



## Board Report

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### FINANCE, BUDGET & AUDIT COMMITTEE MARCH 17, 2021

**SUBJECT: PROPOSITION C BONDS**

**ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

CONSIDER:

A. ADOPTING a Resolution, Attachment A, that:

1. AUTHORIZES the competitive sale and issuance of up to \$450 million in aggregate principal amount of Proposition C Senior Sales Tax Revenue Bonds in one or more series, to finance capital projects; and refinance outstanding revolving credit notes;
2. APPROVES the forms of the Notice of Intention to Sell Bonds, Notice Inviting Bids, Supplemental Trust Agreement, Continuing Disclosure Certificate, Preliminary Official Statement and such other documents as required for the issuance of the bonds, and approves related documents on file with the Board Secretary as set forth in the resolution all as subject to modification as set forth in the Resolution; and
3. AUTHORIZES taking all action necessary to achieve the foregoing, including, without limitation, the further development and execution of the bond purchase contract and bond documentation associated with the issuance of the Proposition C Senior Sales Tax Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds").

**(REQUIRES SEPARATE, SIMPLE MAJORITY BOARD VOTE.)**

#### **ISSUE**

The Debt Policy provides guidelines for new money financings that may be long-term or short-term. Proposition C new money bond issues are permitted to provide funding for eligible expenditures on highway, commuter rail, bus and rail capital projects (collectively, the "Projects").

#### **BACKGROUND**

Approval of the above recommendations will authorize the issuance of the Bonds, with a par amount

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not to exceed \$450 million of fixed rate bonds, will fund or reimburse LACMTA for Proposition C eligible capital projects and expenditures and refinance revolving credit notes, the proceeds of which financed such costs.

## **DISCUSSION**

Based on current market conditions, the LACMTA expects to issue the 2021 Prop C Bonds in an aggregate par amount of approximately \$450 million. A portion of the proceeds from the issuance of the Bonds will be used to redeem \$105 million of outstanding revolving credit notes and to pay the costs of issuance related to the transaction.

The Bonds will be issued using a competitive sale process whereby prospective underwriters bid for the bonds on a selected sale date. The 2021 Prop C Bonds will be sold to the underwriter offering the lowest true interest cost. In the event that bids do not meet our criteria, all bids will be rejected. The Bonds will be sold with a final maturity not to exceed 30 years.

The Bond proceeds will be used to fund capital projects totaling approximately \$345 million and refinance approximately \$105 million in revolving credit notes that were spent to purchase buses. The issuance of the Bonds enables the LACMTA to allocate the long-term debt service cost of the Projects over the estimated useful life of the capital assets.

KNN Public Finance was selected by LACMTA as the Municipal Advisor for this transaction. Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP and Kutak Rock LLP were selected by Treasury staff and County Counsel to serve as Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel, respectively.

## **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

Approval of this item will not impact the safety of Metro's patrons or employees.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The costs of issuance for the Bonds will be paid from proceeds of the financing and will be budget neutral. Funding for bond principal and interest expense for this Proposition C financing will be added to FY22 and subsequent fiscal year budgets depending on the actual debt service schedule. The funding sources for debt service of this financing are eligible for bus and rail operating and capital expenditures.

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

Recommendation supports the following Metro Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal #5: Provide responsive, accountable, and trustworthy governance within the Metro organization.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The Board could defer the issuance of the 2021 Prop C Bonds to a later time or indefinitely. This is

not recommended because the bond proceeds are needed to pay or reimburse Project expenses.

**NEXT STEPS**


- Obtain ratings on the bonds
- Distribute the preliminary official statement and Notice Inviting Bids to prospective underwriters and potential investors and publish the Notice of Intention to Sell Bonds
- Receive electronic bids from underwriters

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Authorizing Resolution

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## Additional Documents

[http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB\\_Attachments/2021-0039/1\)%20Notice%20of%20Intention%20to%20Sell%20Bonds.pdf](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/2021-0039/1)%20Notice%20of%20Intention%20to%20Sell%20Bonds.pdf)

