

City of Commerce Annual Financial Report of its

Proposition A Local Return Fund
Proposition C Local Return Fund
Measure R Local Return Fund
Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund

As of and for the Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 with Report of Independent Auditors





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### **Report of Independent Auditors**

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

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds), of the City of Commerce, California (the City) which comprise the Funds' balance sheet as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditors' Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the 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.



### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City of Commerce, California, as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements present only the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund of the City and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on each of the Funds' financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information identified in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information identified in the table of contents is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Funds' basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the Funds' basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Funds' basic financial statements or to the Funds' basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to each of the Funds' basic financial statements as a whole.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 28, 2017 on our consideration of the City's internal control over the Funds' financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over the Funds' financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over the Funds' financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over the Fund's financial reporting and compliance.

Los Angeles, California November 28, 2017

		June 30	0
		2017	2016
	ASSETS		
Cash and investments	<b>\$</b>	\$	
	Total assets \$	\$ _	-
	AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	<b>\$</b>	\$_	-
	Total liabilities	<u> </u>	
Fund balance			
Restricted		<u> </u>	
	Total fund balance		-
	Total liabilities and fund balance \$	\$ _	-

		Years en	ded	June 30
		2017		2016
Revenues				
Proposition A	\$	238,310	\$	234,707
Proposition A Fund Exchange		1,425,000		1,000,000
	Total revenues	1,663,310		1,234,707
<b>Expenditures</b> Various projects	Total expenditures	1,663,310 1,663,310	 	1,234,707 1,234,707
Excess of revenues over expenditures		-		-
Fund balance at beginning of year				
Fund balance at end of year	\$	-	_\$_	_

# City of Commerce Proposition A Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget Year ended June 30, 2017 (With Comparative Actuals for 2016)

		 2017					
Project		LACMTA				Variance Positive	2016
Code	Project Name	 Budget	_	Actual		(Negative)	Actual
110-01	Fixed Route Transit	\$ 1,234,707	\$	847,862	\$	386,845 \$	331,619
130-02	Medi-Ride	509,445		522,577		(13,132)	606,369
140-03	Recreational Transit	338,743	_	292,871		45,872	296,719
	Total expenditures S	\$ 2,082,895	\$	1,663,310	\$	419,585 \$	1,234,707

Dete		Balance			Balance
Date	Description	July 1, 2016	Additions	Dolotiono	June 30, 2017
Acquired	Description		Additions	Deletions	
1976	Engine Rebuilt (304) \$	27,234	<b>-</b>	\$ 27,234	
1982	Gillig - Engine Rebuilt (321)	17,007	-	-	17,007
1982	Gillig - Engine Rebuilt (322)	8,979	-	-	8,979
1986	1986 Ford Medi-Van (Unit 377)	29,726	-	29,726	-
1989	Motorola Portable Radio (CE)	1,305	-	1,305	-
1990	Sylvania TV, VCR & Cabinet (OE)	2,482	-	2,482	-
1990	HP Laser Printer (OE)	1,986	-	1,986	-
1990	Sharp SF7750 Copier (OE)	2,131	-	2,131	-
1990	Desk, Credenza, 2 File Cabinets (OE)	2,434	-	2,434	-
1990	Brake Lathe (ME)	16,404	-	16,404	-
1990	Steam Cleaner (ME)	4,748	-	4,748	-
1990	Spare Engine & Trans. (ME)	4,904	-	4,904	-
1990	Miscellaneous Tools (ME)	9,804	-	9,804	-
1991	Bus Lift (ME)	17,702	-	17,702	-
1991	Welder (ME)	1,165	-	1,165	-
1991	Miscellaneous Tools (ME)	6,415	-	6,415	-
1991	Flexible 34' Bus (Unit 327)	76,239	-	-	76,239
1991	Flexible 34' Bus (Unit 328)	110,216	-	-	110,216
1992	Freon Machine (ME)	1,117	-	1,117	-
1992	Tire Changer (ME)	1,436	-	1,436	-
1993	Maintenance Equipment	3,142	-	3,142	-
1993	Computer (DE)	2,123	-	2,123	-
1993	Study Transit Facility	7,225	-	7,225	-
1994	2-Way Radio (OE)	12,274	-	-	12,274
1995	MCI- Rec Bus (Unit 307)	18,121	-	-	18,121
1995	MCI - Rec Bus (Unit 308)	12,106	-	-	12,106
1995	Major Engine Overhaul	8,883	-	8,883	-
1998	Flex Year 64 - Engine Rebuild (Unit 303)	9,772	-	9,772	-
1998	SR Center Van - Ford Van With Lift	42,200	-	-	42,200
1998	Transportation Service Center	1,879,137	-	-	1,879,137
1999	2-Way Radio (CE)	5,253	-	5,253	-
1999	Bus Shelters	19,669	-	19,669	-
2000	Copier Printer	9,347	-	9,347	-
2002	Handheld Radios	2,793	-	2,793	-
2003	El Dorado Bus (Unit 371)	12,465	-	-	12,465
2003	El Dorado Bus (Unit 372)	12,465	-	-	12,465
2003	El Dorado Bus (Unit 373)	12,465	-	-	12,465
2003	El Dorado Bus (Unit 374)	12,465	-	-	12,465

