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**MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER  
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 15, 2022**

**SUBJECT: MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BYLAWS**

**ACTION: APPROVE BYLAWS FOR MEASURE M INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

APPROVE the proposed Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Bylaws (Attachment A).

**ISSUE**

The Measure M Ordinance established an Oversight Committee to monitor and review Metro's compliance with the terms of the Ordinance. Subsequently, Selection Panel Guidelines were developed to establish Committee procedures such as selection, compensation, resignation, etc. Those guidelines also state that the Committee may adopt bylaws that establish rules for rotation of Committee Officers. During its initial meeting in March of 2018, the Committee verbally agreed on a process and schedule for rotation of Officers. This action seeks to formalize the agreements and clarify certain Committee procedures that are stated generally in the Ordinance.

**DISCUSSION**

During the June 2022 meeting, the Chair suggested that the Committee formalize rules for the establishment of committee officers and their rotation. Subsequently, staff drafted the bylaws and sought feedback from the Committee. Staff has incorporated comments received by the Committee to the initial draft as included in the attached proposed bylaws.

**NEXT STEPS**

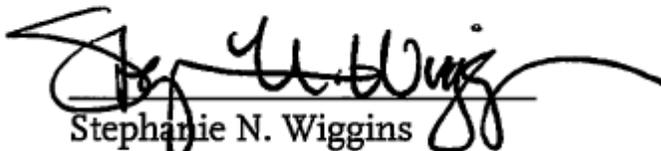
Once approved, staff will ensure that the Bylaws are available on the Committee webpage on Metro.net.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

A. Proposed Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Bylaws

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**MEASURE M INDEPENDENT  
TAXPAYERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
BYLAWS**

**SECTION 1: PURPOSE**

On November 8, 2016, Los Angeles County voters approved Measure M, which imposed a one-half of one percent (.5%) transactions and use tax to fund traffic improvements in the County. The rate of this tax shall increase to one percent (1.0%) on July 1, 2039, immediately upon the expiration of the .5% tax imposed by Ordinance No. 08-01 of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Measure R). Measure M, also known as the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan (“Ordinance”) establishes an Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (“Committee”) and an oversight process to ensure that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) complies with the terms of the Ordinance.

The purpose of this bylaw is to clarify certain Committee procedures that are stated generally in the Ordinance, specifically: how the Committee Selection Panel handles vacancies due to term limits, resignations and the removal of Committee members; who specifically on Metro’s staff the Committee reports to; how Committee officers are selected; how additional Committee meetings are approved; and the timeliness of Committee minutes.

**SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP**

**2.1 MEMBERS.** The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members who have met the requirements stipulated in the Ordinance.

A Selection Panel, consisting of Metro’s Board Chair, Vice Chair, and second Vice Chair or designees, shall recommend potential candidates for the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee membership to the Metro Board for approval.

**2.2 TERM.** Each member of the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee shall serve for a term of five (5) years, and until a successor is appointed, except that initial appointments may be staggered with terms of three (3) years. A Committee member may be removed at any time by the appointing authority. Term limits for Committee

members will be staggered to prevent significant turnover at any one time. There is no limit as to the number of terms that a Committee member may serve.

**2.3 RESIGNATION.** Any member may, at any time, resign from the Committee upon written notice delivered to the Chairperson and the Executive Director, Administration, and through them to the Selection Panel (Metro Board). Automatic resignation is required upon a Member's accepting or filing for public office or by entering into a conflict of interest, both as defined further in the Ordinance. Changing of residence to outside the County shall constitute a Member's automatic resignation.

**2.4 MEETINGS.** The Committee shall, at a minimum, meet on a quarterly basis to carry out its responsibilities. Meetings other than the quarterly meetings can be recommended by either Metro staff or majority vote of the Committee. Reasons for the additional meetings shall be for purposes of furthering Committee responsibilities as outlined in the Ordinance and shall be explained in the meeting minutes.

**2.5 MINUTES:** Draft minutes of every Committee meeting shall be made available to the Committee within two weeks of the meeting. Any suggested changes shall be made by Committee members within a week of receiving the draft minutes. The draft minutes themselves will be approved at the next Committee meeting.

**2.6 ATTENDANCE.** Committee members are expected to attend all meetings. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings without explanation acceptable to the Committee Chairperson constitutes grounds for removal. Removal itself will be recommended by the Chairperson and Metro's Management Audit Services, to the Selection Panel. The Selection Panel will rule by the next quarterly meeting, and if necessary, initiate a search for a replacement of an appropriate Committee member.

**2.7 OFFICERS.** The officers of the Committee shall consist of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

A. Duties of the Chairperson: The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may be assigned by the Committee so long as these conform with the general responsibilities stated in the Ordinance.

B. Duties of the Vice-Chairperson: The Vice-Chairperson shall perform the

duties of the Chairperson in his or her absence, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all restrictions of the Chairperson.

**2.8 OFFICER SELECTION AND ROTATION.** Committee officers shall rotate based on seniority and then alphabetically by last name. The Committee, annually, or at its June meeting shall confirm its officers. Should there be a vacancy of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, the Committee shall confirm the new officer at its next meeting. The term of office shall be one year.