[http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB\\_Attachments/2021-0039/2\)%20Notice%20Inviting%20Bids.pdf](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/2021-0039/2)%20Notice%20Inviting%20Bids.pdf)

[http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB\\_Attachments/2021-0039/3\)%20Thirty-Second%20Supplemental%20Trust%20Agreement.pdf](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/2021-0039/3)%20Thirty-Second%20Supplemental%20Trust%20Agreement.pdf)

[http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB\\_Attachments/2021-0039/4\)%20Continuing%20Disclosure%20Certificate.pdf](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/2021-0039/4)%20Continuing%20Disclosure%20Certificate.pdf)

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**Authorizing Resolution**

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF ITS LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROPOSITION C SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS, APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ONE OR MORE SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENTS, CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATES, NOTICES OF INTENTION TO SELL BONDS, NOTICES INVITING BIDS, PRELIMINARY AND FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENTS, AND THE TAKING OF ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

**(PROPOSITION C SALES TAX)**

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (the “LACMTA”), as successor to the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (the “Commission”), is authorized, under Chapter 5 of Division 12 of the California Public Utilities Code (the “Act”), to issue bonds to finance and refinance the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of facilities to be used as part of a countywide transit system; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 130350 of the California Public Utilities Code, the Commission was authorized to adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance applicable in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles (the “County”) subject to the approval by the voters of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, by Ordinance No. 49 adopted August 28, 1990 (“Ordinance No. 49”), imposed a ½ of 1% retail transactions and use tax upon retail sales of tangible personal property and upon the storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property in the County, the proceeds of the tax to be used for public transit purposes (the “Proposition C Tax”), and such tax was approved by the electors of the County on November 6, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the revenues received by the LACMTA from the imposition of the transactions and use tax are, by statute, directed to be used for public transit purposes, which purposes include a pledge of such tax to secure any bonds issued pursuant to the Act and include the payments or provision for the payment of the principal of the bonds and any premium, interest on the bonds and the costs of issuance of the bonds; and

WHEREAS, the LACMTA is planning and engineering a Countywide rail, bus and highway transit system (the “Rail, Bus and Highway Transit System”) to serve the County and has commenced construction of portions of the Rail, Bus and Highway Transit System; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the development and construction of the Rail, Bus and Highway Transit System, the LACMTA, as authorized by the Act, pursuant to the terms of the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2010, as amended and supplemented (the “Trust Agreement”), by and between the LACMTA and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the “Trustee”), has issued multiple series of bonds, including its Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Senior Bonds, Series 2012-A; Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Refunding

Bonds, Senior Bonds, Series 2012-B; Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Senior Bonds, Series 2013-A; Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Senior Bonds, Series 2013-B; Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Senior Bonds, Series 2013-C; Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Senior Bonds, Series 2014-A; Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Senior Bonds, Series 2016-A; Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Senior Bonds, Series 2017-A; Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Senior Bonds, Series 2018-A; Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Senior Bonds, Series 2019-A (Green Bonds); Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Senior Bonds, Series 2019-B; Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Senior Bonds, Series 2019-C; and Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Senior Bonds, Series 2020-A (collectively, the “Prior Senior Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Trust Agreement permits the issuance of additional bonds subject to the limitations, and upon the terms, set forth therein, specifies applicable defaults and remedies, and provides for the procedures by which it may be amended and supplemented; and

WHEREAS, the LACMTA now desires to provide for the issuance of one or more series of its Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Senior Bonds, from time to time and in one or more transactions (collectively, the “New Money Bonds”) to: (a) finance, refinance (through the refunding and repayment of the LACMTA’s Subordinate Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Revolving Obligations (the “Proposition C Revolving Obligations”)), or reimburse itself for prior expenditures with respect to, additional portions of the Rail, Bus and Highway Transit System; and (b) pay certain costs of issuance related thereto (collectively, the “Financing”); and

WHEREAS, in connection with each issuance of New Money Bonds, the LACMTA may undertake a competitive process for the sale of the New Money Bonds to one or more underwriters (the “Underwriters”); and

WHEREAS, the sale of the New Money Bonds shall be in accordance with the Debt Policy of the LACMTA; and