Date Acquired	Description	Balance July 1, 2016	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2017
2003	Communication Equipment \$	1,699	\$ - \$	1,699 \$	_
2004	RTS (Bus)	35,930	· _ ·	, <u>-</u>	35,930
2004	Communication Equipment	9,371	-	9,371	-
2007	Bus Radios	6,228	-	6,228	-
2008	Flexible 1990 - Engine Rebuilt	18,780	-	18,780	-
2008	Flexible 1990 - Engine Rebuilt	4,964	-	4,964	-
2008	Flexible 1990 - Engine Rebuilt	5,624	-	5,624	-
2008	Flexible 1990 - Engine Rebuilt	12,564	-	12,564	-
2008	Nova 1998 - Engine Rebuilt	10,732	-	10,732	-
2008	Nova 1998 - Engine Rebuilt	5,654	-	5,654	-
2008	DVR Desktop	1,348	-	1,348	-
2008	Tire Changer Equipment	5,976	-	5,976	-
2008	Shop Scanner	7,647	-	7,647	-
2010	Nabi Bus (Unit 337)	486,324	-	-	486,324
2010	Glaval Van (Unit 375)	124,192	-	-	124,192
2010	Glaval Van (Unit 376)	124,192	-	-	124,192
2010	Glaval Van (Unit 377)	124,192	-	-	124,192
2010	Glaval Van (Unit 378)	124,192	-	-	124,192
2010	Security Camera System	20,041	-	20,041	-
2011	Viewing Station	2,200	-	2,200	-
2013	Access Control System	40,532	-	-	40,532
2013	Indoor Dome Camera - Integrated Security	9,289	-	-	9,289
2013	Computer Software - Transtrack System	79,673	-	-	79,673
2013	Voice System	81,051	-	-	81,051
2013	Bus Lifts	129,377	-	-	129,377
2013	CNG Bus - Unit 340	556,093	-	-	556,093
2013	CNG Bus - Unit 341	556,093	-	-	556,093
2013	Bus Parts	296,752	-	-	296,752
2013	Bus Washer	364,315	-	-	364,315
2013	Transportation Building Repaint	69,522	-	-	69,522
2014	Bus Shelters	347,613	-	-	347,613
2014	Medi Ride Van	129,798	-	-	129,798
2015	Street Bus	201,834	-	-	201,834
2015	Transportation Security System	59,831		<u> </u>	59,831
	Total \$	6,478,962	\$ <u> </u> \$	312,028 \$	6,166,934

		June 30		
	- -	2017	2016	
Cash and investments	ASSETS \$	-	\$ -	
	Total assets \$	-	\$	
LIABILITIES A Liabilities Accounts payable	AND FUND BALANCE  \$  Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	
Fund balance Restricted	Total fund balance  Total liabilities and fund balance \$		<u>-</u> 	

		Years ended June 30			
		2017	2016		
Revenues					
Proposition C	\$	198,007 \$	194,907		
	Total revenues	198,007	194,907		
Expenditures					
Fixed Route Transit		198,007	194,907		
	Total expenditures	198,007	194,907		
Excess of revenues over expenditures		-	-		
Fund balance at beginning of year	_	<u>-</u> _			
Fund balance at end of year	\$ _	\$_			

# City of Commerce Proposition C Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget Year ended June 30, 2017 (With Comparative Actuals for 2016)

Project Code	Project Name	LACMTA Budget		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	2016 Actual
110-01	Fixed Route Transit \$	194,907	\$_	198,007	\$ (3,100) \$	194,907
	Total expenditures \$	194,907	\$_	198,007	\$ (3,100) \$	194,907

City of Commerce Proposition C Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Capital Assets Year ended June 30, 2017

