,052

PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 (With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016)

		_							
		_					Variance		
Project			Metro				Favorable		2016
Code	Project Name		Budget		Actual	-	(Unfavorable)		Actual
200-01 250-01	Electric Transit Buses Avalon Rapid Transit	\$	286,133 64,151	\$	- 70,070	\$	286,133 (5,919)	\$	283,312 64,151
230-01	Total expenditures	\$	350,284	\$	70,070	\$		\$	347,463
	Funded by Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Programs Avalon Rapid Transit Dial-A-Ride Avalon Ferry Total PALRF expenditures	-			282,052 650,000 1,002,122	-		_	217,948 650,000 1,215,411

PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

June 30, 2017

Date Acquired		Description		Balance 7/1/2016	Additions	 Deletions	_	Balance 6/30/2017
	None		9	S	\$ 	\$ 	\$_	
			Total \$	S	\$ _	\$ 	\$_	_

PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND

BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash and investments	\$ -	\$
Total assets	\$ 	\$
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$
Total liabilities	-	
Fund Balance		
Restricted	-	
Total fund balance	-	
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 	\$

PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	2017	2016
REVENUES		
Proposition C	\$ 57,639	\$ 56,682
Total revenues	57,639	56,682
EXPENDITURES		
Avalon Rapid Transit	57,639	56,682
Total expenditures	57,639	56,682
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	-
Fund balance at beginning of year		
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 	\$

PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 (With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016)

		_				
Project			Metro	Favorable	2016	
Code	Project Name		Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
250-01	Avalon Rapid Transit	\$	53,212 \$	57,639	\$ <u>(4,427)</u> \$	56,682
	Total expenditures	\$	53,212 \$	57,639	\$ (4,427) \$	56,682

PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

June 30, 2017

Date Acquired		Description		Balance 7/1/2016		Additions	 Deletions	 Balance 6/30/2017
	None		\$		\$		\$ _	\$
			Total \$		- \$	_	\$ -	\$ _

MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND

BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30

	 2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash and investments	\$ - \$	
Total assets	\$ - \$	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ - \$	
Total liabilities	 	
Fund Balance		
Restricted	 -	
Total fund balance	 	
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ - \$	

MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	2017	2016
REVENUES		
Measure R	\$ 43,601	\$ 42,921
Total revenues	43,601	42,921
EXPENDITURES		
Avalon Rapid Transit	43,601	42,921
Total expenditures	43,601	42,921
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	-
Fund balance at beginning of year		
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 	\$

MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES ACTUAL AND METRO APPROVED PROJECT BUDGET

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 (With Comparative Actual Amount for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016)

		_	2017							
		_	Variance							
Project			Metro		Favorable	2016				
Code	Project Name		Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual				
4.10	Avalon Rapid Transit	\$	39,909 \$	43,601	\$ (3,692) \$	42,921				
	Total expenditures	\$_	39,909 \$	43,601	\$ (3,692) \$	42,921				

MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

June 30, 2017

Date Acquired		Description			Balance 7/1/2016	 Additions	_	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2017
	None			\$_	-	\$ -	\$_	\$	-
			Total	\$_	_	\$ _	\$_	\$	-

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND (PURSUANT TO PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE SECTION 99234)

BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30

		2017	2016
ASSETS	_		
Cash and investment	\$	-	\$ -
Total assets	\$ _	-	\$ -
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Due to LACMTA	\$	-	\$ -
Total liabilities	_		
Fund Balance			
Restricted	_	-	-
Total fund balance	_		
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ _		\$

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	2017	2016
REVENUES		
TDA 3	\$ 	\$ 12,938
Total revenues		12,938
EXPENDITURES		
Construction		12,938
Total expenditures		12,938
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	-
Fund balance at beginning of year		
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 	\$

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ALLOCATION FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Project Description	Program Year	۱ 	Allocations	Expenditures	Unexpended Allocations	Project Status
Local allocations						
None	2017	\$_	\$	\$		Complete
Total		\$	\$	-	-	
Unexpended interest accumulated t	o date				-	
Fund balance at beginning of year						
Fund balance at end of year				\$		