WHEREAS, the forms of the following documents are on file with the Secretary or Acting Secretary (the “Secretary”) of the Board of Directors of the LACMTA (the “Board”) and have been made available to the members of the Board:

(a) a Supplemental Trust Agreement (the “New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement”), one or more of which will be by and between the LACMTA and the Trustee, which would supplement the Trust Agreement for purposes of providing the terms and conditions of the New Money Bonds;

(b) a Preliminary Official Statement (the “Preliminary Official Statement”), one or more of which will provide information about the New Money Bonds, the LACMTA, the Proposition C Tax and certain other related matters, and will be used, from time to time, in connection with the offer and sale of the New Money Bonds;

(c) a Notice of Intention to Sell Bonds (the “Notice of Intention to Sell Bonds”), which will be published in connection with any proposed sale of the New Money Bonds;

(d) a Notice Inviting Bids (the “Notice Inviting Bids”), which will set forth the terms and the manner in which proposals from qualified bidders for the purchase of the New Money Bonds shall be received; and

(e) a Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Continuing Disclosure Certificate”), one or more of which will be executed by the LACMTA, which will be used in order to assist the Underwriters in complying with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), and which will provide for the annual and periodic update of certain financial and operating information with respect to the LACMTA and the collection of the Proposition C Tax, among other things, and certain enumerated events;

WHEREAS, the LACMTA hereby acknowledges that said documents will be modified and amended to reflect the various details applicable to the New Money Bonds, whether the New Money Bonds are issued in a single issuance or multiple issuances, and that said documents are subject to completion to reflect the results of the sale of the New Money Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the LACMTA has pledged the Proposition C Tax (less the 20% local allocation and the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration’s costs of administering such tax) (the “Pledged Taxes”) pursuant to the terms of the Trust Agreement to secure the Prior Senior Bonds and certain other obligations of the LACMTA, and once issued, the New Money Bonds will be “Bonds” and “Senior Bonds” as defined in the Trust Agreement and will be secured by the pledge of the Pledged Revenues under the Trust Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LACMTA desires to designate the Chief Financial Officer of the LACMTA, the Treasurer of the LACMTA, any Deputy Executive Officer, Finance of the LACMTA, any Assistant Treasurer of the LACMTA (or such other titles as the LACMTA may from time to time assign for such respective positions), and any such officer serving in an acting or interim capacity, and any written designee of any of them as an “Authorized Authority Representative” for all purposes under the Trust Agreement, the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement, and the Subordinate Trust Agreement, dated as of June 1, 1993, as amended and supplemented (the “Subordinate Trust Agreement”), by and between LACMTA and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, and as an “Authorized Representative” under the Second Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2019 (the “Second Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement”), by and between the LACMTA and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, relating to the Proposition C Revolving Obligations, and any related documents; and

WHEREAS, Section 5852.1 of the California Government Code requires that the governing body of a public body obtain from an underwriter, financial advisor or private lender and disclose, prior to authorizing the issuance of bonds with a term of greater than 13 months, good faith estimates of the following information in a meeting open to the public: (a) the true interest cost of the bonds, (b) the sum of all fees and charges paid to third parties with respect to the bonds, (c) the amount of proceeds of the bonds expected to be received net of the fees and charges paid to third parties and any reserves or capitalized interest paid or funded with proceeds of the bonds, and (d) the sum total of all debt service payments on the bonds calculated to the final maturity of the bonds plus the fees and charges paid to third parties not paid with the proceeds of the bonds; and

WHEREAS, the LACMTA is duly authorized and empowered, pursuant to each and every requirement of law, to authorize the Financing and to authorize the execution and delivery of one or more New Money Supplemental Trust Agreements, Continuing Disclosure Certificates, Notices of Intention to Sell Bonds, Notices Inviting Bids, the preparation of one or more Preliminary Official Statements and the preparation, execution and delivery of one or more Official Statements (as hereinafter defined) for the purposes, in the manner and upon the terms provided; and

WHEREAS, terms used in this Resolution and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Trust Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Findings.** The LACMTA hereby finds and determines that:

(a) The issuance of one or more series of its New Money Bonds under the Trust Agreement to finance, refinance (through the refunding and repayment of all or a portion of the outstanding Proposition C Revolving Obligations), or reimburse itself for prior expenditures with respect to, additional portions of the Rail, Bus and Highway Transit System, and to pay certain costs of issuance related to the issuance of the New Money Bonds, is in the public interest.