Date Acquired		Description		Balance July 1, 2016	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2017
	None		\$_ Total \$	<u>-</u> \$ -\$		- \$	-

		June 30		
		2017	2016	
	ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$		\$ -	
	Total assets \$		\$	
LIABILITIES	S AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$	-	\$ -	
	Total liabilities	-	-	
Fund balance				
Restricted		-	-	
	Total fund balance		-	
	Total liabilities and fund balance \$		\$	

		Years ended June 30		
		2017	2016	
Revenues				
Measure R		\$ 148,290 \$	146,101	
	Total revenues	148,290	146,101	
Expenditures Various projects	Total expenditures	 148,290 148,290	146,101 146,101	
Excess of revenues over expenditures	3	-	-	
Fund balance at beginning of year		 <u> </u>	<u>-</u>	
Fund balance at end of year		\$ \$_		

# City of Commerce Measure R Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Expenditures – Actual and LACMTA Approved Project Budget Year ended June 30, 2017 (With Comparative Actuals for 2016)

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Project Code	Project Name	LACMTA Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	2016 Actual
4.20	Operating Subsidy to Existing Bus Operation \$_	146,101 \$	148,290 \$	(2,189) \$	146,101
	Total expenditures \$	146,101 \$	148,290 \$	(2,189) \$	146,101

City of Commerce Measure R Local Return Fund Supplementary Information Schedule of Capital Assets Year ended June 30, 2017

Date Acquired		Description			Balance July 1, 2016		Additions	 Deletions	. =	Balance June 30, 2017
	None			\$_		_\$	-	\$ -	\$_	
			Total	\$		- \$	-	\$ -	\$	-

			June 30		
			2017	_	2016
Due from LACMTA	ASSETS  Total assets	\$_ \$_	722 722		692 692
LIABILITIES A Liabilities Due to Transit Fund	AND FUND BALANCE	\$	722	ď	692
Due to Transit Fund	Total liabilities	• –	722 722	Φ.	692
Fund balance					
Restricted		_	-		-
	Total fund balance		-	_	
	Total liabilities and fund balance	\$_	722	\$	692

		Years ended	June 30
	_	2017	2016
Revenues Intergovernmental Allocations: Article 3	\$	8,667 \$	8,300
Attolo	Total revenues	8,667	8,300
Expenditures Construction/Maintenance	Total expenditures	8,667 8,667	8,300 8,300
Excess of revenues over expenditures		-	-
Fund balance at beginning of year	_		
Fund balance at end of year	\$	- \$	-

# City of Commerce Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99234 Supplementary Information Schedule of Transportation Development Act Allocation for Specific Projects Year ended June 30, 2017

Project Description		Program Year	_	Allocations	_	Expenditures	Unexpended Allocations	Project Status
Local Allocations:								
Bus Shelter Maintenance	Totals	2017	\$ \$		\$ _ \$ <b>_</b>	8,667 8,667	<u>-</u>	Completed
Fund balance at beginning of	of year							
Fund balance at end of year						\$		

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Fund Accounting**

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

PALRF and PCLRF represent 25% and 20%, respectively, of the ½ cent Proposition A and ½ cent Proposition C sales taxes which are distributed to the jurisdictions within Los Angeles County based on population and must be used exclusively for transportation related programs and projects.

MRLRF is derived from 15% of a county-wide 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.

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

### **Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus**

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F are reported as Special Revenue Funds of the City and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become "susceptible to accrual", that is, measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

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

## **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

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

### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### **Fair Value Measurement**

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

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

### **Fund Balance Reporting**

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

The PALRF, PCLRF, MRLRF, and TDAA3F report the following fund balance classification as of June 30, 2017 and 2016:

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 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 and TDAA3F, and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the City's financial position as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

The Proposition A Ordinance requires that Local Return (LR) funds be used exclusively to benefit public transit. Expenditures related to fixed route and paratransit services, Transportation Demand Management, Transportation Systems Management and fare subsidy programs that exclusively benefit transit are all eligible uses of Proposition A LR funds. Proposition A LR funds may also be traded with other Jurisdictions in exchange for general or other funds.

The Proposition C Ordinance directs that LR funds also be used to benefit public transit, as described above, but provides an expanded list of eligible project expenditures including Congestion Management Programs, bikeways and bike lanes, street improvements supporting public transit service, and Pavement Management System projects. Proposition C LR funds cannot be traded.

Proposition A and Proposition C LR funds must be expended within three years of the last day of the fiscal year in which funds were originally allocated.