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 8 FUND (PURSUANT TO PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE SECTION 99234)

BALANCE SHEETS

JUNE 30

		2017	2016
ASSETS			
Cash and investment	\$	-	\$
Total assets	\$		\$
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	-	\$
Total liabilities	-	-	
Fund Balance			
Restricted	-	-	
Total fund balance	-	-	
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$		\$

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 8 FUND

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

		2017	_	2016
REVENUES				
TDA 8	\$	162,076	\$	143,632
Total revenues	-	162,076	-	143,632
EXPENDITURES				
Transportation Dial-A-Ride Services	-	162,076	_	143,632
Total expenditures	-	162,076	_	143,632
Excess of revenues over expenditures		-		-
Fund balance at beginning of year			_	-
Fund balance at end of year	\$	-	\$_	

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 8 FUND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ALLOCATION FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Project Description	Program Year		Allocations	 Expenditures		Unexpended Allocations	Project Status
Local allocations							
Transportation Dial-A-Ride	2017	\$	162,076	\$ 162,076	\$		Completed
Total		\$_	162,076	\$ 162,076	=	-	
Unexpended interest accumulated to	o date					-	
Fund balance at beginning of year					-	-	
Fund balance at end of year					\$	-	
					\$	-	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fund Accounting

The operations of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF) and Proposition C Local Return Funds (PCLRF), Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF), Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F), and Transportation Development Act Article 8 Fund (TDAA8F) are accounted for in separate sets of self-balancing accounts that comprise their assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures.

PALRF and PCLRF represent 25% and 20% respectively, of the ¹/₂ cent Proposition A and ¹/₂ cent Proposition C sales taxes which are distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on population and must be used exclusively for transportation related programs and projects.

MRLRF represents 15% of the ½ cent sales tax which is distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on a per capita basis and must be used exclusively for transportation purposes.

Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F) and Transportation Development Act Article 8 Fund (TDAA8F) is a Special Revenue Fund that accounts for the City's share of the Transportation Development Act Article 3 and 8 allocations which are legally restricted for specific purposes.

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, TDAA3F and TDAA8F are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period and expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liabilities are incurred.

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

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgeted amounts presented in this report for comparison to the actual amounts are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 (Continued)

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fair Value Measurement

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, which became effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the City categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy that is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the investment. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical investments; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. Accordingly, the City reports its investments at fair value and recognizes unrealized gain (loss) on investments.

Refer to the City's 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for detailed disclosures regarding the City's investments policy and fair value measurements.

Fund Balance Reporting

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

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, TDAA3F, and TDAA8F report the following fund balance classification as of June 30, 2017:

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

Information regarding the fund balance reporting policy adopted by the City is described in Note 1 to the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

NOTE 2 – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements reflect only the financial position and results of operations of the PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, TDAA3F, and TDAA8F and their compliance with the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Program Guidelines, Measure R Local Return Program Guidelines, and Transportation Development Act Article 3 & 8 and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Funding, and Allocation Guidelines for Transportation Development Act Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds, and Allocation Guidelines for Transportation Development Act Article 8 transit and paratransit programs to fulfill unmet transit needs in areas outside the service area of LACMTA operations.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 (Continued)

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

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

NOTE 4 – MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

NOTE 5 – TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 99234 and 99400 (a), funds received pursuant to this Code's section may only be used for activities relating to pedestrians and bicycle facilities, transit and paratransit programs to fulfill unmet transit needs in areas outside the service area of LACMTA operations. See accompanying Compliance Matrix.

NOTE 6 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, TDAA3F, and TDAA8F cash balances were pooled with various other City funds for deposit and investment purposes. The share of each fund in the pooled cash account was separately maintained and interest income was apportioned to the participating funds based on the relationship of their average quarterly balances to the total of the pooled cash and investments.

NOTE 7 – PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE GRANTS

The Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant amounting to \$900,000 for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 were for the Cross-Channel Carrier Commuter Subsidy Program that subsidizes the ferry ticket booklets for commuters and to provide transportation through the City's land transit services.

The Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grants were recorded under PALRF.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 (Continued)

NOTE 8 - TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT 3 FUND REVENUE ALLOCATION

The revenue allocation for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 consisted of the following:

	2017	2016
FY 2012-13 allocation	\$ -	\$ 635
FY 2013-14 allocation	-	5,000
FY 2014-15 allocation	-	5,000
FY 2015-16 allocation	-	2,303
FY 2016-17 allocation	-	-
Total payment requested	\$ -	\$ 12,938

NOTE 9 – TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT 3 FUNDS RESERVED

In accordance with TDA Article 3 (SB821) Guidelines, funds not spent during the fiscal year have been placed on reserve in the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) account with the County Auditor-Controller to be drawn down whenever the funds become eligible for a specific project and an approved drawdown request is received by Metro. As of June 30, 2017, and 2016, the City has funds on reserve as follows:

	2017	2016
FY 2015-16 allocation	\$ 2,697	\$ 2,697
FY 2016-17 allocation	5,000	-
Available reserve balance	\$ 7,697	\$ 2,697

NOTE 10 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City has evaluated events or transactions that occurred subsequent to June 30, 2017 through December 15, 2017, the date the accompanying financial statements were available to be issued, for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements and determined no subsequent matters require disclosure or adjustment to the accompanying financial statements.





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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Avalon, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund (PALRF), Proposition C Local Return Fund (PCLRF), Measure R Local Return Fund (MRLRF), Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (TDAA3F), and Transportation Development Act Article 8 Fund (TDAA8F) of the City of Avalon, California (City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 15, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City's local return funds, TDAA3F and TDAA8F 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 any deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.





Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result 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.

Simpson & Simpson

Los Angeles, California December 15, 2017

COMPLIANCE SECTION



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Independent Auditor's Report On Compliance

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Avalon, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority

Report on Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the City of Avalon, California (City) with the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Guidelines, Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Transportation Development Act Article 3, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Funding and Allocation Guidelines for the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds (Guidelines) and Transportation Development Act Article 8 Funds (Guidelines) for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for the City's compliance with those guidelines.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Guidelines referred to in the preceding paragraph. Those standards and the Guidelines require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a local return program and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of City's compliance with those requirements.

Opinion on Each Local Return Program, Transportation Development Act Article 3 and Transportation Development Act Article 8

In our opinion, the City of Avalon complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that apply to Proposition A Local Return Fund, Proposition C Local Return Fund, Measure R Local Return Fund, Transportation Development Act Article 3 (TDAA3F), and Transportation Development Act Article 8 (TDAA8F) Fund for the year ended June 30, 2017.





Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance with the requirements, which is required to be reported in accordance with the Guidelines and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Recommendation as Finding No. 2017-001. Our opinion on each local return program is not modified with respect to this matter.

The City's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Recommendations. The City's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance, and accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the City of Avalon is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the Requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City's internal control over compliance with the Requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the Local Return programs and the TDAA3F 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 Requirements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance.

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance under the 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 Requirements 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 is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with the Requirements that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