(b) Under the provisions of Ordinance No. 49, all of the Pledged Taxes are revenues of the LACMTA available for rail, bus and highway transit purposes and are available to be and are, by the terms of the resolutions and the Trust Agreement under which the Prior Senior Bonds were issued, pledged, along with the Pledged Revenues, to secure the Prior Senior Bonds and are pledged to secure the New Money Bonds, and, by this Resolution, such pledge is reaffirmed.

(c) The provisions contained in the Trust Agreement, as previously amended and supplemented, and as to be supplemented as set forth in the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement, are reasonable and proper for the security of the holders of the New Money Bonds.

**Section 2. Issuance of New Money Bonds.** The Board hereby authorizes the issuance by the LACMTA of one or more series of New Money Bonds, from time to time and in one or more transactions, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$450 million, for the purposes of (a) financing, refinancing (through the refunding and repayment of all or a portion of the outstanding Proposition C Revolving Obligations), or reimbursing itself for prior expenditures with respect to, additional portions of the Rail, Bus and Highway Transit System, and (b) paying certain costs of issuance related to the issuance of the New Money Bonds; *provided, however*, that the True Interest Cost (as defined below) of each series of the New Money Bonds shall not exceed 4.0%, as such shall be calculated by the LACMTA's municipal advisor as of the date of delivery of each series of the New Money Bonds. The LACMTA hereby specifies that the New Money Bonds shall mature not later than July 1, 2046.



The New Money Bonds shall be issued in a manner by which the interest thereon is excludable from gross income under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Chief Executive Officer of the LACMTA, the Chief Financial Officer of the LACMTA, the Treasurer of the LACMTA, any Deputy Executive Officer, Finance of the LACMTA, any Assistant Treasurer of the LACMTA (or such other titles as the LACMTA may from time to time assign for such respective positions), and any such officer serving in an acting or interim capacity, and any written designee of any of them (each, a “Designated Officer”), acting in accordance with this Section 2, are each hereby severally authorized to determine the actual aggregate principal amount of each series of New Money Bonds to be issued (not in excess of the maximum amount set forth above), and to direct the execution and authentication of the New Money Bonds in such amount. Such direction shall be conclusive as to the principal amounts hereby authorized. The New Money Bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be issued as Book-Entry Bonds as provided in each New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement. Payment of the principal of, interest on and premium, if any, on the New Money Bonds shall be made at the place or places and in the manner provided in each New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement.

As used herein, the term “True Interest Cost” shall be the interest rate (compounded semiannually) necessary to discount the debt service payments from their respective payment dates to the dated date of the applicable series of New Money Bonds and to the principal amount and original issue premium, if any, less underwriters discount and original issue discount, if any, of the applicable series of New Money Bonds. For the purpose of calculating the True Interest Cost, the principal amount of the applicable series of New Money Bonds scheduled for mandatory sinking fund redemption as part of a term bond shall be treated as a serial maturity for such year. The calculation of the True Interest Cost shall include such other reasonable assumptions and methods as determined by the LACMTA’s municipal advisor.

**Section 3. Terms of New Money Bonds.** The New Money Bonds shall be issued as current interest bonds and shall be available in denominations of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof. The New Money Bonds, when issued, shall be in the aggregate principal amounts and shall be dated as shall be provided in the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement. The New Money Bonds may be issued as serial bonds or as term bonds or as both serial bonds and term bonds, all as set forth in the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement. Interest on the New Money Bonds shall be paid at the rates and on the dates set forth in the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement; *provided, however*, that, no New Money Bond shall bear interest at a rate in excess of 5.0% per annum. The New Money Bonds may be subject to redemption at the option of the LACMTA on such terms and conditions as shall be set forth in the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement, or not be subject to redemption. The New Money Bonds issued as term bonds also shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption as and to the extent set forth in the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement.