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

### NOTE 4 MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Measure R Ordinance specifies that LR funds be used exclusively for transportation purposes.

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

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

### NOTE 5 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

#### NOTE 6 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

Please refer to the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for a full description of risks relating to cash and investments.

### NOTE 7 PROPOSITION A FUND EXCHANGE

On August 1, 2016, the City entered into a fund trade agreement with the City of Lancaster to exchange \$1 of Proposition A Local Return funds for every \$0.70 or (70 cents) of General Funds. Accordingly, the City received \$1,425,000 of the City of Lancaster's Fiscal Year 2016 Proposition A Local Return funds. In return, the City assigned \$997,500 of its general funds to the City of Lancaster.

On July 22, 2015 and September 24, 2014, the City entered into agreements with the City of Montebello to exchange \$1 of Proposition A Local Return funds for every \$0.75 or (75 cents) of General Funds for fiscal years 2015-16 and 2014-15, respectively. Accordingly, the City received \$1,000,000 of the City of Montebello's Fiscal Years 2016 and 2015 Proposition A Local Return funds. In return, the City assigned \$750,000 of its general funds to the City of Montebello.

# NOTE 8 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUND REVENUE ALLOCATION

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

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	 2017	2016
FY 2015/16 allocation	\$ -	\$ 8,300
FY 2016/17 allocation	8,667	-
	\$ 8,667	\$ 8,300

### NOTE 9 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUNDS RESERVED

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

### NOTE 10 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City has evaluated subsequent events through November 28, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and concluded no events have occurred that require disclosure or adjustments to the financial statements.





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Report of Independent Auditors 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 Commerce, California and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund (collectively, the Funds) of the City of Commerce, California (the City) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 28, 2017.

### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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



### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's Proposition A Local Return Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, the Measure R Local Return Fund, and the Transportation Development Act Article 3 Fund financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of this Report**

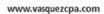
The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Los Angeles, California November 28, 2017

Varguer & Company LLP







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### **Report of Independent Auditors on Compliance**

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

### **Report on Compliance**

We have audited the compliance of the City of Commerce, California (the 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 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds (collectively, the Guidelines) for the year ended June 30, 2017.

### Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for the City's compliance with the Guidelines.

### Auditors' Responsibility

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

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance with the Guidelines. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the Guidelines.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the City of Commerce, California complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements of the Guidelines for the year ended June 30, 2017.



### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City's internal control over compliance to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance.