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

Simpson & Simpson

Los Angeles, California December 15, 2017

CITY OF AVALON COMPLIANCE MATRIX Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Compliance Requirement	ent In Compliance Questioned Yes No Costs		Questioned	If no, provide details and
	~~~~ <b>~</b> ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~			Costs	management response.
A. P	roposition A and Proposition C Loca	l Retur	n Fund	s	
1.	Timely use of funds.	Х		None	
2.	Expenditures were approved before being incurred.	Х		None	
3.	Funds were used on approved projects only and expenditures were supported and allowable per Guidelines.	X		None	
4.	Expenditures did not exceed 25% of Metro's approved budget.	Х		None	
5.	Administrative expenses were within the 20% cap.	Х		None	
6.	All on-going and carryover projects were reported in Form B.	Х		None	
7.	Annual Project Summary Report (Form B) was submitted on time.	Х		None	
8.	Annual Expenditure Report (Form C) was submitted on time.	Х		None	
9.	Cash or cash equivalents were maintained.	Х		None	
10.	Accounting procedures, record keeping and documentation were adequate.	X		None	
11.	Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues, and interest income were properly credited to the PALRF and PCLRF accounts.	X		None	

# *CITY OF AVALON* COMPLIANCE MATRIX Year Ended June 30, 2017 (Continued)

	Compliance Requirement		Ace Requirement $\begin{tabular}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $		If no, provide details and
					management response.
<b>B.</b> M	leasure R Local Return Fund				
1.	Timely use of funds.	X		None	
2.	Expenditures were approved before being incurred.	X		None	
3.	Funds were used on approved projects only and expenditures were supported and allowable per Guidelines.	X		None	
4.	Fund were not substituted for property tax.	X		None	
5.	Administrative expenses were within the 20% cap.	X		None	
6.	Expenditure Plan (Form One) was submitted on time.		X	None	See Finding 2017-001 on the Summary of Fidnings and Recommendations
7.	Expenditure Report (Form Two) was submitted on time.	X		None	
8.	Cash or cash equivalents were maintained.	X		None	
9.	Accounting procedures, record keeping and documentation were adequate.	X		None	
10.	Revenues received including allocations, project generated revenues, and interest income were properly credited to the Measure R account.	X		None	
11.	Funds were not used to supplant existing local revenues being used for transportation purpose.	X		None	

# CITY OF AVALON COMPLIANCE MATRIX Year Ended June 30, 2017 (Continued)

	Compliance Requirement	In Compliance		Questioned	If no, provide details and
		Yes	No	Costs	management response.
C. T	ransportation Development Act Arti	cle 3 Fu	ınd		
1.	Timely use of funds.	X		None	
2.	Expenditures were incurred for activities relating to pedestrian and bicycle facilities and amenities.	x		None	
<b>D. T</b>	ransportation Development Act Arti	cle 8 Fı	ınd		
1.	Timely use of funds.	X		None	
2.	Expenditures were incurred for transit, paratransit, and local streets and roads.	X		None	

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS June 30, 2017

Finding	Entity
Compliance Requirement	According to Measure R Local Return Guidelines, Section B (II), "To maintain legal eligibility and meet Measure R LR program compliance requirements, Jurisdictions shall submit to LACMTA an Expenditure Plan (Form One), annually, by August 1st of each year."
Condition	The City did not submit the Expenditure Plan (Form one) to LACMTA by August 1, 2016. However, on August 8, 2016, the city submitted the Expenditure Plan (Form one) to LACMTA.
Cause	The City was unaware that the Expenditure Plan (Form one) was not submitted, until August 8, 2017. Once the City realized they had missed the deadline, they submitted the Form One to LACMTA.
Effect	The City's Expenditure Plan (Form One) was not submitted to LACMTA by August 1 st , as required by the Guidelines.
Recommendation	We recommend that the City establish internal control procedures to ensure that the Expenditure Plan (Form One) is properly prepared and submitted prior to the August 1st deadline, and that the City retain a confirmation of receipt by LACMTA to comply with the Guidelines.
Management's Response	The City has hired and assigned a staff person who has established a new process to ensure internal controls are in place to meet the required reporting deadlines and proper record retention.

# MRLRF: Finding No. 2017-001

**EXIT CONFERENCE** 

# PROPOSITION A, PROPOSITION C, MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUNDS, AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND EXIT CONFERENCE June 30, 2017

An exit conference was held on December 15, 2017, with the City of Avalon. Those in attendance were:

#### Simpson & Simpson Representative:

Muhammad Riaz, Staff Auditor Tian Bian, Staff Auditor

# City's Representative:

Robert Mescher, Finance Director

## Matters Discussed:

Results of the audit, one (1) finding was noted

A copy of this report was forwarded to the following City representative(s) for their comments prior to the issuance of the final report:

Robert Mescher, Finance Director

Simpson & Simpson, LLP 633 West 5th Street, Suite 3320 Los Angeles, CA 90071

RE: CITY OF AVALON ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND, PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUND, MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUND, TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND, AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 8 FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

I have received the annual financial report of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, Proposition C Local Return Fund, Measure R Local Return Fund, Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund, and Transportation Development Act Article 8 Fund for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 for the City of Avalon and agree with the contents of the report except s indicated below:

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

Very truly yours,

Name

Title

Date