Execution and delivery of the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement, which document will contain the maturities, principal amounts, interest rates and the payment obligations of the LACMTA within parameters set forth in this Resolution, shall constitute conclusive evidence of the LACMTA’s approval of such maturities, principal amounts, interest rates and payment obligations.

**Section 4. Special Obligations.** The New Money Bonds shall be special obligations of the LACMTA secured by and payable from the Pledged Revenues and from the funds and accounts held by the Trustee under the Trust Agreement.

**Section 5. Form of New Money Bonds.** The New Money Bonds and the Trustee's Certificate of Authentication to appear thereon shall be in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A to the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement on file with the Secretary of the Board and made available to the Board, with such necessary or appropriate variations, omissions and insertions as permitted or required by the Trust Agreement or the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement or as appropriate to adequately reflect the terms of such New Money Bonds and the obligation represented thereby.

**Section 6. Execution of New Money Bonds.** Each of the New Money Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the LACMTA by any Designated Officer and any such execution may be by manual or facsimile signature, and each bond shall be authenticated by the endorsement of the Trustee or an agent of the Trustee. Any facsimile signature of such Designated Officer(s) shall have the same force and effect as if such officer(s) had manually signed each of such New Money Bonds.

**Section 7. Approval of Documents; Authorization for Execution.** The forms, terms and provisions of the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement, the Notice of Intention to Sell Bonds, the Notice Inviting Bids, and the Continuing Disclosure Certificate on file with the Secretary of the Board and made available to the Board within the parameters set forth in this Resolution are in all respects approved, and each of the Designated Officers is hereby severally authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name of and on behalf of the LACMTA one or more New Money Supplemental Trust Agreements, one or more Notices of Intention to Sell Bonds, one or more Notices Inviting Bids, and one or more Continuing Disclosure Certificates, including counterparts thereof. The New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement(s), the Notice(s) of Intention to Sell Bonds, the Notice(s) Inviting Bids, and the Continuing Disclosure Certificate(s), as executed and delivered, shall be in substantially the forms now on file with the Secretary of the Board and made available to the Board and hereby approved, or with such changes therein as shall be approved by the Designated Officer executing the same; the execution thereof shall constitute conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement, the Notice of Intention to Sell Bonds, the Notice Inviting Bids, and the Continuing Disclosure Certificate now on file with the Secretary of the Board and made available to the Board; and from and after the execution and delivery of each New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement, each Notice of Intention to Sell Bonds, each Notice Inviting Bids, and each Continuing Disclosure Certificate, the officers, agents and employees of the LACMTA are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of each New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement, each Notice of Intention to Sell Bonds, each Notice Inviting Bids, and each Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

## **Section 8. Sale of New Money Bonds.**

(a) The LACMTA hereby authorizes the sale of the New Money Bonds from time to time in one or more series through one or more competitive sales to one or more Underwriters, as determined by a Designated Officer.

(b) the Designated Officers are each authorized and directed to:

(i) From time to time, choose such times and dates as such Designated Officer shall, in his or her discretion, deem to be necessary or desirable to provide for the sale of the New Money Bonds, to receive proposals from qualified bidders for the purchase of the New Money Bonds (through the receipt of bids through the use of computerized bidding systems) upon the terms and in the manner set forth in each Notice Inviting Bids.

(ii) Execute one or more Notices Inviting Bids, from time to time, in such form as the Designated Officer executing the same shall approve, and call for bids for the sale of the New Money Bonds from qualified bidders in accordance with each such Notice Inviting Bids.