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

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

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

Los Angeles, California November 28, 2017

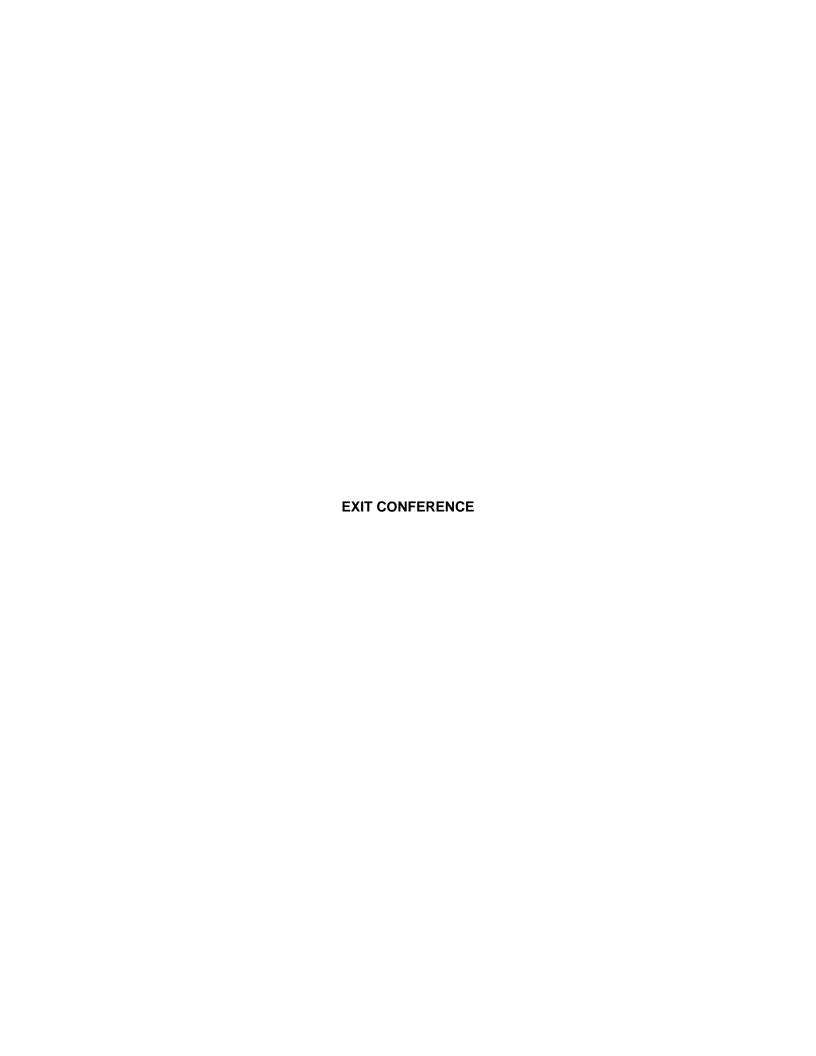
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A. Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return Funds  1. Uses the State Controller's Uniform System of Accounts and Records.  2. Timely use of funds.  3. Funds expended were approved and have not been substituted for property tax.  4. Expenditures that exceeded 25% of approved amended	ovide details and ement response.
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Project Description Form (Form	
A) X	
5. Administrative expenses are	
within the 20% cap of the total annual Local Return	
Expenditures. X	
6. All on-going and carryover	
projects were reported in Form	
B. X	
7. Annual Project Summary	
Report (Form B) was submitted	
on time. X	
8. Annual Expenditure Report	
(Form C) was submitted on time.	
9. Cash or cash equivalents are	
maintained.	
10. Accounting procedures, record	
keeping and documentation are	
adequate. X	
11. Pavement Management System	
(PMS) in place and being used	
for Street Maintenance or	
Improvement Projects Expenditures.  X	
12. Local Return Account is	
credited for reimbursable	
expenditures. X	
13. Self-Certification was completed	
and submitted for Intelligent	
Transportation Systems	
projects or elements. X	
14. Assurances and	
Understandings form was on file.	
15. Recreational Transit Form was	
submitted on time.	

	Compliance Benyinements		Complia	ance	Questioned	If no, provide details and		
	Compliance Requirements	Yes	No	N/A	Costs	management response.		
В.	Measure R Local Return Fund							
	<ol> <li>Funds were expended for</li> </ol>							
	transportation purposes.	Χ						
	<ol><li>Funds were used to augment,</li></ol>							
	not supplant, existing local							
	revenues being used for							
	transportation purposes unless							
	there is a funding shortfall.	Х						
	3. Signed Assurances and							
	Understandings on file.	Х						
	4. Separate Measure R Local							
	Return Account was	V						
	established.	Х						
	5. Revenues received including							
	allocations, project generated revenues and interest income							
	was properly credited to the							
	Measure R Local Return							
	Account.	Х						
	6. Funds were expended with							
	LACMTA's approval.	Χ						
	7. Expenditure Plan (Form One)							
	was submitted on time.	Χ						
	8. Expenditure Report (Form Two)							
	was submitted on time.	Χ						
	9. Timely use of funds.	Х						
	10. Administrative expenses are							
	within the 20% cap.			Х				
	11. Fund exchanges were approved							
	by LACMTA.			Х				
	12. A separate account was							
	established for Capital reserve							
	funds and Capital reserve was							
	approved by LACMTA.			Х				
	<ol><li>Recreational transit form was</li></ol>							
	submitted on time.			X				
C.	Transportation Development Act							
	Article 3 Fund	V						
<u> </u>	1. Timely use of funds.	Χ						
	Expenditures were incurred for     activities relating to pedestrian							
	activities relating to pedestrian and bicycle facilities and							
	amenities.	Х						
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There were no findings noted.



An exit conference was held on November 28, 2017 with the City of Commerce representatives. Those in attendance were:

Vasquez and Company LLP representatives:
Cristy Canieda – Partner
Marialyn Salvador – Audit Senior Manager
Shweta Mehrotra – Audit Supervisor

City of Commerce representatives:

Josh Brooks – Assistant Director of Finance
Claude McFerguson – Director of Transportation

Agatha Cheng – Accountant Grant Farrell – Accounting Consultant

Matters discussed:

Results of the audit disclosed no significant financial and compliance issues.

A copy of this report was forwarded to the following City of Commerce representatives for comments prior to the issuance of the final report:

Josh Brooks – Assistant Director of Finance Claude McFerguson – Director of Transportation Agatha Cheng – Accountant Grant Farrell – Accounting Consultant



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