(iii) Cause each Notice of Intention to Sell Bonds to be published from time to time (after completion, modification or correction thereof reflecting the terms of each series of the New Money Bonds, as approved by said Designated Officer, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such publication) in *The Bond Buyer* (or such other publication as may be selected by a Designated Officer and approved by Bond Counsel), a financial publication generally circulated throughout the State of California or reasonably expected to be disseminated among prospective bidders for the New Money Bonds, at least five days prior to the sale of each series of the New Money Bonds in accordance with Section 53692 of the Government Code of the State of California and any such action previously taken is hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

(iv) Cause each Notice Inviting Bids to be published, if determined by Bond Counsel and/or a Designated Officer to be necessary or desirable (after completion, modification or correction thereof reflecting the terms of each series of the New Money Bonds, as approved by said Designated Officer, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such publication) in such publication(s) as selected by a Designated Officer and approved by Bond Counsel and any such action previously taken is hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

(v) Distribute each Notice Inviting Bids (including via electronic methods) to such municipal broker-dealers, banking and financial institutions and other persons as such Designated Officer deems necessary or desirable, and any such action previously taken is hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

(vi) On behalf of the LACMTA, accept the best bid for the New Money Bonds received from qualified bidders pursuant to and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution and the Notice(s) Inviting Bids herein

approved and to award the New Money Bonds, from time to time, to such best bidder(s).

(c) Take any other action such Designated Officer determines is necessary or desirable to cause any such sale to comply with the LACMTA's Debt Policy and applicable law.

**Section 9. Preliminary Official Statement and Official Statement.** One or more Preliminary Official Statements shall be used by the LACMTA in connection with the sale and issuance of the New Money Bonds. The form of the Preliminary Official Statement on file with the Secretary of the Board and made available to the Board is hereby approved. The Preliminary Official Statement shall be substantially in the form of the Preliminary Official Statement on file with the Secretary of the Board and made available to the Board with such changes as a Designated Officer approves (such approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of the certificate referenced in the following sentence). The Preliminary Official Statement shall be circulated (via printed format and/or through electronic means) for use in selling the New Money Bonds at such time or times as a Designated Officer shall deem such Preliminary Official Statement to be final within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, said determination to be conclusively evidenced by a certificate signed by said Designated Officer to said effect. The Preliminary Official Statement shall contain a description of the finances and operations of the LACMTA, a description of the Proposition C Tax and a description of historical receipts of sales tax revenues substantially in the form of the Preliminary Official Statement on file with the Secretary of the Board and made available to the Board with such changes as any Designated Officer determines are appropriate or necessary. The Preliminary Official Statement shall also contain a description of the applicable New Money Bonds and the terms and conditions of the Trust Agreement and the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement together with such information and description as a Designated Officer determines is appropriate or necessary.

Upon the sale of the New Money Bonds, one or more of the Designated Officers shall provide for the preparation, publication, execution and delivery of one or more final Official Statements in substantially the form of the Preliminary Official Statement deemed final by a Designated Officer with such changes as any Designated Officer approves, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such final Official Statement. Any Designated Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver one or more final Official Statements in the name and on behalf of the LACMTA. One or more supplements to the final Official Statement(s) or revised final Official Statement(s) may be prepared and delivered reflecting updated and revised information as any Designated Officer deems appropriate or necessary. Each final Official Statement shall be circulated (via printed format and/or through electronic means) for use in selling the New Money Bonds at such time or times as a Designated Officer deems appropriate after consultation with LACMTA's municipal advisor, LACMTA's Disclosure Counsel and LACMTA's Bond Counsel and such other advisors as a Designated Officer believes to be useful.

**Section 10. Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar.** U.S. Bank National Association is hereby appointed as Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar for the New Money Bonds. Such appointments shall be effective upon the issuance of the New Money Bonds and shall remain in

effect until the LACMTA, by supplemental agreement, resolution or other action, shall name a substitute or successor thereto.

**Section 11. Authorized Authority Representative.** The Board hereby designates each of the Chief Financial Officer of the LACMTA, the Treasurer of the LACMTA, any Deputy Executive Officer, Finance of the LACMTA, any Assistant Treasurer of the LACMTA, and any such officer serving in an acting or interim capacity, as an “Authorized Authority Representative” for all purposes under the Trust Agreement, the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement, the Subordinate Trust Agreement, and any amendments or supplements to the Trust Agreement, the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement, or the Subordinate Trust Agreement and as an “Authorized Representative” under the Second Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement and any related documents. Such appointment shall remain in effect until modified by resolution. The prior designation of officers, including the Chairperson of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer of the LACMTA, as Authorized Authority Representatives under the Trust Agreement and Subordinate Trust Agreement and any amendments or supplements thereto shall continue.

**Section 12. Additional Authorization.** The Designated Officers, for and on behalf of the LACMTA, be and they hereby are authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the issuance of the New Money Bonds, and the execution and delivery of each New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement, each Notice of Intention to Sell Bonds, each Notice Inviting Bids, and each Continuing Disclosure Certificate, and to carry out the terms thereof. The Designated Officers and all other officers, agents and employees of the LACMTA are further authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the LACMTA, to execute all papers, documents, certificates and other instruments and take all other actions that may be required in order to carry out the authority conferred by this Resolution or the provisions of the Trust Agreement, each New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement, each Notice of Intention to Sell Bonds, each Notice Inviting Bids, and each Continuing Disclosure Certificate or to evidence said authority and its exercise. The foregoing authorization includes, but is in no way limited to, the direction (from time to time) by a Designated Officer of the investment of the proceeds of the New Money Bonds and of the Pledged Revenues and other amounts held under the Trust Agreement, if any, including the execution and delivery of investment agreements or purchase agreements related thereto, the execution by a Designated Officer and the delivery of one or more tax certificates as required by each New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement for the purpose of complying with the rebate requirements and arbitrage restrictions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; the execution and delivery of documents required by The Depository Trust Company in connection with the Book-Entry Bonds. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents and employees of the LACMTA in furtherance of this Resolution are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Any Designated Officer, on behalf of the LACMTA, is further authorized and directed to cause written notice(s) to be provided to the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (“CDIAC”) of the proposed sale of the New Money Bonds, said notice(s) to be provided in accordance with Section 8855 et seq. of the California Government Code, to file the notice(s) of final sale with CDIAC, to file the rebates and notices required under section 148(f) and 149(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, if necessary, and to file such additional notices and reports as are deemed necessary or desirable by such Designated Officer in connection with the New Money Bonds, and any such notices are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

**Section 13. Continuing Authority of Designated Officers.** The authority of any individual serving as a Designated Officer under this Resolution by a written designation signed by the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, any Deputy Executive Officer, Finance, or any Assistant Treasurer (or such other titles as the LACMTA may from time to time assign for such respective positions), shall remain valid notwithstanding the fact that the individual officer of the LACMTA signing such designation ceases to be an officer of the LACMTA, unless such designation specifically provides otherwise.

**Section 14. Investments.** From and after the delivery of the New Money Bonds, each Designated Officer is hereby authorized to invest the proceeds of the New Money Bonds in accordance with the Trust Agreement and the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement and the LACMTA's Investment Policy and is further authorized to enter into or to instruct the Trustee to enter into one or more investment agreements, float contracts, swaps or other hedging products (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Investment Agreement") providing for the investment of moneys in any of the funds and accounts created under the Trust Agreement and the New Money Supplemental Trust Agreement, on such terms as the Designated Officer shall deem appropriate. In accordance with Section 5922 of the California Government Code, the LACMTA hereby finds and determines that the Investment Agreement is designed to reduce the amount or duration of payment, rate, spread or similar risk or result in a lower cost of borrowing when used in combination with the New Money Bonds or enhance the relationship between risk and return with respect to investments.

**Section 15. Good Faith Estimates.** In accordance with Section 5852.1 of the California Government Code, good faith estimates of the following are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto: (a) the true interest cost of the New Money Bonds, (b) the sum of all fees and charges paid to third parties with respect to the New Money Bonds, (c) the amount of proceeds of the New Money Bonds expected to be received net of the fees and charges paid to third parties and any reserves or capitalized interest paid or funded with proceeds of the New Money Bonds, and (d) the sum total of all debt service payments on the New Money Bonds calculated to the final maturity of the New Money Bonds plus the fees and charges paid to third parties not paid with the proceeds of the New Money Bonds.

**Section 16. Further Actions.** From and after the delivery of the New Money Bonds and, the Designated Officers and each of them are hereby authorized and directed to amend, supplement or otherwise modify each document authorized or authorized to be amended by this Resolution at any time and from time to time and in any manner determined to be necessary or desirable by the Designated Officer executing such amendment, supplement, or modification, upon consultation with the LACMTA's municipal advisor and LACMTA's Bond Counsel, the execution of such amendment, supplement or other modification being conclusive evidence of the LACMTA's approval thereof.

**Section 17. Costs of Issuance.** The LACMTA authorizes funds of the LACMTA, together with the proceeds of the New Money Bonds, to be used to pay costs of issuance of the New Money Bonds, including, but not limited to, costs of attorneys, accountants, municipal advisors, trustees, the costs associated with rating agencies, printing, publication and mailing expenses and any related filing fees.

**Section 18. Severability.** The provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable, and, if any section, phrase or provision shall for any reason be declared to be invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases and provisions hereof.

**Section 19. Electronic Signature.** The Board hereby approves the execution and delivery of all agreements, documents, certificates and instruments referred to herein with electronic signatures as may be permitted under the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act and digital signatures as may be permitted under Section 16.5 of the California Government Code using DocuSign.

**Section 20. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption and shall be effective with respect to the New Money Bonds issued on or before December 31, 2021.

## CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting as Board Secretary of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority held on March 25, 2021.

[SEAL]

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Interim Board Secretary, Los Angeles  
County Metropolitan Transportation  
Authority

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021



**EXHIBIT A****GOOD FAITH ESTIMATES**

The following information was obtained from KNN Public Finance, LLC (the “Municipal Advisor”) with respect to the bonds (the “New Money Bonds”) approved in the attached Resolution, and is provided in compliance with Section 5852.1 of the California Government Code with respect to the New Money Bonds:

**Section 1. True Interest Cost of the New Money Bonds.** Based on market interest rates prevailing at the time of preparation of this information, a good faith estimate of the true interest cost of the New Money Bonds, which means the rate necessary to discount the amounts payable on the respective principal and interest payment dates to the purchase price received for the New Money Bonds, is 2.19%.

**Section 2. Finance Charge of the New Money Bonds.** Based on market interest rates prevailing at the time of preparation of this information, a good faith estimate of the finance charge of the New Money Bonds, which means the sum of all fees and charges paid to third parties (or costs associated with the New Money Bonds), is \$1,283,920, as follows:

(a)	Underwriters' Discount	\$683,920.00
(b)	Bond Counsel and Disbursements	170,000.00
(c)	Disclosure Counsel and Disbursements	48,500.00
(d)	Municipal Advisor and Disbursements	55,000.00
(e)	Rating Agencies	295,000.00
(f)	Other	<u>31,500.00</u>
Total		\$1,283,920.00

**Section 3. Amount of Proceeds to be Received.** Based on market interest rates prevailing at the time of preparation of this information, a good faith estimate of the amount of proceeds expected to be received by the LACMTA for sale of the New Money Bonds less the finance charge of the New Money Bonds described in Section 2 above and any reserves or capitalized interest paid or funded with proceeds of the New Money Bonds, is \$425,000,000.

**Section 4. Total Payment Amount.** Based on market interest rates prevailing at the time of preparation of this information, a good faith estimate of the total payment amount, which means the sum total of all payments the LACMTA will make to pay debt service on the New Money Bonds plus the finance charge of the New Money Bonds described in Section 2 above not paid with the proceeds of the New Money Bonds, calculated to the final maturity of the New Money Bonds, is \$558,704,392.

Attention is directed to the fact that the foregoing information constitutes good faith estimates only. The actual interest cost, finance charges, amount of proceeds and total payment

amount may vary from the estimates above due to variations from these estimates in the timing of New Money Bonds sales, the amount of New Money Bonds sold, the amortization of the New Money Bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale. The date of sale and the amount of New Money Bonds sold will be determined by the LACMTA based on need to provided funds for the Financing and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the New Money Bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. The actual amortization of the New Money Bonds will also depend, in part, on market interest rates at the time of sale. Market interest rates are affected by economic and other factors beyond the LACMTA's control. The LACMTA has approved the issuance of the New Money Bonds with a maximum true interest cost of 4.00%.